

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2017

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR (Nov. 19, 2017)

“Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth” (1 Jn 3:18). These words of the Apostle John voice an imperative that no Christian may disregard. The seriousness with which the “beloved disciple” hands down Jesus’ command to our own day is made even clearer by the contrast between the *empty words* so frequently on our lips and the *concrete deeds* against which we are called to measure ourselves. Love has no alibi. Whenever we set out to love as Jesus loved, we have to take the Lord as our example; especially when it comes to loving the poor. The Son of God’s way of loving is well-known, and John spells it out clearly. It stands on two pillars: God loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:10.19), and he loved us by giving completely of himself, even to laying down his life (cf. 1 Jn 3:16).

Such love cannot go unanswered. Even though offered unconditionally, asking nothing in return, it so sets hearts on fire that all who experience it are led to love back, despite their limitations and sins. Yet this can only happen if we welcome God’s grace, his merciful charity, as fully as possible into our hearts, so that our will and even our emotions are drawn to love both God and neighbor. In this way, the mercy that wells up – as it were – from the heart of the Trinity can shape our lives and bring forth compassion and works of mercy for the benefit of our brothers and sisters in need.

We may think of the poor simply as the beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work, or of impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience. However good and useful such acts may be for making us sensitive to people’s needs and the injustices that are often their cause, they ought to lead to a true *encounter* with the poor and a *sharing* that becomes a way of life. Our prayer and our journey of discipleship and conversion find the confirmation of their evangelic authenticity in precisely such charity and sharing. This way of life gives rise to joy and peace of soul, because we touch with our own hands the *flesh of Christ*. If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor, as a response to the sacramental communion bestowed in the Eucharist....

We are called, then, to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude. Their outstretched hand is also an invitation to step out of our certainties and comforts, and to acknowledge the value of poverty in itself....

It is my wish that, in the week preceding the World Day of the Poor, which falls this year on 19 November, the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance....

[So, I invite you to join me Tuesday Nov. 14 at 8:45am to help hand out Thanksgiving Food Baskets to those in need at United Samaritan Foundation, 221 S. Broadway, Turlock.] Fr. M

This new *World Day*, therefore, should become a powerful appeal to our consciences as believers, allowing us to grow in the conviction that sharing with the poor enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel. The poor are not a problem: they are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practice in our lives the essence of the Gospel.”

Francis

(See full text of Letter at w2.vatican.va)

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: *Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin (Memorial)*
Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19

Thursday: Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25

Friday: *Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious (Memorial)*
Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37

Saturday: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8

Sunday: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Matthew 25:14-30

This Week’s Program Schedule

Monday, November 13

8:00AM	Mass	Church
8:30AM	Bible Study	Lounge
6:00PM	Adoration/Reconciliation	Church
6:15PM	YLI Officer’s Meeting	Conf. Rm
7:30PM	YLI General Meeting	Lounge

Tuesday, November 14

8:00AM	Mass	Church
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Wednesday, November 15

10:00AM	Bible Study	Conf. Rm
1:00PM	Mass @ CSUS	Lakeside Rm
4:00-5:00PM	1 st Session CRE	Church
5:15-6:30PM	2 nd Session CRE	Church
6:45-8:00PM	3 rd Session CRE	Church

Thursday, November 16

Friday, November 17

4:30PM	Mass	Church
	CSA Retreat	

Saturday, November 18

6:15AM	That Man is You!	Church
3:30PM	Reconciliation	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church
	CSA Retreat	

Sunday, November 19

9:00AM	Mass	Church
9:00AM	Children’s Liturgy	Conf. Rm
6:00PM	Mass	Church
	CSA Retreat	

Something for our Children!

Can you unscramble the following words from today’s Gospel?

NGIDOMK	EEANVH	MSPAL
IOL	SETAF	AAEKW

Answers on the next page→

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Give back to the Lord a sacrifice, a share of what the Lord has so generously given to you.

Last Sunday’s Offertory: \$ 7,311.63

Building Fund: \$ 3,742.25

Thank you and God bless you!

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00PM	Sat., Nov. 11	All Souls†
9:00AM	Sun., Nov. 12	Rachel Gutierrez†
6:00PM	Sun., Nov. 12	All Saints Community
8:00AM	Mon., Nov. 13	Lisa Polito-Baker†
8:00AM	Tues., Nov. 14	Romeo & Toni Mora
4:30PM	Fri., Nov. 17	Paco Ortega†

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Bentley Anthony Sousa, son of Scott and Veronica Sousa, Reagan Alyce Ford, daughter of Michael and Alyce Ford, were baptized into the Catholic faith this weekend. **Welcome to the family, Bentley and Reagan!**

BULLETIN SPONSORS NEEDED: We are in need of sponsors for our 2018 bulletin. Your ad will appear in our bulletin every weekend for the entire year, from January 1 to December 31, 2018, and costs \$250.00. If you are interested in advertising your business in our bulletin, please call Tami at 669-0473.

SQUIRES BREAKFAST: The Squires breakfast will be after the 9:00AM Mass this Sunday, November 12 (weather permitting). Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit, juice and coffee. Adults: \$7.00, Students: \$5.00; Children under age 10: \$3.00.

LECTORS: Please pick up your Lector Workbooks for the 2018 liturgical year in the Sacristy. Be sure to sign the sign-out sheet that is provided. One per family please.

DISASTER RELIEF FROM ALL SAINTS PARISH: We are pleased to announce that our parish was able to send the following proceeds as a result of our disaster relief collections in September and October:

Hurricane Irma (Florida)	\$ 2,447.16
Hurricane Maria (Puerto Rico)	5,497.16
Hurricane Harvey (Texas)	7,592.46
Mexico Earthquake	2,459.03
California Wild Fires	<u>3,716.03</u>
Total disaster relief donations	<u>\$21,711.84</u>

God bless each and every one of you for your generosity towards all the many victims of these tragic disasters.

PRAYERS FOR ALL SOULS

Masses for the *Souls of our dearly departed* will be celebrated throughout the month of November. All Souls envelopes are available on the lobby table for your special mass intentions. Please place your All Souls Mass Intention Envelopes in the box provided on the lobby table.

This week's helpers include ...

Altar Linens ~ Ernie Fleece/Marian Jessee

Thank you and God bless you for your unselfish service!

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS: KINGDOM, HEAVEN, LAMPS, OIL, FEAST, AWAKE. How did you do?

TIPS FOR TITHING

What we give to God is God's share of the blessings we have received from Him. They are needed to carry on the work of God in and through the Church. What we give to God is not charity but is that of our Christian obligation. Charity done for individuals or organizations cannot be a substitute for tithing.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please pray for our sick community members and friends:

Gustavo Delgadillo	Socorro Aguilar	Ed H
Peggy Howard	Rita Yonan	Andres...
Diane Anderson	Linda Seymour	Stephen...
Jim Perdomo	Don Soares	Lois Jumper
Carol Soares	Catherine Harris	Fe Moran
Cynthia Basco	Jackie Ferreira	Linda Crabtree
Edie Ferrari	Leontina Pereira	Sharon...
Patti & Tom Scott	Beto Garcia	Ed Rocha
Matthew...	Cecilia Renenger	Jeanne Neu
Joanne Mattos	Isabel Rodriguez	Taylor A.
Ubaldo Sanchez	Carlos Perales	Wayne Maass
Elena Sandoval	Artie Romero	Raul Campusano
Guadalupe Ramirez-Villegas	Russell Van Hook	Kevin Downs
Jack B. Shaw	Fred Clerici	Shelly...
Flynn Hillman	Doree O'Connell	Taylor Holt
Michelle Basco-Rogers	David Brian Baca	William Jackson
Josephina Camacho	Ann Nguyen	Janet Fiorini
The Merchant Family	Efren Ramirez	Valerie Alberton
Katarina Renenger	Edward Lytle	

Your special prayers for these and others suffering from illness are gratefully appreciated. Thank you and God bless you!

Notify the office if you have anyone you would like to place on our list of persons in need of prayer due to illness. So that space will always be available for your loved ones, names will be kept on our list for three months. (However, your prayer requests can be renewed.)

CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (CSA)

Sunday, November 12, 7:15PM: CSA will go bowling. Please meet at the church at 7:15PM. *All college students are welcome.*

Monday, November 13: There will be a Rosary on campus. Meet at the CSA booth at 12PM.

Friday-Sunday, November 17-19, CSA retreat weekend: *Freely Given.* Departure after the 4:30PM Mass on Nov. 17.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 10:00AM in our conference room. Come join us—all parishioners are welcome!

RCIA

Any adult wishing to embrace the Catholic faith or any Catholic wishing to be confirmed should contact Michael Fuller by calling the church office at 669-0473.

THIS SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION is for our *Scholarship Fund*. God bless you for your continued generosity!

NATIVITY PLAY: We are seeking children ages 5 and up who would be interested in participating in a Nativity Play during the 5:00PM Christmas Eve Children's Mass. There will be speaking and nonspeaking parts. First practice is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of December 2-3. Please contact the office if your child is interested.

ALTAR LINEN VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to launder and iron the altar linens each week. Each assignment lasts for one month. Please call the office if you are interested in volunteering.

YOUNG ADULT ADVENT RETREAT: Join Young Adult Teams of our Lady for an Advent retreat, "Prepare the Way of the Lord", at St. Teresita Youth Conference Center in Three Rivers, CA on December 9-10. The speaker will be Andrea Vasquez Tejada. This is a weekend retreat for young adults (unmarried, post high school, must be 18- 30 years old). The cost is \$75 per person. Register at www.yatolus.us/retreat by **November 18**. If you have questions, please contact yatolus@gmail.com for assistance.