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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 22, 2006

Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many.— *Isaiah 53:11b*



Upcoming Parish Events

Mon. Oct 23—
Bible Study & Prayer Group,
7:30 pm, Chapel

Altar Server Training-12:45pm –
1:45pm at Church

Wed. Oct 25—
Boy Scouts, 7:30
pm, Carroll Hall

Fri. Oct 27—
AACC Youth Grp,
6:30 pm, Scanlan
Hall

**Novena to the Sto
Nino,** 6:00 pm,
Chapel

Prince of Peace,
8:30 pm, Scanlan
Hall

Sat Oct 28—
Prayer Group,
Scanlan Hall
6:30pm

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eight hundred years ago, the church's practice of penance underwent major revision as theologians, called scholastics, reflected on the practice of their day. By then, penance was normally a very secret rite, celebrated completely apart from the community. Public penance had mostly disappeared behind the walls of monasteries and the cloister grills of convents. The scholastics trimmed penance down to bare essentials, even sweeping aside age-old traditions like a laying on of hands and prayers of absolution. All that was left was the confessor's simple statement, "*Ego te absolvo,*" "I absolve you."

In 1614 a new ritual book tried to make penance more public and solemn. It suggested, but did not require, that the priest wear a surplice and stole, and hear the confession in a confessional. For the first time, we have the directive that the priest be separated from the penitent by a screen, a rule that some bishops applied very strictly. By the 1940s, large numbers of Catholics availed themselves of the sacrament of confession every Saturday, and most people thought confession was a prerequisite for Communion. In some urban parish churches, confessionals were staffed, usually by the junior priest, for several hours every day, even during the celebration of Mass. It is remarkable how quickly things changed, but as we have seen, the system has collapsed before and what often comes next is an impulse of the Spirit, new life, and a fresh start.—James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, Oct 22: World Mission Sunday Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

Monday: **St. John Capistrano** Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: **St. Mary Anthony Claret** Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: **Ss. Simon and Jude** Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

Sunday, Oct 29: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52



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Full Plate Program: Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations of canned foods and dry goods & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. October menu items: 1 bag of rice, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 canned ham (or other canned meat), 1 plastic bottle of cooking oil. No glass items, please. Thanks.



*There will be a **Junior Altar Server's Training** for whoever is interested [must be a 3rd grader or older, and must have had 1st Communion] tomorrow (**Oct 23rd**) at 12:45pm-1:45pm in the church. For more info, please contact Fr. Rick or Abbie Nepomuceno at (415)-297 4509.

*Everyone is invited to our celebration of the **Feast of Our Lady of Palestine & Jordan** next Sunday, October 29, at noon. Pick up a flyer at the church entrances for more information.

*The **Perpetual Novena to the Santo Nino** will be at 6:00 pm on Friday (the 27th) in the Chapel. Fellowship will follow. Everyone is invited.

*Time to get that list of dearly departed in to the parish office again! We will type your list and include in our **Book of Remembrance**. Envelopes are provided at the church entrances; drop in the collection basket or at the parish office. A donation in the amount of your choice would be appreciated.

*It's time to order **New Missallettes** for the new liturgical year! You may want to honor a friend of family member (deceased & living) with a donation of \$100 to cover the cost of the missallettes. Names will be listed in an insert on the inside front cover of the missallettes which we will start using in Advent. (Thank you to those who have already dropped off their donations and family members' names.)

*Get your **mini raffle tickets** from Josephine and/or Merly to be drawn at the Luau on November 18th.



*Please mark your calendars:
Faith Formation Conference— Santa Clara Convention Center on Nov. 11. **Archdiocesan Eucharistic Retreat** — Cathedral, November 18. Details will be posted as soon as available.



*Movie night on **Thursday, October 26th** starts at 7 PM in Scanlan Hall. Movie: **Brother Sun, Sister Moon**. Come & enjoy this very, very beautiful movie about St. Francis, one of our city's Patron Saints.



I have chosen to become a member of **St. Thomas More** and commit myself to building a community that seeks to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. I will commit myself to this mission by my active and consistent presence at worship each week and will respond consistently by my financial giving even when I cannot be present.

(Please print)

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone(s) _____
 Email: _____

I want to receive the envelopes and commit myself to a weekly contribution.

Yes, pls No, thanks

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MASS INTENTIONS

Oct. 22—Oct 28, 2006

- 10/22 Sun 10:00 am Agelio Altares †
8:00 pm People of STM
- 10/23 Mon 8:30am Vincent Duc Luu †
- 10/24 Tue 5:30pm Marie Samiere (Sp Int.)
- 10/25 Wed 8:30am Dolores Salvo †
- 10/26 Thu 5:30 pm Lourdes Santos†
- 10/27 Fri 8:30 am Souls in purgatory
- 10/28 Sat 8:30 am Mario&Josephine Velada(Thksg)
5:00 pm Rodriguez Family†

Please call the office to schedule. Participating in the Mass you offer is appreciated.



All the sick people in our parish especially Issam Totah, Eddie Bernal, Zenaida Salamat, Martha Panaszewicz, Nahil Nazzal, John Silva, Rhona Palencia, Mary Lee Burke, George Crawford, Restituto de Guzman, Majida Totah, William & Deena Tannous, Nazzal Nazzal; and the repose of the souls of recently deceased members of our parish especially Sarah Massarweh.

Thank you for your contributions. Please remember us in your prayers.

Your offerings for the weekend of **Oct 15th:**
\$3,650

Today's second collection is for World Mission Sunday. Please be generous.



Actual Constru(ction & Repairs Money in Bank is: \$130,652

Please continue to support our Construction fund. We need to repair the Skylight, upgrade the lights in the church and upgrade Carroll Hall. **Thank you!**