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# 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Nov 5, 2006

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, & with all your soul, & with all your strength. - Deuteronomy 6:5

## Upcoming Parish Events

Mon. Nov 6—  
**Bible Study & Prayer Group,**  
7:30 pm, Chapel

Tue. Nov 7 —  
**Legion of Mary,** 7 pm, Scanlan Hall

Wed. Nov 8—  
**Children's X'mas Mass sign up,**  
2:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

Fri. Nov 10—  
**AACC Youth Grp,**  
6:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

**Prince of Peace,**  
8:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

Sat Nov 11—  
**RCIC, 9 am, Sacristy Confirmation Grp,**  
(13-18 yrs old), Sacristy

**Prayer Group,**  
Scanlan Hall  
6:30pm

### All Saints—All Souls

[From a Sermon by Saint Bernard, Abbot (sermo 2: Opera Omnia)]

*Let us make haste to our brethren who are awaiting us*

Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of “All Saints and All Souls” mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honors when their heavenly Father honors them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honor from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning.

Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed. In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them.

Come, brothers, let us at length spur ourselves on. We must rise again with Christ, we must seek the world which is above and set our mind on the things of heaven. Let us long for those who are longing for us, hasten to those who are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to intercede for us. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnest seek to share in their glory. Do not imagine that there is anything harmful in such an ambition such as this; there is no danger in setting our hearts on such glory.

When we commemorate the saints we are inflamed with another yearning: that Christ our life may also appear to us as he appeared to them and that we may one day share in his glory. Until then we see him, not as he is, but as he became for our sake. He is our head, crowned, not with glory, but with the thorns of our sins. The glorious head of the Church will appear and his glorified members will shine in splendor with him, when he forms this lowly body anew into such glory as belongs to himself, its head.

Therefore, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun, Nov 5 Dt 6:2; Ps 18; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34  
Mon Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12  
Tue **Election Day;** Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24  
Wed Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33  
Thu **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome;** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17  
Fri **St. Leo the Great;** Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8  
Sat **St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day;** Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:1-8  
Sun, Nov 10 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146 146; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]



**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. Nov. menu items: 1 bag of mashed potatoes, 1 can of meat gravy, 1 can of cranberries, 1 canned turkey (or chicken meat), 1 fruit juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.



\***Confirmation** classes for ages 13-18 started yesterday. Confirmation will be on May 6, 2007. Please call Kathy Sanford or come to the Sacristy at 10:30 if you missed the first session.

\*Our Eucharistic celebration on **Thanksgiving Day** (November 24) will be at **10:00 AM**. As in the past years, everyone is invited to bring a dish (part of your dinner) or beverage to be blessed which will be served at the big family meal on that day. Please plan your Thanksgiving family get-togethers with that **ONLY Mass** time in mind.

\*Join hundreds of catechists, liturgists and lay ministers from parishes and Catholic schools for a day (or two) of education, collaboration, worship and fun! Come to the **Faith Formation Conference** at the Santa Clara Convention Center on Nov. 10 & 11. Call 614-5650 for more information.

\*Everyone is invited to the **Archdiocesan Eucharistic Retreat** on November 18th at the Cathedral. No charge to retreatants. Please call the office if interested.

\*Heads up: Our STM church will be having a **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** (Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Tiberias) on Thursday May 10. return on Friday May 18th, 2007. If you are interested please call our STM office or our agent at OASIS Travel Agency at: 415-664-8400 and **give them your name/ s.** the more pilgrims we have, the less our expenses will be. Fr. Labib and Fr. Rick will be with you at the pilgrimage.



\*Mark your calendars: Our **STM Luau** will be on November 18th, in Carroll Hall. Get your mini raffle tickets from Merly/Josephine!

## SCHOOL NEWS

\*Our STM Archdiocesan School is currently holding a **Thanksgiving Day Food Drive**. Please drop off whatever food items you might be able to spare for the less fortunate in our city. These donations will be given to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society for distribution.



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.

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

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Nov. 5— 9, 2006

11/05 Sun 10:00 am People of STM  
8:00 pm Nathan Cruz†  
11/06 Mon 8:30am Agapita, JoseSr., Moises Ongt  
11/07 Tue 5:30pm Laura & Mario Biagini†  
11/08 Wed 8:30am Souls in Purgatory†  
11/09 Thu 5:30 pm Irene & Russell De Havent†  
11/10 Fri 8:30 am Souls in Purgatory†  
10/28 Sat 8:30 am Petra P. Malicay†  
5:00 pm Vacion&Brian Bocalbos

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, John Silva, Rhona Palencia, Mary Lee Burke, George Crawford, William & Deena Tannous, Nazzal Nazzal; and for all the poor souls in purgatory.

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

Your offerings for the weekend of **Oct 22nd:**  
**\$4,012**

Your offerings for the weekend of **Oct 29th:**  
**\$5,326**



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

**Our Goal is half million for different needs of the church and Rectory: new church roof, painting outside and inside church, the light system...**

Please continue to support our Construction fund.  
**Thank you!**