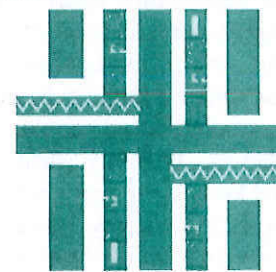


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Liturgy

Wednesday - Thursday : 8:00 AM (Mass)

Monday: 8:00 AM (Prayer Service)

Friday: 8:00 AM (Communion Service)

Rosary: Monday - Friday: 7:30 AM

Saturday Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses - 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)

Sacraments

Baptism - Contact Margaret Roncalli

Marriage - Contact pastor 6 months in advance

Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:00 Saturday

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

For communion/visits to the sick & homebound; mass intentions, prayer request & funerals

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Through African American traditions, we are moved
by the Spirit to serve.

*“Misericordia: Making
Mercy Visible”*

Jesus said,
“The kingdom of heaven
may be likened to a
man who sowed good
seed in his field.”

Matthew 13:24

July 23, 2017

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

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Today's Good News ~ Living with Christ

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:38). The spirituality I was taught growing up suggested practices in order to be worthy: penances and special prayers, reading and meditation, daily Mass and weekly confession... These things are deeply graced, but doing it all became simply impossible as my life filled with complex commitments, challenges, and losses. It took me awhile to realize that these difficulties did not make me "unworthy" but that they were actually the cross I was to take up. In dealing with them with as much strength as I could muster, I was actually following after Jesus. I began to understand that these challenges had meaning, they had value, they were my part in the paschal mystery itself, serving is some way to help transform my life. Jesus, help us to trust that we are following you as we take up the challenges of our lives. **Patricia Livingston**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Sharbel Makhluf

Tuesday: St. James

Wednesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne

Saturday: St. Martha



July 5 - 29, 2017 - Kung Fu Summer Camp
August 26, 2017 - White Party
October 1, 2017 - SVDP Jambalaya Dinner
October 7, 2017 - Proclaimer's Workshop
October 14, 2017 - Old School Dance
October 15, 2017 - Gospel Choir Salad Bar
October 21, 2017 - Health Cabinet CPR

Bulletins / Announcements

Please remember to submit all information for the Bulletin and/or Sunday Announcements **no later than Tuesday before 10:00 am/inserts before 4:00 p.m.** Thank you.

Scripture Study

Come and join Scripture Study every Thursday evening with Sr. Amora at 7:00 pm in Mother Lydia's Chapel. For more information call Gillian Small at (510) 501-9726 or ggms@att.net

We welcome all who come to celebrate with us. If you would like to register or if you need to update your information, please complete this registration form and place it in the collection basket, return to office or send us an email. Be Blessed!

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- New Parishioner
- Change of Information
- Moving: Remove from list
- Please Call me - best time _____
- I would like to serve as _____