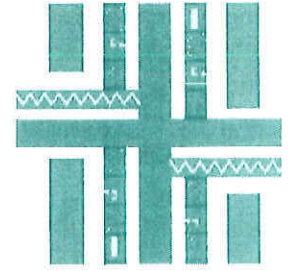


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Liturgy

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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Unity,
human relations

Mission & Vision

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

“Misericordia: Making Mercy Visible”

OCTOBER 1, 2017

Jesus said

*to the chief priests
and elders of the people,
“Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering into the
kingdom of God before you.”*

Matthew 21:31

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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entering Church. Thank you!

GOD'S WAYS

In the stream of readings during this portion of Ordinary Time one week's texts can often appear to pick up exactly where the previous week's concluded. The sentiments expressed in today's first reading seem to be a direct reaction to the Gospel passage we heard last week. In that Gospel, the landowner pays the same wages to his workers whether they worked for a full day or for only a few minutes. Today Ezekiel gives us the lament, "The LORD's way is not fair!" (Ezekiel 18:25). These Sundays in Ordinary Time offer us a glimpse into the ways of the Lord. We see how God's way has the tendency to turn the accepted conventions of the day upside down. Those who always expected that their way to heaven was guaranteed are disappointed. Those who thought they never had a chance are given that chance. Today offers us another opportunity to discover the abundance of God's mercy and love.

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Today's Good News ~Living with Christ

"O God, by your name save me, and by your might defend my cause" (Psalm 54:3). In the face of great odds or adversity, the most courageous thing we can do is surrender. This may seem so counterintuitive, but ask anyone of faith who has truly been up against a challenge far greater than oneself, and you will hear tell of the great value of surrender. When we admit our limitations, we open ourselves to the power of almighty God to move on our behalf. This is precisely when our weakness is transformed into strength. Trying to defend our cause or ourselves on our own can lead to an even greater mess. When we surrender our situation to God, God responds to our trust with miraculous solutions. Even in our moments of greatness perceived unworthiness, we must boldly call upon the great and unconditional love of the Lord. God will save us.

KRISTIN ARMSTRONG

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Respect Life Sunday

Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Wednesday: St. Francis of Assisi;

Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset

Thursday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Friday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose

Durocher;

First Friday

Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary;

First Saturday



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
November 1, 2017 - All Saints' Day
November 2, 2017 - Feast of All Souls' Day
November 5, 2017 - SVDP Jambalaya Dinner

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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Address _____

Phone Day _____ Eve _____

City _____ Zip _____

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