November 10, 2019 – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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BAPTISMS:
Parents wishing to baptize children should call the Parish Office to schedule the baptism and to schedule participation in our Baptismal Preparation Program. Please call two months before you wish the Baptism. The preparation may be done before the birth of the child.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:
10:00 AM Tuesday

MARRIAGE:
Arrangements must be made six months before the tentative date of the marriage by calling the Parish Office.

ANointing the SICk:
This sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously ill, or scheduled for surgery. Contact the Parish Office to schedule the anointing in Church or at home. If in hospital, request the Catholic Chaplain or a priest from the Parish in which the hospital is located, through the nursing station.

Communion for the Homebound:
Contact the Parish Office if you or a family member cannot attend Sunday Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist at home during the week.

Newcomers:
Welcome to our community. You are invited to register in the parish on each 2nd Sunday of the month in the vestibule after Mass, by coming to the Parish Office during regular business hours, or by completing a “Welcome Card” found in the pamphlet rack at the entrance of the Church and mailing it to the Parish Office.

R.C.I.A.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process by which adults prepare to enter fully into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Penance:
Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 pm or at other times by appointment.
Right is right even if no one is doing it. Wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it.
Let us love one another!

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(2 Maccabees 7:9) You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying.

(2 Thessalonians 2:16-17) Brothers and Sisters: May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.
(Luke 20:38) He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him all are alive.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we celebrate Veterans Day tomorrow let us give thanks for all the men and women, who have faithfully served our country since its beginning. My grandfather, father, and uncles were all veterans. My paternal grandfather served in World War I in France. I will always remember the one Christmas, probably 1967, when he recalled the Christmas of 1917, which he spent in the trenches. Those who have read about trench warfare know what a frightening, filthy, de-humanizing situation the men found themselves in. Yet they fought on to make the world “safe for democracy.” My grandfather was grateful to come back home, get married, and start a family, which he did.

My father and uncles were also veterans. My father and two of his brothers fought in World War II, one in the Navy and two in the Air Force. His younger brother was in Korea. Dad had graduated from High School in 1939 and had begun his life’s work in a laboratory, hoping one day to enter the field of chemistry. Suddenly, all plans were put on hold when the war began for the United States on December 7, 1941 – Pearl Harbor Day. Shortly afterwards he enlisted in the Air Force. Once he told my uncle Greg, also in the Air Force, that if he would survive the war, he would marry my mother and start a family, which he did; and thus the reason that I am able to write this little reflection.

Dad never spoke much of the war. That often is the attitude of veterans. He was a navigator on many bombing missions. He didn’t think war was something to glamorize. He surely was happy to have five children and later grandchildren as a countersign to the death of war. Every Sunday in my youth I was proud to kneel next to him, a grateful heart, at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Later, he shared with me the little prayer book he used called the Imitation of Christ by Thomas à Kempis, which I treasure almost sixty years later. He was a proud veteran as well as a faithful Catholic. Once he even taught me how to sing “You’re a Grand Old Flag” for a school program. I can still sing it, but now rarely in public. At his graveside, on the day of his burial, I will always remember the bugler playing taps and the gun salute and then the solemn folding of the flag which draped the coffin and its presentation to the family by a decorated military chaplain, a friend of the family. I could write at length of the Catholic military chaplains I have known over the years, but I will save that for another time. May we be worthy of our veterans’ sacrifices as we strive to be faithful citizens, patriots, and Catholics.

Once my father took from his wallet a worn Sacred Heart Badge that my mother had given to him before he went to war, for me to see. He claimed that the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus had protected him throughout the war and throughout his entire life. He had a very close call during one engagement with the enemy in the sky, for which he received the Purple Heart medal. He and my mother were careful to make over and over again the nine First Fridays. My father and mother loved to sing the old hymn: “Heart of Jesus meek and mild.” After my father died at the age of 82, I looked into his wallet and there was that same badge, a sign of my father’s consecration to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus from this world into eternity.

Please forgive me for sharing these personal experiences. I hope they do a little good.

God bless our veterans! Thank you for your generous service to this grand country. For those who have died, may they rest in peace! Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us! God bless America!

Yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary and in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Fr. Mark G. Mazza, Pastor
PRAY FOR:

- Those who have died, and especially those who have no one to pray for them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.
- Those who are newly baptized: May God always be present to them and may they continue to grow in “age, wisdom and grace.”
- Peace in our world, for those who serve our country, at home and overseas; for all who suffer in any way due to war and civil disturbance, that God will assist all people toward reconciliation and peace.
- Those who are sick or who suffer in any way, that God will assist them in their need. Especially, Valerie Abbey, Bob Ahrens, Tom Anderson, Joe Andreano, Fernando Arguello, Ron Barri, James Carvalho, Jorge Castillo, Joselina Deladingco, Grace Delagnes, Judith Delahante, Julie Fletcher, Roy Fong, Dennis Frazier, Manny Galvez, Barbara Gartner, Aurora Genochio, Greta Gipson-Lewis, Queen Gipson, Silva Guerbidjian, Griselda Guevara-MacDonald, Gary Harder, Anna Herdtler, Henry Jacquemet, Leota Jones, Torin Jones, Maria Latham, Patrick Lobo, Jacob Loefler, Vicki Logan, Rosemarie Maffei, Kevin Mapes, Carol Mateus, John McEvoy, Phyllis McKenna, Ken McQueen, Jesse Montalvo, Donna Moynihan, John Nguyen, Pauline & Jerome Oppenheim, Arlene Penn, Elizabeth Pugh, James Pugh, Joshua Quigg, Victoria Renard, Joel Rivera, Ron Rosso, Adrian Sanchez, Joseph Sangervasi, Brooke Seim, Bill Selenger, Lisa Stasiak, Ofelia Vallejo, Paulette Volante, Marc Weiss, Justin & Jennifer Wells & Family, Ted Wolfe, Anthony Iannucelli, and for those who suffer alone and have no one to pray for them.

CELEBRANTS for Nov 16, 17, 2019
Sat. 5:00 pm – Fr. Gepiga
Sun. 7:30 am – Fr. MacDonald
9:30 am – Fr. Gepiga
11:30 am – Fr. Mazza

SUNDAY COLLECTION
Collection for weekend of 11-03-19: $6,573
Second Collection for weekend of 11-03-19: $1,348

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

The Parish Office will be open on Veterans Day, Monday, Nov 11th.

JUNÍPERO SERRA HIGH SCHOOL, located at 451 West 20th Avenue in San Mateo, will be holding its annual Open House for prospective students, parents, and friends on Sunday, November 17th, 2019, at 1:00 pm.

Reservations are requested at www.serrahs.com/admissions/visit-us.

Applications for next fall’s freshman class are currently available on the school’s website at www.serrahs.com.

The entrance exam for freshman applicants will be given on Saturday, January 11, 2020, from 8:30 am – 12 noon.
BEST WISHES AND PRAYERS TO DR. CYRIL DEACONOFF

Today, November 10th, Dr. Deaconoff will conclude his service at IHM as music director. We are grateful for all that he has done with the music these past few years. Dr. Deaconoff directed the music and choir at the 11:30 am Masses and on the various feast days. Our music program will continue uninterrupted with the current choir and folk group still in place.

DISCOVERY ROOM NEWS
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Books and CD’s on the saints are some of the most frequently checked out items in the Discovery Room. Today we are featuring Mother Teresa of Calcutta. We have some great books about her extraordinary life, including some beautiful children’s books. Stop by after Mass and take a look!

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

For families with 8th grade daughters, join us for Information Night at Notre Dame High School in Belmont on November 14th from 7:00-9:00 pm.

Information Night is a program that provides detailed information about student life, leadership, wellness, and academics. We also have Shadow Dates available in November. Come explore the spirit of Notre Dame!

To register for Information Night or a shadow visit: https://ndhsb.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry

Learn more about Notre Dame at www.ndhsb.org
Family Gingerbread Workshop
- Sun Dec. 1st, 4-6pm, St. Michael's Hall
This fun workshop includes one Gingerbread House with decorations. Enjoy holiday cookies, cocoa and Christmas music with the IHM community. Reservation fee is $30 per family (up to 4 people). Reservation deadline is November 23, 2019. Additional gingerbread houses may be purchased for $15 each. Reserve online ihmbelmont.org/auction.

IHM ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 5 PM – 9 PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 10 AM – 4 PM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 10 AM – 1 PM
In Saint Michael’s Hall

PRAY FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
Jesus dictated this request to Saint Faustina to be prayed for on Day 8 of the Divine Mercy Novena:

“Today bring to Me THE SOULS WHO ARE DETAINED IN PURGATORY, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. Let the torrents of My Blood cool down their scorching flames. All these souls are greatly loved by Me. They are making retribution to My justice. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury of My Church and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to My justice.”