

November 4, 2018
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Desk of Fr. Anthony C. Ekanem, MSP:

This Sunday, November 4 – 10 is a National Vocation Awareness week. Just like last Sunday was called “Celebrate Priesthood Sunday.” We are all invited to pray in a special way for the holiness of priests, for stamina, for determination to serve the Church and to face the challenges of today, etc.

This weekend is also a Commitment weekend ‘Parish Campaign’ - which is an effort to increase our regular offertory. I am asking every household to make a sacrificial commitment towards this Campaign today. If every parishioner gives a little more, it will go a long way in helping us reach a sound financial future for our parish. Below is a little idea on tithing:

10% Tithing of Gross Income
5% to the parish (2 hours of weekly income)
4% to Second Collection and other worthy charities
1% to Cardinal Annual Stewardship Appeal

Today’s Scripture readings reminds us to of one of the greatest truths in the Bible, namely, that there are really only two commandments. The first is to love God, and the second is to love our neighbor. Scribes who are usually hostile figure in the Gospels agreed fully with Jesus today, and went on to declare that true love of God and the loving service of others are more important than elaborate cult. Nowhere else in the Gospels does a Scribe emerge in such a favorable light.

Note, by rabbinical count, ‘the Law’ or Torah consisted of some 613 commandments. And it was a standard and frequent item of discussion one of any of the rabbis. So, the Scribe to seek the opinion of this controversial teacher on this matter was not out of place. Jesus responded by naming two. Both are found in the Old Testament; the first from Book of Deuteronomy 6:4 (First Reading), the second from in Leviticus 19:18. Such relatedness has never been mentioned before even among the rabbis. Therefore, failure to love is the greatest failure in a Christian.

Pope Francis: “If you want to listen to the Lord’s voice, set out on the journey, live out your search. The Lord speaks to those who search.”

“We are called to listen to what the Spirit tells us. The Holy Spirit is always something new.”

Collection : Last Sunday, October 28, 2018 was \$3,005.00

2nd Collection: Our 2nd collection last Sunday, October 28th for our Monthly Church Property Insurance was \$ 1,167.00 Next Sunday November 11th the 2nd collection will be our Monthly Church Property Insurance Collection.

Food collection: This Sunday is our monthly food collection for the needy in our community . Once again thank you for your generosity.

Today’s Focus: How do I Love Thee?

We only need to love God in two ways— but how broad and deep those ways are! We must love God completely, and love our neighbor as we love our selves.

Living and Praying with the world:

God, our Lord, you love us so much that you became human and reached out to us, even when we had ignored your prophets. You continue to reach our to us after the death of your Son. Widen the space of our hearts to love you as generously , by the way we love our sisters and brothers with the same love you show us.

RCIA– Classes in English are on Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Rectory.

November 2018:

10th Religious Education Classes 9:20-11:30 am

17th Religious Education Classes 9:20-11:30 am

24th NO Religious Education Classes- Thanksgiving Weekend

Parents if you have not done so during this month all Sacramental fees are due:

- First Communion fee is \$80.00~per child
- Confirmation fee is \$100.00~per child

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Mass Schedule for the week of

November 4, 2018 to November 11, 2018

Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays at 7:00pm

Below are the Special Intentions for this week

Sunday, November 4, 2018:

7:30 am– For the Parishioners

9:00 am- Jesus Carlota Zuniga Ruiz

Joaquina Tovar

11:00 am– Juvenil Antao

Esther & Eduardo Rodrigues

Thursday, November 8, 2018;

7:00 pm– Felipe Almanzar

Family

Saturday, November 10, 2018:

12:05 pm-Michael Talty

Rita Carmican

5:00pm– Rose Kunny

Joseph Kunny

7:30 pm Miguel Angel Portillo

Sunday, November 11, 2018:

7:30 am– For the Parishioners

9:00 am-Ruben Sanchez

Yessenia & Rossmeith Sanchez

11:00 am– Celina Antao

Esther & Eduardo Rodrigues