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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 11, 2018

The LORD keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.

— Psalm 146:7

Reflecting on God's Word

My earliest memory of a widow was Aunt Lizzie: white-haired, seemingly very old, but kindly. (I was four, so she was probably in her sixties then—how one's perspective on age changes with time!) She lived with my godmother and uncle, having contributed some of her savings to help them buy a house. My second memory was of Lana Turner playing *The Merry Widow* in the 1952 movie of the same name. Both were light years away, historically and culturally, from the widows in today's readings.

The widows in biblical times were imperiled. If they did not have sons who would care for them, their very lives could be endangered. The widow in the first reading has a young son; she is collecting sticks to build a fire to prepare the last of her flour so they can eat and die. When Elijah asks her to prepare a cake for him, she generously does so—which proves to be her salvation. Later he even restores her son to life.

Jesus watches a widow put in her last—literally—two cents in the temple's coffers. He has previously warned about the scribes who “devour the houses of widows” while reciting lengthy prayers (*Mark 12:40*). Some say Jesus is lamenting the foolishness of this widow, like the prophets of the past who railed against the neglect of widows and orphans. But most think he is praising her generosity in giving “all she had, her whole livelihood” (*12:44*). Like her, Jesus will soon put all his trust in the Father.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Next Weekend's Special Collection

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
November 12 ~ November 18**

Mon.	8:30	John Flores (L)
Tues.	8:30	Mary Johnson †
Wed.	8:30	Allan Porter †
Thurs.	8:30	Shirley & Dan Cobry †
Fri.	6:30	Geronimo & Gloria de los Reyes Geronimo de los Reyes III Benjamin & Arturo de los Reyes Nilda de los Reyes †
	8:30	Kristin Baumann †
Sat.	8:30	Bruno Cavaleri †
	5:00	Angelo & Emma Armanini †
Sun.	5:00	—

Rest in Peace • Gerry Mitchell

All Souls envelopes are available today for those who wish to list the names of loved ones to be prayed for during the month of November. *(The envelopes are located at the entrances of the church.)*

Please pray for the people in our parish community who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering or homebound, especially: Alma Brennan, Yvonne Dioli, Sandy Undorte, Terry Roman, Laurette Hollywood, Josie Heath, Armando Botello, Pat Boland, Eduardo Hernandez, Bob McCormick, Nicholas Jerrold, Rosie Maffei, Grace Wasmer, Nicholas Peters, Peggy Saunders, Carmen Esquivel, and their caregivers.

St. Patrick's Seminary

Special Collection this Weekend

This weekend's second collection is for St. Patrick's Seminary and University, the Seminary of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Proceeds from the collection will provide the seminary with much-needed funds to sustain its quality priestly formation programs. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this important collection.



**St. Vincent de Paul
Christmas Sharing Tree**

November 24th through December 9th

During Advent, our Sharing Tree is once again in action! The gift tags this year represent local families in need, St. Francis de Assisi SVdP families in need, the Homeless Help Center, Catherine's Center, Daughters of Charity families, and victims of our 2018 Northern California wildfires. If you'd like to participate, beginning November 24th, please choose an ornament tag from the tree, log onto the website noted on the back of the tag to record your selection, purchase your gift, and **return it to St. Charles by December 9th**. *Please attach the tag on the outside of the gift.*

Some requests are for gift cards because many times the needs are very personal, such as with clothing. Often items must be returned due to size, and gift cards eliminate this issue. If selecting a gift card, please attach the tag to the outside of the gift card.

Your gift may be the only Christmas gift that some of our families will receive. They are all so grateful for your generosity and for sharing the joy of Christmas. Our St. Vincent de Paul conference feels very blessed to be a part of a parish as warm and wonderful as ours.

*St. Charles welcomes its newest member
through the waters of Baptism:*

Adelyn Lily Ghassemzadeh



Outreach to our Sister Parish

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods, paper products (including diapers) and toiletries next weekend in outreach to our sister parish, St. Francis of Assisi. Thank you for helping to meet the needs of our East Palo Alto neighbors.



2018 St. Vincent de Paul Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

- ◆ If you would like to donate a **frozen** 12-15 lb. turkey to help us feed 130 families this Thanksgiving, please bring your turkey to the drop off station in front of Borrromeo Hall on November 18th after the morning Masses before 12:00pm .
- ◆ If you'd like to make a monetary donation, you can either bring your donation to the parish office on or before November 18th (please mark that it is for the SVDP Turkey Drive) or visit the drop-off station in front of Borrromeo Hall before or after the Sunday, November 18th morning Masses.
- ◆ Contact Anne Tartaglia at 650-245-3141 if you have questions.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity during this season of giving and gratefulness.

St. Charles Parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Religious Ed, Edge & Confirmation students may drop off their donations for the Thanksgiving Turkey Drive by November 15th if they have not already done so.



SAVE THE DATE

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 2nd
8:00 - 11:30am
Borromeo Hall

Come join Santa & the St. Charles Parish Community for a Pancake Breakfast, Photos with Santa, Raffle, Espresso Bar & Activities for the Kids!

RAFFLE PRIZES:

- ◆ Apple Watch
- ◆ Google Home
- ◆ Dinner & Wine Pairing...and More

The 30th annual Breakfast with Santa event will support the Toys for Tots Program. If you would like to contribute, please bring a new unwrapped toy and help give the joy of the season to a less fortunate child in our community. We appreciate your support.

St. Charles Men's Club

November Meeting

Thursday, November 15th, 6:00-9:00pm

@Borromeo Hall

Game Night! NBA and NHL viewing,
cards and table tennis

\$25 entry | Dinner and Drinks

stcharlesmensclub@gmail.com**St. Charles Parish Women's Club****Livermore Shopping and Winery Trip**

Saturday, November 17, 2018

8:30am – 5:00pm

\$85 per person includes continental breakfast, lunch,
wine tastings & transportation

Space is limited so reserve today!

Send checks payable to St. Charles Church
to Jill Leader, 1711 Roberta Drive,
San Mateo, CA 94403

For questions contact Jill Leader
at 510-693-4746, cleader@berkeley.edu

OPEN HOUSE**Mercy High School Burlingame****November 18, 2018****1:00 - 4:00pm**

Discover the distinct educational opportunity that awaits you at Mercy High School during our Open House! Explore the campus through interactive tours as you attend presentations on Academics, Athletics, Visual and Performing Arts, and more! All grades are welcome! Learn more about Mercy

Be Known • Be Challenged • Be Transformedwww.mercyhsb.com

2750 Adeline Drive • Burlingame

650.343.3631

St. Raymond Church & School present**FR. GREG BOYLE, S.J.**

Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018 at 4:30 pm

St. Raymond Church**1100 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park**

Come and hear Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J., speak on the transformative power of community and kinship happening through Homeboy Industries, one of the largest gang intervention programs in the country. Fr. Greg will speak on his new book *Barking to the Choir, the Power of Radical Kinship* and how Homeboy Industries serves the over 10,000 men and women who walk through its doors each year, seeking to change their lives.

Please join us for a lively presentation and discussion by this visionary leader, best-selling author, and founder/CEO of Homeboy Industries.

Free and open to the public, donations welcome
(Suggested ages 13+)

SVdP Warms San Mateo County's Homeless

We all want to be warm on frosty nights and be dry when the rain pours. Think of how the homeless in San Mateo County feel on these cold nights. They are sleeping in their cars, on friends' couches, under buildings or on a park bench.

You can change this dire situation by donating to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Stay Warm Appeal. \$25 will purchase one new sleeping bag rated for very cold weather to be distributed at one of SVdP's Homeless Help Centers in South San Francisco, San Mateo and Redwood City. Donate online at www.svdpsm.org or mail a check to: SVdP Stay Warm Appeal, 50 North B St. San Mateo, CA 94401. We appreciate your compassion for those without a warm bed or shelter to call their own.

A Prayer for Veteran's Day

We pray for those who have served our nation
and have laid down their lives
to protect and defend our freedom.

We pray for those who have fought,
whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war,
whose nights are haunted by memories
too painful for the light of day.

We pray for those who serve us now,
especially for those in harm's way.

Shield them from danger
and bring them home.

Turn the hearts and minds
of our leaders and our enemies
to the work of justice and a harvest of peace.
May the peace you left us, the peace you gave us,
be the peace that sustains,
the peace that saves us.

Christ Jesus, hear us!
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer!

Amen.

— from *The "Concord Pastor"*

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WORSHIP

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday evening vigil

5:00pm

Sunday

8:30 & 11:00am, 5:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Friday 6:30am Mass

Mon.- Fri. 8:30am Mass

Saturday

8:30am

HOLY DAYS

OF OBLIGATION

6:30, 8:30am & 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday, 3:30-4:00pm

Anytime by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday

9:00am-10:00pm

SACRAMENT OF

BAPTISM

Baptism is available for all children of St. Charles Parish.

Prior to setting a date for the Baptism, parents are required to attend a Baptismal preparation session and may do so prior to the baby's birth.

R.C.I.A.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN

INITIATION OF ADULTS

is a process by which adults prepare to enter fully into our faith community through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

It is required that a couple contact one of the parish clergy at least 6 months before the tentative wedding date to begin the preparation process.

Parish Office 591-7349

Office Hours Mon - Fri.

9:00am - 4:30pm

Sunday Parish Office

8:00am - 1:00pm

Rectory

St. Charles School 593-1629

Extended Day Care

593-1629 ext. 312

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday by 10:00am