



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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A Parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter

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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY OCTOBER 29, 2017

DIVINE WORSHIP ORDER OF HOLY MASS

Low Mass 8:00 am, Sung Mass 10:30am, Low Mass 6:00 pm

See Mass card or Missalette

Collect

O Almighty and most merciful God: of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen

First Reading

Exodus 22:21-27

Thus says the LORD: "You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall not afflict any widow or orphan. If you do afflict them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry; and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be to him as a creditor, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbor's garment in pledge, you shall restore it to him before the sun goes down; for that is his only covering, it is his mantle for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate."

8:00 am & 6:00 pm Masses only

Responsorial Psalm

18:1-3, 46, 50ab

R/. I love you, O Lord, my strength.

I love you, O Lord, my strength.
The Lord is my rock, and my fortress,
and my deliverer. **R/.**

My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold.
I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies. **R/.**

The Lord lives; and blessed be my rock,
and exalted be the God of my salvation.
Great triumphs he gives to his king,
and shows mercy to his anointed. **R/.**

Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 am Mass

Gradual

Psalm 145:15,16

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
V/. Thou openest thy hand:
and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Brethren: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit; so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us what a welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Alleluia verse for all Masses

Alleluia. Alleluia.

O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready:
I will sing,
and give praise with the best member that I have.
Alleluia

The Holy Gospel
Matthew 22:34-40

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Intercessions (Form III): Missalette page 29

For those expecting children: Stephanie & Jeremy; Lakedia & Nathan; Mary Pat & Sam; Kelly & Mike; Katherine & Bernardo; Ellen & Ryan; Lisa & Ben; Drogheda & James.

For those celebrating anniversaries: *Tuesday:* Scott & Lauren Blue [W]; *Wednesday:* Michael Ochoa [B]; *Thursday:* Ethan Penny [B]; *Friday:* Naomi Cook [B]; Margarita Ruiz [B]; *Saturday:* Karina Garcia [B].

For those in special need: Gary; David Thomas family; Paul; Rita; Susan; Craig; Margaret; Jane; Tom; Bob; Scott; Jacob; Colette; Colleen; Rebecca; Patricia; Mary; Stephen; Laura Anne; Joseph; Carol; Cole; Melissa; Michael; Morgan; Kyle; Otto; Anne; Quin; Emma; Beverly; Shelli; Echo.

For those serving in our armed forces: Jason; Victor; Byron; Taylor; Luke; Tommy; Christian; Chelsey; Dillon; Mathew; Alton; Annie; Josh; Sebastian; Brandon; James; Jacob.

For the faithful departed:
Anniversaries of Death: *Sunday:* Rozy Bahar; Sylvia Reynolds; *Monday:* Lynell Kebelman Riser; James Harvey Sr.; Gloria Garcia; Frederick Baron; *Tuesday:* Emma Lou Garrett; Ann Barret; *Thursday:* Nora Edith Irvin; Earl Sherman; Robert Richard Freed, priest; *Friday:* Dorothy Carlson Harris; Robert Henry Thomas Carlson; Brennan Forcht.

MUSIC

Prelude.....*Melodie & Chant de la Creuse*, Cesar Frank
Entrance Hymn.....517
KYRIE.....Mass Music Booklet pg. 4
GLORIA.....Mass Music Booklet pg. 4
Offertory Hymn.....581
SANCTUS.....Mass Music Booklet pg. 7
OUR FATHER.....Mass Music booklet pg. 42
AGNUS DEI.....Mass Music Booklet pg. 8
Communion Hymn.....336
Anthem.....*God of All Mercye*, Carlton T. Russell
Recessional Hymn.....605
Postlude.....*Toccata in E Minor*, Johann Pachelbel

Adult Choir meets Wed. at 6 PM; Thurs. at 6 PM;
Sunday, Nov. 5 at 9 AM.
High School Schola meets 30 minutes after the
10:30 AM Mass

A. M. D. G.

Flowers: SMV *for the people of her parish.*

Sanctuary Light: Christina Essang *for the special intention of Francis Ukoh.*

Lamp at the Crucifix: Christina Essang *in loving memory of Basseyy Essang.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady: Maria Zichichi *in loving memory of Louise Zichichi.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Joseph: Christina Essang *in thanksgiving.*

Lamp at the Shrine of St. Therese: Christina Essang *in thanksgiving.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Blessed Charles I: The Laurange family *in loving memory of Ray Ladd.*

ST. MARY'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 29

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Religious Ed at 9:15 am

Meet & Greet at 7:00 pm

SMV Bazaar at 9:15 am, 12:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Monday, October 30

Mass at 12:00 pm

S.I. Joseph Phan, RIP

Tuesday, October 31

Mass at 7:00 pm

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Wednesday, November 1

Confessions at 11:00 am

Mass at 12:00 pm

The Solemnity of All Saints

Mass at 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 2

Mass at 12:00 pm

Men's Examen Group at 10:30am

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Mass at 7:00 pm

Friday, November 3

Mass at 9:00 am

S.I. Joseph Phan, RIP

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30 am—6:00 pm

Saturday, November 4

Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Confessions at 10:00 am

S.I. Joseph Phan, RIP

Saturday Morning Martyrs Men's Group at 8:00 am

Sunday, November 5

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Religious Ed at 9:15 am

Meet & Greet at 7:00 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY IS
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NEWS AND NOTES

The SMV Fall Bazaar continues today!!!
Go & shop following the 8AM Mass until 10:15 AM, following the 10:30AM Mass until 2:30 PM and before AND after the 6PM Mass, from 5-6 PM and from 7-8 PM. Don't miss your chance to shop from your parish family!!



The Knights of Columbus are selling raffle tickets! Five prizes will be awarded. One \$500 gift card, one \$200 gift card & three \$100 gift cards. **Tickets are \$5 ea or 5 for \$20.00. The winners will be selected on Sunday, November 19th. See any Knight for your ticket!**

It is also TAMALES TIME!!!

Call the parish office or talk to any Knight about purchasing your holiday tamales.

Rachel's Corner

"I NEVER believed that I could find forgiveness for my abortion. Through the love of the retreat team and the mercy of God, that forgiveness has been received gladly!"
- Testimony after a Rachel Retreat

Healing and hope are awaiting you on a Rachel Retreat.

Rachel Ministries

817-923-4757

Next retreat March 2, 2018

The Parish Offering

Weekly Offertory Forecast.....	\$6,000.00
Actual Offertory Collected.....	\$3,744.00
Variance.....	— \$2,256.00

Thank you for your loving support.

O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with Thy gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory. Remember not their offences and negligences, but be mindful of Thy loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfill their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold Thee face to face in Thy glory. May they soon be united with Thee and hear those blessed words which will call them to their heavenly home: "Come, blessed of My Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

To the Parishioners of St. Mary the Virgin,

In Paul's Letter to the Romans (we are going through at daily Mass), at one point he says we must think of ourselves as dead to sin and to live for God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, let's start at the beginning. If you believe that God made the world and all *that* implies; if you believe that God made us and all *that* implies; if you believe that since God made us he *gave us* our gifts, our talents, our hopes and dreams; and if you believe that creation is *for good*, therefore God made us for good and to do good. Then, even though there is sin and sometimes it seems it takes over, always, always remember the grace of God is ever greater. All of us know that the body can be used for good or for ill. We have got to know and to teach we can do good and be good and with great confidence we say that all things done in everyday life, when done for Christ, will be good.

But on the same day the reading had Jesus say "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing," and talks of the division within families that will happen. These images of fire seem so stark and foreboding. We have to understand the imagery that is going on. First, we remember the symbols of the Holy Spirit, which are all symbols of God's presence and love, but also of God's judgment on sinners and of divine purification. The symbols are: **Water**, signifying "new" birth and life in the Holy Spirit (especially baptism); **Oil**, signifying abundance and healing; **Cloud** and **Light**, signifying guidance and knowledge; **Sealing**, as in confirmation, being sealed with the Holy Spirit; the **Finger of God**, that each of us are known and counted; the **Dove** signifying peace; and **Fire** (tongues of fire) signifying transforming energy. Fire is especially important. We have lost any sense of the importance of this imagery and how stark, real and foreboding it would be to those listening to Jesus. It was the early Greeks who believed that everything in the world was made up of four elements: earth, water, air and fire, and everything in the world had some combination of the four. Before we dismiss that as "old fashioned," remember that modern science says there are four states of matter: solid (earth), liquid (water), gas (air) and plasma (fire). The Greeks knew more than we give credit! But also remember this, as outlined by Fr. Arminjon in the 1880's, fire was the first created force to have developed its energy and displayed its activity. It was fire that set the elements to work! Genesis 1: 2 says, "The earth was void and empty, and darkness was upon the face of the deep," but then the quickening breath of an eternal, all powerful agent came, when "the Spirit of God moved over the waters." It was a "blast furnace" of the Holy Spirit, a heat of immeasurable intensity that started the transformation of the elements to the creation we know today. Let us think of the Holy Spirit as a blast furnace in our lives and in our Church, capable of faithful, truthful transformation.

Who among us has not experienced division in our families? Who has not experienced those who have left the faith, or the Church? One of the most enduring writings by St. Pope John Paul II dealt with the dignity and worth of the human person and how we should use our bodies. It is that which is precisely being "debated" in the battle for the soul of the Church in Rome. It is part and parcel of the drama of life since Paul wrote to the small Christian group in Rome. The "blast furnace" of the Holy Spirit has set our world in motion; has given us sacred scripture; has given extraordinary witness to the faith by countless saints, and now, especially by St. John Paul the Second. The battle for each of our souls, the soul of our nation and culture, our Church, is being played out in current issues today and it threatens further division. Pray the Holy Spirit may bring the truth to all people of life lived *in* Christ, of healing, of guidance, of transformation and of peace towards (always) what is good. May the blast furnace of the Holy Spirit come upon our Church, our families and especially our hearts to bring unity where there is now division and discord.

ad Jesum per Mariam,
Fr Dean

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Priest: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy priests, brothers and sisters to His Holy Church.

All: O God, / we earnestly beseech Thee / to bless this Ordinatee / with many priests, / brothers / and sisters, / who will love Thee with their whole strength / and gladly spend their entire lives / to serve Thy Church / and to make Thee known and loved.

Priest: Bless our families. / Bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes / those who are needed for Thy work.

Priest: Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

If you are scheduled to serve but unable to please arrange substitutes & call (817.460.2278) ASAP.

October 29

8:00 am Altar Server	Jon Carr
Ushers	Nance FitzGibbon & Eli Castro
10:30am Master of Ceremonies	Brandon Gunnip
Thurifer	Brian Jones
Crucifer	Luke Vina
Torchbearers	Anthony Gunnip & William Heitzenrater
Boat Boy	Paul Vina
First Reading	Brinton Smith
Intercessory Prayers	Carole Morris
Oblationers	TBD
Ushers	Stephen Schmitt / Bill Thomas
6:00 pm Altar Server	Paul Denning / Talon McCallum (C)
Ushers	Christy Assid / Diana Villarreal
Office Help	TBD