

*"Love your neighbor  
as yourself."*

- Matthew 22: 39



October 26, 2008

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**30th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

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**Masses October 25th, 2008 — October 31st, 2008**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	Holy Spirit Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Ana Buljan +
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Schantzen family, S.I.
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Anne and Anthony DiNapoli S.I.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Holy Spirit Parishioners
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<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Holy Spirit Parishioners
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Richard Fries +

**FAREWELL TO FR. PEPKA**

As many probably know by now, Fr. Pepka has been transferred to residence at Immaculate Conception church on Broadway. Two priests became ill there and Bishop Weigand wanted someone to celebrate the Masses at Immaculate Conception.

Fr. Pepka has served Holy Spirit for the past four years and we are grateful to him for his service among us. A reception will be held in his honor after the 11:00 a.m. Mass today in the Fr. Brady room. You will have an opportunity to greet him and wish him well in his new assignment. He remains in his position as vice president for religious affairs at St. Francis High School.

Many thanks Fr. Pepka

Fr. Albert O'Connor

**FAITH-BASED POSITIONS ON BALLOT INITIATIVES**

In election years, there are always a wide variety of issues that tap into the moral and social justice teachings of the Church. While all pastors and homilists are forbidden to use their ecclesial position to promote specific candidates, the bishops of California provide guidance on how Catholic social teachings relates to ballot initiatives. We have connected our parish website to the California Catholic Conference site so you can see first hand what the bishops' recommend on such initiatives.

Please pick up a copy of **'Faithful Citizenship—the challenge of forming consciences'** which will help you make decisions as the election approaches.

**Saints & Readings for the Week**

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Ex 22:20-26 / 1 Thes 1:5-10 / Mt 22:34-40**  
**Monday • Eph 4:32 – 5:8 / Lk 13:10-17**  
**Tues • Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles • Eph 2:19-22 / Lk 6:12-16**  
**Wednesday • Eph 6:1-9 / Lk 13:22-30**  
**Thursday • Eph 6:10-20 / Lk 13:31-35**  
**Friday • Phil 1:1-11 / Lk 14:1-6 • Halloween / All Saints' Eve •**  
**Sat • ALL SAINTS' Solemnity • Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12**  
**ALL SOULS' Solemnity • Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 5:1-11 or 6:3-9 / Jn 6:37-40**

**A PRAYER BEFORE THE ELECTION**

Lord God,  
As the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

**REMINDER:**

Weekday Masses are now being held at **St. Robert Church at 7:45 a.m.** We will gather there until the opening of our church on **November 16<sup>th</sup>**. Due to the dismantling of our modular unit, the following changes in location are in effect:

RCIA on Wednesday evenings will meet in the rectory  
Scripture Study, Wednesday mornings will meet in the rectory

Scripture Study, Monday evenings will gather in the Fr. Brady room

St. Vincent de Paul Society will gather in the rectory.

**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE**

Our choirs are busy preparing to lead all of our community in prayerful song during our Mass of Dedication. Over the past few weeks we have included songs in our weekly liturgy to prepare you to join fully in the singing. It is very important that the whole assembly join in our sung prayer and not leave the singing to the choirs. God loves to hear you...we all need to hear you and know that we pray as one!

Congratulations to our newly baptized: Molly Collins, child of Chad and Maurine Collins and Caroline Niello, child of Matthew and Jenny Niello.

### ALL SOULS MASSES IN NOVEMBER

It is a time honored custom to offer Masses at this time of year for our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, in faith, to the Father. If you wish to have your dear ones remembered you can do so by listing their names on the envelopes provided in the back. We know that there is a time of purification after death. No one of us would presume to have attained at the time of our death the kind of perfection that would admit us immediately into the presence of God, since nothing sinful or impure can abide in His presence. Now we have the opportunity to assist the dead by our prayers and Masses. We believe that they can also aid us by their prayers since we are all one in Jesus, Our Savior.

*Grant them eternal rest, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

### SUPPORT RESTORING THE DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE IN CALIFORNIA

Please volunteer for the campaign to pass Proposition 8. Call 415-651-4171 or go to the website at: [catholicsforprotectmarriage.com](http://catholicsforprotectmarriage.com)

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

- There will be baskets near the exits for donations to the Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society after all the Masses on **Nov 8th and 9th**. These funds are used to assist the needy with food, rent and other essential items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
- Christmas Adopt-A-Family signups **November 8th and 9th**: Please consider adopting a family in need and providing gifts for each family member this Christmas season. The SVDP Society, working with Catholic Charities of Sacramento, will have signups after all Masses, on November 8th and 9th. You are encouraged to join with a friend, relative or another family to meet the needs of a single family. For more information contact Bernadette Lynch at 447-1347 or Roseann Kerby at 392-1267.
- SVDP Thrift Store has moved! It is now located at 2275 Watt Avenue. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm. Please phone the store at 972-1212 for a donation pick-up or drop donations off Monday through Friday 10 am to 5 pm.

### SACRAMENTO LIFE CENTER DINNER & AUCTION

You are cordially invited to join the Sacramento Life Center in celebrating 36 years of serving the Sacramento Valley community at our annual Salute to Life Dinner and Auction on **November 14th** at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sacramento. The evening includes: a gourmet meal, complimentary wine, 15 spectacular raffle baskets, a fantastic live auction and the highlight testimonials from our clients. Reservations are required; please call 451-4357.

There are still Memorial Opportunities, please call the rectory at 443-5442

### OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Hospitality is a vital part of our Catholic heritage. In the scriptures to welcome the stranger was to experience a visitation of God. As our parish family expands and welcomes new members, the importance of ministers of hospitality increases. Such a ministry has two parts. The first part takes place during our Sunday worship and consist in greeting the worshipping community, helping parish members feel a part of the community and distributing our bulletins. The second part of the ministry extends out into our community. Hospitality ministers can assist new parishioners learn about services offered through the parish, find their way around our neighborhoods and help connect new (and not so new) members of the parish with those who can be of assistance. If you are interested and willing to become a minister of hospitality, contact Sr. Katherine 446-4673 or sign up after Masses this week-end.

### YOU CAN HELP THE HOMELESS

The Festival of Trees and Lights will be held on **December 4, 5 and 6** this year. Fully decorated holiday trees will be on display—so beautiful and so unique. A silent auction determines the winners of the trees. Arts & crafts and handmade wreaths will be for sale. Entertainment takes place throughout the Festival. Admission is free. All proceeds benefit the Cathedral Square Homeless Program. Please help us to provide a temporary home for the homeless. For more information, phone Jean Lahey, 457-5268 or Valerie Chun, 446-1708.

### ST. PATRICK'S HOME FOR CHILDREN

St. Patrick's Home for children will host their annual fall brunch on Sunday, **November 2** at Valley Hi Country club in Elk Grove. A no-host cocktail buffet brunch begins at 10:30 am with brunch served at 11:30 am. Cost is \$25. Raffles, door prizes and entertainment! For reservations contact Lydia McKisson at 427-9792 .

### "NO" TO TORTURE: NON-VIOLENT RESPONSE TO TERRORISM

Fr. Louis Vitale, OFM converted to a life of nonviolence after serving in the military and has devoted 50 years of his life for peace, justice and nonviolence. He is co-founder of PACE E BENE, an organization that fosters a just and peaceful world view, education, community building, and non-violent action.

Fr. Louis will be speaking Monday, **November 10** at 7 pm at St. Anthony's Parish.

### CATHOLIC BREAKFAST CLUB

Join the Catholic Breakfast Club on **November 12** at the Hilton Arden West to hear one of Hollywood's own, Barbara Nicolosi speak about "Why Hollywood Matters—A Catholic Perspective on Art, Storytelling and Entertainment. Mass at 6:15 a.m., breakfast and speaker from 7 am—8:30 am. All are welcome! For more information and reservations: [www.catholicbreakfastclub.org](http://www.catholicbreakfastclub.org)