

"...My branches  
bear much fruit."



November 16, 2008

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33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

- Alleluia Verse  
John 15: 5

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**Masses November 15th 2008 — November 21st, 2008**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	Holy Spirit Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	All Souls
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	All Souls
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	All Souls
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Helen Mahaney +
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	All Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Richard Fries +
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	All Souls
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	All Souls

**IMPORTANT: YOU ARE INVITED**

On Friday, we celebrate together the Ordination of our transitional deacon Jacobo. Deacon Jacobo will be ordained by Bishop Weigand on **Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Every parishioner is encouraged to attend. **On Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** our newly ordained Father Jacobo will celebrate his first Mass here at Holy Spirit. The liturgy will be at 10 a.m. We congratulate Deacon Jacobo and ask all of your prayers for his long and fruitful ministry, and encourage all of you to attend.



**Saints & Readings for the Week**

33rd Sunday Ord Time • Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / 1 Thes 5:1-6 / Mt 25:14-30  
**Monday • St Elizabeth of Hungary • Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 / Lk 18:35-43**  
**Tues • Dedication of Rome's St Peter's & St Paul's Basilicas**  
 • Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 / Lk 19: 1-10 or Acts 28:11-16, 30-31 / Mt 14:22-33  
**Wednesday • Rv 4:1-11 / Lk 19:11-28**  
**Thursday • Rv 5:1-10 / Lk 19:41-44**  
**Friday • Presentation of the BVM • Rv 10:8-11 / Lk 19:45-48**  
**Saturday • BVM / St Cecilia • Rv 11:4-12 / Lk 20:27-40**  
**The Solemnity of Christ the King • Ez 14:11-12, 15-17 /**  
 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 / Mt 25:31-46

**THE DEEP END: A Talent to Bemust**

The technical support person was having difficulty identifying the problem the caller was having with her computer. After ten minutes of futile questioning he asked her the most basic question of all: 'What type of computer do you have?'

'A white one,' she replied.

You might think that a caller like that couldn't possibly have a future in computer technology. And, you'd probably be right. However, when it comes to answering God's call to do something that sort of reckoning goes out the window. God often calls the least talented, in secular terms, to do God's will. Why so? Because it must be clear that it's God's power working through the individual that gets things done, not the individual's own talents.

Look at his choice of Pope, for example. The first, I mean. An unlettered fisherman. Would we ever dream of choosing such a candidate for the post today? Definitely not. Our candidates have to be extremely well-lettered and talented, even in secular terms. Is that saying anything about our trust in God's power?

Today's Gospel (Matt 25:14-30) is all about trust. A man divides his property among his servants to look after it for him while he's away. What matters is not how much they earn, but how they use what he gives them. Hiding it away safely is not an option. The owner gives it for use.

We all have at least one talent. It remains a talent to bemuse until, trusting in God, we see its purpose and put it to good use.

Fr. Tom Cahill, SVD



**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: NEXT WEEKEND**

Nearly 37 million people in the United States live below the poverty line, and 13 million of those are children. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) works to create lasting solutions to the problem of poverty through real community change. Please donate prayerfully and generously to CCHD next weekend to help those in poverty help themselves. Visit [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org) to learn more.

**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.*

**PLAN TO JOIN US**

The renovation of our church has given us a renewed worship space. Our parish mission beginning on **November 30<sup>th</sup>** will provide all of us with the opportunity for inner renewal. Father Richard Parks, CP will guide us in three days of reflection and spiritual renewal just as we begin Advent. Parish missions are total parish events. It is a time of special blessing and grace. Give yourself a gift of blessing this Advent and plan to attend. The dates are **November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT**

If you are interest in taking a closer look at each of the five Catholic high schools in Sacramento, Christian Brothers, you are invited to come to an information night. Take a closer look at academic curriculum, student activities, fine arts, athletics, religious and spiritual programs. Two evenings are offered. **November 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7 pm at Jesuit High School, student life center and **November 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 7 pm at Christian Brothers high school in the school cafeteria.

**A TIME FOR THANKS**

There are a few national holidays that link to our faith tradition as powerfully as Thanksgiving. Giving thanks to God is at the heart of our Eucharistic celebration so there is no better way to start the day than by gathering at the Table of Our Lord. Everyone is encouraged to attend our special 9 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day. You are invited to bring the bread you will share at supper that day for blessing.

Sr. Katherine is looking for five family representatives to participate in a special meditative experience during the Mass. Please contact her at 446-4673.

**SINGLE ADULT RETREAT**

“The Joy of the Single Life” - A one day retreat for separated, widowed and never-married Catholics at Mercy Center Auburn on Saturday, December 13 from 9:30 am - 5 pm. Get ready for the holidays by responding to the Lord’s call to “come away by yourself and rest for awhile”. Cost for the day is \$40 and includes lunch and snacks. Retreat concludes with Mass at 4 pm. For more information or to register, call Kathy Conner at 733-0133 .

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.

- Please join Holy Spirit Parish and school in supporting this special community service project. This month our school and parish will be collecting ornaments to decorate a Christmas tree for the Second Annual Festival of Trees. The theme of the tree will be angels and bells with accents of gold and white. Children may donate any new angel or bell ornament or any other ornament that is gold or white. All donations can be placed in a basket at either exit of the church or be given to your teacher at Holy Spirit School. Deadline for donations is November 21st. Any questions, please contact Tracie at 446-5700 or Linda at 443-2529.

**ADVENT IS COMING!**

Advent is almost upon us. Be sure to check our website after November 30th for ideas on celebrating Advent in the home.

**WE NEED YOUR VOICE!!**

Are you or any member of your family, married or single between the age of 20—39? If so, we really need your presence and voice at a deanery forum for young adult Catholics! The purpose is to find out your needs and hopes for the Church—It will be held at the Newman Center, 5900 Newman Ct. in Sacramento on Friday, December 5th. Food will be available from 6—7 p.m. for those coming from work. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Childcare can be provided.