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OCTOBER 02, 2022 — TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — In spite of violence, destruction, and ruin, the just person, because of faith, will live
(Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God
(2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

Gospel — Lord, increase our faith! (Luke 17:5-10).

THE GIFT OF FAITH

We live in a society of instant gratification but we must learn patience and humility. The Lord encourages Habakkuk to quit being impatient and wait for the vision to mature. Anyone who has started a fire knows how patient you must be to, as Paul admonishes, "Stir into flame the gift of God you have," and to guard it well. Even in their good zeal, Jesus slows down the apostles. He equates faith to a mustard seed and tells them to settle down. As it takes that little seed many years to become a great tree, the Apostles and disciples must spend their time in service and grow in learning and love, and faith will come with it.

When we put our faith in Christ, we believe that God is with us, even though we cannot physically see God. If we are attentive, we see the evidence of God's presence in the love of family and friends, care poured out in service of our neighbors, the living beauty of creation. This is not blind faith, but rather is the result of seeing with the eyes of faith.

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Masses

Saturday

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Weekday

M—F 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday
4:00 pm—4:45 pm

Church of the Ascension: Youth Faith Formation Program

Church of the Ascension offers faith formation, youth ministry, and sacramental preparation programs to help families build a relationship with Christ and deepen their faith. Faith Formation sessions are held immediately after the **9 am Sunday Mass** typically from 9:55 am to 11:00 a.m.

This Sunday, before our Faith Formation Program, we will participate in the **Blessing of Animals** immediately after Mass outside of the church's main entrance.



In honor of the **Month of the Rosary** this month, we will begin classes with a Rosary assembly, after which regular classes will resume.

Children and youth are also invited to participate actively at our monthly **Family Masses** (1st Sunday of the month) and in the general life of the parish community.

Are you interested in volunteering for our programs?
Please email loy.oppusmoe@dsj.org or call the parish office at (408) 725-3939.

October is Respect Life Month

“Every October, we consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.”
(USCCB website)

The U.S. Catholic Bishops instituted the **Respect Life Program** in 1972 to focus attention on the breakdown of moral, social, and civil structures supporting human life in America. Each October the Church in the United States celebrates **Respect Life Month**, and the **first Sunday of October** is observed as **Respect Life Sunday**. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. As Catholics, we believe that **every life is sacred**, from the moment of conception until natural death. Every person is made in the image and likeness of God, and so each and every person has inherent dignity.

This year, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities invites Catholics to “practice radical solidarity and unconditional love” for pregnant and parenting mothers. He explains that “justice requires that the basic protections of the law against violence be extended to the preborn child” while explaining that building “a world in which all are welcome requires not only justice, but compassion, healing, and above all, unconditional love.”

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday	St. Francis of Assisi (13th cent. Italian friar, stigmatist & religious founder — Order of Friars Minor & Order of St. Clare; patron of animals, ecology)
Wednesday	St. Faustina Kowalska (20th cent. Polish nun & mystic; inspired devotion to the “Divine Mercy”) Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos (19th cent. German priest & missionary; patron of victims of yellow fever)
Thursday	St. Bruno (11th cent. French monk, hermit, mystic, founder of Carthusians; patron of Calabria, monastic communities) Blessed Marie Rose Durocher (19th cent. Canadian religious sister, founder of Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary; patroness of Catholic teachers)
Friday	Our Lady of the Rosary (the feast was established in 1573 to thank God for the victory of Christians over Turks at Lepanto, attributed to the praying of the Rosary)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Oct 01	Sat	9 a.m. Joan Vanderhorst & Family 5 p.m. The Leano Family
Oct 02	Sun	7 a.m. All Parishioners 9 a.m. Father Glenn Dion (L) 11 a.m. Stan & Tina Richard + 5 p.m. All Parishioners
Oct 03	Mon	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Oct 04	Tue	8 a.m. Billy Joe Duerr +
Oct 05	Wed	8 a.m. Anthony Lau (L)
Oct 06	Thu	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Oct 07	Fri	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Oct 08	Sat	9 a.m. Celia Zapata + 5 p.m. George & Josephine Chrisman+
Oct 09	Sun	7 a.m. All Parishioners 9 a.m. Rogelio Belmonte + 11 a.m. Hanna Jemink + 5 p.m. All Parishioners

WOMEN’S CLUB —BYOB

Get together and catch up with friends and other members!!

Friday, October 7th @ Noon

By the “Mary Grotto” Outside Church

For questions, please call Marguerite at (408) 252-8733

THANK YOU

Sept. 25, 2022	Our Weekly Offering
NEEDED	\$5,400
COLLECTED	\$3,744
WESHARE	\$ 849
TOTAL	\$4,593

We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.
— St. Francis of Assisi

**Church of The Ascension’s
Rosary Group invites you to**

Praying with Mary
THE HOLY ROSARY



Saturday, October 08, 2022 @ 9:35 a.m.

*Reflection on the Joyful Mysteries
Singing/Flower offering/Candle lighting/
Offering of prayer petitions/Procession*

Please join us for refreshments at the grotto after the Rosary.