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Saturday

8:30 a.m. (outdoors)
5:00 p.m. (outdoors)
*7:00 p.m. (live-streamed)

Sunday

8:30 a.m. (outdoors)
9:00 a.m.
*11:00 a.m.

*not public liturgies

Weekday

M—F 8:00 a.m. (outdoors)

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

By appointment

Marriage

Arrangements made SIX MONTHS in advance. Please telephone the parish office to make an appointment with the pastor.

Baptism

Baptisms are held the First Sunday of each month at 12 noon. (Preparation seminar is required). Please contact the parish office at least ONE month in advance.

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Office Hours: *Our office is currently not open to the public, yet we monitor phone calls and voice messages, especially Mon.—Thur. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

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In case of an emergency please call 408-725-3939, then press 9



MESSAGES FROM BISHOP CANTÚ

Welcome: We extend our hearts and hands in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If any of the following in the apply to you, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

New Parishioner New Address New Phone

Send Envelopes Weekly, Not Required/Automatic
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**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
NOVEMBER 01, 2020**



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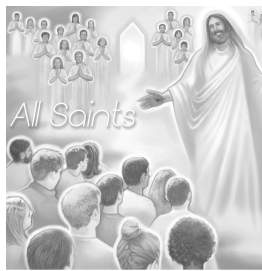
BISHOP CANTÚ'S MESSAGE ON THE ELECTION

With regard to the election, I wish to point out the bishops' teaching regarding "intrinsic evils" when voting. I point us to the following two paragraphs from the US bishops' document, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*:

"Catholics often face **difficult choices** about how to vote. This is why it is so important to vote according to a well-formed conscience that perceives the proper relationship among moral goods. A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who favors a policy promoting an **intrinsically evil act**, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, deliberately subjecting workers or the poor to subhuman living conditions, redefining marriage in ways that violate its essential meaning, or racist behavior, if the voter's intent is to support that position. In such cases, a Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in grave evil. At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate's opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity.

"There may be times when a Catholic who rejects a candidate's unacceptable position even on policies promoting an ***intrinsically evil act** may reasonably decide to vote for that candidate for other morally grave reasons. Voting in this way would be permissible only for truly grave moral reasons, not to advance narrow interests or partisan preferences or to ignore a fundamental moral evil" (FCFC 34-35).

***intrinsically evil act** describes a certain kind of human act that can never be morally justified or permitted.



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Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb.

— Revelation 7:9-14

OUR HOPE AND GOD'S PROMISE

The Church uses these waning November days and darker skies as the season to remind us of the last things. Today's feast, the Solemnity of All Saints, is the centerpiece of three days that point to doctrines we proclaim each time we say the Apostles' Creed: "We believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting."

And while the days and our hearts may be dark, the readings today are bright with the light of faith. John's vision in the book of Revelation reveals dazzling angels and white-robed saints gathered in triumph around the throne of God. In the responsorial psalm we sing our longing to see God's face, and in the second reading John writes that we are God's children and will, in fact, see God "as he is" (1 John 3:2).

This is our hope. This is God's promise. Today we celebrate the triumph of those who already gaze on the face of God. Tomorrow we cry out for mercy with those in purgatory, who, like us on earth, still long to see God's face.

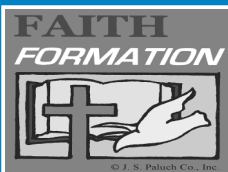
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SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES November 03

An old illustration pictures Martin de Porres, finger to his lips—"Shhhh!"—as several mice peek out of sacristy vestment drawers, preparing to join a rodent "procession" following him out of church! Martin's rescue of these unwelcome guests, and statues depicting him, broom in hand, feeding a dog, cat, bird, and mouse from the same dish symbolize his life and sanctity.

Initially denied entrance by the Dominicans because of his mixed race (Spanish father, Panamanian mother), Martin cherished society's marginalized. For him, menial tasks, lovingly done, were sacred. Great and lowly alike feasted on his charity. Enemies were reconciled by this "poor mulatto" (his self-description), kind even to those whose racism demeaned him. Apprenticed to a surgeon-barber in his youth—thus patron saint of hair stylists and public health providers—Martin dispensed healing and dignity to Lima's poorest, serving in them the Christ he adored for hours in the Blessed Sacrament. By the time he died, all Peru called him Martin the Charitable, a title even those of us who will never be called "saint" might still aspire to.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Faith Formation Sessions (Sunday School classes) HAVE BEGUN!

Faith Formation sessions for 2020-2021 started Sunday, October 4, 2020 via Zoom. We will evaluate later in the Fall regarding on-site sessions. Due to the pandemic, all families are asked to fill-out a new registration form (even if your child/ren have been in the program in the past).

Please check the parish website or contact the parish office at office@ascensionsaratoga.org.

"Sheltering-in-place" may have been isolating for many of us and our children. But physical distancing doesn't mean social distancing. Let us ask the Lord's guidance helping us safely re-connect with other families in our FAITH COMMUNITY.

Please contact Loy Oppus-Moe if you have any questions: loy.oppusmoe@dsj.org, or call (408) 725-3939.

STATEMENT OF BISHOP OSCAR CANTÚ REGARDING POPE FRANCIS' REMARKS ON SAME-SEX CIVIL UNIONS

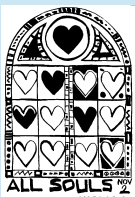
Thursday, October 22, 2020

Pope Francis was recently quoted in a documentary saying that he supported civil union laws for same-sex couples. Pope Francis was not and is not changing the Catholic Church's teaching that marriage, as willed by God and revealed in Sacred Scripture and the Tradition of the Church, is between one man and one woman. Pope Francis has often defended this basic teaching and practice of the Church on marriage.

Likewise, the Catholic Church teaches and upholds the irrevocable dignity of every human person, including those who identify as homosexual and those who choose to live in a union with their same-sex partner. In the interview in question, Pope Francis seemed to be offering a pastoral response to the reality of same-sex couples living without legal protections and often subject to violations of their human dignity and even violence.

The context of the Holy Father's statement matters: it was not a formal setting, with the explicit intention of teaching doctrine, such as an encyclical. Rather, as he often does, he seemed to have been commenting on pastoral ways to honor the dignity of persons who identify as homosexual and as well as to honor the directive of the Catechism of the Catholic Church which states that persons with homosexual tendencies 'must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity' (CCC 2358).

"The souls of the just are in the hands of the Lord"



The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. —*Liturgical Meditations*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)** (a commemoration of all who have died since the beginning of the world; an opportunity to pray for all souls, especially one's relatives and souls in purgatory)
- Tuesday:** **St. Martin de Porres** (17th cent. Peruvian lay Dominican brother; patron of mixed-race people, barbers, innkeepers)
Election Day
- Wednesday:** **St. Charles Borromeo** (16th cent. Italian cardinal; patron against intestinal disorders)
- Friday:** **First Friday**
- Saturday:** **First Saturday**

THANK YOU		
Oct. 18, 2020	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$5,400	N/A
COLLECTED WESHARE	\$2,815 \$1,401	N/A
TOTAL	\$4,216	N/A



Everything, even sweeping, scraping vegetables, weeding a garden and waiting on the sick could be a prayer, if it were offered to God."
— St. Martin de Porres

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
- Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
- Friday:** Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
- Sunday:** Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Oct 31 | Sat | 8:30 a.m. | Rosemarie Avanzado |
| | | 5 p.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | *7 p.m. | All Parishioners |
| Nov 01 | Sun | 8:30 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | *9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | *11 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| Nov 02 | Mon | 8 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| Nov 03 | Tue | 8 a.m. | Marcia Kerins + |
| Nov 04 | Wed | 8 a.m. | Virginia Duzowski + |
| Nov 05 | Thu | 8 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| Nov 06 | Fri | 8 a.m. | The Diem Family |
| Nov 07 | Sat | 8:30 a.m. | Fidel A. Avanzado, Junior + |
| | | 5 p.m. | Marcella Shusis + |
| | | *7 p.m. | The Nora Family |
| Nov 08 | Sun | 8:30 a.m. | Gabrielle Mancuso |
| | | *9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | *11 a.m. | Hung & Nhai Tran |

*Saturday 7 pm (live-stream) & Sunday 9 & 11 am Masses are not public liturgies.

EVENTS

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

WHAT WILL I BE
WHEN I GROW UP?
I DON'T KNOW...
BUT GOD DOES!



Beloved, now we are children of God,
and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. 1 Jn 3:2

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Hope, Heal, Renew Virtual Conference November 12 – 14, 2020

Consider attending this wonderful enrichment opportunity available to all parishioners and ministers looking for spiritual growth in our Catholic faith. Join a dynamic group of speakers and other attendees to deepen your knowledge and share the diverse gifts of our faith. Registration is \$25 and you can register at hr.sidecarprod.com.

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

THE TRUE STORY OF THE HOLY GRAIL Catholic Professionals Speakers Series

November 12, 2020, 7:30am

What really happened to the cup of Christ after the Last Supper? More fascinating than any medieval fable or modern fiction, this enlightening and well-documented presentation reveals the historical trail of the Holy Grail from the Cenacle to its current location in a Catholic Cathedral.

This stunning PowerPoint presentation includes many images of the Grail, and pictures of Popes celebrating the Papal Mass with the Holy Grail. Sign up for the series at <https://sjcatholicprofessionals.com>.

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