

Weekly Bulletin

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 12, 2017

TODAY

"Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour," Jesus warns us in today's Gospel - although at first sight, it's not really being asleep that proves to be the problem: all ten bridesmaids grew drowsy and nodded off. However, five of the women were truly "awake", prepared to do the one thing that was asked of them - to welcome the groom home.

We might think it somewhat selfish of the five wise bridesmaids not to share their oil, but that really isn't the point of the story. This parable is set within a group of Jesus' teachings about the return of the Son of Man as the final judge - and of our need to be awake and ready to face that day. The oil is a symbol of the bridesmaids having prepared themselves for his coming. It is a sign of having heard the message of the Gospel and responded by living lives of love and mercy. The emphasis in Matthew's Gospel is that one responds first and foremost by one's deeds, not one's words: "It is not those who say to me, 'Lord, Lord', who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father." We are only genuinely "awake" in faith terms when we put the teachings of Christ into practice in our lives. That is not something that someone else can do for us - such "oil" cannot be shared or given to others. We can only do it for ourselves.

NEXT SUNDAY

First Reading - Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

This book's depiction of the perfect wife may cause eyebrows to rise nowadays, but the principle always applies: virtue entails us doing exactly what we are supposed to be doing - no more and no less.

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

This second reinforces the message of the first. If we live as we should, we need not fear what lies ahead, and certainly not the return of the Lord.

Gospel - Matthew 25:14-30

The famous parable of the tenants has a surprising twist to it. People are rewarded for using what they have been given; not for the return they make.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, November 13

- 10:00 am - Pedro - Collins Center
- 2:00 pm - Qigong - Collins Center
- 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal - Green Room

TUESDAY, November 14

- 7:00 pm - Young Men's Institute - Green Room

WEDNESDAY, November 15

- 7:30 pm - Legion of Mary - Legion Room

THURSDAY, November 16

- 10:00 am - Scrabble - Collins Center
- 10:00 am - Bridge/ Bridge Lessons - Collins Center
- 10:30 am - Beginning Bridge Lessons - Collins Center
- 1:00 pm - Knitting & Crochet - Collins Center

FRIDAY, November 17

- 10:30 am - Adult Faith Formation with Dr. Braga - Collins Center
- 11:00 am - Exercise - Collins Center
- 1:30 pm - Homebound Mass - Collins Center

SATURDAY, November 11

- 10:00 am - Centering Prayer - Convent
- 4:30 pm - Vespers & Benediction - Our Lady's Chapel

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN for HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)

Next weekend's collection, November 18th & 19th, for the Catholic for Human Development (CCHD), founded to help individuals help themselves, by improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, reaching out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CCHD collection in the one and only collection next weekend with your St. Cecilia offertory envelope.

YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP ST. NICHOLAS PARTY

The Young Families Group is once more celebrating the Feast of St. Nicholas with a party on Sunday, December 3, 5-7pm. A generous parishioner has offered to donate a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, and rumor has it that a "special guest" is expected to make an appearance! Please RSVP to fr.summerhays@gmail.com by Thursday, November 30. Hope to see you there!

9:30 A.M. FAMILY MASS

Today's coffee & donuts will be hosted by CYO Athletics.

Next Sunday the Mother's Club will host coffee & donuts.

NINE-DAY SANTO NIÑO MASS and NOVENA

The Filipino Community invites the Parish Family to a nine-day Mass and Novena honoring the Santo Niño (Infant Jesus of Prague). Starts on Saturday, November 25 at 6:30 pm in Our Lady's Chapel. On the ninth day, December 2nd, is our Fiesta Celebration, Mass at 6:30 pm followed by a Dinner Dance in the Lower Church at 7:30 pm. Tickets for the dinner are \$25 for adults; children 12 years-and-under are \$10. For more information or tickets, please call Remy Retuta at 415-661-9528 or Lita Aristegui at 415-664-6033.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

St. Cecilia School will conduct several Open Houses for prospective parents. If you know of someone looking to begin Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year, please let the family know of our Open Houses.

Kindergarten 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Presentation & Tour

Tuesday, Nov. 21

Thursday, Nov. 30

"St. Cecilia School mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits student of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or make available to students at this school. St. Cecilia School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, gender or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs."

RESPECT FOR GOD'S CREATION

"God always forgives, we men forgive sometimes, but nature never forgives. If you give her a slap, she will give you one. I believe that we have exploited nature too much."

— Pope Francis, Press conference, flight from Sri Lanka to the Philippines, January 15, 2015

Looking for the 2018 Longest-Married Couple!

Why? Because Worldwide Marriage Encounter, for the eighth year in a row, is conducting the Longest Married Couple Project. What an opportunity to honor couples married 50, 60 or 70+ years! And just maybe a couple you know could be either the state or national winner. Winners will be honored during Valentine's Day Week, 2018. Nominations are open now through January 10, 2018. The nomination process is simple - just email the couple's names, wedding date and city they live in along with your contact information to wwmelmc2017@gmail.com. It's that easy. Or, you can go to the wwmelmc.com website for more information.

RITE of ACCEPTANCE and WELCOMING

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the part of the process of preparing adults to receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Today, we welcome at the 11:30 a.m. Mass **Haley Brown, Yuan Chen, Maddie Nayeh, and Stacey Yip**, who are currently preparing to receive the sacraments.

The Rite of Acceptance that we celebrate today marks the first public step of their faith journey as they move from Inquiry into the Catechumenate. We, as the local Church community, welcome them and pledge our support. We

offer to these five people the living experience of Catholic faith through our example, liturgy, and prayers. We invite you to keep them in your prayers as they continue their preparation for the sacraments.

2017 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

We still need \$48,590 to reach our assessment of \$145,194 by the end of the year, otherwise, we will have to take the funds from our Sunday collections.

If you have not already responded to the Appeal, please do so now so that we may each do our fair share in supporting the Archdiocese. All gifts should be mailed to: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2017, Archdiocese of San Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109. Please write "St. Cecilia, S.F." in the memo. You can also donate online at

<https://sfarch.org/archdiocesan-annual-appeal>

40 HOURS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday, Nov. 19 - Tuesday, Nov. 21

You are invited to come and spend time with your fellow parishioners in Eucharistic Adoration.

Adoration begins Sunday, November 19

immediately after the 11:30 am Mass, and

concludes Tuesday, November 21st with the 9 A.M. Mass.

We are still looking for adorers.

Please send in your commitment forms.

Pick up a form in the Rectory or inside the Church and drop it off at the Rectory. Thank you for your time and commitment!

SVdP FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVES

Our Parish St. Vincent De Paul Society will have two collections. Canned Food and Clothing can be dropped off in the Collection Bins in the Church Vestibule. All non-perishable items such as pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, fruits, and beans, as well as peanut butter, crackers cookies etc. are needed.

Do NOT drop items off items at school.

Food Drive - Collection Bins will be in the Vestibule on:

Nov. 18, Saturday 5 P.M. Mass & Nov. 19, Sunday 7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M. Masses

Clothing Drive (no household items, only clothing)- Collection Bins will be found in the Church

Vestibule on: Dec. 9, Saturday 5 P.M. Mass & Dec. 10, Sunday 7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M.

LEAGUE of the SACRED HEART invites all Parishioners to the annual Advent Mass and Lunch on Saturday December 2, in the Collins Center. Doors open at 11:30 for sale of handcrafted gift items. Mass at noon followed by a catered lunch. Please send reservations to the Rectory by November 20. Contact Linda Cobeen for more information. 415.606-3689 or Lcobeen@comcast.net.

RESERVATION FOR LEAGUE OF THE SACRED HEART ADVENT MASS AND LUNCH	
December 2, 12 Noon Mass in Collins Center	
Name(s)	_____
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Phone	_____
Number	_____ x \$20 Total Enclosed \$_____

Sunday Ministries for Next Week

5:00 P.M. Saturday Mass - MUSIC: Frances Peterson; Presider: Fr. Dandou - Lectors: Ramona Fung, John Cigavic; Euch. Min: Ramona Fung, Garrett Scanlan, Kathleen McKeon, Kathie Wood; Altar Servers: Aidan McVeigh, Siobhan LaRocca, Ella Parashis, Caeli Riordan

7:30 A.M. Mass - Presider: Fr. Lilledahl - Lectors: Donna Bruno, Michael Biehl; Euch. Min: Donna Bruno, Patricia Barsotti, Marigrace Cohen; Altar Servers: Jacob Cuevas, Arianna Benton, Katie Tong, Katelyn Vo

9:30 A.M. Mass - MUSIC: Cecilia Cardenas; Presider: Fr. Summerhays - FAMILY MASS: MOTHER'S CLUB; Euch. Min: Conrad Chu, Sue Collins, George Ibarcena, MiMi Pratt, Ann Sundby; Altar Servers: Nora Mannion, Brendan Haskell, Isabella Turok, Joshua Ling

11:30 A.M. Mass - MUSIC: Adult Choir - Presider: Fr. Taheny — Lectors: Wendy Ho, Lisa Shek; Euch. Min: Wendy Ho, John Ho, Lisa Shek, Benjamin Kim, Mary Mangan; Altar Servers: Alexandria Konopaski, Anthony Monares, Ashley Yoshii, Emily Yoshii

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 13

7AM - All Souls

9AM - Reno & Donald Tonegato

5:30 - Patsy Keightley

Tuesday, November 14

7AM - All Souls

9AM - Reynaldo Brooks

5:30 - Morrison Gardner

Wednesday, November 15

7AM - All Souls

9AM - Frank Gibson

5:30 - Rosalie & Barty King

Thursday, November 16

7AM - All Souls

9AM - Dennis McMahan

5:30 - Erlinda Tan

Friday, November 17

7AM - All Souls

9AM - Lois Gardner

5:30 - Dr. Edward & Anthony Erigero

Saturday, November 18

7AM - All Souls

9AM - Deceased of League of the Sacred Heart

5:00 - Wai Chun Lau