

Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 12, 2017



**First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16; Responsorial Psalm 63:2-8;
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

“My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.”

The virgins in the parable of Jesus this Sunday are either wise or foolish. The wise are ready and prepared for the Lord or *Bridegroom*. They have sufficient oil for their lamps. Whereas the foolish demonstrate their lack of preparedness for the coming of the Bridegroom by not having sufficient oil. The parable reminds us of the importance of being prepared for the Wedding Feast—the banquet of God’s eternal Reign of Love!

The Book of Wisdom urges us to prepare ourselves for the Lord by seeking God with love: *“Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her.”* And as St. Paul tells us in his First Letter to the Thessalonians, our vigilance is nourished by hope. Eternal life—the Banquet of the Bridegroom—starts here and now; otherwise it would not be eternal. In Paul’s words: *“Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore console one another with these words.”* May we be among the wise, carrying in our hearts an abundance of oil, and serving God and neighbor with hearts set aflame with passionate love. With the Psalmist we pray: *“Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name!”*

Stewardship Prayer

Almighty God,
We thank you for all the gifts you have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank you for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in you is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following him. May the offering of our time, our talents, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by his life and death for us. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus’ name. Amen.



Our Special Thanksgiving Morning Mass

Please plan ahead to join us in prayer!

Thursday, November 23 at 9 am

Our special bilingual Thanksgiving Eucharist in gratitude to God for His many blessings.

You are invited to bring bread or other items to be shared at your Thanksgiving meal to be blessed.



Rather than a monetary collection on Thanksgiving, you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to assist our sisters and brothers in need through our Hope’s Pantry and Manna Ministry.

Turkeys for Cachagua

Our Manna Ministry would like to request your help again this year with donations of turkeys for families in Cachagua. We are in need of a total of 27 turkeys by this Thursday, November 16. The turkeys will be delivered by our Manna team on Saturday, November 18. Thank you for your support.



Food Bank Annual Food Drive

We are very grateful for the support that our Hope’s Pantry and Manna Ministry receive weekly from the County Food Bank. We will be participating this year in the Food Bank’s Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. A Food Bank barrel has been placed at the entrance of the Church. Next Sunday, Nov. 19, will be the last day for donations. Any non-perishable food items will be appreciated.



Eucharistic Adoration

One of our *Why Catholic?* communities has suggested that we offer a special opportunity for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



The beautiful and very meaningful form of prayerful meditation recalls the agony of our Lord in the garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46). Recognizing Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, we are asked to offer an hour of prayer as we remember his words of to Peter: *“So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test.”* (Matthew 26: 40-41).

Please consider offering an hour to our Lord on **Wednesday, November 22**, the day before Thanksgiving; an appropriate day to remember in prayer and gratitude Jesus’ love poured out for us and for our God’s abundant gifts. The Eucharistic Adoration will take place following the 7:00 am Mass, and continue throughout the day, until 7:00 pm when we will conclude with a final prayer and blessing with the Blessed Sacrament. A signup list is available on a clipboard near the entrance of the Church. Please consider offering an hour in prayer on Nov. 22. If you have questions, please speak with Lonni Trykowski at 625-0198.

Extension Magazine

The Winter 2017 issue of Catholic Extension’s magazine, features a cover story about Blessed Father Stanley Rother, an inspiring missionary from Oklahoma who was martyred in Guatemala and in September became the first U.S. born beatified man.

It also presents this year’s Lumen Christi Award recipient, Father Enrique Herrera, of the Diocese of Monterey. Our Bishop Richard Garcia is also interviewed. Free copies of the magazine are available near the entrance of the Church.

2nd Collection

Next Sunday:

National Campaign for Human Development

Offertory Report 11/05/17

Plate \$4,111; 2nd Coll. \$602; Building Fund \$180; Hope’s Pantry \$45; Other \$645; Total: \$5,583.

Mass Intentions Nov. 11-17, 2017



Sat	4:30 pm	+Dennis Kelly +Jill and Jeffrey Taylor
Sun	9:00 am	+Lena Kelly
Sun	11:15 am	+Matilda Maltes
Sun	5:00 pm	Niños y jóvenes de la comunidad
Wed	7:00 am	Victims of the Shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas
Thu	7:00 am	+Dan Callinan
Fri	7:00 am	+Arthur Taylor, Sr.

NOTICIAS ESPECIALES

Misa en Español - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

Bautismos, Bodas, Quinceañeras -
Favor de hablar con P. Dennis.

Confesiones - Cada sábado, 3:30 pm y por cita.

Misa Especial Bilingüe - Día de Acción de Gracias,
Jueves, 23 de noviembre, 9 am.

NOVIEMBRE — EL MES ADMINISTRATIVO —
Un tiempo especial de recordar las muchas bendiciones de Dios y la importancia de nuestra respuesta de acción de gracias a Dios por medio del uso de nuestro TIEMPO, TALENTO Y TESORO.

Reporte Financiero de la Parroquia - Habrá un reporte de parte del Concilio de Finanzas durante las Misas este fin de semana. Si tiene preguntas favor de hablar con P. Dennis.

Ayuda para el Banco de Comida - Tenemos un barril del Banco de Comida del Condado cerca de la entrada del templo para ofrecer donaciones de comida no perecedera. El barril estará en la Iglesia hasta el domingo próximo, el 19 de noviembre. La comida servirá personas y familias con necesidad en el Condado de Monterey.

Adoración Eucarística del Santísimo Sacramento
Habrá un día especial, el **miércoles, 22 de nov.**, el día antes del Día de Acción de Gracias, para estar en oración con Nuestro Señor Sacramentado. Todos están invitados hasta 7:00 pm.

Youth Corner (Matthew 25:1-13)

What does it mean for us to be ready and prepared for the Lord’s coming? Jesus tell us over and over again to love and serve others. Living with compassion and kindness—respecting all people—fills our lamps with oil for all eternity!

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parishioner

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am, 5 pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses:
Wednesday through Friday 7 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday through Friday
9 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

Pastoral Council:

Jeff Hawkins, *Chair*, Patrick Dowd, *Vice Chair*, Lori Jakubowski, *Secretary*, Tess Arthur, Concepción Jara, Alondra Klemek, Adele Margolis, Dede Woodhead

Faith Formation:

First Communion Year 1:
Lorena Cabrera, Esther Valdez
First Communion Year 2:
Christian Haun, Patricia Merrifield
RCIA / Adult Faith Formation: John Condon

Hope's Pantry: Lydia Newton • Wed 10 am–12 pm
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