



SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS



All Saints Day

Tuesday, November 1st

Mass Schedule:

Vigil Mass on Monday, October 31st at 6:00 pm

8:00 am • 6:00 pm Bilingual

(Holy Day of Obligation)

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)

Wednesday, November 2nd

Mass Schedule:

6:30 am • 8:00 am • 6:00 pm Bilingual

OCTOBER 30TH, 2022 • THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection for the 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Lord, you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made, Wisdom, c.11:24.

We are about to bid adieu to October, the charming Month of the Rosary. I feel sentimental about October. Did you ever hear the folk song called *Try to Remember*? It begins: “Try to remember the kind of September when life was slow and oh, so mellow...Try to remember when life was so tender, that no one wept except the willow.” It evokes nostalgic feelings. That is the way I feel about October. So let me, instead of September, remember October.

October 2022 began on a Saturday with the Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, the most popular saint of modern times, who teaches us her Little Way to God. The first Sunday of October was Respect Life Sunday. We were reminded to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from conception to its natural end. Then came the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4. St. Francis composed “The Canticle of the Creatures,” offering praise to God for all of creation — naming “Sir Brother Sun,” “Sister Moon and Stars,” “Brother Wind” and “Sister Water.” “Praised be you, my Lord, through our sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, bringing forth all kinds of fruits and colored flowers and herbs.”

On October 7th we celebrated Our Lady of the Rosary, which is why we call October the Month of the Rosary. In mid-October, the church remembered St. Teresa of Avila, first woman Doctor of the Church. We Discalced Carmelite friars, who have the privilege of serving Santa Cruz Parish, call her Our Holy Mother St. Teresa of Jesus. She taught us that prayer is nothing else than an intimate friendship, a frequent heart-to-heart conversation with Him by whom we know ourselves to be loved.

In the third week of October, we celebrated the Feast of St. Luke who is called the Gentle Scribe of Christ. His Gospel accents Our Lord’s tenderness and compassion towards the sick, the poor, and who, unlike the rabbis, welcomed women to become his disciples. We also remembered the Jesuit missionaries who first proclaimed the Gospel in North America. This past Friday, October 28, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude. We made a novena to St. Jude, especially for hopeless causes, desperate situations, and serious illnesses.

I feel a little sad to leave October behind. It is now the time to turn our gaze to the Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell. Our Year of Worship always ends by directing our heart and minds to things to come, reminding us that we have no lasting home here. As the Psalmist says, “*Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away,*” Ps. 90:10.

We live in hope of a bright future. Isaiah the prophet has a beautiful vision of the new heavens and new earth, Is. 65:17. This vision is surprisingly domestic. We hear of children no longer dying in infancy and children born for blessing instead of calamity. We read of building houses and inhabiting them, of planting vineyards and eating their fruit, and family life with an old man, a young man, an infant, and descendants together with their parents. He also says, “*The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.*” The former things were the sad things that happened to God’s people. We must try to remember the good things, like the kind of October *when life was so tender, and dreams were kept beside your pillow*. This nostalgia, which is like homesickness, is really a longing for a new heavens and new earth.

Let us journey together in hope for a bright future.

~ **Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.**

Holy Hope Cemetery
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NOVEMBER 1st at 8:00 a.m.

All Soul's Day Mass

Please join us for the Annual Remembrance Holy Mass. The Mass will be held in front of the Mausoleum at 8:30 am. We come together to remember the souls in our care on these consecrated grounds. Mass will be concelebrated by His Excellency, The Most Reverend Edward Weisenburger. All are welcome to attend.

A Novena of Masses for our Faithfully Departed will be offered by one of the Carmelite priests from November 15th to November 23rd. Please write your beloved's names in the book of remembrance and deposit an envelope with your donation in the candle box inside the church.

Uno de los sacerdotes carmelitas ofrecerá una **Novena de Misas para nuestros Fieles Difuntos** del 15 al 23 de noviembre. Por favor, escriba los nombres de sus seres queridos en el libro de recuerdos y deposite un sobre con su donación en la caja de velas adentro de la iglesia.

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Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 29th

8:00am Ruben Islas/R.I.P.

5:30pm Lionel Wells/R.I.P.

Sunday, October 30th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Edwin Jonathan Gutierrez/R.I.P.

10:00am Jimmy, Sr. & Annie Vidal &
Jimmy, Jr. & Linda Vidal/R.I.P.

12:00pm Johnny Lopez, Jr./R.I.P.

6:00pm Blanche Rodriguez, Joe Chavez &
Manuel Manriquez/R.I.P.

Monday, October 31st

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Special Int./The Aytona Family

Tuesday, November 1st

Fr. George E. Horan/50th Ordination Anniversary

8:00am Special Int./Fr. David Costello, O.C.D.

Wednesday, November 2nd

Ignacio & Hilda Vega & Walter Vega/R.I.P.

8:00am Special Int./Susie Acosta

Thursday, November 3rd

In Thanksgiving to San Antonio

8:00am Elizabeth Voelvel/Improved Health

Friday, November 4th

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Dr. Richard Ornelas, II/Happy Birthday

Parish Collection October 23rd, 2022

Collection: \$ 4,603.16

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Service to Our Parish*

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm

8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confessions: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

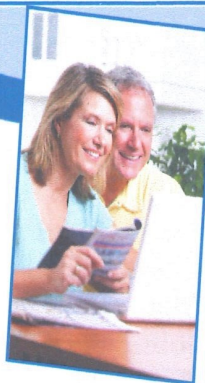
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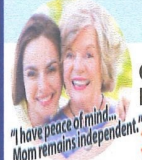
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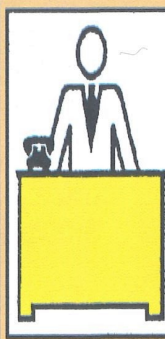
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