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YOU SHALL LOVE
THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
WITH ALL YOUR MIND,
AND WITH ALL
YOUR STRENGTH.

Mark 12:30

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



All Saints Day

Monday, November 1st

Mass Schedule:

8:00 am inside the church 6:00 pm inside the church

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)

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

Tuesday, November 2nd

Mass Schedule:

6:30 am inside the church

8:00 am inside the church

6:00 pm inside the church

7:00 pm at Capilla de Guadalupe

October 31, 2021

Reflection for the 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." Mark 12: 32-33

The scribe proposed this question to test Jesus. "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Hearing Jesus' answer, the scribe says, "Well, said Master." In the original Greek, the word translated as "well said" is like the word used to describe the Good Shepherd. Here it is an adverb that means, excellently, or beautifully, a phrase which expresses the scribe's high satisfaction in the reply much more strongly than the word well. You have said the truth, is also stronger than You are right. The scribe recognizes that what Jesus teaches is unspeakably important. To love and serve God with all the united powers of the soul, and to love his neighbor as himself is a more necessary duty, and a more acceptable service, than offering the most noble and costly sacrifices.

The saints have observed this two-in-one commandment and, thus, reflect the image and teaching of Christ for us. That is why we love and venerate the saints. Monday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints Day. In the Book of Revelations, the seer writes, "After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands." This is a vision of the saints in heaven. We are all on the Glory Train to heaven. If we don't have a ticket, we should get one immediately. It is easy to get a ticket. All you need to do is desire to have one. This desire is expressed in the song- Oh, when the saints go marching in: "Oh Lord I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in." What this means is that we must desire to be holy like the saints. Even if we have only a little charcoal fire of holiness burning in our heart there is hope for us. Of course, we should do what we can to make it grow. We make holiness grow in us when we keep the two-in-one commandment of loving God and our neighbor.

This week we celebrate the Memorial of St. Martin de Porres. He was the son a Spanish nobleman and a freed slave. He was sometimes abused as a "half-bred and black mulatto." He was accepted by the Dominicans and became a friar. He is an outstanding example of the two-in-one commandment. He lived in the manner of the Good Samaritan. He never ignored anyone in need. He was known as Martin of Charity because he helped everyone he contacted no matter their social standing. It was not unusual for Martin to bring some homeless person into the monastery and give his bed to that person. When one of the Dominican brothers objected because of the uncleanliness of the homeless person, Martin said, "Compassion my dear brother is preferable to cleanliness. Reflect that with a little soap I can easily clean my bed covers, but even with a torrent of tears I would never wash from my soul the stain that my harshness toward the unfortunate would create."

St. Martin de Porres was canonized by Pope St. John XXIII on May 6, 1962. "He loved men because he honestly looked on them as God's children and his own brothers and sisters." Let us strive for holiness by following Jesus and keeping the commandment to love others as he loved us. Let us journey together in faith.

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

Help me I am so Lost,
How do you help
someone who has
recently suffered the
loss of a dear one
and is grieving?
What do you say to



that person, how can you comfort and support that individual? Come to the Santa Cruz Grievance Support Workshop on Thursday, November 11th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Learn how to lovingly support someone who has suffered a loss and is grieving deeply.



The Annual
Catholic Appeal
– Our parish
goal is \$40,340,
currently we

have **collected** \$13,080 that is (32% of our goal). We only have 3 months to try and reach at least 50% of our goal, which would be \$7,090, the **Deadline is December 31**st. Please prayerfully consider making your pledge to help us meet our parish goal.

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consideren hacer su compromiso
para ayudarnos alcanzar nuestra
meta. Gracias y que Dios los
bendiga.



Santa Cruz Compliance Announcement

Ministry Leaders and all Ministry Volunteers! The Diocese of Tucson is rolling out the CMG—NEW 3-in-1 Safe Environment Program and is requiring ALL ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS, who are currently cleared and in good standing with the current safe environment program, register and complete the CMG mandatory training, required forms and background check (as applicable) no later than October 30, 2021.

The link to the Diocese of Tucson Safe Environment site is https://tucson.cmgconnect.org

¡Líderes y todos los Voluntarios de Ministerios! La Diócesis de Tucson está implementando un nuevo Programa de Ambiente Seguro CMG 3-en-1 y requiere que TODOS los Voluntarios activos, que estén actualmente autorizados y en regla con el programa actual de ambiente seguro, se registren y completen la capacitación de CMG, los formularios requeridos y los antecedentes. Verifique (según corresponda) a más tardar el 30 de octubre de 2021.

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Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D. Pastor: In Residence: Rev. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D. Rev. David Costello, O.C.D. In Residence:

Saturday, October 30th

8:00am Special Int./Michael & Ana Abeyta & Family **5:30pm** Isabel Figueroa/R.I.P.

Sunday, October 31st

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Jacob Vegas/R.I.P.

10:00am Special Int./Ridel Eliasa Sontay

12:00pm Angel Hernandez/Happy 19th Birthday

6:00pm Special Int./Raul A. Gonzalez

Maria Teresa Gonzalez/R.I.P.

Mary Magdalene/R.I.P.

Ignacio & Hilda Vega & Walter Vega/R.I.P. Jesus Alfredo Franco & Lucia Reves/R.I.P.

In Thanksgiving to the Virgin Mary/Int. Khoi Tran Special Int./Thomas Carta

Special Int./Wayne Scott & Family Carlos A. Lopez/R.I.P.

Maria Teresa Gonzalez/R.I.P. Mary Magdalene/R.I.P.

3rd Domingo de cada Mes Capilla de Guadalupe 8:00 am

Misa Carmelitana

Celebrante Padre Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.

Parish Collection October 24th, 2021

Collection: \$ 3.646.20

2nd Collec. World Mission: \$ 1,331.78

Thank you and God bless your generosity! ¡Gracias y que Dios bendiga su generosidad!

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church. *Please note that the 12 noon Mass is following full COVID protocols: social distancing, masks required and distancing in pews 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) Confession: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance. Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

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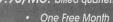
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