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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus observed how the crowd
put money into the treasury.
Many rich people put in large sums.
A poor widow also came and put in
two small coins worth a few cents.

Mark 12:41-42



November 7, 2021

Reflection for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Mk. 12:41-42

Last Sunday the children's mariachi sang a song that touched me. I can't remember the exact words now, but they sang about how *Jesus left His home in glory for me*. This reminds me of the Contemplation to Attain Love, the last exercise of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius- *I will ponder with great affection how much God our Lord has done for me, and how much He has given me of what He possesses, and finally, how much, as far as He can, the same Lord desires to give Himself to me according to his divine decrees.*

Jesus has given me of what He possesses. In today's Gospel Jesus praises a poor widow because from her poverty, she has given all she had, her whole livelihood. She's done the same thing as Jesus when he left his home in glory for you and me. In both cases, one's whole livelihood is given. Jesus left his home in glory to give to us what he possesses, namely, his glory. The widow is giving to God all that she has to give. It is true that she gives less because she has less. But if she gives everything she has, nothing is lacking where everything is given. So, in her own way, according to her own measure, she is giving like Jesus who gives us what he possesses. If we see the widow's giving as an act of love, then we can say that she is giving love for love. She cannot love so much and not be totally loved. In the First Letter of St. John, it is revealed that love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. The widow gives so generously because she knows how generously God loves her. We do not give so that God will love us, we give because God has first loved us.

In this bulletin you will find the financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The entire year was affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. If it weren't for two Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans we received from the federal government (which have since been forgiven) our income would have been \$25,000 less. Also, for two years in a row we have not had a parish fiesta which nets around \$15,000. The good news is that we did manage to come out in the black, although not by much. If we subtract the PPP loan, the income this past fiscal year is about \$50,000 less than the previous year. Considering the conditions created by the pandemic it could have been worse.

The first quarter of this year we can see the parish collection rising again. What is not rising is Mass attendance. During the month of October we took a count, as required by the diocese, of the number attending Mass. We averaged around 481 per weekend. That is only about 60% of the pre-pandemic attendance. Some people are not ready to come back to Mass because of the on-going condition of the Covid-19. We know that some of you view the Mass live-streamed. No doubt, some Catholics are having a challenging time getting back into the routine of Sunday Mass. I am grateful, and a little surprised, that the Sunday collection is almost about the same as the pre-pandemic collection. Many of you send your money by mail or use PayPal. I hope we can keep up with the rate of inflation.

Thanks to a generous donation we are going to be able to paint the belltower. We are waiting to finalize the bidding process and agree to a contract. We will need the permission of the bishop to proceed with the project since it will be well over \$25,000. With your prayers and good fortune this job may be completed before Christmas.

Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also," Matt: 6:21; "Seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness, and all that you need will be given to you as well," Matt. 6:33.

Let us journey together in faith with generous hearts.

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

Statement of Financial Position for Santa Cruz

as of June 30, 2021

REVENUES:	Parish School	
	Parish	School
Offertory & Other Contributions	301,168.97	25,874.87
Grants & Bequests	32,004.00	-
Fees for Service	11,832.16	1,037,262.02
Fundraising Revenues	500.00	6,737.68
Investment Revenues	278.75	12,192.42
Other Revenues	26,115.18	172,559.23
Total Revenue	371,899.06	1,254,626.22
EXPENSES:	Parish School	
	Parish	School
Compensation	115,995.63	621,365.57
Benefits	46,295.90	183,715.87
Residency	5,471.52	-
Office Administration	23,084.54	59,140.92
Travel & Transportation	419.76	-
Maintenance Support	77,424.33	134,195.98
Programs	22,297.83	87,403.33
Diocesan Assessments	77,937.70	-
Professional Fees	-	2,218.16
Total Expenses	368,927.21	1,088,039.83
Net Income	2,971.85	166,586.39



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 31st**.

Please prayerfully consider making your pledge to help us meet our parish goal. Thank you and God bless you.

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Campaña Católica Anual – Nuestra meta parroquial es **\$40,340**, actual hemos **colectado \$13,080** esto es el (32% de nuestra meta). Solo tenemos 3 meses para tratar de alcanzar al menos el 50% de nuestra meta, que sería \$7,090, **antes del 31 de diciembre**. Por favor oren y consideren hacer su compromiso para ayudarnos alcanzar nuestra meta. Gracias y que Dios los bendiga.

Farewell!

Fr. Jose Luis Ferroni has been reassigned to El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands, CA. We are grateful for his ministry to the people of Santa Cruz Parish and the VA Hospital. He will be especially remembered for the new life he gave to the Capilla de Guadalupe. Fr. Jose Luis has been at Santa Cruz Parish for four years and four months. May God bless him in his new assignment.



MUCHAS GRACIAS

Padre José Luis Ferroni ha sido reasignado a El Carmelo Retreat House en Redlands, CA. Agradecemos su ministerio a la gente de la Parroquia de Santa Cruz y al Hospital VA. El será especialmente recordado por la nueva vida que le dio a la Capilla de Guadalupe. Padre José Luis ha estado en la Parroquia de Santa Cruz durante cuatro años y cuatro meses. Que Dios lo bendiga en su nueva asignación.

Religious Education

Call the Religious Education Office at 882-9687 Monday to Saturday 8am to 1pm for more information.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger
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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 6th

8:00am Maria Teresa Gonzalez/R.I.P.

5:30pm In Thanksgiving to the Virgin Mary/
Int. Khoi Tran

Sunday, November 7th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Mary Magdalene/R.I.P.

10:00am Lucy Flores & Gabriel Chacon/R.I.P.

12:00pm Manny Galvan/R.I.P.

6:00pm Mariano Granillo/R.I.P.

Special Int./Thomas Carta

Special Int./Wayne Scott & Family

Maria Teresa Gonzalez/R.I.P.

Lionel Wells/R.I.P.

Mary Magdalene/R.I.P.

Special Int./Hannah Rose

Deacon Richard Ornelas/R.I.P.

Daniel Amaro/R.I.P.

Special Int./Thomas Carta

Carlos A. Lopez/R.I.P.

3rd Domingo de cada Mes

Capilla de Guadalupe

8:00 am

Misa Carmelitana



Parish Collection October 31st, 2021

Collection: \$ 4,947.63

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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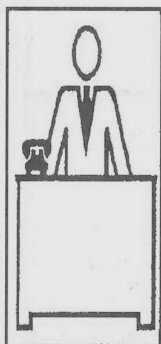
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