



November 5, 2023 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice.” (Mt 23:3)

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Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: “Why do we call priests ‘father’ if Jesus says, ‘Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven?’” Thinking myself clever, I asked, “Do you think it’s okay to call someone your ‘teacher’ or ‘mister’ or ‘dad’?” She said, “Yes, I do.” I responded, “Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it’s obviously hyperbole that he’s using.” She thought for a moment and declared, “Then I will stop using those words, too!” And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn’t be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression “father” for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest’s fatherhood doesn’t begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title “father” indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God’s Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God’s awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title). The longer I’m a priest, the more I’m comfortable with people not using the title “father” and just calling me “John.” After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title “father.” Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father’s love. It’s good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives. -Fr John Muir

Prayer for Our Deceased Dear Lord, Comfort us in our grief as we mourn those no longer with us on earth. Free those in purgatory quickly, and guide us in Your will, so that one day we may all be united with You, for eternity. Amen.

Prayers of Protection for Our Men and Woman in the Service In continued prayerful support of our men and women in the military, please call the rectory with name, rank, and branch of service and location (if allowed) of your loved ones who are serving our country.

Christopher Bruzzone, SPC, Army Combat Medic

1LT Daniel Realini, US Army

Eric M. Warren, US Air Force

Major Deron T Warren, DO, US Air Force, MC

Tom Harold Purple, US Army

Adam J Helmers, US Navy

Gregory M Grogan, PO1, USCG-R

Michael Obregon, CPL, USMC

Luigi Lorenzo, 2nd Lieutenant US Airforce

Enrico Enriquez US Army

Jacob Arnold, Sergeant, US Army

Ben Soto, US Airforce

Ken Soto, US Air National Guard

James Raphael R. Cepriano, US Navy

John Lorenzo R. Cepriano, US Navy

Dominic Galarza, US Army

Michael Laemmlein, US Navy

Matthew A. Martinez, 1st Lieutenant US Army

Katie Kramer, Staff Sergeant, Nebraska National Guard



St. Dunstan Parish Prayer

God, our Father, we are all your children. Jesus, our Brother, you taught us to love. Holy Spirit, by Your Light, may our parish family grow. St. Dunstan, pray for us.

Crafters wanted for the Annual St. Dunstan Holiday Boutique to be held Sunday, November 19, 2023. For information email Ann at secretary@saintdunstanchurch.org

FAMILY MASS!

One Sunday each month through May, St. Dunstan School grades K through 8 will take a turn hosting the monthly Sunday Family Mass at 10 am. A reception will be held in the parish center immediately after the Mass. We welcome everyone to the Family Mass.

10 AM FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE & HOSTING CLASS

+ Sunday, November 5, 2023	6th Grade
+ Sunday, December 10, 2023	5th Grade
+ Sunday, January 21, 2024	4th Grade
+ Sunday, February 11, 2024	3rd Grade
+ Sunday, March 10, 2024	2nd Grade
+ Sunday, April 14, 2024	1st Grade
+ Sunday, May 19, 2024	Kindergarten

The annual St. Dunstan Holiday Boutique will be held on Sunday, November 19. A mailing was sent out a mailing to all parishioners with a Raffle Ticket Purchase Form. This is a \$40 Raffle and First Prize is \$4000, 2nd Prize is an Apple iPad and 3rd Prize is \$400. Complete your form and send it the Parish Office and your ticket stub will be mailed to you. Beginning October 28 and each weekend until the boutique, Raffle tickets will be sold outside the church after all masses and they can also be purchased at the rectory. Ticket forms are also available in the vestibule of the church.



On Saturday, December 2nd, The Knights of Columbus are hosting their first annual Holiday Pasta Feed Dinner. Dinner will include garlic bread, Italian salad, an Italian sausage link with seasonal vegetables, wine, and all you can eat penne pasta with meat sauce. We will also have a no-host bar, a live DJ, and dancing for a fun-filled evening. Tickets are \$40 per person.

Visit our website at knightsforcolumbussmillbrae.org for further information.

The November Family Mass will be celebrated this weekend at 10 am on Sunday, November 5. A reception, hosted by our 6th grade families will follow the Mass in the Parish Center. All parishioners are invited! Hope to see you there!



November 5-11 , 2023

- Sunday** 7:00 am For Parish
- Monday** 6:30 am The Munoz Family (liv/dec)
8:00 am Joyce Banducci
5:10 pm Benjamin Baltazar
- Tuesday** 6:30 am Godofredo Tablante
8:00 am Estela Guerrero
5:10 pm Joanne Poulin
- Wednesday** 6:30 am Frank Kenny
8:00 am Nilda Ramos
5:10 pm William H. Cummings
- Thursday** 6:30 am Ramon Ongpin
8:00 am Marie Favero
5:10 pm Michael Adam Opalenik
- Friday** 6:30 am Bessie MacKenzie
8:00 am Bill Strambi
5:10 pm Jeanne & Albert Dan
- Saturday** 8:00 am So Jeo Cheon
5:00 pm Harold Tsai

We Pray for the Deceased Members of our Parish Family
Jolene Lariosa

Thank you to our Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers For Serving at this Weekend's Masses.

- 11/4 Saturday**
5:00 PM I Tam, G Tantillo, P Sundberg, F Gutierrez, A Cook
- 11/5 Sunday**
7:00 AM V Tanjuakio, I Chan, S Bosso
10:00 AM G Magoolaghan, K Atkinson, A Academia, A Doctolero, Lorna V.
11:30 AM L Roxas, J Roxas, M Haven, L Simpao, G Simapo

Many thanks to our ushers and greeters at this weekend's mass. If you're interested in helping, please contact Ann at the rectory.

St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection.
The members of the St. Dunstan Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society wish to thank all of you who contributed to last weekend's 5th Sunday collection. The collection totaled \$1,657.00.
On behalf of those we serve in our area, thank you and God bless you for your kindness and giving spirit.



Weekend Collection:
October 28-29: \$5,110.00
Online Giving: October 28-29: \$682.00

This weekend's second collection is for St. Patrick's Seminary
Next weekend's second collection will be for the Parish Maintenance & Development Fund

Thank you for ALL your support !

November 2023 Second Collections
November 5: St. Patricks Seminary
November 12: Parish Maintenance & Development Fund
November 19: Campaign for Human Development

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week
- Tuesday:** Election Day
- Thursday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Friday:** St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
- Next Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) is run primarily at the parish level, allowing each parish to participate in the work of the Archbishop to provide for the vital services and ministries needed in the Archdiocese of San Francisco and beyond. The money you contribute has a far-reaching impact in your parish, your Archdiocese and beyond. Think about making a pledge to help your parish, the Archdiocese and the Universal Catholic Church. To date St. Dunstan Parish is \$48,000 short of reaching this goal of \$112,000. This campaign ends on December 31, 2023. If you have not yet contributed to this year's Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, please consider doing so today. Any shortfall will have to be paid from parish operating funds.
Thank you for your support.

We pray for the sick members of our parish family and for those who care for them:

Susan Silvera-Dunn, Nafal Jweinat, Emily Marshall, Mary Spiteri, Annie O'Sullivan, Wilma & Heather Aragon, Vonnie Spencer, Maria Teresa Rosario, Kathy Montiel, Ida Marinaro, Letty Santa Cruz, Caoilte O'Casey, Pauline Bertolino, Mike Phipps, Karen Neal, Joel Rivera, Diane Vanoncini, Eric B. Garcia, Peggy Winkenbach, Jr, Barbara Cappel, Irene Aubright, Christine Monahan, Paul Leung, Arthur Starrh, Margaret Armstrong, Valentino Regal, Christine Regal, Matilda An, Carolina Cedia Orantes, Lori Coustier, Carole Weldon, Rosa Mallare, Doug Wright, Joan Walsh, Cheryl Spray, Conchita Chao, Lucrecia Merida, Joshua Liu, Andrew de los Reyes, Marchita Obregon, Carmel Richard, Frank Richard, Fiona Selig, Geronimo De Los Reyes, Fernando S. De Los Reyes, Cruz David Lagomarsino, Dave Marquez, Denise Fricano, Terry Marquez, Dominic Cannuli, Rosemarie Regal, Yolanda Viteri, Flordeliz Sanchez Ledesma, Luke Skall, Arlene Phipps, Ed Phipps, Willie Manalang, Consuelo Robel, Gary Wilson, Baby Leon Regal, Michael Regal, Sharon Alejo, Rolando Lopez, Olivia and Grace Hallermann, Meaghan Douglas, Cynthia Aclaro, Antonio Borlat, Dawn Rossi, Kathy Wilson, Rolando Lopez, Fr. Brendan Hally, Claro Zulueta, Marcelina Gatchalian, Harry Aubright, Barbara Vas, Charlie Silva, Imelda Arceo, Samuel Williams, Baby Winston Regal, Carlos Yegros Ocanipos, Dorice Mallia