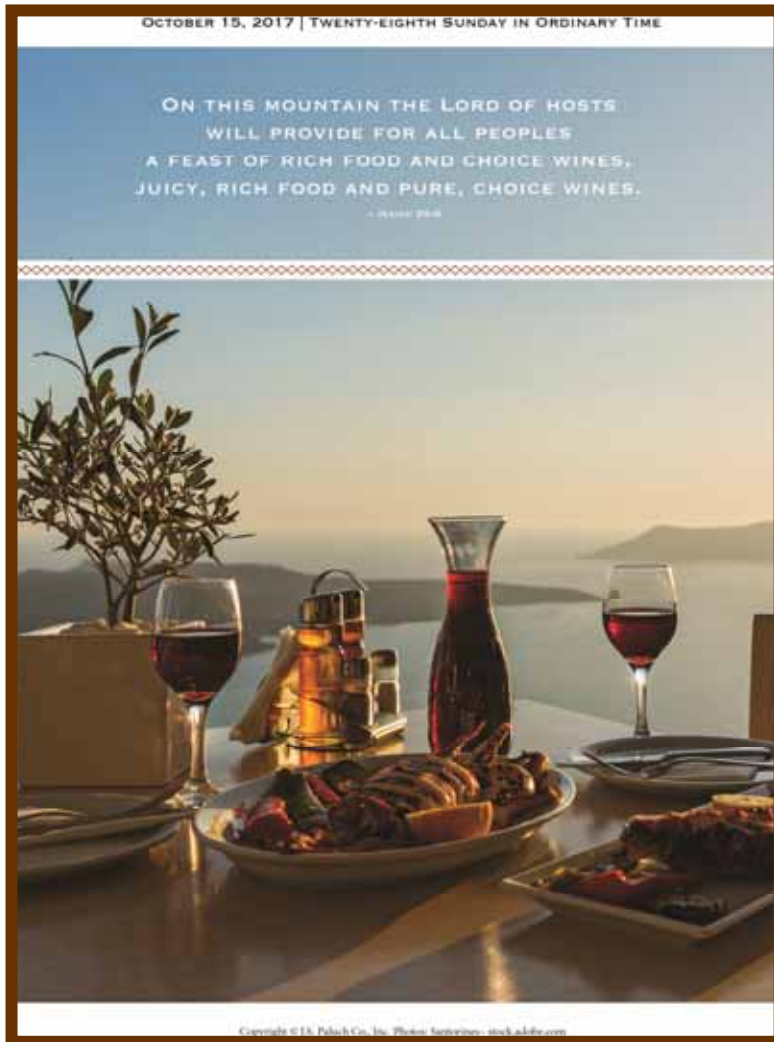


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MASS INTENTIONS
OCT 14TH—OCT 20TH



SATURDAY

5 pm **Dorothy Crosthwaite, RIP**

SUNDAY

7:30 am **For All Parishioners**

9 am **Eddie Slaven, RIP**

10:30 am **Quang Ta, RIP**

MONDAY

8 am Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Carolyn Thompson, RIP

TUESDAY

8 am Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Drew Dohn, Special Intention

WEDNESDAY

8 am 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Eulogia Montano, RIP

THURSDAY

8 am Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Ana Rivera, RIP

FRIDAY

8 am Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Kathleen Duffy, RIP

Clergy Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 pm Fr. Duncanson

Sunday, 7:30 am Fr. Duncanson

Sunday, 9:00 am Fr. Duncanson/Deacon Walsh Preaching

Sunday, 10:30 am Fr. Duncanson

TODAY'S READINGS

FOUND AS THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY ON ORDINARY TIME

First Reading — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

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The Call to Worship is by the Rev. Frederik Hermanus Kaan (1929-2009) who was born in Haarlem, Netherlands. His teenage years coincided with the Nazi occupation, and his parents were active in the Dutch Resistance; guns and fugitives were hidden in the family home, and his wartime experiences had a lasting effect. His Christianity had previously been nominal, as he had not entered a church until his late teens. He became a pacifist, attended church and was confirmed in 1947; subsequently, he studied theology and psychology at Utrecht University, finally becoming a minister in the United Reform Church in Britain and subsequently chairman of the Council for World Mission. The words are: *For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord, for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords. To a life of love in action, help us rise and pledge our word.*

The Offertory is by Christopher Tye, born probably in 1497 and died in 1572 or 1573. He may once have been music teacher to King Henry VI. Once, when playing the organ at Queen Elizabeth I's chapel royal, he is said to have replied, when informed by her majesty that he was playing "Little to delight the ear", that it was her ears that were out of tune. No record exists of a return engagement. *Great God, eternal Lord, to thee be praise and glory, Alleluia. The same today, and all our days now and for evermore, Alleluia.*

The Communion begins with *Adoramus te, Christe* by the 16th Century Franco-Flemish composer Jaques Clement, who mysteriously took the nickname "Clemens non Papa". It has been suggested that this was to distinguish himself from the poet Jacobus Papa, his contemporary; the agnomen "non Papa" appeared for the first time in 1545, when Clement began a relationship with the Antwerp publisher Susato. A further suggestion that "non Papa" also means "not the Pope" - in this case Pope Clement VII - is doubtful, because that Pontiff had died more than ten years earlier. We may assume that the appendage was a fanciful affectation dreamed up by his publisher, in the name of commerce. The text translates: *We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world, Alleluia.*

The second piece is *Flocks In Pastures Green Abiding*, an arrangement of the aria *Sheep May Safely Graze* from a cantata by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), composed as dinner-time entertainment for the birthday of Duke Christian of Sachsen-Weissenfels in 1713. It was commissioned by Bach's employer in Weimar, Duke Wilhelm Ernst as a gift, and Wilhelm Ernst exhibited appropriate ducal manners by bringing his musicians for the performance. One of Bach's principal duties was to write cantatas for the church, which at the time lasted an intense half-hour to an hour on most Sundays. Typically, the composing and copying of all the instrumental parts would take four days, with rehearsals on Friday and Saturday, culminating in a performance at 8am on Sunday. Bach produced four complete cycles of 52 weeks, possibly more, but the 200 cantatas that survive represent only a fifth of his thousand-odd works, which in turn are only a fraction of his total output, the rest of which has been lost.

The third piece is by Mark T. Deen; the text is based on Numbers 6:24-26: *May the Lord our Father bless you and keep you, may his face shine on you; may the Lord our Father give you peace. May the Lord lift his countenance upon you and be gracious unto you.*

Our New Auxiliary Bishop John P. Dolan Meets Pope Francis at the Vatican



Last month, at the end of a two-week training program for recently-appointed bishops from around the world, our new Auxiliary Bishop John P. Dolan met Pope Francis at the Vatican.

During this special meeting with the bishops whom he had appointed during the past year, Pope Francis urged them to cultivate what he called an “attitude of listening” and to avoid being “imprisoned by nostalgia.” His message focused on the need for discernment.

The bishops had just completed an annual training program organized by the Congregation for Bishops. “Authentic discernment,” the Pope said, “although definitive at every step, is always an open and necessary process, and can be completed and enriched.”

Insisting that discernment “can’t be reduced to repeating formulas,” the Holy Father pointed out that it is, in fact, an “antidote against rigidity, because the same solutions aren’t valid everywhere.” You must have the courage to ask yourself whether yesterday’s proposals are still evangelically valid, the Pope said to the new bishops, highlighting the importance for all pastors to not be stuck in the margins but to have the capacity of “evaluating God’s times.”

Saying that the gift of discernment cannot be taken for granted, he described it as the primary condition upon which to draw as the bishops strive to “discern the paths of God” for the salvation of those entrusted to them. The practice recommended by the Pope for achieving the right kind of balance in personal and ecclesiastical behavior is that of deep and regular prayer.

He also pointed out that discernment is not a private exercise by an individual priest, but an activity that unfolds in a community. “The bishop is not the ‘self-sufficient father-patron’ and still less the frightened and isolated ‘solitary pastor’” he said. Those to be consulted in the attempt to reach the right decisions, he continued, are the bishops’ own brother bishops, their priests and the lay faithful.

Real people in concrete situations, he explained, wish to “draw from the treasure of the Church what’s most useful for the ‘today’ of their salvation.” And insisting on the need for all clergy to always keep contact with ordinary people, he warned that without such an exchange “the faith of the most cultivated can degenerate into indifference, and that of the humblest into superstition.”

Pope Francis also called on bishops to be attentive to the “the culture of religiosity of the people,” noting that popular piety is often the “foundation of a people’s self-understanding,” and that discernment has to enter into dialogue with it. “Remember that God was already present in your diocese before you got there,” he told the new bishops, “and He will still be there when you leave.”

[Excerpts taken from Vatican Radio’s report on Pope Francis’ meeting with the new bishops on September 14, 2017. Here is the link to the full text of the article as found on the official Vatican Radio website: http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2017/09/14/pope_francis_urges_new_bishops_to_cultivate_discernment_/1336876.]

God bless you!

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Saturday, October 28th 5:30 pm -6:30 pm

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SERVICE OF COMMON PRAYER AND MUSIC



Lutheran, Anglican and Roman Catholic Bishops will lead a Service of Common Prayer and Music commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on October 29 at 3 p.m.

The Bishops of the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego, the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, and the Pacifica Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, invite you to a special Service of Common Prayer and Music on Sunday, October 29, 2017, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. It will take place in the beautiful church of The Immaculata on the campus of the University of San Diego at 3 p.m. There is designated parking and a light reception will follow the hour-long service. This service both commemorates an historic movement as well as celebrates the gift of strong ecumenical relationships in the San Diego area.

Franciscan School of Theology



The Franciscan School of Theology will be onsite after all the Masses on **Sunday October 15th** with information on their graduate theology degrees and non degree programs. The school is located on the grounds of the San Luis Rey Mission in Oceanside.



WORD ON FIRE PARISH EVANGELIZATION TRAINING

Pastors and parish leaders are invited to a parish team training presented by Bishop Barron's world renowned **Word on Fire Catholic Ministries** (www.wordonfire.org) on **Wednesday, October 25th from 9 AM – 2:30 PM** at the **Diocesan Pastoral Center.**

Learn how to reach out to those on the peripheries and bring them the joy of the Gospel! For more information, please contact the Office for Evangelization & Catechetical Ministry at **858-490-8234.**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING

The last Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist training class of the year will be held **October 21st** at the **Diocesan Pastoral Center.** Application forms are available at the Church office.

WOMEN OF NATIVITY



This group is in the planning stages! We need your ideas, interest, time and talent! If you are interested, please contact:

Kathy Alameda at kathyalameda1@gmail.com

Attention Bridge Players!



The Saint James Bridge Group meets on the first Friday of the month at the Lomas Santa Fe Country Club.

We play 24 hands of bridge and typically have about 32 players. We welcome both women and men to join us for a friendly game of party bridge.

Details:

When: 1st Friday September - June

Place: Lomas Santa Fe Country Club

Time: 10:15 A.M. - 2:15 P.M

Buffet Lunch: \$25.00

Membership: \$25.00 per year

Contact Pat Smart 858-259-7794 or

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Twenty–eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I can do all things
in him who strengthens me.

— Philippians 4:13

Please join us in singing the Psalm Response:



I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.



THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

The mountain of the Lord described in today's first reading is a place where there is no more hunger, no more weeping, and no more division of any kind. We need to pause and ponder these images every now and then, especially given the fact that we live in such a fractured world. The responsorial psalm continues to paint a picture of a place where only goodness and kindness flourish. These readings describe the heavenly banquet, to which God calls each of us through baptism and continues to call us throughout our lives. Let us "RSVP" to God's invitation and live our lives consistent with gospel values so that one day we will be welcomed to the table of the kingdom.

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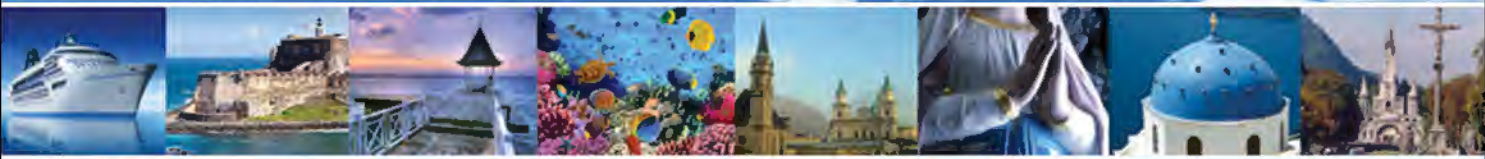
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Marriage: Saturdays, 11:00 am or 2:00 pm
 Wedding Coordinator: Georgiana Strate, 858-755-7459

Anointing of the Sick: Encouraged for anyone critically ill,
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Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:15 pm in the Chapel

Eucharist:

Weekday Mass: Monday - Friday, 8 am in the Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Friday after 8 am Mass

Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesdays, after 8 am Mass

Rosary: Weekdays, after 8 am Mass in the Chapel

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Sundays, 8:50 am - 10:05 am at The Nativity School

Junior High 7th /8th:

Sundays, 5pm - 6:15 pm in the Parish Commons

Dates to remember:

October

10/15 - Class 6

10/22 - Class 7

10/29 - Class 8

November

11/5 - Class 9

11/12 - Class 10

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Faith Formation Coordinators:

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HIGH SCHOOL: 9TH - 12TH GRADE

Contact: Mike James, 858-756-1911, ext. 5

Youth Group: Sundays, 5pm to 6:15pm

At our Sunday October 15 Topic Night we will finish our topic on the Nicene Creed. We will also go over the readings from mass and have small group time. All freshmen-seniors meet from 5-6:15pm in the Commons. Refreshments are by the Spain family.

Our Haunted Trail Trip is Tuesday October 24 from 6-10pm. We meet at and dismiss from Nativity. The cost is \$25 plus some extra money for food on the way home. Friends are welcome. Permission Forms and money are due on October 22.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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To join R.C.I.A. please contact Mike James at (858)756-1911. It recently started but is still open to new members.