

**RIP:** Pray for the soldiers who perished at Ft. Hood, TX during this month of the Holy Souls whose ranks they joined, slain by the enemy within, while preparing to deploy to overseas. Remember the families in your prayers as well that Our Lord may wipe away their tears. One of the greatest miracles of Jesus was the cure of the servant of the Centurion who had faith sufficient to move a mountain. When Jesus offered to go to the house of the Centurion and heal the servant, the great faith of this soldier came through: "O Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof. Say but the word, and my servant will be healed." In the Mass the words are true as they were over 2,000 years ago and increase our Faith as well. Our Lord proclaimed he had not seen greater faith in Israel. Just a simple soldier whose faith should be a model for our own faith in Jesus.

**Meditation:** My poor soul longs for Thee, O Jesus! I need Thee. Come and make me content. Thou alone art my joy, my bliss, my love. Come, O Jesus! Give me Thy Sacred Body formed by the Holy Ghost so miraculously in the chaste womb of Thy pure Mother, the Body which wearied itself by labor, which endured hunger and thirst, heat and cold, which suffered and died for me. Come, O Jesus! Give me Thy Sacred Blood which coursed so holily through Thy veins, which mortal fear and anguish pressed out on that awful night in the Garden of Gethsemane, the Blood which flowed so copiously under the fearful strokes of the scourging, whose last drops, mingled with water, flowed from the wound in Thy Side. Come, O Jesus! Give me Thy beautiful Divine Soul which for me had so many kind thoughts, so much consideration, so much fear and anxiety, and which prayed for me. Come, O Jesus! Give me Thy Divinity which from eternity thought of me with infinite love, which made my soul according to its image and adorned me with priceless graces. O Jesus, my heart rejoices at the thought: Thou art present in the Sacred Host wholly for me! Thou gavest me the right to receive Thee, to possess Thee. Therefore come, O my Good Savior. Without Thee, I cannot, will not live. Come, O Jesus! Take up Thy abode within me—or does my soul not please Thee more than the tabernacle? That is only of steel, or even if it be of marble, it is chilling cold. But, in my heart there is at least a little love—is there not, Good Jesus? The ciborium, though of gold or silver, is still only cold metal. I have at least the earnest desire to adorn my soul with virtues. The perpetual light is but a weak small flame. Come kindle within me Thy Love, and my heart will glow warm. The altar is transitory, merely Thy temporary lodging in Thy Eucharistic wandering. I am the goal to which Thou dost journey in this Sacrament.

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you weeping, that they are enemies of the Cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things. (Epistle XXIII Sunday)

**Mass Sunday**  
**7:45 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; 11:00 and 5:30 p.m.**  
**Tuesday Mass: 10:00 a.m.**  
**Friday Mass: 6:30 p.m.**

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Most loving Jesu, I humbly beseech Thee that Thou Thyself offer to Thine Eternal Father, on behalf of the Holy Souls in Purgatory, the Most Precious Blood which poured forth from the wounds in Thy Adorable Body, together with Thine Agony and death. Do thou likewise, O sorrowful Virgin Mary, present unto Him, together with the dolorous passion of thy dear Son, thine own sighs and tears and all the sorrows which thou didst suffer in His suffering that, through the merits of the same, refreshment may be granted to the souls now suffering in the fiery torments of purgatory so that, being delivered from that painful prison, they may be clothed with glory in heaven, there to sing the mercies of God for ever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.



## PerPetual help Weekly Newsletter

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As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Church now discusses the only conditions under which Jesus bestows human peace and Divine Life. After all, have not His words and life shown him to be a God, not "of affliction," but "of peace?" Has he not brought us "back" to His own "blessed Land" from our own "captivity" (**Introit**) in which "through our weakness we become entangled" (**Prayer**)? Have we not become "enemies of the Cross," bringing about our own "destruction," as the **Epistle** describes it? The **Epistle** advises, however, that we first of all "stand fast in the Lord" and "be of one mind in the Lord" with one another in order that He might "reform the body of our lowliness" in personal and public life and be delivered from the "depths" (**Gradual**). Christ will turn around to help us anywhere on the road of life if we only touch "the hem of His garment" in faith. But if we surround ourselves with a multitude of creatures and created things who laugh their Creator to scorn, "making a tumult," He will only come in when we put them out (**Gospel**). Hence, when we "pray" (**Communion**), our chief petition should be for an "increase of our service" to God (**Secret**), and to "overcome human dangers" so as to share in the "Divine" life.

**Last Sunday:** Attendance was 152. Collection total was \$2,096.00. Building fund donation was \$225.00. Five Wounds attendance totaled 145. Collection was \$469.00. Charity covers a multitude of sins. May Our Divine Savior extend His Mercy to those Holy Souls in Purgatory for whom you are praying this month.

**Next Tuesday:** Mass and Devotion in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, 10:00 a.m., then silent adoration until 11:15 a.m. This is the feast day of St. Gregory Thaumaturgus E. C.

**Next Friday:** Mass of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Virg., regarded as the first canonized American Saint, at 6:30 p.m., followed by Devotions to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.

**Annual Valley Chorale Concert:** Please plan now to attend the Fourth Annual Valley Chorale Concert on 14 NOV at First Presbyterian Church, San Thomas and Homestead, Santa Clara, CA. Please plan to bring a dish for the pot luck. No cost for admission, but donations for benefit of the Building Fund and defray expenses of the hall are welcome. This is just next Saturday!

**Concert at Sacred Heart Church: Saratoga, CA,** Friday, 20 NOV, at 7:30 p.m., Jon Nakamatsu, Jon Manasse Duo. Reserved seating is \$35.00. Unreserved seating is \$25.00. For tickets telephone: 408-370-9030. Fr. Moreau intends to attend. Please come and keep Father company and help a worthy charitable cause.

**Current Issues:** On Friday, 6 NOV, Catholic Bishops, representing the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, met with leaders in the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. to eliminate unlimited abortion funding in the proposed health care bill currently being addressed by Congress. The Bish-

ops want to totally eliminate abortion coverage not only in the proposed legislation but in all health care insurance currently being written in the US. Whether or not the Bishops will succeed is still up in the air. Please pray for the success of this initiative by the Catholic Bishops. Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, warned members of Congress that he intends to distribute voting records of members of Congress to every Catholic Parish in America, with instructions to pastors to fully illustrate the implications of voting for abortion. Publishing voting records of members of Congress in a non-partisan fashion is phase one of a year long effort of preparation for the 2010 elections to legally activate Church members as to the issues regarded as essential Catholic doctrine which runs counter to the Culture of Death created by unlimited abortion and other life issues in our society.

**Upcoming Feasts:** November 11 is feast of St. Martin, the principal patron of France (former name Gaul). A Roman soldier, he became a catechumen. One night he encountered a poor man who he covered with part of his cloak. That night, Our Lord appeared to Martin, clothed in the half cloak he had given to the poor man, and told him, "Martin, a simple catechumen, covered Me with this garment." He later became a monk and an associate of St. Hilary at Poitiers, the first monastery in the country. St. Martin has the distinction of being the first bishop and confessor canonized a saint in the Western Church. The Egyptian soldier, St. Mennas, who served in the Roman Army, and was martyred in 295, is commemorated in the Mass. The day is also Veteran's Day in the US, and many decorate the graves of soldiers in the cemeteries. Especially pray for all those soldiers who have died to protect our homes and families on lonely battlefields around the world. Pray also for the Catholic chaplains, few in number, who minister to so many soldiers. One friend, a retired Army Catholic chaplain, now working as a civilian contractor at one of our largest bases, says 5 Masses daily, hears confessions 8 to 10 hours daily on most days. Many young soldiers tell Father they want Baptism and the Sacrament of Penance, the same as their already Catholic comrades in arms. Father ministers to them too. Father goes to the field and barracks where the soldiers actually are, where he is needed. When Father sleeps or eats I cannot say, but he is a modern Cure d'Ars, largely unknown. Pray for him—daily! Pope St. Martin I, considered a martyr, his life having been shortened by jailing and exile at the order of the Emperor, Constant, is honored in the Mass of November 12. November 13 is the feast of St. Frances Cabrini, regarded as the first American saint. This feast is celebrated in all dioceses of the US. St. Didacus, the XV Century Spanish saint who dedicated his life to piety and care of the poor, is commemorated in the same Mass. St. Albert, whose most famous theological student was St. Thomas Aquinas, is honored in the Mass of November 15. This year St. Albert's feast day falls next Sunday and is not celebrated this year.

