

† Mass Intentions †

Sunday, September 21 **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM †Oscar Lumbad

8:30 AM †Dècio Rocha †Federico Abalos

10:00 AM †Simon Ventura, 1er año de Difunto
‡Marcelina Cardoza, †Timoteo Solorio, y
‡Christina Perez †Maria Morales

11:30 AM †Andy Rabanal by Tapaya Family

1:00 PM †Rosario Di Vitorio

6:00 PM †Ricardo y †Elias Cuevas, †Pilar Carrillo, y
‡Lionisio Plancarte

Monday, September 22

7:30 AM †Josephine Barreras †Anne Palizevich
‡Federico Abalos †Theresa Mancino

Tuesday, September 23 **St. Pio of Pietrelcina**

7:30 AM †De Mattei & †Ferrari Families †Federico Abalos

Wednesday, September 24

7:30 AM †Andrew Bugarin, 11th Birthday †Federico Abalos

6:30 PM *Eva Deen

Thursday, September 25

7:30 AM †Josephine Curran †Federico Abalos

Friday, September 26 **Ss. Cosmas and Damian**

7:30 AM †Rosalind Aguilar Vegas

6:30 PM People of the Parish

Saturday, September 27 **St. Vincent de Paul**

7:30 AM †Dècio Rocha

Sunday, September 28 **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM People of the Parish

8:30 AM †Dècio Rocha by Ann Fitzgerald

10:00 AM †Dècio Rocha

11:30 AM †Speciale & †Barsuglia Families

1:00 PM †Dècio Rocha

6:00 PM †Agapito & †Margarita Rodriguez

KING AND QUEEN CORONATION

Join us for the presentation of the King and Queen candidates and the Coronation for the new King and Queen of Holy Cross for the year 2008-2009 at 2:00 P.M. in Scalabrini Hall.

2009 MASS BOOK

The 2009 Mass Book is open. Contact our office please.
We request that no Mass reservation will be done over the phone.

Lectors/Lectores/Lettori and Communion Ministers Sunday/Domingo/Domenica, September 28, 2008

5:00 PM (C) Katherine McCarthy (1L) Paul Arpin
(2L) Zeny Villaluz (M) Mike Kelly

8:30 AM (C) Josie (1L) Carl (2L) Ann (M) Mel

10:00 AM (C) Alejandro Ibarra (1L) Fernando Perez
(2L) Alicia Perez

(M) Maria Carlos (M) Hermelinda Silva

11:30 AM (C) Gloria (1L) Sonia (2L) Rebecca (M) Laddy

1:00 PM (C) Rosario Di Vittorio (1L) Manuela Santoro
(2L) Francesca Buon Marito

(M) Armando Bottelli

6:00 PM (C) Velia Rico (1L) Vicente Rico
(2L) Griselda Cervantez (M) Marilu Miranda



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioner,
On this Feast Day, I am inviting you to read and reflect on our Mission Statement. . .

Mission Statement:

"We, the people of Holy Cross Parish, in the Diocese of San Jose, are called through Baptism to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament. We are called and sent by Christ to live gratefully the life God has given us and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. In the spirit of faith, service, and community, we strive to bring people closer together and closer to God. This we accomplish by:

- * building our lives in the image of Christ through worship and prayer
- * contributing to the growth of our parish by spreading the Gospel by word, witness, action and evangelization
- * inviting everyone to serve, in this way meeting the needs of our parishioners and the broader community
- * being faithful stewards of Holy Cross, accountable to God for by responsibly sharing our time, talents and treasures
- * lending support to the parish leadership and working together to fulfill the mission."

Declaración Misionera:

"Nosotros, miembros de la Parroquia de la Santa Cruz, en la Diócesis de San José, somos llamados y enviados por Cristo a vivir en gratitud la vida que Dios nos dio, y a proclamar la buena noticia de Jesucristo. En espíritu de fe, servicio y comunidad trabajamos para que las personas vivan más unidas entre sí y con Dios.

Esto lo logramos así:

- * construyendo nuestra vidas a imagen de Cristo por medio del culto y de la oración.
- * Contribuyendo al crecimiento de nuestra Parroquia propagando el Evangelio en palabra, testimonio, acción y evangelización.
- * invitando a todos al servicio común, respondiendo a las necesidades de la comunidad y de la sociedad local.
- * compartiendo con fidelidad y responsabilidad nuestro tiempo, talentos y tesoro, pensando al bien común y una respuesta fiel al Dios que nos llama.
- * dando nuestro apoyo al liderazgo parroquial, trabajando juntos, cumpliendo así nuestra misión."

Dichiarazione Missionaria:

"Noi, membri della Parrocchia della Santa Croce, nella Diocesi di San Jose, siamo chiamati ed inviati da Cristo a vivere nella gratitudine la vita che Dio ci ha dato, ed a proclamare la Buona Novella di Gesu' Cristo. Nello spirito di fede, servizio e comunità, lavoriamo affinché tutti vivano piu' uniti fra di loro e con Dio stesso.

Raggiungiamo questo obiettivo:

- * costruendo la nostra vita sull'immagine di Cristo per mezzo del culto e della preghiera.
- * Contribuendo alla crescita della parrocchia annunciando il Vangelo per parola, opera, azione ed evangelizzazione.
- * invitando tutti al servizio comune, rispondendo alle necessità della comunità e della società locale.
- * condividendo con fedeltà e responsabilità il nostro tempo, talenti e tesoro, pensando al bene comune e ad una risposta fedele al Dio che ci chiama.
- * appoggiando i leaders della parrocchia, lavorando assieme, portando a compimento la nostra missione.

God Bless You !
Fr. Firmo Mantovani, c.s., Pastor

CALL UPON THE LORD

The very first line of today's first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today's responsorial psalm: "The Lord is near to all who call upon him" (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, "For to me life is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today's Gospel. There we find that God's love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord.

CLAMA AL SEÑOR

La primera línea de la lectura de hoy nos ordena buscar al Señor e invocar a Dios. Escuchamos el eco de este sentimiento en el refrán del salmo responsorial del día: "Cerca está el Señor de los que lo invocan" (Salmo 145:18a). San Pablo es la encarnación de alguien que constantemente buscó al Señor. En la cita que leímos hoy de su Carta a los Filipenses, encontramos a San Pablo hacia el final de su vida, vida que describe como en completa consonancia con Cristo. Escribe: "Porque para mí, la vida es Cristo" (Filipenses 1:21). Para saber lo que significa vivir una vida de completo acuerdo con Cristo basta mirar el Evangelio de hoy. Allí encontramos que el amor y la misericordia de Dios son inconmensurables para todos los que buscan e invocan al Señor.

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CCD REGISTRATIONS

Dear Parents,

The last day to register for CCD will be next weekend, Saturday, September 27.

ROSARY MAKERS CALENDAR

The *Rosary Makers* will meet on the following Sundays after the 11:30 A.M. Mass in Scalabrini Hall. September 28, October 19 and November 23.

CANDY SEASON BEGINS

On the weekend of October 4 & 5 is the opening season of our annual C.C.D. candy sale. Please support our C.C.D. students by purchasing **Worlds Finest** double chocolate bar for \$3.00.



HOLY CROSS FEAST - KERMESS



Dear Parishioners and Guests,

Today, we celebrate the social part of our parish Feast/Kermess at Holy Cross. After all the Masses join us in the parking lot for a variety of ethnic foods, games and most of all to meet each other as a parish family.

We will conclude the Kermess, on Sunday with the parish raffle. It is still not too late to purchase tickets for the Raffle, donation is \$2.00 per ticket. Winners do not have to be present.

ALL profits for the Feast/Kermess will go toward the support of our Parish.

XXV DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

Riflessioni

La *meritocrazia* -oggi di moda- sembra non essere in linea con i criteri di Dio. Nella parabola odierna Gesù presenta *l'atteggiamento sconcertante, irrazionale, provocatorio del padrone della vigna*, che paga tutti gli operai allo stesso modo. Ma quale è il messaggio? Il brano di Isaia (*I lettura*) ci offre una chiave di lettura per capire la parabola di Gesù: "**I miei pensieri non sono i vostri pensieri, le vostre vie non sono le mie vie**" (v. 8). Il *salmo responsoriale* esalta il Signore che è paziente e misericordioso, buono verso tutti, la cui grandezza non si può misurare. Solo con questi parametri è possibile avvicinarsi al mistero di Dio e delle sue scelte. Per cogliere il messaggio di Gesù (Vangelo), occorre uscire da una logica sindacale ed economica, lasciare da parte la mentalità del ragioniere, optare per la gratuità, adottare la logica dell'innamorato. **Gesù sconvolge la diffusa e ricorrente dottrina del merito**, secondo la quale la salvezza diventerebbe un *diritto* per chi ha "sopportato il peso della giornata e il caldo" (v. 12), un *salario dovuto* a chi compie determinate opere. E quindi chi più ne compie, più si guadagnerebbe il favore divino. Le mormorazioni contro il padrone (v. 11-12) vengono da persone *osservanti ma meschine*, come il profeta Giona (Gn 4,1-2) o il figlio maggiore della parabola (Lc 15,29-30), incapaci di comprendere l'amore del Padre; gelosi e indispettiti per l'accoglienza e il perdono accordati al popolo di Ninive e al figlio minore.

ADULT RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS

Attention adults 18 years and older: Are you a Catholic adult who has not received all the sacraments (Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation)? Are you interested in expanding your Catholic knowledge and faith? Do you have a spouse or friend that is not Catholic but wants to join the Catholic Church. . . If you answered "yes" to any of these questions we welcome you to join our Adult Religious Education Class in English every Tuesday evening beginning October 7th from 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. The Adult Religious Education Classes in Spanish will begin on Sunday, October 12th at 11:30 A.M.. **For more information please contact Bro. Charles at 294-1310.**

GROUP WEDDINGS

Attention parishioners who would like to have their marriage blessed by the Catholic Church. On Saturday, February 14th, 2009 at 12:30 P.M., Holy Cross will perform a Group Wedding for our parishioners who are married just civilly. Couples who are interested must first make an appointment with Fr. Firmo or Fr. Leonardo. The last day to register for the Group Wedding is Tuesday, September 30th.

BODAS COMUNITARIAS

Les invitamos a todas las parejas que desean celebrar su sacramento del Matrimonio en una cerimonia comunitaria que tendrán su oportunidad el sábado, día 14 de Febrero, 2009 a las 12:30pm en nuestra iglesia. Interesados, llamen a nuestra oficina para hacer una cita con el P. Firmo o el P. Leonardo hasta el Martes, día 30 de este mes de Septiembre.

WE THANK OUR PARISHIONER'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR YOUR GENEROSITY, NOW AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD EN SUS DONACIONES AHORA Y DURANTE TODO EL AÑO!