THIRTIETH SUNDAY
~IN~
ORDINARY TIME

One of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking,
“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

He said to him,
“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

Mt 22:35-37

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

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Most people would assume that the Cross is a distinctly Christian symbol that originated within Christianity because of the Crucifixion of Christ. However, that is not entirely true. Certainly after the time of Christ the image of the Cross emerged as the dominant Christian symbol, but like many things in Christianity, we inherited the image of the Cross in part from several non-Christian sources, most notably from our Jewish forefathers. It is to our Jewish roots that we owe the most significant contribution to the image of the Cross.

In 1873, archeologists working near Jerusalem discovered Jewish grave inscriptions on the Mount of Olives that were marked with crosses. Since these inscriptions were dated to the 1st century, it was assumed these graves belonged to first generation Christian converts. However, as more and more of these inscriptions were discovered, some perhaps even older than the time of Christ, it became apparent that they were part of the Jewish cultural milieu and not Christian at all.

That is not as puzzling as it might seem at first. The image of the cross grew out of the prophetic tradition of ancient Israel, dating back to the 7th century before the time of Christ. The prophet Ezekiel saw a vision of the Guardian Angels of Jerusalem, each with “his destroying weapon in his hand”, ready to administer the wrath of God upon the rebellious Israelites and their corrupt religious hierarchy. Ezekiel wrote that “one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer’s inkhorn by his side” (no doubt a prophetic image of the coming Messiah). He was commanded by the Almighty to “set a mark upon the forehead of all the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that are committed in Israel (Ezekiel 9:4). The mark to be used was the Tau Cross, the final letter in the Hebrew alphabet. The angels were commanded to follow “the man with the writer’s inkhorn by his side” and slay anyone they found that was not marked with the Tau, beginning with the clergy (9:6). Thereafter, it is thought, the Tau became the sign of the Jewish faithful who carefully observe the Mosaic Law.

In the 13th century the Church was also in dire need of reform, particularly among the clergy. In 1215, Pope Innocent III convened the 12th Ecumenical Council, the Fourth Lateran Council, sometimes referred to as “the Great Council”. In it, the Pope outlined His ambitious program of reform to correct clerical abuses and call the faithful back to a careful observance of Catholic morality and teaching. Both Saint Dominic and Saint Francis were alive at the time, and the Pope saw their respective upstart religious Orders as popular vehicles that they found that was not marked with the Tau, beginning with the clergy (9:6). Thereafter, it is thought, the Tau became the sign of the Jewish faithful who carefully observe the Mosaic Law.

In His opening address to the Bishops and Cardinals, the Pope laid out His plan for reforming the Church. After citing and expounding upon the passage from Ezekiel referred to above, the Pope made the Tau Cross the symbol of the reform movement. The Pope said that “The Tau has exactly the same form as the Cross on which our Lord was crucified on Calvary. And only those will be marked with this sign and will obtain mercy, who have mortified their flesh and conformed their life to that of the Crucified Savior”. This must have made a deep impression on the penitential Saint Francis, for thereafter he made the Tau the blazon of his message of renewal and the call to return to Gospel simplicity. To this day, the Tau Cross has remained the most popular and familiar icon of Franciscan spirituality.

But it is not only our Jewish roots that have contributed to development of the most well-known Christian symbol. Drawing from the Pythagorean tradition and ancient astronomy, Plato wrote of the “cross” inscribed upon the cosmos, namely the intersection of the ecliptic, the path the sun appears to follow during the course of a year, and the orbit of the earth. This intersection forms a cross similar to the Greek letter “Chi” (Χ), which is of course the first letter of the Greek form of the Name of Christ (Χριστός). When the Greek speaking Church Fathers discovered these things in the writings of Plato, they quickly related them to Christian teaching.

The Cross is woven into the very fabric of the heavens. Whether it is the “Southern Cross” in the Southern Hemisphere or the “Northern Cross” (the constellation Cygnus) in the Northern Hemisphere, the Creator imprinted the Cross of Christ on the cosmos from the beginning. He left its true significance hidden there until the Crucifixion should reveal the meaning of the primordial message He inscribed on the universe at creation. It is the meaning behind cryptic Biblical references that refer to “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world”, or as Saint Paul wrote, “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made . . .” (Revelation 13:8; Romans 1:20)

As Pope Benedict XVI (as Cardinal Ratzinger) wrote, “The Cross of Golgotha is foreshadowed in the structure of the universe”. Whether it was the primordial message of the cosmos, the ancient prophetic tradition, or the profane reflections of Greek philosophers, the central message of Christian faith and its most recognizable symbol has been presented to creation from the beginning: “The instrument of torment on which the Lord died is written into the structure of universe. The cosmos speaks to us of the Cross, and the Cross solves for us the enigma of the cosmos. It is the real key to all reality. History and cosmos belong together. When we open our eyes, we can read the message of Christ in the language of the universe, and conversely, Christ grants us understanding of the message of creation” (Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, The Spirit of the Liturgy, ISBN: 978-0-89870-784-7, p. 181).

~John-David Black~

The “Northern Cross” may currently be viewed in the evening sky, directly overhead just after dusk and setting toward the Northwest through the evening until 1:00AM. Look for the “Summer Triangle”, three stars making up a large isosceles triangle. The northernmost or highest star is Deneb and sits atop the cross, which extends down into the middle of the triangle.
Pastor’s Corner

I hate these beautiful October days. The air is so fresh and crisp. God’s grandeur is oozing itself all over the place and I just don’t seem to have the time to appreciate it. The man-made bounty in my life is too distracting. I want to reach for so many things and live the life of a king. In the meantime, the days continue to swing back and forth and the seasons drift into faded hopes of living in the present. Why is it that life seems to be a series of putting off for another time? “When I move out on my own,” “when the kids move out,” “when I retire,” “when my health improves,” “when I pay off my debts,” and any other standard phrases of future dreams seem to remain just dreams.

Of course, I have control over all the present moments God sends me. His bounty is for a servant to appreciate. Thank God I wasn’t born into a monarchy but to simple peasant stock. I need to sip the juice of apples and rake up the glory of summer and leave as stubble the demands that claim to give meaning. I will make time to see the true treasure of God’s harvest, to watch the orange settle on the ground, spilling its blood for the new life of Spring. Yes, I do love these beautiful October days.

~Father Michael~

OCTOBER 29 — Whenever we interact with our priests, do we see them as human and frail like the rest of humanity? Or on the other hand, do we see them as supermen, able to withstand all the stresses and strains of being human?

I hope you see your priest as very human. Quite possibly, even more human than most of us. Why? Because they not only have their own struggles being human, but they accompany us in our humanness too.

Therefore, this Priesthood Sunday, turn the tables. Attempt to be the listener to the human side of your priest. Do not automatically tell him your troubles; begin by asking him what is going on in his life. Thank him warmly for giving up so much to spend his life in service to others. Try it. You might be surprised to find out your priest is just like you!

~Father Michael~
Everyday Stewardship

NOVEMBER 1 — I remember attending Catholic school growing up and every year having to write a report on a saint. We were told that these people of faith were role models for us in our Christian journey. Even though they were real people, they always seemed to me to be larger than life. When I was younger I never thought I could become just like them. Now that I am older, I realize that we are all, in fact, called to be just like them.

Holiness is not something reserved for those in a book of saints. It is the goal of all intentional disciples living as good stewards. However, it takes commitment to achieve holiness. It also requires us to live mindfully and be continually aware of how God is moving in our lives.

You may never have thought about a stewardship way of life as a pathway to sainthood, but if you take the time to read the lives of saints you will see how these heroes truly cultivated the gifts God had given them and gave them back with increase to God. You will encounter stories of outreach to the poor, comforting the distressed, and befriending the lonely. And you will begin to see the parallel between what these great disciples did in their lives with the simple responses to God’s call in your life. The Church may never formally canonize you, but there will be those whose paths you cross that will bear witness to the fact that at least for a moment they caught a glimpse of what could have been a living saint.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

MASSES for this Holy Day of Obligation are held October 31 at 5:10 pm for the Vigil, and on Wednesday, November 1st at 12:10 pm, 5:10 pm in English, and 7:00pm in Spanish.

NOVEMBER 2 - "I will not reject anyone who comes to me." Today, as we remember the faithful departed, we can rejoice in these words from Jesus. He promises that he will welcome those who come to him. He is so anxious to embrace us! As the catechism puts it, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation" (CCC §1030).

Jesus' whole message here is important. Eternal salvation is available to all, but it does involve a level of participation on our part. "Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life," Jesus says in today's Gospel. When it's authentic, of course, this belief is more than mere lip service. Understanding that Jesus is our savior and our God is one thing. Coming to him is another; it takes belief to the next level of personal commitment. This involves choices, decisions, and actions. Coming to Jesus means being near him-through a spiritual life that involves a real relationship with him-as well as being focused on him by charting our life's course in the light of faith. This is what we strive to do during the ups and downs of this life.

But it isn't always easy. Even as faithful Christians we often fall short of perfect cooperation with God. But this is not cause for despair! Today we remember that even Christians who die still "imperfectly purified" can ultimately share the blessing of heaven. We pray for these souls in purgatory to come closer and closer to perfect union with the Lord. And meanwhile, we strive to increase our own union with Christ in the hopes of sharing eternity with him and with the whole communion of saints, including our loved ones who have gone before us in faith.

At 9 AM on Thursday, November 2, All Souls Day, Father O'Reilly will bless graves at St. Mary's Cemetery. Everyone will gather at 9 AM at the new Cemetery Main Office on Fruitridge Road. Afterwards, Bishop Soto will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery at 10:00 am, and Bishop Cotta will celebrate Mass at Calvary Cemetery at 10:00 am. Cathedral Masses are at 12:10 pm and 5:10pm.

~The Book of the Dead~

Honor the memory of the faithful departed by writing their name in the Book of the Dead, located in the Martyrs Chapel beginning November 1st.

A CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS OF SACRAMENTO

Enjoy a classical music program performed by 13 year old violin virtuoso Ayana Jaycox with piano accompaniment by Father Michael O’Reilly

All proceeds will go to the Cathedral’s Brown Bag Ministry to feed the homeless

7:00 pm SATURDAY
November 4, 2017
At the Cathedral
Suggested Donation $10.00

Mark your calendars! The Festival of Trees and Lights is Coming December 2, 3, 2017. We are in need of crafters to make handmade boutique items as well as Christmas décor, ornaments, and gift baskets. For more information please call Raquel at (916) 601-9640 or Dorothy at (916)801-7599.

Submit your Prayer Requests on cathedralsacramento.org
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Every week in our bulletin I see a Mass on Sunday for the people of the parish. I just recently noticed it in another church as well. Is it there to fill in an intention, or is someone requesting it every week?

The pastor of a parish is charged with the well-being of the community. There are many aspects of this task, including the physical, spiritual and social concerns of maintaining and building a community of faith. Each week, by church law, the pastor offers Mass on Sunday for the people of the parish. It is a tangible and practical way that the pastor prays for those entrusted to his care. No one requests it, nor is it offered only when there is an open intention. In fact, the pastor may not accept a stipend for it. The spiritual needs of the people are the primary concern of the pastor. His prayer for them is the first way he cares for them. You may also see Mass intentions for those listed in a memorial, or deceased members of the parish, or past members of a group or organization. These too are ways the pastor remembers the needs of all the members of his parish, asking the Lord to bless and protect them, bringing us all to eternal life.

 Sharing the Gospel: When you have a choice to make, think about what God wants. Make sure your choices are good and that they help other people. When you follow God’s example, you will be ready to love other people. With God’s help you can be gentle, forgiving and kind.

Prayer: God, help me to love you and other people more and more every day.

Mission for the Week: As a family, help an elderly person in your neighborhood. Help them clean up their home or their yard.

Find and circle these words from today’s Gospel: GREATEST LORD MIND LAW HEART NEIGHBOR LOVE SOUL YOURSELF

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LREOTLOVEHVOSUWRIGDSOYAELYLHEARTULARLSWOTUILHAYFOTRNMHNER

"In trust of God’s infinite goodness, we pray to lift up our sick parishioners, family and friends, and those in need of healing of the body and soul.

Almighty Father, hear our prayers for...

Deacon Don DeHaven Emma Valdez Eugenia Roque Alfredo Rivera Adolfo Espinoza Raymundo Guerrero Natalia Galan Salomon Galan Tomasa Rodriguez Rosa Carrillo Felix Nunez Cleaver Alvin Sul Anyrani Gonzalez Erin Nicole Tam Riley Hana Lee McClure Noah Anthony Hernandez Giang Tran


Baby Lucas Barbosa Baby Ariana Baby Selena Reyes Baby Moines David Lopez Shelly Lord Danielle Peter The Brown Family Nora and Padilla Family Danny Velez Guy Clifford Minter Venecia Gutierrez Esther Moreno Dennis Studebaker S.I. Lawrence Afamasanga Vailoauta Lopa Amen."

To dedicate a Mass or Special Intention, contact Carmen in the Rectory Office, 916-444-3071
Odio estos hermosos días de octubre. El aire es tan fresco y crujiente. La grandeza de Dios se está escurriendo por todas partes y simplemente no parece que tengo el tiempo para apreciarlo. Quiero alcanzar muchas cosas y vivir la vida de un rey. Mientras tanto, los días continúan oscilando y las estaciones se desvanecen en esperanzas desvanecidas de vivir en el presente. ¿Por qué la vida parece ser una serie de posponer para otro momento? "Cuando me mudo por mí cuenta", "cuando los niños se mudan", "cuando me jubilo", "cuando mi salud mejora", "cuando pague mis deudas", y cualquier otra frase estándar de sueños futuros parece permanecen solo sueños. Por supuesto, tengo control sobre todos los momentos presentes que Dios me envía. Su generosidad es para que un sirviente lo aprecie. Gracias a Dios que no nací en una monarquía, sino en una simple población campesina. Necesito sorber el jugo de las manzanas y resecar muchos días de octubre.

~Padre Michael~

30o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El domingo pasado Jesús fue puesto a prueba respecto al dinero de los impuestos. Hoy, nos dice la palabra de Dios que mucha gente le escuchaba y se asombraba de sus enseñanzas. Sin embargo, una vez más los fariseos se reunieron para hacerle la siguiente pregunta: "Maestro, ¿cuál es el mandamiento más grande de la ley?" La respuesta de Jesús no se hizo esperar: "Amarás al señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente". Únicamente un gran mandamiento, pero hay otro muy parecido. "Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo". Todos sabemos que la ley y los profetas tienen su base en estos dos mandamientos. Y ahora cuál es la ley, cuál el mandamiento?

El Papa Francisco, en la audiencia general del 12 de junio de 2013, nos lo clarifica para nuestros tiempos "la ley del amor". "¿Cuál es la ley del pueblo de Dios? Es la ley del amor, amor a Dios y amor al prójimo según el mandamiento nuevo que nos dejó el Señor (cf. Jn 13, 34). Un amor, sin embargo, que no es estéril sentimentalismo o algo vago, sino que es reconocer a Dios como único Señor de la vida y, al mismo tiempo, acoger al otro como verdadero hermano, superando divisiones, rivalidades, incomprensiones, egoísmos; las dos cosas van juntas. ¡Cuánto camino debemos recorrer aún para vivir en concreto esta nueva ley!" ¿Con que batallamos más, amando a Dios o amando al vecino? ¿Qué es lo que Dios nos llama a hacer?

Misa del Día de Todos los Santos,
1 de noviembre a las 7:00 p.m. en español
Día santo de la obligación

Las lecturas de la semana del 29 de octubre
Domingo: Ex 22,20-26/Sal 18, 2-4. 47. 51/1 Tes 1, 5-10/Mt 22, 34-40
Lunes: Rom 8, 12-17/Sal 68, 2. 4. 6-7. 20-21/Lc 13, 10-17
Martes: Rom 8, 18-25/Sal 126, 1-6/Lc 13, 18-21
Miércoles: Ap 7, 2-4. 9-14/Sal 24, 1-4. 5-6/1 Jn 3, 1-3/Mt 5, 1-12
Jueves: Sab 3, 1-9/Sal 23, 1-6/Rom 5, 5-11 o Rom 6, 3-9/Jn 6, 37-40
Viernes: Rom 9, 1-5/Sal 147, 12-15. 19-20/Lc 14, 1-6
Domingo siguiente: Mal 1, 14—2. 8-10/Sal 131, 1-3/1 Tes 2, 7-9.
13/Mt 23, 1-12

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 29 de octubre
Domingo: 30o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Día del Sacerdocio
Martes: Noche de Brujas
Miércoles: Todos los Santos
Jueves: Conmemoración de Todos los Fieles Difuntos; Día de los Muertos
Viernes: Martín de Porres, religioso
Sábado: Carlos Borromeo, Obispo
Domingo siguiente: 31er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Semana Nacional de las Vocaciones; el horario del verano termina
現屆團體幹事的任期將於本年年底結束，而
來屆幹事提名從現在到11月12日可以直接向
何神父提出。希望大家踊躍提名教友，為我
們團體未來一年服務。

團體的感恩節晚餐將於11月19日(星期日)晚
上六時在Mercy Hall舉行，費用每位$5(五歲
以下小孩免費)，歡迎大家盡早向 Gloria 報
名，11月5日截止。

預留時間：
感恩節晚餐 11月19日(星期日) 下午六時至九時
聖誕報佳音 12月16日(星期六) 上午九時至下午四
時
聖誕節晚餐 12月17日(星期日) 下午六時至九時

Save the date:
Thanksgiving Dinner November 19 (Sun) 6 - 9 pm
Christmas Caroling December 16 (Sat) 9 am - 4 pm
Christmas Dinner December 17 (Sun) 6 - 9 pm

The Most Reverend Jaime Soto,
D.D, M.S.W, Bishop of Sacramento

The Most Reverend Myron Cotta
Auxiliary Bishop of Sacramento

The Very Reverend Michael O’Reilly, Rector
Reverend Kieran M. McMahon,
Priest in Residence
Reverend Nicholas Ho, Chinese Mass
Deacon John Gisla    Deacon Raul Leon
Deacon Don DeHaven  Deacon Edgar Hilbert
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Monday to Friday 12:10 pm
Monday to Thursday 5:10 pm
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am
9:00 am
11:00 am
1:00 pm en Español
3:00 pm Chinese
5:00 pm
7:00 pm en Español
State Holidays 12:10 pm only

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
Monday to Friday 11:30 am to 12:00 pm
Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
Domingo - en Español 12:30 pm a 12:45 pm
6:30 pm a 7:00 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesday 12:45 pm to 4:45 pm
Thursday 12:45 pm to 4:45 pm
Friday 12:45 pm to 3:45 pm

BAPTISMS (Registration is required)
English — 3rd Saturday of the month, 9:00 am
Español - 4° Sábado del mes, 9:00 am

BAPTISM CLASSES
English — 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm
Español — 2do jueves del mes, 7:00 pm

WEDDINGS — Contact 916-444-3071,
Six (6)months in advance

GIFT SHOP — Sundays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Mondays 10:30 am to 12:00 pm