As we welcome the season of autumn, we direct special attention to the month of October and recall the sixth and last apparition of Our Lady at the Cova da Iria on the 13th of October in the 1917. It was in the midst of the darkness of World War I, and the social and political upheaval which threatened the existence of the Catholic Church in Portugal, that "the Lady clothed in light" appeared to the three little shepherd children. Our Lady promised, on the 13th day, she would perform a miracle so that all may believe. This last appearance of Our Lady at Fátima would bring peace and an end to the WWI. The event, which was to occur at the Cova, in the midst of the most inhospitable conditions of drenching rain and cold, would transform the lives of all waiting in anticipation of "the miracle."

The following is the eyewitness account of the last Apparition on October 13, 1917 in the words of Sr. Lúcia dos Santos, visionary of Fátima:

We left home quite early, expecting that we would be delayed along the way. Masses of people thronged the roads. The rain fell in torrents. My mother, her heart torn with uncertainty as to what was going to happen, and fearing it would be the last day of my life, wanted to accompany me.

On the way, the scenes of the previous month, still more numerous and moving, were repeated. Not even the muddy roads could prevent these people from kneeling in the most humble and supplicant of attitudes. We reached the holmoak in the Cova da Iria. Once there, moved by an interior impulse, I asked the people to shut their umbrellas and say the Rosary. A little later, we saw the flash of light, and then Our Lady appeared on the holmoak.

"What do you want of me?"

"I want to tell you that a chapel is to be built here in my honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue to pray the Rosary every day. The war is going to end, and the soldiers will soon return to their homes."

"I have many things to ask you: the cure of some sick persons, the conversion of sinners, and other things..."

"Some yes, but not others. They must amend their lives and ask forgiveness for their sins."

Looking very sad, Our Lady said:

"Do not offend the Lord our God any more. Because He is already so much offended."

Then, opening her hands, she made them reflect on the sun, and as she ascended, the reflection of her own light continued to be projected on the sun itself. (It was at this moment, when the rain had stopped and the clouds parted, that the multitude, up to 70,000, witnessed the supernatural solar phenomena, and its effects upon them and the surrounding area, known as the miracle of the sun.) While they experienced the awe inspiring and terrifying event, the shepherd children witnessed something entirely different.

Lúcia continues:

After Our Lady had disappeared into the immense distance of the firmament, we beheld St. Joseph with the Child Jesus and Our Lady robed in white with a blue mantle, beside the sun. St. Joseph and the Child Jesus appeared to bless the world, for they traced the Sign of the Cross with their hands. When, a little later, this apparition disappeared, I saw Our Lord and Our Lady; it seemed to me that it was Our Lady of Dolores. Our Lord appeared to bless the world in the same manner as St. Joseph had done. This apparition also vanished, and I saw Our Lady once more, this time resembling Our Lady of Carmel.

On that afternoon, those gathered at the Cova da Iria, believers and non-believers alike, left that special place, a changed people. For it was on that day, 13th day of October, they witnessed the wonder and power of God's mighty hand at work. They were blessed with the extraordinary generosity and transforming power of his grace and mercy.

Thus ends the series of six apparitions and the "messages from Heaven" which God conveyed to the "little shepherd children" by means of the intercession of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary of Fátima in the Year of Our Lord, 1917. It is a message which continues to have meaning, and an impact, on us and the world of the Third Millennium.

As St. John Paul II mentioned in one of his messages:

"The Lady of the message seems to read the signs of the times - the signs of our time - with special insight...The in- sistent invitation of Mary Most Holy to penance is nothing but the manifestation of her maternal concern for the fate of the human family, in need of conversion and forgiveness."

Let us pray, during this 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Fátima, that our world will be blessed with the gift of grace and mercy. The gift necessary to move hearts to repentance and ongoing conversion. May these graces assist us in avoiding sin so as "not to offend the Lord our God anymore. Because He is already so much offended." May God have mercy on us. May the prayers of Our Lady be our refuge and lead us to the Love, that is God. Lúcia, Jacinta and Francisco, pray for us!

Let us find comfort and assurance in the words of Our Heavenly Mother, Our Lady of the Rosary:

_In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph!_
~Pastor’s Corner~

We priests have spent our time together this week on our “clergy study days.” For me, it has been an important time to deepen my relationships with my brother priests. Even more, this time helps me appreciate all of you. I thank you for all your prayers and support. May God bless all of us as we strive to work in His vineyard and glorify His name.

October Roses
So late in the season
Not as perfect as April
Yet still more beautiful.

~Father Michael~

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. At vintage time the master will return to receive the harvest. May we bear fruit in plenty, and be pleasing in his sight by living loves that are marked by love and respect.

Is 5:1-7  Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20  Phil 4:6-9  Mt 21:33-43

MONDAY  9TH

~Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs~
~Saint John Leonard, Priest~
Jonah wants no part of any mission to Gentile territory. We are to love one another with all our heart and strength.

Jon 1:1—2:11  Jon 2:2-5, 8  Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY  10TH

The Ninevites repent and experience the Lord’s kindness. Most important for the disciple is awaiting the kingdom and being attentive to the word of the Lord, living it with deeds of love and service.

Jon 3:1-10  Ps 130:1-4, 7-8  Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY  11TH

~Saint John XXIII, Pope~

The exclusiveness of Israel is ridiculed, for God’s love is universal. God is Father of all.

Jon 4:1-11  Ps 86:3-6, 9-10  Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY  12TH

For those tempted to follow evil ways, judgement is near. God anticipates our needs, for God is a loving Father.

Mal 3:13-20b  Ps 1:1-4, 6  Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY  13TH

May we always be one with the Lord and with each other. The Lord will judge us with justice and mercy.


SATURDAY  14TH

~Saint Callistus I, Pope, Martyr~

On that day, the Lord of all will avenge Jerusalem. Those who hear the word of God and keep it are blest indeed.

Jl 4:12-21  Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12  Lk 11:27-28

~Saint John XXIII, Pope~

October 11—Born of a farming family in Sotto il Monte in northern Italy in 1881, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was ordained a priest in 1904. After serving in world War I as a stretcher-bearer, he was later made national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. In 1925 he became a papal diplomat, serving in Bulgaria, Turkey, and in France. With the help of Germany’s ambassador to Turkey, Roncalli helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people during World War II. Named a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953 by Pope Pius XII, he was elected pope in 1958 at age seventy-eight. He took the name John after his father and the two patrons of Rome’s cathedral, St. John Lateran. He convoked (1959) the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965); his most famous encyclicals were Mater et Magister (1961) and Pacem in Terris (1963). “Good Pope John” died of stomach cancer on June 3rd, 1963. His feast day, October 11, recalls the day of the first session of the Second Vatican Council. Declared a Blessed in 2000, he was canonized, together with Pope John Paul II, by Pope Francis on April 27, 2014.

en·cy·cli·cal  /inˈsi klak(ə)l/ noun
1. a papal letter sent to all bishops of the Roman Catholic Church.

adjective
1. of or relating to an encyclical letter.
The feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron of animals, was on October 4th. At 4:00 pm today, October 8, Father O'Reilly will preside over a blessing of animals and their owners in front of the Cathedral. You are invited to bring your pet in a safe manner for this special blessing.

Father Anthony Nguyen and Father Jerry Frank will officiate at each of the Masses this weekend, and speak to us about the work being done by Unbound, an organization that has served more than 600,000 children, youth and elderly in 19 developing countries since 1981. We welcome and support this wonderful social outreach of the Catholic Church.

"A Treasure of Inestimable Value: Catholic music through the ages" - Saturday, October 14, 10:00am to 3:00pm, at the Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway. A brief survey of the church's musical heritage from the first century to the present, including its origins in the pre-Christian Jewish liturgy of the Temple and synagogue. Learn how the music of our faith laid the foundation for all the music of western civilization. Guided listening, history, and some easy singing. For musicians and non-musicians alike. Lunch included. $20. To register, call 916-733-0221 or email jcavanagh@scd.org.

Calling all Scouts and American Heritage Girls in grades 7-10! - The Catholic Council on Scouting is hosting a retreat for Scouts and American Heritage Girls to participate in the "Mary, the First Disciple" award program. This program is focused on the life of Mary and relevance in our own lives. Join us for a fun and fulfilling weekend of spiritual growth October 13-15 at Camp Trinity Pines in Colfax, CA. Visit scddec.org/catholic-scouting, or email scouting@scd.org for more information.

Attention Scouts and Venturers looking to earn your religious emblem award! - The "Ad Altare Dei" (to the altar of God) will accelerate your personal and spiritual growth by exploring what it means to actively live out your Catholic faith. Come learn more about fulfilling your "Duty to God" with other scouts, during this fun and rewarding weekend from October 13-15 at Camp Trinity Pines in Colfax, CA. The retreat is open to Catholic youth registered in the Boy Scouts of America, 13 years and above. Visit scddec.org/catholic-scouting, or email scouting@scd.org for more information.

Outdoor Mass on Sunday, October 15 at 1:30 p.m., rosary procession and benediction at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center in Citrus Heights. Visit https://www.scd.org/event/our-lady-fatima-centennial-celebration-recitation-rosary-mass-and-benediction for more information.

Holiday Craft Fair at St. Elizabeth of Portugal Parish Hall on November 4 & 5, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Free admission. There will be a variety of handmade crafts and food. Interested Vendors: $25.00 for an 8 foot table for both days. Vendors will make a profit from their crafts and proceeds from the rental of the tables will go to the St. Elizabeth Parish building/maintenance fund. If interested in renting a table, please call 916-442-2333 or 916-928-1423 or email stelizportugal@gmail.com or battimarc07@aol.com by Tuesday, October 24th. The fair will be held at St. Elizabeth's, 1817 12th Street, Sacramento, CA. 95811. Free Admission/Open to the public.

News from the Diocese of Sacramento
October will mark the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, which occurred on Oct. 31, 1517 in Wittenberg, Germany, with the posting of Martin Luther's 95 Theses. In conjunction with the commemoration of the Reformation, the Roman Catholic Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church will remember this historical event by acknowledging the results of the fruits of the ongoing efforts due to prayer and dialogue which have occurred over the past 50 years.

On Oct. 9, the Diocese of Sacramento and the Evangelical Lutheran Church will co-sponsor three events: a prayer breakfast and presentation, a prayer luncheon and presentation, and an evening common prayer service. The morning and afternoon gatherings will offer an opportunity for prayer and time to explore the document Oct. 2015 Lutheran-Catholic document, "Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist." St. James Parish, located at 1215 B St. in Davis, will host the breakfast gathering with presenter, Rev. Jason Bense, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, at 7:30 a.m. To attend the breakfast, RSVP to Deacon Joe O'Donnell at 530-574-2900 or deaconjoe.sacramento@gmail.com. Rev. Bense will also present at the luncheon at noon at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, located at 4706 Arden Way in Carmichael. To attend the luncheon, RSVP to Rev. Bense at 916-915-7320 or jbense@lcor sac.org.

The evening prayer service, "Common Prayer: From Conflict to Communion," will be held at 7 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, located at 1701 L St. in Sacramento. The presiders will Bishop Jaime Soto of the Diocese of Sacramento and Bishop Mark W. Holmerud of the Sierra Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. A reception and light refreshments will following the prayer service. To attend, RSVP to Gina McAdam at 916-733-0202 or gmcadam@scd.org.


27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The secret to everything is to let oneself be carried by God, and so to carry him to others." ~St. Pope John XXIII~
The most powerful tool the Lord has given us to help one another is prayer. If you, your family, or someone you know are in need of prayer, send your prayer request to cbsprayer3@yahoo.com or fill out the form on cathedral-sacramento.org. Hundreds of parishioners are always prepared and honored to take up your prayer for you.

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…

Offering Mass for a special intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or special anniversary. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact the rectory office for help with available dates and times. Intentions are $10.00 donation per Mass request and are due the Tuesday before the publication weekend.

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Sharing the Gospel—You are God's child. He made you and he loves you. Make sure you act like God's child. He created a beautiful world for you to live in. God expects you to take care of it. God also created people to live around you. Love them. Then you will make God happy.

Prayer—Dear God, help me to take care of your world and love the people around me.

Mission for the Week—Recycle paper, plastic and glass at home, instead of throwing it away. Recycling is a great way to take care of God's world.

Puzzle

Help the grapes find their way home.

Amen.”
Retiro en OCTUBRE Lunes 2, 9, 16 y 23 de octubre 7:00 p.m. a las 9:00 p.m. Les animamos a participar en este retiro parroquial "La Llama del Diario de Amor" del Inmaculado Corazón de María. A lo largo de todo, descubrirás las gracias reveladas en el Diario escrito por Elizabeth Kindlemann y la urgencia de difundir la Llama de Amor del Corazón Inmaculado de las gracias de María. Por favor revise los folletos ubicados en la iglesia. El costo es de $ 5. Puede obtener el libro por adelantado en la oficina parroquial o recogerlo en la primera sesión. Únase a nosotros en este retiro espiritual especial a través del mes especial de octubre ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

 Razones Para Aprender Mas Sobre Tu Fe

Jesús nos pide: “vayan y hagan discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, enseñándoles a obedecer todo lo que les he mandado a ustedes”. (Mateo 28, 19-20) Si somos seguidores de Jesús, o sea cristianos, es nuestro deseo hacer lo que Él nos pide. Los invitamos a venir todos los lunes de 7pm a 8:45pm a aprender mas de tu fe. No hay costo alguno. Sólo se requiere traer biblia, cuaderno y pluma. Preguntas: 916-444-3071 ext 15 Diacono Edgar. ¡Te esperamos!

 ¿Tiene usted problemas después de un aborto? ¿Todavía anda buscando paz, años después de haber escogido esa alternativa? Experimente la sanación amorosa de Jesús en el Retiro de Rachel’s Vineyard (en español), el 27-29 de octubre en Auburn, patrocinado por la Diócesis de Sacramento. El retiro de fin de semana combinará discusiones, ejercicios espirituales basados en las Escrituras, el sacramento de Reconciliación, servicio de recordación y la misa. Abierto para mujeres, hombres, parejas y miembros de familia que hayan sido afectados por un aborto. El costo es de $175 por persona e incluye comidas, cuarto privado y los materiales del retiro. Tenemos asistencia financiera disponible. Para más información, llame al (916) 733-0161 o envíe un email al projectrachel@scd.org. Sus preguntas y participación son estrictamente confidenciales.

Taller para Mujeres

El Ministerio de Respeto a la Dignidad de la Vida, De la Catedral del Santísimo Sacramento junto a los Conferencistas Edixon y Claudia Martínez, directores De "Transformando Tu Relación.”
Tenemos el placer de invitar a todas las Mujeres al taller: “Mujer, Eres Libre”

Donde aprenderemos:
Como Reconocer una relación saludable de una que no lo es.
Adicciones y baja autoestima.
¿Enojo y frustración en tu matrimonio?
Como encontrar la paz.
Falsas expectativas, el asesino #1 de la relación.
La manzana de la discordia: el dinero.
Dios y las prioridades para ti mujer.

Lugar: Sótano de Catedral  Día: Sábado 14 de Octubre, 2017
Donación: $10.00   Reservar: Sara Briseño (916) 385-6864
https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/sacramento/

Bendición de Animales — San Francisco de Asís, patrono de los animales, fue celebrado el 4 de Octubre. Hoy, domingo 8 de Octubre, a las 4:00 pm, el Padre Michael O'Reilly bendecirá a las mascotas y a sus dueños frente a Catedral. Usted está invitado a traer a sus mascotas, de una manera segura, a esta bendición especial.

Durante el fin de semana de Octubre 7-8, el Padre Anthony Nguyen y Padre Jerry Frank oficiarán todas las Misas, y hablarán acerca del trabajo que Unbond, una organización que sirve a más de 600,000 niños, jóvenes y ancianos en 19 países en desarrollo desde 1981, hace. Esperamos aprender y apoyar a este maravilloso esfuerzo de la Iglesia Católica.

Estacionamiento para el catecismo

Las clases del catecismo para niños y sus papás empezaron hoy 10 de septiembre. El mejor lugar para estacionarse es el City Hall Garage en la calle 11 casi esquina con la calle J. (Donde está la gran P). El costo del estacionamiento es de $5.00 dólares pero a usted no le cuesta porque la Catedral lo paga por usted. Por favor recoja su cupón al final de la Misa de 1pm.

¡Venga a prepararse para recibir sus Sacramentos!

Clases para Bautizo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación para adultos todos los lunes de 7pm a 8:45pm. Para mas información hable al 916 444 3071 x 15 con el Diacono Edgar o al 916 444 5364 con Sister Jenny.

Rosas de Octubre
Tan tarde en la temporada
No es tan perfecto como abril
Sin embargo, aún más hermoso.

~Padre Michael~

~La esquina del pastor~

Nosotros los sacerdotes hemos pasado nuestro tiempo juntos esta semana en nuestros “días de estudio del clero”. Para mí, ha sido un momento importante para profundizar mis relaciones con mis hermanos sacerdotes. Aún más, esta vez me ayuda a apreciar a todos ustedes. Les doy las gracias por todas sus oraciones y apoyo. Que Dios nos bendiga a todos mientras nos esforzamos por trabajar en Su viña y glorificar Su nombre.

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Bible study will be held on October 14 (Sat) at 10:00 - 12:00 at Chris & Louise’s home. You are all welcome to join.

Giving out Hot Dinner 9.28.2017

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, ……” (Matthew 25:35)

“And truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40)