

The Wisdom of the Cross

The Book of Wisdom is attributed to King Solomon, son of David. Solomon asked God for the gift of wisdom rather than longevity or power. To be a good ruler, he desired to know the truth, to have depth and understanding. He knew this was the strongest foundation a ruler could have. Even if he were a king appointed by God, he would one day have to render an account at his own judgment.

The Roman Emperor Constantine also learned this truth. The fresco here is dedicated to the moment of his vision of the cross. The historians Eusebius of Caesarea and Lactantius tell us of how—ahead of the Battle of the Milvian Bridge in which Constantine would attack Maxentius to reunite the empire under himself—he had a vision of a cross in the

heavens and heard these words: “In this sign, you will conquer.”

Constantine was not a Christian, yet he had this sign emblazoned on the breastplates and shields of his soldiers. They won that battle against great odds. Archeologists have uncovered shields, helmets, breastplates, and coins with this symbol, attesting to the truth of his vision.

Eventually Constantine, the most powerful figure in the world, was baptized a Catholic and built several large churches in Rome, including St. Peter’s Basilica. This was not to his political advantage, and the risk he took in promoting the faith showed the sincerity of his conversion. He understood the wisdom of

the cross, and it was worth selling all to follow Jesus and receive the treasure of eternal life.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I give more credence to fads or feel-good philosophies than to the truth revealed by Jesus?



Piece: The Vision of the Cross, 1520-1524
Artist: Giuliano Romano
Location: Apostolic Palace, Vatican City

[Jesus said,] “Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

Mark 10:21

Mass Intentions for the Week



			Intention	Requested by
Saturday,	Oct. 13	5 p.m.	Lorraine Sue †	Rosie Murphy
		7 p.m.	Our Lady of Fatima Devotees	Ancelle Nguyen
Sunday,	Oct. 14	8 a.m.	Renaldo Marin†	Marin Family
		9:30 a.m.	For the Deceased Members of the Woo and Dong Families	John and Nancy Woo
		11:30 a.m.	Esther Esmilla Taylor †	Christina Taylor
Monday,	Oct. 15	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
		8 a.m.	Eric Ewen, Al and Katie Carlson-Continued Good Health and Blessings	St. John Friends Eric and Sharon Ewen
Tuesday,	Oct. 16	8 a.m.	Margaret Palumbo †	St. John Parish
Wednesday,	Oct. 17	8 a.m.	St. John Parishioners	Tom Kennedy
Thursday,	Oct. 18	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving	Ferreros Family
Friday,	Oct. 19	8 a.m.	Joselito Asuncion †	
Saturday,	Oct. 20	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children For Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children

Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT, Oct. 7, 2018
 Loose Donations
 Second Collection: Parish Development and the School's Tuition Assistance Program
 (Due to the short week, the collection figures will be available at the next issue.)

Thank you for your generosity.

Annual Respect Life Gathering

Cathedral Parish Hall, Saturday, Nov. 3, 8:30 a.m. RSVP by Oct. 26. oakdiocese.org/respectlife

Catholic Charities on Immigration

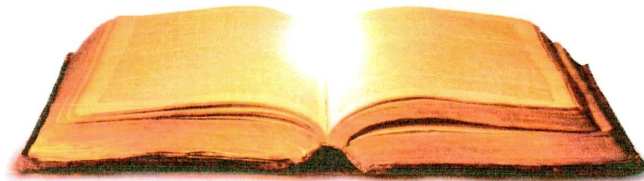
Bi-monthly *Know Your Rights* presentations, Oct 23, Nov 13, 27, Dec 11.
 Pls. call Deanna Salazar, (925) 771-8524.

Let Us Pray for the Sick

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday
 Niani Barber, Pearl & Patrick
 Batiste, Irene Blair, Robert Britto
 Richard Calapini, Evelyn Canepa
 Jeff Chavez, Brenna Clark, Jennette
 Cleadenger, Linda Crittendon
 Cora Dongon, Mary Dong, Tami
 Duncan, Juanita Estrellas, Eric Ewen
 Filomena Giese, Mike Giovannini
 Joseph Golinveau, Domingos deGregorio, Andy
 Gutierrez, James Gutierrez, Patrick Gutierrez, Ruben
 Gutierrez, Maydelle Halligan, Joanne, Marvin & Maurice
 Haynes, Sherry Highlander, Tamaya Hunt, Ann Jones,
 Tom Kennedy, Maria Impang Lozada, Bernice Lockett,
 Marian & Michael Luoma, Nancy McVey, Francis
 Mondragon, Ester Oppus, Judith Padilla, Theresa Parella,
 Angelina Patacsil, Pam Paun, Victoria Payless Fely
 Sabares, Jovita Santos, Linda Schneider, Dimitri Smith,
 Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley, Ike Tiongson,
 Jr., Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal, Evodio Walle Winston
 Williams, Jan Williamson



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Dates, Times, Location

Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Starting Oct 3
In the Fr. John Maxwell Conference room

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If you are interested, call Richard Keller at 510 734 1268

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The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation is a fascinating Bible study that will take you on a journey through the entire Bible.

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—Kyley Drach



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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven, But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Wis 7:7-11. Heb 4:12-13.
Mk 10:17-30. Or 10:17-27.

Monday Readings: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1.
Lk 11:29-32. Or Rom 8:22-27. Jn 15:1-8.

Tuesday Readings: Gal 5:1-6. Lk 11:37-41. Or
Sir 26:1-4, 13-16. Mk 3:31-35. Or Eph 3:14-19.
Mt 11:25-30.

Wednesday Readings: Gal 5:18-25. Lk 11:42-46.
Or Phil 3:17-4:1. Jn 12:24-26.

Thursday Readings: 2 Tim 4:10-17b. Lk 10:1-9.

Friday Readings: Eph 1:11-14. Lk 12:1-7. Or
2 Cor 4:7-15. Mt 28:16-20.

Saturday Readings: Eph 1:15-23. Lk 12:8-12. Or
1 Cor 18-25. Mt 16:24-27.

Liturgy of the Hours, Mon.- Fri. at 7:40am.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, Wed.,
8:30am at the Church and 6pm at the Chapel.

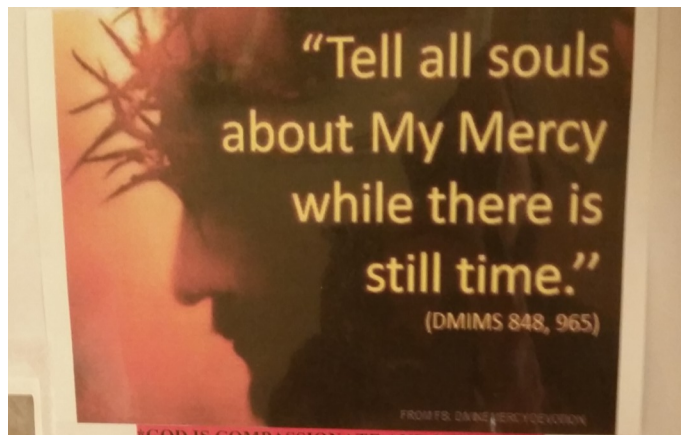
Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mon.-
Sat., 8:30am at Church; Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and
10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish),

Holy Infant of Prague Novena, Thu. at 8:30am
at Church.

Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

Confessions, Sat., 4pm. Or at an Appointed time.

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration, Daily at the
Chapel.



Protecting God's Children

All volunteers and church employees must sign in at virtusonline.org and complete the training session on Protecting God's Children.

Volunteers and church employees, who mentor minors, or administer the Eucharist at homes or visit vulnerable adults must be livescanned/ fingerprinted.

For questions, please call the Church or Safe

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of October

Universal: The Treasure of Families
That any far reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Carondelet HS Open House

Come and experience what our special Sisterhood is all about. After a rally in the gym, you can stroll around the campus, visit in classrooms, meet our inspired teachers, talk with our enthusiastic student leaders, and learn more about the school from our dedicated staff and administration.

Sunday, November 4th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
carondeleths.org. RSVP online.

Parish Constructs Its Lady of Aparecida Shrine

The construction of the shrine dedicated to our Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Aparecida is well under way but to continue construction we need your support.

Please prayerfully consider giving generously. If you have not seen the work in progress, it is in the courtyard between the church and the school where a fountain that had been built as a memorial to the parents of the late Fr. Ken Russell and a rose planted at that Divine Mercy Sunday canonization of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II. St. John Paul II blessed the original statue of Our Lady of Aparecida.

Totus Tuus Study Group

Totus Tuus meets Mondays, at 7:00 in the conference room. Please join us as we learn about Our Blessed Mother, her role in our lives and in the life of the church. Our group study ends at 8:00, after which, we pray the Rosary.

-Elizabeth Martinez

Bishop's Appeal of 2018

Your contribution to the annual bishop's appeal support vocations to the priesthood, catechesis, care for elderly religious and priests, social services for the hungry, homeless, the sick and unemployed in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Calls for Help & Hope

The Contra Costa Crisis Center has provided a lifeline of help and hope for 55 years.
Call 1-800-833-2900

Centennial Rosary Crusade

Host the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady in your own home (Spanish/English). Please call: Enrique Sanchez, (510) 237-8873.



Tuesday, Nov. 6

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

at Christmas Season
Come and Join this Extraordinary unforgettable Trip to the Home Land of Jesus

With Fr. Joseph Tran
December 3-13, 2018 \$3,200/person
-Round Trip from USA
-Breakfast / Dinner Daily -Mass, Daily
Hotel Included

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The mission is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the church and the world! - Joe & Sue Talarico, Diocese of Oakland

[925.680.7767](tel:925.680.7767) // Joe.Sue.Talarico@wwme.org

Or Mike & Jeanne @ [925.672.2016](tel:925.672.2016)

Salvation Army Holiday Dinner And Toy Distribution

From Oct 1-Nov 8. Please call ahead regarding required documentations. (510) 262-0500.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Oct. 16, Learn of the issues and candidates from the League of Women's Voters, 11am /Lunch at 12:30pm.



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