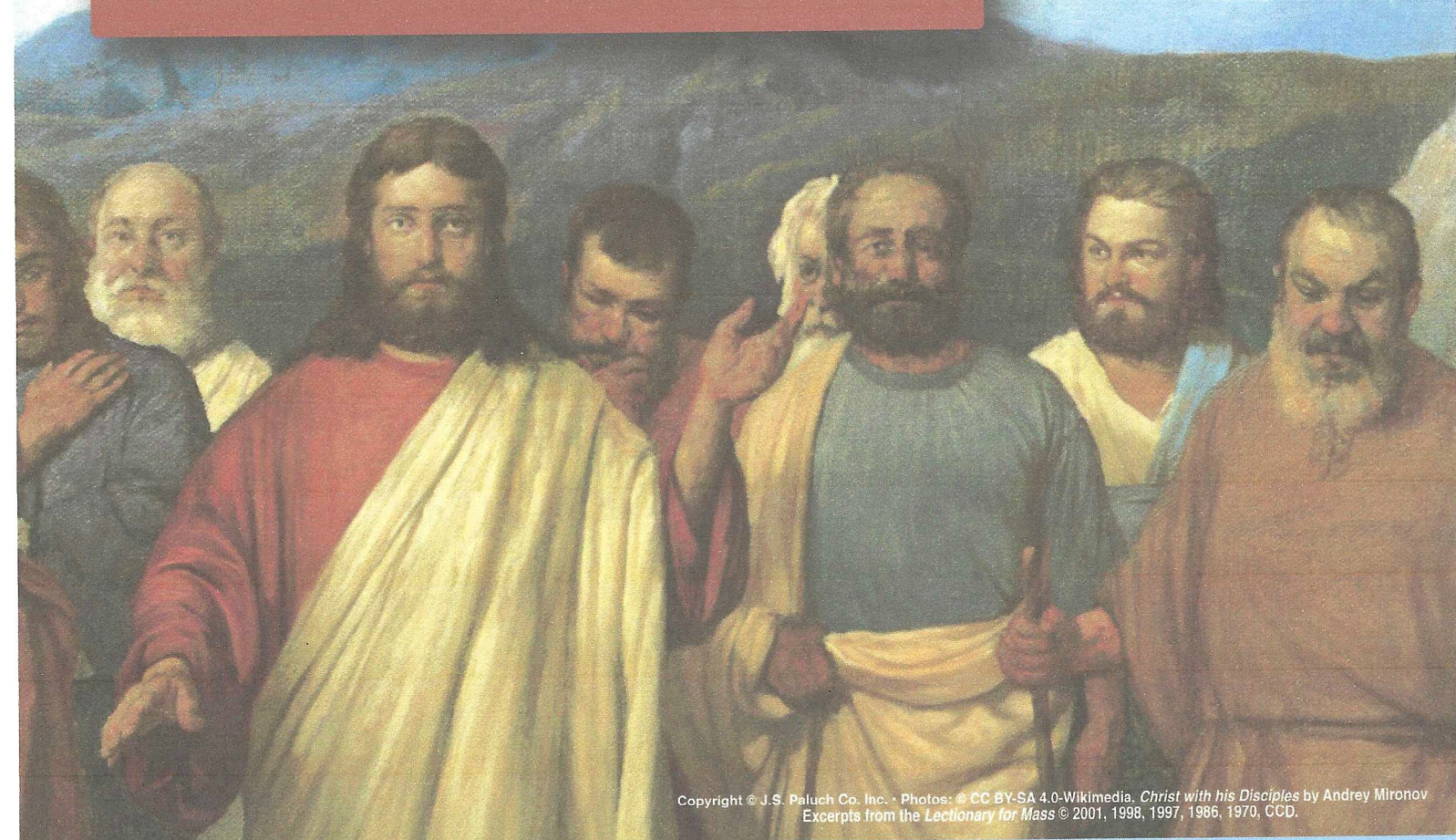


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**“Will not God then
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who call out to him
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Luke 18:7



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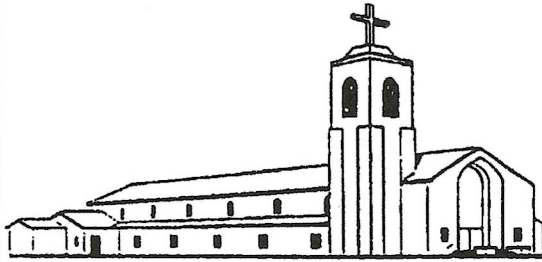
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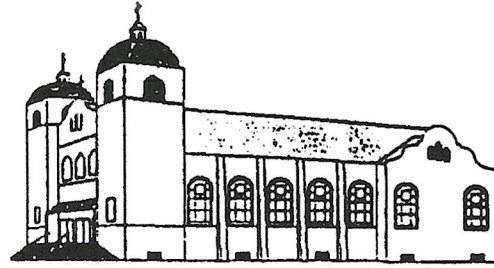
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6:30	AM	English	Immaculate Conception Church
8:00	AM	Español	St. Anthony Church
9:45	AM	English	St. Anthony Church
11:30	AM	English	St. Anthony Church

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6:30	AM	English	St. Anthony Church
6:30	PM	Español	St. Anthony Church

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SUSTAINING HOPE

We all get weary sometimes. So often we face frustration, discouragement, and temptation to despair over what we can't change in our lives, or in the world. Today's readings give us resources to persist in sustaining hope and trusting in God. The reading from Exodus shows us that when our arms get weary, we are not alone, that God provides us companions to sustain us. The letter to Timothy reminds us that we are rooted in scripture, the story of God's past actions and promises for the future. The Gospel passage from Luke gives us the image of a persistent widow, who has a passion in her heart to sustain her relentless efforts to secure justice. This passion, this faith and hope, are God's gifts. But they require ongoing practices of prayer to stay alive and growing. Let us encourage each other in prayer when our arms get weary.

GOD'S PERSISTENCE

Today's Gospel is set within Jesus' instruction to his disciples to prepare for a future after his ascension, and before Christ's final return. The early Church lived in an unjust and violent world, and likely wondered when Christ would return to complete his work. In this context, we hear a parable of a corrupt judge and a widow seeking justice. The widow has no worldly resources to affect the judge, but only her own persistence. And that was enough.

We today also live in an unjust world, and we the Church long for Christ to fulfill God's promises. But we are not asked to wait passively; instead we must join God's work in bringing justice. We can imitate the widow with our persistence in prayer and action to be instruments of peace in our own place and time. These efforts might well extend beyond our own lifespans, but God will inspire new instruments of peace in future generations. God's persistence will be enough.

A DEEP BREATH

In today's passage from 2 Timothy, we hear that "all scripture is inspired." The Greek word translated as "inspired" literally means "God-breathed." That is, God breathes God's own life in and through scripture. We can see ourselves also as "God-breathed," as God's creation was the result of God's speech in Genesis, and as the Church received the Spirit from Jesus' breath (John 20:22). God breathes in and through these writings, and in our encounters with each other, to enliven and to transform us.

Using this word, Paul invites Timothy to engage with scripture, to allow it to teach, correct, and train. Scripture is not a set of rules or an answer book, but a breath of God's fresh air. It is the record of flawed human beings encountering a loving yet mysterious God. It is the story of God and humanity where we can place our life stories in dialogue with God's story. Take a deep breath.

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 17:8–13

Psalms 121:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8

2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2

Luke 18:1–8

**“Will not God then secure the rights
of his chosen ones who call out
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I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

— Psalm 121:1-2



PERSISTENCE

Exodus recounts the journey of the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt to the land promised to their ancestors. It was not an easy journey. In today's reading, they are attacked by Amalek and his soldiers, members of one of the peoples who live in the land through which the Israelites are traveling. Moses was on the hilltop with his arms raised to invoke the LORD's assistance in the battle below, a powerful illustration of the LORD's favor upon Israel. If the soldiers were to lift up their eyes to that hill (see Psalm 121:1), they would be reassured by Moses's presence and posture. Paul urges the Thessalonians to persist in proclaiming the gospel, and Jesus likewise commends the widow for her persistence in pursuit of the justice due her. Whether they preach or pray, the followers of Jesus need persistence through periods of difficulty. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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(LAS CLASES SON CADA PRIMER Y TERCER LUNES DEL MES)

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NO PEW POTATOES

Catholicism is not a spectator sport. —Anonymous

HAPPY ARE THEY

Happy are they who grieve not for what they have not, but give thanks for what they do have.
—Anonymous

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As long as Moses' hands were kept uplifted, Joshua and his men had the better part of the battle with Amalek (Exodus 17:8-13).

Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).

Second Reading — Remain faithful; proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or not (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2).

Gospel — God will secure the rights of the chosen who call out day and night (Luke 18:1-8).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Ignatius of Antioch; National Boss's Day
- Tuesday: St. Luke
- Wednesday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
- Thursday: St. Paul of the Cross
- Saturday: St. John Paul II; Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
- Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
- Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
- Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

This November, Vote "No" On Prop 1

What is Proposition 1?

Proposition 1 would enshrine the explicit right to abortion in our state constitution, setting a nationwide precedent. It is the most egregious expansion of abortion this country has ever seen.

It's also the first time ever that CA voters are being asked to vote for unrestricted late term abortion, ending any real chance for California to protect unborn life in future laws.

Recent in-depth polling shows that a strong majority of California voters oppose late term abortions, oppose turning California into an abortion sanctuary state, and oppose using tax dollars to pay for abortions.

Prop 1 is misleading, expensive, and unnecessary – **and we can stop it.**

Este noviembre, vote "No" a la Proposición 1

¿Qué es la Proposición 1?

La Proposición 1 consagraría el derecho explícito al aborto en la constitución de nuestro estado, sentando un precedente a nivel nacional. Es la expansión más atroz del aborto que este país haya visto jamás.

También es la primera vez que se les pide a los votantes de CA que voten por el aborto tardío sin restricciones, lo que pone fin a cualquier posibilidad real de que California proteja la vida no nacida en leyes futuras.

Encuestas exhaustivas recientes muestran que una gran mayoría de los votantes de California se oponen a los abortos tardíos, se oponen a convertir a California en un estado santuario del aborto y se oponen a usar el dinero de los impuestos para pagar los abortos.

La Proposición 1 es engañosa, costosa e innecesaria, **y podemos detenerla.**

Pope Francis'



MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

October 2022 For a Church open to everyone:

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

The Revival is a three-year initiative sponsored by the Bishops of the United States intended to form, heal, convert, and unite the People of God through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist." - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. Amen



Diocese of Fresno Annual Red Mass

For more information contact:
The Diocese of Fresno at (559) 488-7400

Lunch Reception to follow the Mass
FRIDAY OCTOBER 21, 2022 12:10 P.M.

*Bishop Brennan invites all Judges, Attorneys,
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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will
to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity
of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Reflection question:
When do I resist conforming my will to
God's?*



Diocese of Fresno

The Fall edition of our Catholic Life magazine is now available for our parishioners diocesan wide. Please visit dioceseoffresno.org/magazine to view this edition of the Central California Catholic Life

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

Thinking about separation or divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. The next English weekend in Fresno will be held November 11-13, 2022. For confidential information or to register, please call us at (559) 862-6765.

Retrouvaille: un salvavidas para los matrimonios en problemas
¿Pensando en la separación o el divorcio? ¿Tu matrimonio o el de un familiar o amigo se dirige al divorcio? Retrouvaille (pronunciado retro-vi con una i larga) está diseñado para ayudar a los matrimonios con problemas a recuperar su salud. Ayuda a los cónyuges a descubrir o despertar el amor, la confianza y el compromiso que originalmente los unió. El programa tiene un gran éxito en salvar matrimonios heridos, incluso brindando reconciliación a parejas que ya se han separado o divorciado. El próximo fin de semana en inglés en Fresno se llevará a cabo del 11 al 13 de noviembre de 2022. Para obtener información confidencial o registrarse, llámenos al (559) 862-6765.



LET US REMEMBER TO OFFER A PRAYER FOR THE

SICK Maryellen Jimenez, Domingo Arana, Edward Umada Sr., Pat Brown, Wanda Constable, Theresa Gonzalez, Ernie Martinez To Have a Name Removed or Added to The Prayer List Call Parish Office 358-5743.



**** Español * Mass at Immaculate Conception**

Saturday, October 15th

5:00PM †Margarito Mike Miramontes

5:00PM †John Dias

6:30PM †Juana Tamayo Pena**

6:30PM †Maria del Rosario Marquez**

Sunday, October 16th

6:30AM †Tony Barroso*

6:30AM †Fr. Joel Davadilla*

8:00AM Intenciones para los feligreses de San Antonio/Inmaculada Concepción**

8:00AM ---

9:45AM †Tony & Carmel Ferreria

9:45AM †Apolenaria R Marquez

11:30AM †Jesus Alvarado

11:30AM Intentions for Joe Esparza Family

Monday, October 17th (Communion Service)

6:30AM Intentions for Jessie Munoz

6:30AM Intentions for Gabby &

Josue

Tuesday, October 18th

6:30AM †Manuel Lovao

6:30AM †Fr. Joel Davadilla

Wednesday, October 19th

6:30AM †Guadalupe Mendoza

Mejia

6:30AM †Fr. Joel Davadilla

6:30PM †Refugio y Emilia Viramontes**

6:30PM †Margarita Lizbeth Perez**

Thursday, October 20th

6:30AM †Jeremy Gouveia

6:30AM †Special Intentions for All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, October 21th

6:30AM †Deceased Members of the Macias Valenzuela Family

6:30AM

MEETINGS

Group

Altar Society	As Announced	
Bible Study (Estudio biblico en espanol)	Every Wednesday/Miercoles 7pm	Small Hall
Catholic Daughters of the Americas	2nd Tuesday Monthly 6 pm	Small Hall
Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial		
Movimento Familiar Cristiano	Every 1st Friday/Viernes Monthly 7pm	Small Hall
Guadalupe Society	Last Thursday/Jueves of the Month 7pm	Small Hall
Knights of Columbus	1st Mondays 6:00 PM & 1st Tuesday 6:00 PM Monthly	Small Hall
Grupo de Oracion Dulce Maria	Saturday/Sabado 7:30pm	Church
RCIA	Sundays 11am-1pm	Music Room
RICA(Espanol)	Every Thursday/Jueves Weekly 7 pm	Parish Hall
YLI	2nd Monday Monthly 7:00pm	Italo Lodge
YMI	4th Wednesday Monthly 7:00 pm	Parish Hall
Hijos del Trueno (Ministerio de Hombres) (Mens Spanish Prayer Group)	2nd , 4th & 5th Tuesday/Martes Monthly 7 pm	Parish Hall
Anchor Youth Group	Fridays 7pm	Parish Hall

REGISTRATION: New to the Parish? Moving? Been with us a while but haven't yet registered? That's OK. Just fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or bring it by the office. Thanks! You are encouraged to register online at www.stanthonyatwater.org

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