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## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, November 4th, 2012; 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time** Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 12:28-34

Masses, 8:30 a.m. (English)  
10:30 a.m. (English)  
12:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

**Monday, November 5th, 2012; Philippians 2:1-4, Luke 14:12-14**

Masses, 9:00 a.m. (English)  
6:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
Confessions, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 6th, 2012; Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 14:15-24**

Masses, 9:00 a.m. (English)  
6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

**Wednesday, November 7th, 2012; Philippians 2:12-18, Luke 14:25-33**

Masses, 9:00 a.m. (English)  
6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

**Thursday, November 8th, 2012; Philippians 3:3-8, Luke 15:1-10**

Masses, 9:00 a.m. (English)  
6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

**Friday, November 9th, 2012; Dedication of the Lateran** Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17, John 2:13-22

Masses, 9:00 a.m. (English)  
6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

**Saturday, November 10th, 2012; St. Leo the Great** Philippians 4:10-15, Luke 16:9-15

Vigil Mass, 5:30 p.m. (English)  
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
Confessions, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, November 11th, 2012; 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** 1 Kings 17:10-16, Hebrews 9:24-28, Matthew 12:38-44

Masses, 8:30 a.m. (English)  
10:30 a.m. (English)  
12:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
3:00 p.m. (Spanish)



## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



“One of the scribes, when he came forward and heard them disputing and saw how well [Jesus] answered them, asked him, ‘Which is the first of all the commandments?’”

-Mark 12:28

**Reflecting on Faith in the Scriptures** - As part of the Year of Faith, reflections on the nature of Faith should be offered occasionally:

Faith isn't as simple as either God gives it or he does not. Faith is an interplay between God always offering his richness and his salvation and our response to this divine gift. This “gift can be received with caution or suspicion as if it were merely an accident... Or it can be received as the promise ... of ever greater gift, in which case it becomes the first step in an adventure that leads to the discovery of the Gift of gifts.”

The difference between these two responses to God's gifts may be seen in the contrast between Israel's first two kings, Saul and David. Both were called by God and anointed by the Prophet Samuel but what they did with their call was very different. Saul gave way to desperation, fear, rashness, and hesitation (1 Samuel 13:5-16; 14:24-30; 15; 16:14-19; 18:6-16; 25:17-23). It was as if in Saul's mind his initial call or contact with God had somehow expired. David realized God's initial call was just that, initial. It would grow and continue even in very bad times (2 Samuel 11-12:25, 15:1-18, 18:1-19:9; 24). David had a confidence, an energy, and a drive that was rooted in the conviction of God's goodness and God's presence. “Saul managed to turn peccadillos into unforgivable sins; David turned grievous sins into opportunities for grace and growth. Saul was ... always in the wrong line of traffic, forever snatching defeat from the jaws of victory.... Saul, unlike David, seemed incapable of believing in the goodness of God's world, of God's future and of Saul himself. And so he was a worried, anxious man and was always prepared for evil and almost always found it. David was ... prepared for good, for happy surprise and since God's world is basically good, he was able to find blessing, in spite of problems and setbacks.... David trusted God and life and himself enough to be able to do the risky, marginal things which are the hallmark of the truly free person....

“David found Goliath there before Israel, hurling insults and challenging Saul and his men to fight him. No one could be found for this hopeless contest with the giant. Then David stepped forward. They were dumbfounded but they were also desperate so they accepted his offer. Then Saul did a very characteristic thing: he offered David his own suit of armor though it was clearly much too large. Even at this point, Saul could think of only one way to fight the giant – the traditional way, the old way, the doomed way. David saw the new and better way and as soon as he decided to fight Goliath with his sling the battle was

as good as over. Thus, David's faith, since it revealed the goodness of God in life, put him in touch with his own creativity as well.... David did not conquer Goliath because God intervened; he killed the giant because his trust in God enabled him to trust himself, to make the most of the talents and ingenuity that God had given him.” Faith makes us bloom.

-The above quotations are from *Flowers in the Desert* by the Benedictine priest Demetrius Dumm, pp. 39-43.

**November 6 is Election Day.** Our Faith follows us into the election booth as surely as other parts of our selves. One of the larger roles of the Church in the public square is to help form individual consciences and so previous bulletins have outlined Catholic thought about human dignity, economic justice, immigration, abortion, life issues, religious freedom, environmental awareness, option for the poor, and marriage. Yet simply stating Catholic principles and reasons is not all there is to conscience formation. Consciences about public issues grow through a series of honest questions about ourselves and the honest responses each of us offers. Some questions include: what actually dominates my thinking on public issues? Is it the Gospel, an identification with liberal or conservative camps, a desire to see my side win, improving my particular social class, improving the position of my race, the common good, self-interest, a desire to protect human dignity, or following the person or position everyone else seems to like? Clearly there is no one candidate who favors all that Catholics favor and opposes all that Catholics oppose. This means our consciences have to weigh things and in this weighing process there are some helps:

- It's better to see the whole than to focus exclusively on one part. The Vatican notes, “The Christian faith is an integral unity, and thus it is incoherent to isolate some particular element to the detriment of the whole of Catholic doctrine. A political commitment to a single isolated aspect of the Church's social doctrine does not exhaust one's responsibility towards the common good. (*Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life*, no. 4). See also the U.S. Bishop's document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, #29.”
- It is wrong to support a position or candidate precisely because the position is a serious moral evil. Support for a position or candidate in favor of a serious moral evil has to be *despite* this serious wrong, i.e., so as to achieve an important and substantial moral good. If it were possible to eliminate the evil from the good, we would readily do so.
- Serious moral evils cannot be ignored.
- It is reasonable to recognize that certain candidates may or may not be able to bring about the policies they advocate.

**The Diocesan stewardship** program continues this weekend. God asks a lot from us – He asks our words, deeds, and hearts – and He has given us much. Stewardship is a response to God's blessings. Usually our response to God's blessings grows little by little. We do something small but extra because we want to respond to God's gifts. That's what the stewardship program asks: more actions and simple actions but ones of growth and maturity, actions that reflect our responsibility to the One who has given us much.

This weekend various members of our parish groups will be on hand to offer information about their programs. To present this

information they will ask for names and phone numbers of parishioners who show an interest in living stewardship more deeply. Giving these basic details is an openness on our part. No one is demanding from us and by the same token, no one is ignoring that each of us has a responsibility to increase our response to God.

**The Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring a bus trip to Wendover on Saturday, November 17. Tickets are \$25 dollars and include refreshments and prizes on the bus. Contact Manuel Mendoza for information.

**In spiritual harmony with the Pope and the Church** by Fr. Fernando Velasco: On October 11, 2012 Pope Benedict XVI has inaugurated an entire year so that Catholics make time to study, pray and bear witness to the Catholic faith. The "mandate" for every baptized Catholic is to read the documents of Vatican II and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This seems a difficult task but it is not.

Vatican Council II is 50 years old. It's been 50 years and Catholics have not read this valuable document. It is time to give us this task. The Catechism of the Catholic Church includes the teaching, the doctrine and the tradition of the Church, and also this valuable book celebrates 20 years of enactment.

I suggest to begin reading these books daily, fifteen minutes each book. This can be done at home with family or alone.

The steps can be the following: 1) *Sign of the Cross*, 2) *Pray the Creed*, 3) *15 minutes of reading of the Council Vatican II*, and 4) *15 minutes of the Catechism*, 5) *Pray an Our Father and a Hail Mary*.

Cut out the Creed below and use it for your study. Blessings and be attentive on any Sunday mass I will do a census to see if we are implementing this suggestion.

### The Nicene Creed

*(The creed is the prayer proposed by the Pope for the year of faith).*  
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### COLLECTION, October 27-28

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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, November 4th

8:30 AM +Pat Zacarri by Joe & Joyce Rainaldi

10:30 AM +John Hummel by Jean Hummel

12:30 PM Parishioners

3:00 PM Ints. Jenny Taylor

#### MONDAY, November 5th

9:00 AM Ints. Mark Carter by Dottie Majers

6:30 PM +Felix Navarro

#### TUESDAY, November 6th

9:00 AM All Ill

6:30 PM +Humberto Barragan

#### WEDNESDAY, November 7th

9:00 AM Ints. Gene Majers by Dottie Majers

6:30 PM +Irene Estrada

#### THURSDAY, November 8th

9:00 AM +Angela Shepherd by tom & Beth George

6:30 PM +Rosa Mejia

#### FRIDAY, November 9th

9:00 AM +Carl Marchesi by Mary Guerrie, Joann & Dick

6:30 PM Our Benefactors

#### SATURDAY, November 10th

5:30 PM +Jimmy George by Joe & Janice Hauzen

7:00 PM Parishioners

**We're close to our DDD level** for this year. For those who are paying on the pledges they made, please try to complete your pledges in November. This will help us immensely. If you have questions about your pledge payment status, contact Janice Hauzen in the business office. A big thanks to all who contributed to DDD this year.

**The English Religious Education program** lost its teacher and aid for pre-kindergarten classes due to scheduling conflicts. So we're in clear need for volunteer who would like to help pass on the Faith. If interested, please call the office or talk to Vivienne Faurot on Sunday mornings during class time. If no one is able to help, we will have to cancel the class.

### Winners of the prizes from the dinner-dance two weeks ago:

The bubble gum machine went to Ezequel Aguayo; Barbara Bolstad has the Our Lady of Guadalupe basket; the swimming pool is with Jan Hortman; Jorge Ponce won the St. Francis of Assisi Basket; the television went to Adriana Perez; and Jason Harris captured the \$500. Thanks to all who participated.

### PRAYER LIST:

All our Military Troops, C.P.O. John Richardson, Msgt. B. Blecha, Josephine Boerio, Msgt. Jason Hindmarsh, Barbara & Burt Slavens, Randy Jahner, LaRae Bunting, Pilar Carrillo, Freddy Corrales, Ercilia Velasco, Melany G. Bowen, Sam Barber Jr., Fred Chavez, Ana Schooler, Mary Ann Liddiard, Max Kele, Jade Lucero, Ronda Weaver, Kiki Brown-White, Sidlow Family, Citlali Gomez, Hardy Family, Carlson Family, Dallas Kummer, Dawn Summers, Celine Patient and Family, Willard Grace, Pablo Davila, Niki Lopez, Todd Bowen, Ronnie Rivera, Phor Hiatt, Brother Anthony Lavorin, O.F.M., Helen Gurule, Robert Lawson, Madeline Alispach.

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