

SAINT ANNE OF THE SUNSET

Sunday - November 3, 2024
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Voting with Faith & Conscience – Pope Francis has written that *an authentic faith ... always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it.* But how can we juggle between the different competing issues, especially when it comes to the choice of the next President? Some would argue that because the US kills 750,000 unborn children every year, the **Protection of the Unborn** is the pre-eminent issue. At an age when sonograms are able to reveal the mystery of life in the womb, their humanity continues to be denied and they are aborted. Others would argue that **Climate Change** that threatens the very future of humanity and has already caused so much harm and destruction, and will further cause widespread famine, massive dislocations of peoples and violent conflict is equally if not more important. They point to the next 10 years as critical to reverse the threat to our planet. Yet there are those who argue that a 3rd compelling issue we face is the **Culture of Exclusion**. Racial injustice is on the rise, as is the rise of white nationalism which has unleashed a poison of animosity against immigrants. This creates fear among the African Americans and Hispanic families as they continue to experience disparities in education, health, job availability and housing which contribute to the breakdown of marriage, family life and poverty in our nation. So how is a faithful voter to prioritize between these and other competing issues and candidates? Bishop Robert McElroy adds that voting for a candidate involves not only their stance in one particular issue, but also careful consideration should be paid to their character and competence. As he puts it, *it does little good to elect a saint if he or she doesn't have the competence to carry out his duties effectively for the common good.* So when it comes to these competing issues and the candidate's character McElroy reminds us of the **Virtue of Prudence**. Some may disqualify a candidate for simply taking a position that is intrinsically evil, such as abortion, but McElroy said that because moral theology hasn't made a comprehensive list of everything that is intrinsically evil, we will need Prudence to help us discern. For example, telling a lie is intrinsically evil, but escalating nuclear arms is not. Would we solely disqualify a candidate for having lied once over someone who threatens to destabilize the nuclear weapons program? This is why the Church teaches us to use the Virtue of Prudence for we cannot be a faith-filled Catholic voter, without exercising it within

the sanctity of a well-formed conscience. The faith-filled voter is asked to make the complex judgment: which candidate will be likely to best advance the common good through his office in the particular political context he will face? In Pope Francis' address to Congress in 2015, he said *"a nation is great when it defends liberty as Abraham Lincoln did, when it seeks equality as Martin Luther King did, and when it strives for justice for the oppressed as Dorothy Day did."* Let us pray for each other in the upcoming election, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, we may prudently vote for the common good of our nation and the good of the world.

Thank You, Gracias, Xie Xie – Following the success of the Parish Festival, we wish to thank the over 135 people who signed up as volunteers. In particular, we give a BIG THANK YOU to the 2 co-chairs, **Bev Perea** and **Adrienne Lew** and to the following who took leading roles of our event:

Taryn Lew—who served as the co-chair's right hand throughout the entire weekend.

Mark Lew—who ran different errands, filled the gaps where needed & ran the bar at the dinner.

Keith Perea—who picked up bobas, breadsticks, ran errands, ran the bar, and served as Bev's right hand throughout the weekend.

Rachel Leluc—who helped with coordination, execution, planning and logistics.

Tammy & Darrin – who helped coordinate parking for movie night and designed banners.

Jen Vanderwheele – who also helped with banner design and ordering.

Theresa Chan – who ran the Saturday day kitchen, providing her own team of volunteers, was the head cook and prepared all the food offerings.

Kathy Aclan - who helped with afternoon outside logistics and bingo kitchen duties.

Knights of the Columbus – who helped with the BBQ and created a fun atmosphere for all.

Joanne Ramos & Adriana Der—who organized volunteers to set up and clean up the Beer garden, who took orders for the BBQ and ran errands as needed.

Al Fong – who helped with raffle ticket sales during the weekend.

Mary & Kevin Cronin – who helped with the yard clean up, outside games set up with our vendor, and help with garbage disposal.

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for all you've done to make the Festival a success!

- Fr Dan

thank you

Previous Week Collection

Sunday Offertory - \$3143.20
No Second Collection
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) - \$27,991 (54%)
(As of 10/29/2024)

Thank you for your generosity!



Week of November 3, 2024

Sunday, November 3

8:00AM Parishioners of St. Anne
Rosemarie Conge (D)
10:00AM All Souls Novena/Nicandro Conge (D)
12:00PM Fr. Tom Hamilton (D)

Monday, November 4

8:45AM All Souls Novena/Eddie Conge (D)

Tuesday, November 5

8:45AM All Souls Novena/Rev. Stan Wu (D)

Wednesday, November 6

8:45AM All Souls Novena/Eugene Szymanski(D)

Thursday, November 7

8:45AM All Souls Novena/Gabriel Lau Yu Ting (D)

Friday, November 8

8:45AM All Souls Novena/Sylvia Navarro (D)

Saturday, November 9

8:45AM All Souls Novena
Miki Q. Austria, Birthday
5:00PM All Souls Novena/Arturo Conge (D)

Vote NO on Proposition O - The Archdiocese of San Francisco urges a NO to this proposition to protect choice for pregnant women, mothers and families. This proposition requires 2 life-affirming state licensed health clinics in San Francisco, to post signs stating that they do not provide abortions or emergency contraception services and require them to post signs that would indicate where to obtain these services. In addition, this proposition would establish a Department of Public Health website listing all abortion providers but singling out life-affirming health clinics as not providing them. In this political climate, it opens these clinics to abuse and even violence. In addition, this proposition would also change SF zoning to make it easier to establish abortion clinics in business and residential areas. For these reasons, the Archdiocese urges a NO vote on Proposition O.

We've Come This Far by Faith, A Gospel Concert In Honor of Black Catholic History Month - Reflection on the canonization process by Dr. Chiquita Tuttle.

Featuring the combined choir of St. Paul of the Shipwreck and Our Lady of Lourdes

When: November 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm (reception to follow)

Where: St. Dominic's Catholic Church, 2390 Bush Street, San Francisco, CA 94115 (off-street parking available)

Information: Contact Deacon Chuck McNeil at 415-567-7814 or deaconchuck@stdominics.org

Collection for St. Patrick's Seminary - Currently 57 men are studying for the priesthood at our Seminary with another 9 in preparation outside of the Seminary. These men come not only from our Archdiocese, but from the surrounding Dioceses like Oakland, Sacramento and Seattle and from as far away as Hawaii, Guam and Congo. Your generosity to the second collection this Sunday is greatly appreciated to help these men in their journey of discernment and priesthood. Please hold our seminarians in your prayers and for more young men and women willing to respond to God's call of service as a priest, deacon or religious brother or sister.