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NOVEMBER 8, 2026

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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Nazareth School

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Masses at Mission Church unless noted
SFC - Saint Francis Chapel

Sunday, November 8

~THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~

5:30 PM (SAT) †Ester Villaroman Alfaro
7:30 AM Dr. Michael Waldron
9:00 AM †Martin Sammon
9:00 AM (SFC) †Daniel Freeman
10:30 AM †Jose & †Margarita Yañez
10:30 AM (SFC) †Maria E. Jimenez
12:00 PM All Souls' Novena
5:30 PM (SFC) For the People of the Parish

Monday, November 9

~THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA~

7:00 AM †Robert Garcia
5:30 PM All Souls' Novena

Tuesday, November 10

~Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church~

7:00 AM †Marion Rainbolt
5:30 PM All Souls' Novena

Wednesday, November 11

~St. Martin of Tours, Bishop~

7:00 AM All Souls' Novena
5:30 PM †Gerry and †Harry Monahan

Thursday, November 12

~St. Josaphant, Martyr~

7:00 AM Patricia Mansfield
5:30 PM †Elizabeth Imbuzan

Friday, November 13

~St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin (USA)~

7:00 AM Bryan Connole
5:30 PM Kennsy Dejesus

Saturday, November 14

~Weekday~

No Mass

Sunday, November 15

~THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~

5:30 PM (SAT) †Francisco Acevedo Cardenas
7:30 AM Arkan Jarjees & Family
9:00 AM For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM (SFC) †Cathy Mazzotta
10:30 AM †Michael Benya
10:30 AM (SFC) †José A. Garcia Martinez
12:00 PM †Arman Wiley
5:30 PM (SFC) Timothy Naggs



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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

5:30 PM	Saturday - Mission Church
7:30 AM	Sunday - Mission Church
9:00 AM	St. Francis Chapel (Contemporary Music Group every other week) and Mission Church
10:30 AM	St. Francis Chapel (Spanish) and Mission Church
12:00 PM	Mission Church (Mission Choir)
5:30 PM	St. Francis Chapel

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday - Friday, 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
in the Mission Church

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
8:00 am in the Mission Church

HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS
See bulletin

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm
in the Mission Church or by appointment.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
First Friday of the month, 7:30 to 11:35 am and 6:00 to 6:35 pm in the Mission Church

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¡Siempre Adelante! is inspired by our founder, St. Junipero Serra, whose desire to serve was expressed in his motto: Always Forward!

Bulletin submissions must be requested a week or more prior to the desired Sunday. Please send requests via email to **Anthony Tarantino** at atarantino@missionsandiego.org. All submissions are subject to approval.

Readings For the Week

Online: https://bible.usccb.org

Left Behind or Let In?

BY ALICE CAMILLE



The end of the world has always been a great moneymaker, at least in the hands of fiery preachers, novelists, and screenwriters. The event itself will probably be considerably less lucrative, because even the well-to-do will not be able to buy their way out of what lies in store for all of us. But for the time being, anyone with sufficient imagination to cobble together the requisite elements for an end-times scenario—apocalyptic disasters, four dark horsemen, a mesmerizing Beast, and plenty of I-told-you-sos—can start a franchise of books, movies, or congregations based on the frightening idea that everything we know and everyone we love is coming to an end. The concept sells, certainly, but the question thoughtful Christians will be asking is: What am I to believe about the last things? What does scripture and the church have to say about the end of the world?

People have shown a healthy interest in the eschaton—those final events including the end of time, the foreclosure on creation, the death of the individual, the last judgment, and what lies beyond in the realm we call eternity—for as long as there's been a discernible religious impulse. The God question is ultimately a mortality question: Where did I come from, and where am I going? Because human life has such obvious limitations, time being among the most critical of them, many of us feel the need to answer the God question as definitively as possible. To say, "There is no God" still acknowledges the urgency of the issue. To say that death makes an end and we pass thereafter into the void is but one description of how the world ends for each of us.

The end and the biblical tradition

The biblical tradition traces an evolution in thought regarding eschatological concerns. It is clear that the earliest conclusion is what meets the eye: People are born, live out their fourscore years if they are strong enough, and then are gone. "The departed," if they depart for anywhere at all, universally head for Sheol (Hades in Greek), an underworld existence that was changeless, optionless, and featureless. If you didn't make a choice while you lived in time, forget about making it outside of time. In Sheol, there were no second chances, no time off for good behavior, no opportunities to evolve, no activity whatsoever. One theologian has aptly described it as the non-world.

In the advent of the Wisdom tradition a century or so before Jesus, the concept of Sheol was called into question. Wisdom literature makes broad distinctions between the fate of the wise and the foolish, the just and the unjust. It seemed natural to presume that the God who claimed Wisdom as a beloved daughter would make those same distinctions now and at the hour of death. Sheol was a suitable repository for the wicked, who did not exert their will for the good while alive and so forfeited the capacity to choose it. In time, Sheol was replaced by a place of all-out punishment known as Gehenna, named for the municipal dump outside of Jerusalem where garbage was consigned to be burned.

Paradise, however, was reserved for the just who chose the way of Wisdom. The term Paradise derives from the Persian word for an enclosed park, suggestive of the Hebrew image of an original garden preserved by God after the first sin. Jesus uses the word Paradise to describe the realm where he and the repentant thief would meet after death. By the first century A.D., we can presume that the distinction between the eternal fate of the good and the bad was commonly accepted in Jewish society.

Caught in the clouds?

1 Thessalonians 4:17 has become the unofficial motto of fundamentalist Christianity, if we are to trust the T-shirt and bumper sticker industry. Evidently the first generation church was as curious as we are as to what happens to "those who go before us marked with the sign of faith"—not to mention what awaits us ourselves! Saint Paul borrowed apocalyptic imagery from Exodus, Daniel, Ezekiel, and Isaiah—angels, trumpets, clouds, and the dead rising—to assure anxious members of his community that no one who believes in Christ would be overlooked in the age to come. It is impossible to know if Paul took these symbols as more than metaphors, but modern theologians accept the language of apocalypse as descriptive not of times, places, and events but of the final state of our relationship to God. Evil will one day be vanquished and eliminated, and the love of Christ will be "all in all," the eternal summation of hope and human possibility.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin tried to positivize the eschaton message as a transforming union of the world with God, a "Christification" of all things. He decoded the scenario of destruction as the fate of evil itself, not of individuals embroiled in its ways. Creation moves inexorably toward its Creator and would find fulfillment in its Source. Chardin's thought was motivated more by scientific models of evolution than biblical tradition. Other theologians have considered the end-times more organically in the "realized eschatology" that perceives final realities already penetrating time with their influence. In the parable of the 10 virgins, Jesus offers a story

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Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Joe Bartel • Filipinas Milag Buan
Suzanne Elassis • James Flynn • Sebastian Guerra
Randy Little • Sara Plaisted
Hans-Alfred Schneider • Craig Smith
Theresa Caballero Ponce • Joyful Smith • Bridget Smith
Gabriel Velasquez • Chris Wamsley
• Victims of earthquakes and natural disasters
• Deployed personnel serving in our Armed Forces and their families

Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed by contacting the parish office at (619) 283-7319.

Upcoming Rosaries

Make praying the rosary a part of your daily life.

• The Rosary is prayed immediately after the 7:00 am Mass, Mon - Fri, in the Mission Church.

• A Rosary for Peace is prayed every third Sat of the month at 9:00 am. Join fellow parishioners at Nazareth School's Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto to seek the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Peace. Next rosary: **Nov 21**.

• A Rosary for the Eucharistic Revival is prayed on the first Wed of each month in La Sala following the 5:30 pm Mass. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, next rosary is **Dec 2.**

• A Pro-Life Rosary is prayed every first Thurs in the Mission Church at 5:00 pm. Next rosary: **Dec 3**.

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Total:	**$18,086.33**

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Candy & Dental Supplies Collection

The annual Diocesan Halloween candy and dental supply collection offers students, staff, and parishioners the opportunity to share a part of their "treasure" with those less fortunate. Donated candy & dental supplies will be distributed by the Franciscan Sisters as part of the annual Christmas Distribution at the Casa de los Pobres in Tijuana. Toothbrushes and toothpaste are also greatly appreciated. Please take candy, toothpaste, and toothbrushes to the Parish Office or Nazareth School Office from **Nov 9-14**.

Adult Formation — Study in Faith



The next bible study: **The Bible and the Church Fathers**, will take place on Tuesdays **Jan 5 - Mar 23** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the California Room. The course will focus on who the early church fathers were, and how they shaped the way we read the Holy Scriptures today. There is no cost to attend, just your time! Those attending are asked to purchase a workbook at bit.ly/4ADpSHB or a downloadable pdf at bit.ly/46MFgnk. To register, contact: Lissa Hutcheson, DMin, lissahutcheson@outlook.com or call (619) 804-8950.

Flocknote

Keep in touch with parish events via text/email by signing up to get our Flocknote. Sign up by texting "ALCALA" to 84576.



Learning About the Priesthood



On **Sat, Nov 14**, the Diocese of San Diego is hosting an Explorer Day with the Director of Priestly Vocations, Fr. Marc Gandolfo, for those men who are interested in exploring a possible vocation to the priesthood. The day will be held at the St. Francis Center on the campus of the University of San Diego from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm. If living a life of service for Christ and the people of God is attractive to you, please consider attending. Pick up a registration form at the parish office from Fr. Peter or call the St. Francis Center at (858) 490-8389.

Homebound Ministry

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist, a Homebound Minister can bring the Eucharist to you. Email Carmen Falcon at crmnflcn2920@gmail.com.



Catholic Q&A

QUESTION:

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

ANSWER:



Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

Wreaths Across America

The Columbiettes at Mission San Diego will be collecting donations for wreaths that will be laid at the graves of our veterans across the U.S. and abroad to remember our fallen U.S. veterans, honor those who serve, and teach our children the value of freedom. Donations will be collected after Masses **this weekend**.

Around the Diocese



• **St. Augustine High School** invites prospective male students and their families to an **Open House** on **Sun, Nov 8**, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Come discover the St. Augustine Experience and learn more about the school community. Schedule includes: Campus tours from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm; Formal Presentation from 12:10 to 1:00 pm; Open Tours, Q&A and BBQ from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. No RSVP necessary. For more info, call (619) 282-2184 or go to sahs.org.

• **Mission Doctors Association** invites Catholic physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants to a free weekend Retreat/Seminar at Loyola Marymount University, **Feb 19-21**. This is a no-obligation opportunity to discern a call to serve one to three months as a medical missionary in Africa or Latin America at a Catholic hospital or clinic. Your skills can bring hope and healing. For info, contact Amie Garcia, Program Coordinator at agarcia@missiondoctors.org or (213) 368-1872, and visit the website at missiondoctors.org.

• The **Men's Rosary Crusade** gathers at 9:00 am, every first Saturday of the month, at the corner of 6th and Laurel in Balboa Park. All men are welcome. The rosary intentions are for reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the conversion of America, for families and for the unborn. For more information, email draguez@sbcglobal.net or call (619) 920-8363.

O.C.I.A

If you are curious about what Catholics believe and are interested in learning more about the possibility of becoming a member of the Catholic Church, the "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults" is for you! Interested persons are asked to contact Lissa Hutcheson at lissahutcheson@outlook.com. For more info, go to missionsandiego.org/ocia.

Baptism

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World Mission Sunday

Sr. Eva Rodriguez, SJS, speaks to children during Religious Education Classes on World Mission Sunday, **Oct 18**.

Mission-Aires

The Mission-aires will celebrate a memorial Mass to honor their deceased members on **Tue, Nov 10**, at 11:00 am in the St. Francis Chapel. Thanksgiving lunch and bingo will follow in the California Room. Please come and enjoy good food and fellowship. All parishioners age 50+ are welcome, RSVP not necessary. Lunch $10 for members, $15 for non-members. Yearly membership cost is $20.



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compatible with the "already/not yet" vision of realized eschatology. The coming of the Bridegroom is most certainly an event for the future, and yet the implications of his coming are urgent for the present. Being prepared now means admittance to the banquet later. Time may be linear, but past, present, and future flow together in cause and effect.

Applying the word: Living the future now

"Don't wait till you die to go to heaven," my parish priest used to say. This is the spirit of end-times that won't stay put at the end of the line. Purgation is something we consciously choose now, just as we might also choose the way of justice, peace, joy, gratefulness, humility, and love. We don't have to worry about the so-called Rapture, salvation and damnation, heaven and hell, and what's going to happen after we die. What rightfully concerns us is the choice we're making in the present hour, the oil we have in our lamps today, and whether we carry the Bridegroom in our hearts or some other fleeting goal. If we're in Christ today, we're in Christ for keeps.

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Needed

The Mission San Diego is seeking faithful parishioners who regularly participate in Mass and demonstrate reverence, commitment to God, and dedication to our parish community who wish to become Eucharistic Ministers. Qualified individuals must be: 1) at least 15 years of age; 2) a Baptized and Confirmed Catholic; 3) living an exemplary Christian life and are respected within the faith community; and 4) in a valid marriage in the Church, if married. Training will be provided. If you are interested in learning more or wish to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Nora Smyth at norasmyth619@gmail.com.



Annual Catholic Appeal

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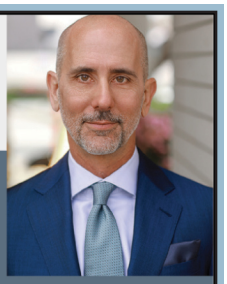
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