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Rev. Mario P. Farana, Pastor

Noe Valley Parishes

St. Paul's Catholic Church

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:00 and 9:15 a.m.

Coffee & Donuts following 9:15 Mass

Holy Days: 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Daily Mass and Devotions

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. or by appointment

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Grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Saturdays: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

September - May

Confirmation Preparation for High School Teens

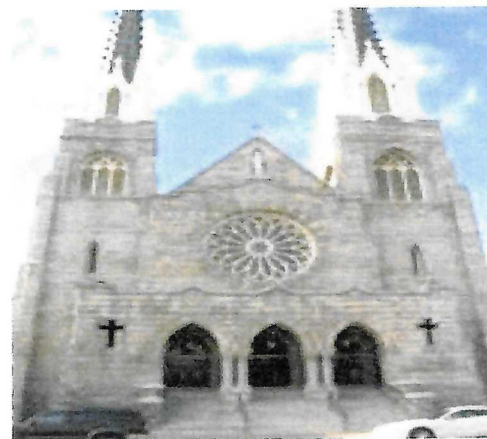
Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in Chapel

Baptismal Catechesis Class - by appointment only

English on the first Wednesday of the month

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, program runs September through May

Marriage Preparation, contact Fr. Mario Farana at least six (6) months in advance



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September 4th Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIMITS

Today's readings continue the theme of humility explored last Sunday. All three readings today encourage us to admit that we have limits, and God has none. The poignant poetry of Wisdom resonates with all of us who have ever struggled for peace in situations we cannot control: "For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns." Saint Paul recognizes his own limitations, both physically (he is in prison) and spiritually: he cannot compel his friend to obey his wishes; he can only propose his request and respect Philemon's free will. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God alone can complete the good we wish to do in the world. While we thank God for the gifts we receive—and the families we love—we acknowledge that they are temporary, and humbly cling to God

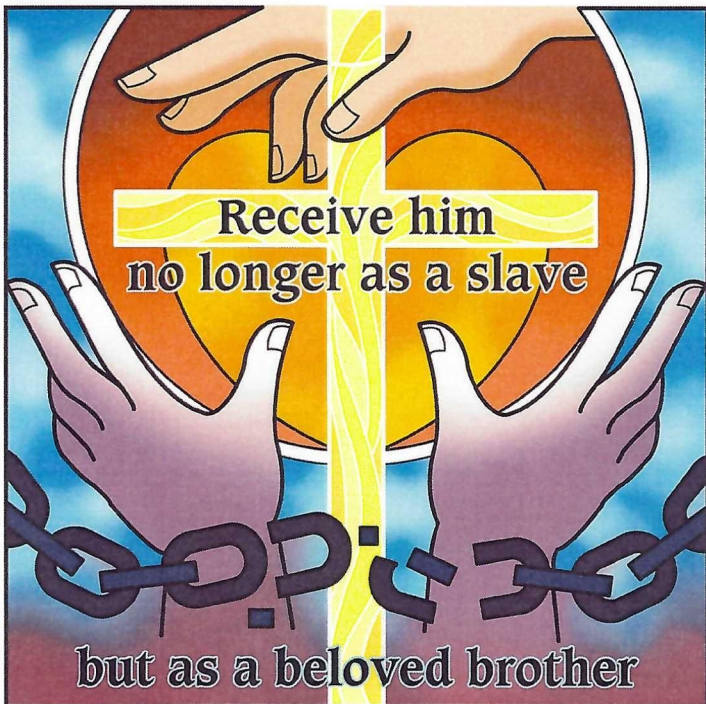
PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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.

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May the life of every human person, from conception to natural death, be protected in our laws and cherished in our hearts;
We pray to the Lord:



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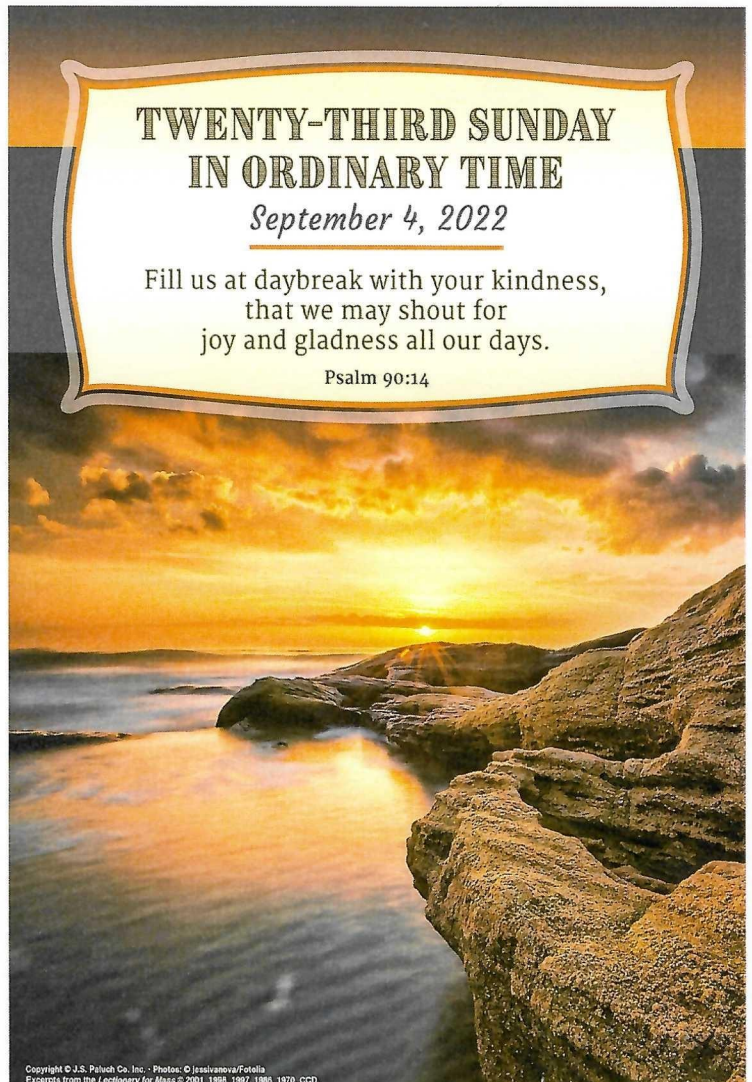
- Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 4, 2022

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for
joy and gladness all our days.

Psalms 90:14



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Calendar of the Week

Monday	Sept. 5 th .	
Tuesday:	Sept. 6 th .	Spiritual Journey 9:30am
Wednesday	Sept. 7 th .	Baptism Class 7pm
Thursday:	Sept. 8 th .	
Friday:	Sept. 9 th .	
Saturday:	Sept. 10 th .	CCD Begins – 9:30am to 11am
Sunday:	Sept. 11 th .	Coffee and Donuts following 9:15am Mass

ST. PAUL'S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD THIS PAST WEEK

Weekly Collection Aug 28, 2022	\$ 4,146.26
Second Collection – Military Services	\$ 810.00
E-Contributions for July 2022	\$ 11,300.00
2022 Annual Appeal Goal	\$ 83,431.00
Collected as of June 21, 2022,	\$ 31,345.00
Balance Still Remaining for the 2022 Appeal	\$ 52,086.00

This Weekend Sept. 3rd and 4th., there will be a Second Collection for the Preservation Fund. This collection helps in Preserving our beautiful Church. As always, your generosity, prayers and support are always appreciated

Upcoming Events

September 11th – Police-Fire Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral 9am

Police/Fire Mass for First Responders - Archdiocese of San Francisco (sfarchdiocese.org)

October 14th – White Mass for Medical Professionals

White Mass for Medical Professionals - Archdiocese of San Francisco (sfarchdiocese.org)

In today's Bulletin you will find a letter from the Archbishop about Proposition 1 on the November 8 ballot. In fulfilling his responsibilities as your Pastor, Father Mario asks that you read the letter, become educated about Prop 1, as well as the other six ballot propositions as you prepare to vote Nov. 8, 2022.

Blood Drive 2022

AS a reminder, this year's last drive will be 11/6 from 9-2:00

You can sign up ahead of time for our Blood Drive by going on line to www.bloodheroes.com and clicking on St. Paul's.

Or call Jill Alcantar at (415)586-8911 to schedule an appointment.

The 2023 Blood Drive Dates are:

February 26th., June 25th, and November 12th, 2023

Next Weekend is September 11th.

On September 11 we remember the sacrifices of U.S. citizens and service members on the day that is forever burned into our hearts and minds.

As the towers fell, the Pentagon burned and the ground smoldered in that rural Pennsylvania field, our nation rallied to stand arm-in-arm.

Memorials now stand to pay tribute to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York City contains pools set within each area where the twin towers stood; the names of all the 9/11 victims from each tower are inscribed on bronze panels. At the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial, each of the 184 benches is dedicated to a victim of the Virginia attack. And the Tower of Voices at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Pennsylvania has 40 wind chimes to honor the plane's passengers and crew members. We keep all of them in our hearts

We have a new look

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We pray for the sick in the parish

Grey Cooper, Sandy Clifford, Maria Arnott, Noel Clark.



Saturday Mass 4:30pm

Jack and Josephine Shea

Catherine & Richard Coulton-Mory (D)

Sunday Mass 8:00 am

Ada Lacayo (D)

Altar Society (L&D)

Sunday Mass 9:15 am

Peter Vigna (D)

Elsa Vides (D)

Maria Vela

Monday 8:30 am

Marie Doherty (D)

Sally Eder (L) (BD)

Tuesday 8:30 am

Fr. Mario Farana BD

Wednesday 8:30 am

K Camer4on (L)

Thursday 8:30am

Mercedes Escobar (D)

Sergio Gonzalez (D)

Friday 8:30am

Fr. John Connor

Saturday Mass 4:30pm

Jeanette Affoltz

Kathleen O' Sullivan, BVM (D)

Sunday Mass 8:00 am

Rev. Michael Kotlanger (D)

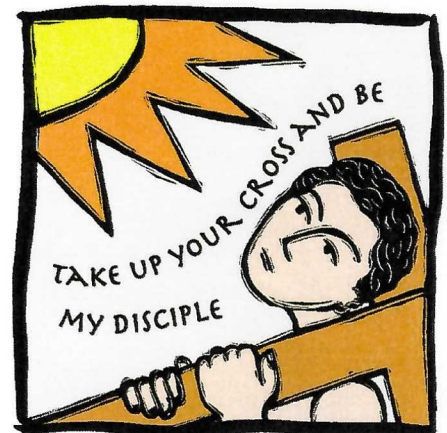
Margaret & Jack Kotlanger (D)

Altar Society (L&D)

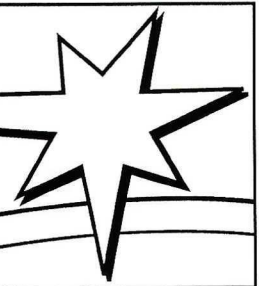
Sunday Mass 9:15 am

Alicia Ramirez (D)

Billie Sue Castenada (D)



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September 2022

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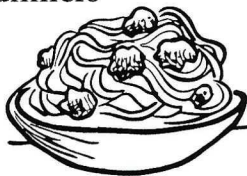
Dorothy Vigna, Director of Religious Education



Thoughtful Moments

Family dinners

Studies show that parents who connect with children during regular family dinners tend to stay engaged throughout the critical teenage years. Adolescents and teens whose families met for regular dinners had better grades and avoided drugs, alcohol and other risky behaviors. Nurture the "domestic church" by gathering for family meals several times a week.



Share devotions

In the hectic pace of school, homework, and extracurricular activities, it can be hard to find time for family prayer. Bedtime can be an ideal time to pray, learn about new saints, read Scripture together, and explore your Catholic identity. Come together as a family to thank God for the blessings of the day.

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive" (Colossians 3:12-13).



Teach children the power of "holy speech"

"Those who guard mouth and tongue guard themselves from trouble" (Proverbs 21:23). How we talk can help us build up the Kingdom or get us into serious trouble. Teaching children traits of "holy speech" helps them build up powerful protection against sin:

Respectful. Children use respectful speech by listening attentively, saying "Please," "thank you," "I'm sorry," and staying calm even during disagreements. Start by modeling respectful speech at home.

Positive. Children handle problems with peace when they have a healthy trust in God's care. Trust comes from recognizing all that He has done for them. Count blessings daily to help.



Kind. Actions may speak louder than words, but kind words are powerful – and necessary. Encourage children to greet others with a smile, pay a sincere compliment, look out for the friendless, or defend someone who needs help.

Truthful. Followers of Jesus know important truths: God loves us, good always triumphs, all people have dignity. That's why we always tell the truth. Help youngsters commit to honesty

in honor of our love for God.

Uplifting. Are discussions about God welcome at the dinner table? Is household humor wholesome and encouraging or is it okay to make fun of others? Teach children that while not all worldly topics are sinful, our conversation should always lift each other up and show our love.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics recite the Nicene Creed during Mass?

The Nicene Creed we profess during Mass summarizes what we believe as Catholics, the basic tenets of our faith. It's also an affirmation of Faith. The Nicene Creed is a more detailed version of the Apostles Creed and emphasizes belief in



the Trinity and the Incarnation. Although we profess our Catholic faith as a community, each of us is accountable for our own response to divinely revealed Truth. That's why the Nicene Creed begins, "I believe," not "We believe."

Help children love the Mass

When children know what to do, say, and sing during Mass, they can begin to appreciate the miracle of the Eucharist. As the Eucharist takes hold in their lives, Mass becomes their spiritual lifeline. Begin with the simple gestures:

Sign of the Cross: This common prayer invokes the Holy Trinity and recalls Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross. Catholics make the Sign with the right hand and touch our head and chest, then left shoulder and right shoulder. Encourage children to make the Sign of the Cross reverently throughout the day.



Genuflect. Jesus is present in the tabernacle and is worthy of our worship. We "take a knee" before Him when entering and leaving the pew, and when we cross in front of the tabernacle. The right knee should touch the floor.

Communion. Before the sanctuary, prior to receiving Communion, perform an act of reverence – genuflect or bow reverently. If receiving by hand, look for and consume any crumbs left on your palm and fingers – Jesus is present in the particles.

Scripture LESSON

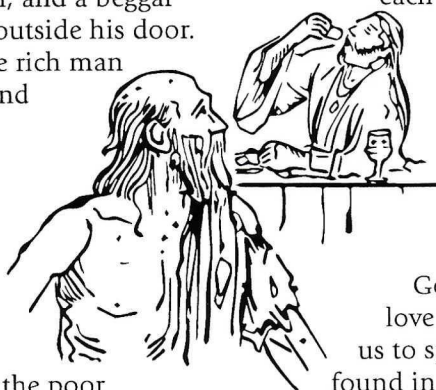
Luke 16:19-31, Learn God's language of love

This is the story of a rich man who enjoys his life on earth, and a beggar who suffers, ignored, outside his door. In the afterlife, it is the rich man who suffers torment and begs for relief.

The rich man was condemned for two reasons. The first was because he had become blind to the suffering of others. He deliberately ignored the misery of the poor man right outside his door. He had the resources to bring a change in the man's situation but did nothing.

The second is because the rich man knew what Scripture said about how

God expects His followers to care for each other, but he ignored it. Living our faith means transforming prayer into deeds of love.



What can a parent do? The key to learning God's language of love and how He wants us to speak it can be found in the Bible. Put your family Bible in a conspicuous spot in your home, one that will remind you to read it together daily. Then talk about putting what you learn into action.

Parent TALK

Once again, Alice and I battled over her outfit. Her favorite actress wears short skirts and crop tops, and I don't think that's how a woman of faith



should dress. Alice likes that this actress has a beautiful mansion, lots of friends, and a fast car, and thinks that's the perfect life. Alice wonders if she

does the same thing, she will also have a great life.

I want my children to pick heroes who love God and aspire to please Him, not the world. I started introducing saints who shared Alice's interests – music, animals, acting. We read their stories and watch movies about them. Alice became interested by their lives and how they became God's special friends. I even told her about how my favorite saints have helped me. My hope is that the more she knows about saintly people, the more she will choose to be like them.

Feasts & Celebrations

Sept. 4 – St. Rose of Viterbo (1251). Born to poor parents in Viterbo, Italy, Rose used her gift of preaching to catechize her village. Though very young, she also spoke out in support of the pope against the anti-papal Ghibellines. The Poor Clares refused to accept her but allowed her burial there. She died at age eighteen.

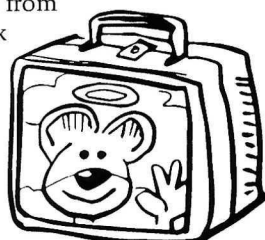
Sept. 8 – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century). Mary's birth brought her parents joy. We rejoice too – because of Mary's "Yes," she became the mother of Jesus.

Sept. 21 – St. Matthew the Evangelist

(1st Century). Also known as Levi, he was a notorious tax collector (Mark 2:14). St. Matthew left everything when Jesus called him to spread the Gospel. He wrote the Gospel according to Matthew.

Sept. 30 – St. Jerome (c.420). St. Jerome's great love of the Scriptures led Pope Damasus to commission him to translate the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin.

Called the "Vulgate," it became the official text of the Catholic Church.



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SATURDAY, September

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OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION

St. Paul's School

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12:00PM - 4:00PM

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Saturday, September 24, 2022 12-4pm
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2023 Respect Life Essay Contest



**Theme: Life is a Blessing -
Venerable Dr. Jerome Lejeune**

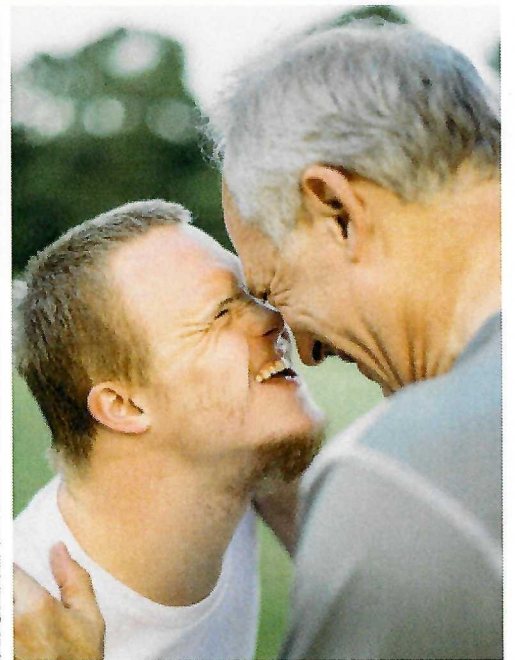
Essays due on January 31, 2023

For all students in grades K-12 in public school, private school, and home school. Cash Prizes!!!

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August 22, 2022

Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese of San Francisco,

As you likely know, we are at a critical moment right now in the history of California: voters this November will be asked whether or not they support the “right” to abortion for all nine months, without any restrictions or limitations, being written into our state constitution. It is indeed a very disturbing indication of the state of our current political climate that such a question will be asked in the form of Proposition 1 on the November 8 ballot.

Proposition 1 was passed by the state legislature and signed by the governor, and now must go to a vote of the people, requiring a simple majority for its approval. The California bishops have made defeating Prop 1 our number one priority for this year, and we ask every Catholic in the state to become educated on this dangerous bill, encourage others to oppose it, and support the “No on Prop 1 Campaign” with your prayer, fasting and financial contributions. More information about our efforts in this campaign, including engaging our spiritual resources, is available on the website of the California Catholic Conference (<https://cacatholic.org/prop1>) and information about efforts in the Archdiocese of San Francisco at this web page: <https://sfarchdiocese.org/noonprop1/>.

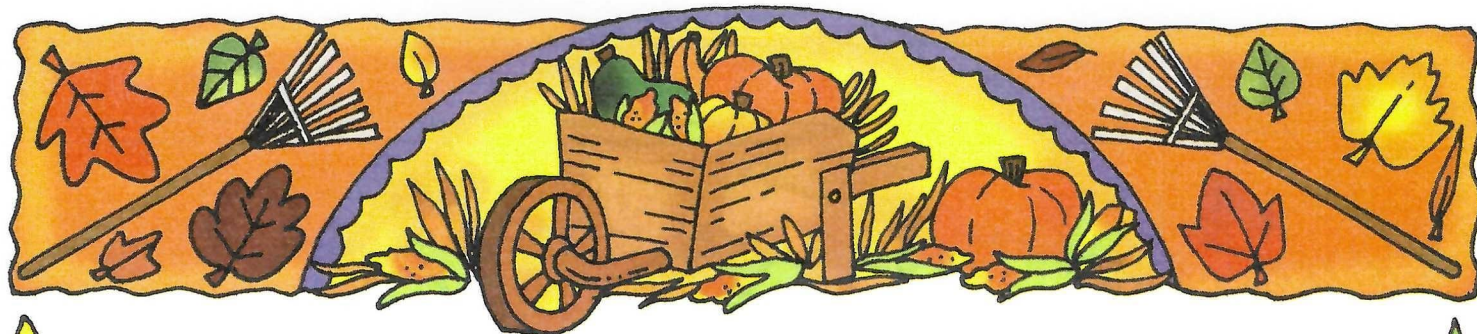
Updates will be sent to the parishes to publish as well.

Finally, I ask you to join in a novena for the defeat of Proposition 1 that begins September 29, the Feast of the Archangels Gabriel, Michael, and Raphael, and concludes October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Information and novena prayers can be found at <https://cacatholic.org/prop1>.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Salvatore J. Cordileone".

Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco

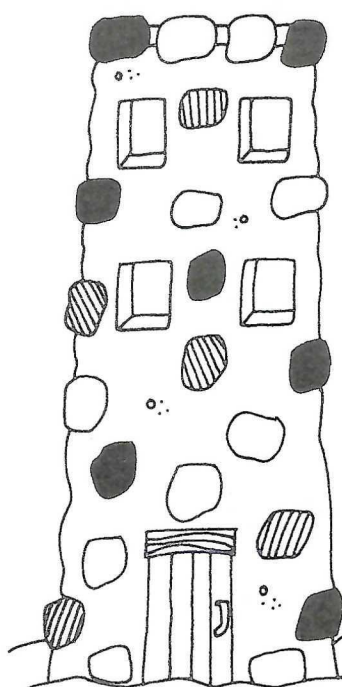


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When we decide to follow Jesus,
we need to be sure that we are ready
to make the necessary sacrifices.
Jesus said it was like figuring out
the cost before building a tower.

Add up what is needed to build the tower below.
Circle the number in the money sack if it is enough.

Cross it out if it is not.

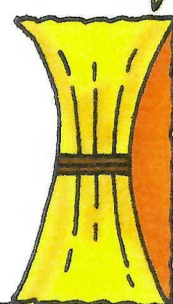
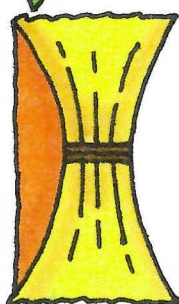


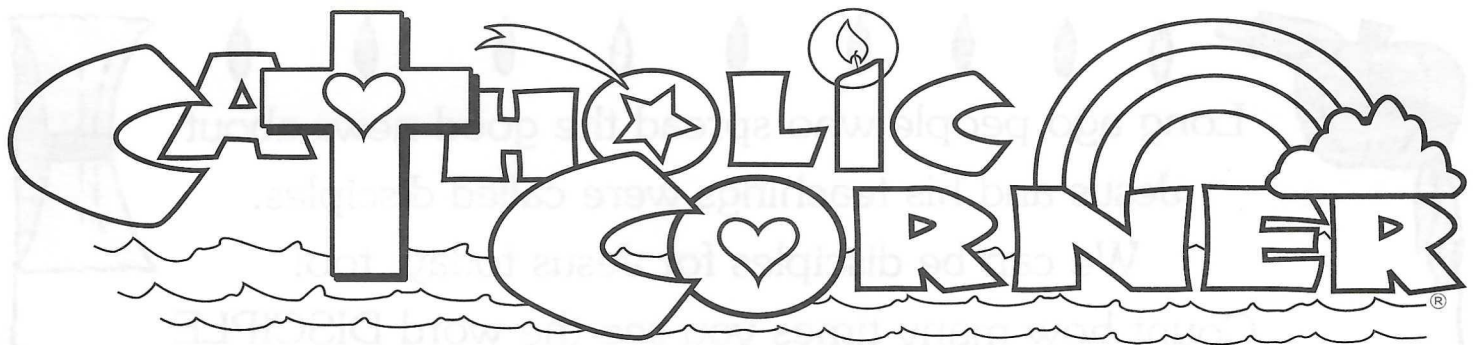
← You'll Need:
100 bricks cost \$300.00

75 planks of wood cost \$150.00

20 bags of cement cost \$ 20.00

1 door cost \$ 5.00
+ _____





ALL YOU WHO LABOR

The Labor Day holiday might sound like a day of work but it is just the opposite. Most people don't work on Labor Day, but the work they do all year long is honored and celebrated.

Most mornings people in your family go off to work or school. Some may work at home. You might not know exactly what each person does during their work day. To find out, use this "To Do" list. Spend some time today or tomorrow filling out the list for every member of your family. Include everyone, even if they are too young to go to work or school. Their "work" is learning by playing.



MY WORK DAY "TO DO" LIST

The first thing I do when I get to work (school) is _____.

I spend most of my time at work (school) doing _____.

The hardest part of my work is _____.

The part of my work I enjoy the most is _____.

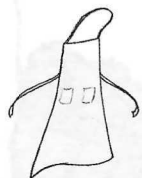
These are the people who help make my work easier _____.

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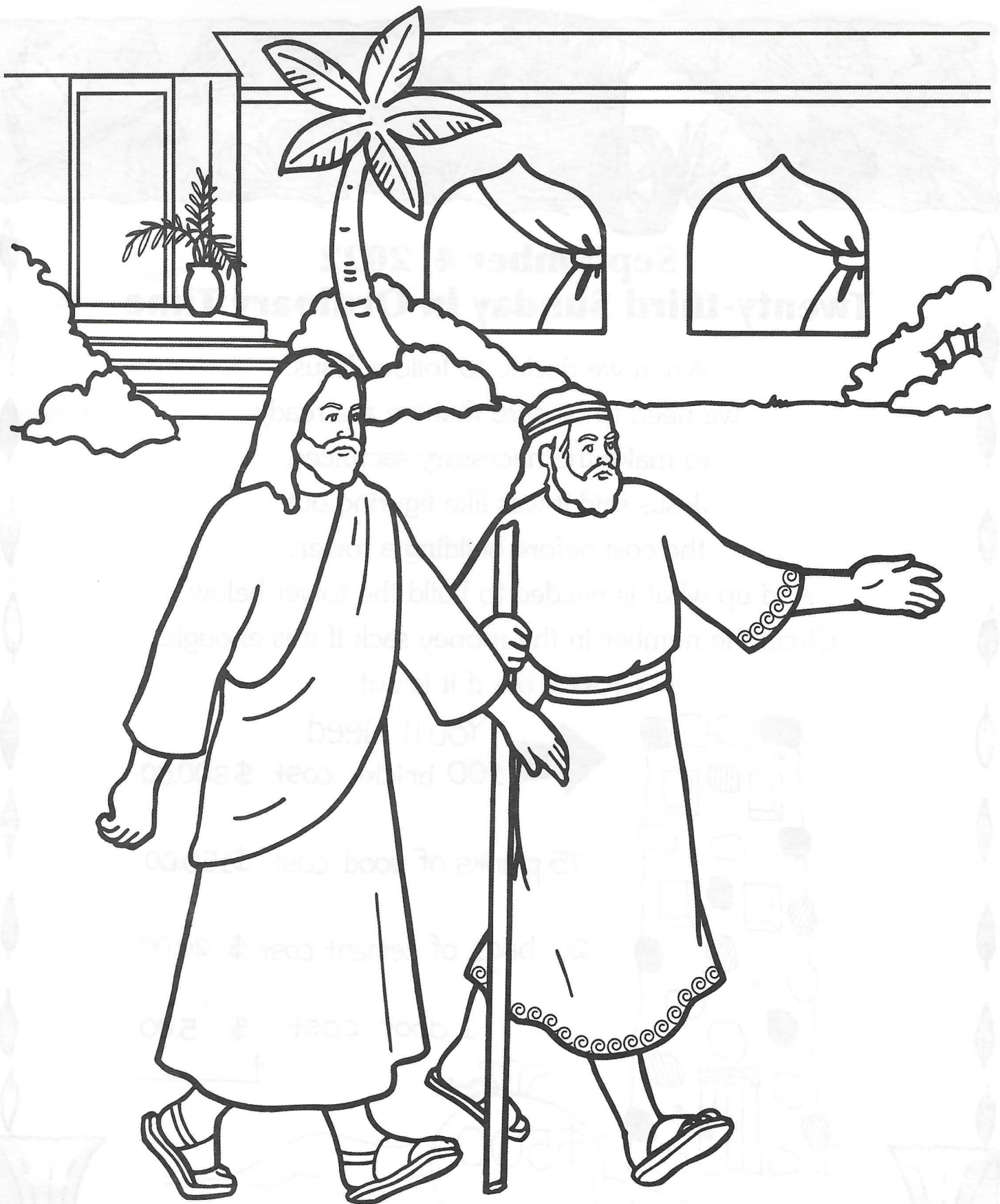
These are the people who are helped by my work _____.

_____.

After each person has answered the questions, talk about everyone's work and ask other questions you might have. Then, gather together to pray for each other. Include in your prayers all the people who work with your parents and all the students and teachers in your school.



Everyone's work is difficult at times. Jesus knew that. He invited, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Labor Day is a day to rest and enjoy so that when you return to work you are ready to devote your time and energy to doing your best.



"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions
cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:33