



PARISH COMMUNITY

Santa Clara, California

# Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

## November 12, 2023

### Trigésimo Segundo Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario



“‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” - Mt 25:11-12



“‘Señor, señor, ábrenos’. Pero él les respondió: ‘Yo les aseguro que no las conozco.’” - Mt 25, 11-12

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PARISH COMMUNITY

## Parish Mission Statement

*Founded in 1777,  
Saint Clare Parish is an ethnically diverse Catholic community of faith, united in worship, discipleship and service. In welcoming immigrants, newcomers and strangers, we strive to live the virtues of justice and love, so as to be the face of Christ in the world, becoming in Him a sign of unity and an instrument of God's peace.*

## Mass Schedule

*Weekend Masses*  
**Saturday Evening Vigil**  
(Livestreamed)  
5:00 p.m. (English)

**Sunday**  
7:30 a.m. (English)  
9:00 a.m. (Portuguesa)  
10:30 a.m. (English)  
12:00 p.m. (Español)  
Livestreamed

*Liturgy of the Word  
for Children*  
During 10:30 a.m. Mass  
(English)

*Liturgia de la Palabra  
para Niños*  
Durante Misa de 12:00pm  
(Español)

**Weekday Masses**  
Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Holidays - 9:00 am

**Confessions**  
(In the church)  
Saturdays 3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.

## From Monsignor Fran Cilia

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14).

This Sunday's second reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians is suited for our November liturgy. As you know, November is a special time for us to remember and pray for those who have died, especially members of our families and other loved ones. Paul is not advising that we not grieve for those we have lost, but that we not have the kind of grief of those "who have no hope."

By nature, Christians are called to be a people of hope, people of the Resurrection. There is an old expression that "We are Easter people and "Alleluia" is our song." While a bit trite, these words do express the reality of Christian faith. When we pray for the dead, it cannot be with the bitterness of the hopeless; our lives are charged with the faith that Saint Paul preached, and it makes all the difference. Even the Book of Wisdom teaches that "The souls of the just are in the hands of God" (Wisdom 3:1). If we believe this, or mourning can give way to rejoicing that our beloved dead live in God's peace forever.

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

Next weekend, we will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. For more than 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has supported organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people in communities across the United States. Please see the insert in this Bulletin for information on the CCHD, and please help this good work by supporting it generously.

## Thanksgiving Day Mass

On Thanksgiving Day, our parish Mass will be at 10:00. We invite you to bring non-perishable food to be shared with our Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Also, the collection that day will benefit their work.

We invite you to bring bread that will be shared at your Thanksgiving meal at home for a blessing, to connect our parish celebration with your family meals.



## ATTENTION

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday morning (November 16), as our staff attends a Deanery Meeting. The office will open at 1:00 pm that afternoon.




## Pastoral Planning Update

View Bishop's latest message on Worship and Youth and Young Adult key priority on the pastoral planning web page at <https://www.dsj.org/pastoral-planning/>

## Youth Ministry

Confirmation registrations are opening this week! If you are an **8th-12th grader** and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, you can check out our website to begin the registration process. This year's registration will last until December with our program beginning in January. Go to [stclareparish.org/ymc](http://stclareparish.org/ymc)!



Tuesdays at 7:30pm

October 17  
October 24  
November 7  
November 21  
December 5  
December 19

Journeying with Jesus through the Gospel

→ For all youth 8th-12th grade  
→ In Youth Center (Church Basement)

Join us on **November 21st (7:30pm)** as we continue our **trek through the Gospel**. All youth are welcome! Follow the signs for our youth center in the church basement. No Bible is needed but if you have one, bring it. Don't forget to bring a friend with you.

This week, our youth center will be open on **Thursday (11/16) from 6pm-8:30pm**. Play some board games and ping pong or just hang out/do homework.

If you have any furniture that you are willing to donate to this project, please contact Ryan ([ryan.bao@dsj.org](mailto:ryan.bao@dsj.org)).

### Save the date June 10-14 for DYR2024



### Creation Care Tips

*"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*  
—Matthew 25:13

As Al Gore's documentary title suggests, it's an inconvenient truth how many signs point to a dramatically changing climate. It would be much easier to stay asleep to the scientific studies because the predictions are frightening. But Jesus continually called his followers to stay awake to the signs of the times and to keep working to usher in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. This week, keep alert for how God is inviting you to be a partner in renewing the world.

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### Weekly Justice Challenge

November 13 is the feast day of St. Frances Cabrini, the Patron Saint of Immigrants and the first U.S. citizen ever canonized. She herself was an immigrant, encouraged by Pope Leo XIII to leave her native Italy and come to America with her community of religious women. Her service to those in need, including immigrants from Italy, was inspiring. She cared for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated, and the sick. Your challenge this week is to go on the Justice for Immigrants website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, click on "Take Action," and find one thing you can do to seek justice for the immigrants in our country today. The website is [JusticeForImmigrants.org](http://JusticeForImmigrants.org).



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### Office Hours

9am - 5pm  
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then press 9

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# Saint Clare School

We invite all prospective families to come to Saint Clare School and meet the community. Please RSVP so we know you will be stopping by. Parent Observation Day RSVP: Friday, November 10.

We look forward to meeting you. #CSW2024

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Thank you for supporting this year's Jog-a-Thon.

## Mass Intentions

*November 11 - 18, 2023*

|             |          |  |
|-------------|----------|--|
| <b>Sat</b>  | 5:00 pm  | Yvette Schneider - Health  |
| <b>Sun</b>  | 7:30 am  | Saint Clare Parishioners   |
|             | 9:00 am  | Ernesto Gonsalves †<br>Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo †<br>Rosalinda Da Silva †<br>Jose Mendonça †<br>Constantina Silva †<br>Arlete Vieira Neto †<br>Zulmira Goulart Lourenco †<br>Andre Sardinha †<br>Maria Lucia Cardoso †<br>Vidalia Gaspar Rocha †<br>All Souls in Purgatory |
|             | 10:30 am | For All Souls  |
|             | 12:00 pm | Avelino Masmela †<br>Ismenia Niño de Masmela †<br>Laura Macias †<br>Maria Andrade †<br>Phillip G. Esquivel - Special Int.<br>Sophia I. Esquivel - Special Int.<br>Alicia Suárez - Health<br>Ida López - Health   |
| <b>Mon</b>  | 8:00 am  | Jesuina & Francisco Lourenco †   |
| <b>Tues</b> | 8:00 am  | Maria Adelina<br>& Jose Furtado Pereira Sr. †  |
| <b>Wed</b>  | 8:00 am  | Lavina Freitas-Hogan †   |
| <b>Thu</b>  | 8:00 am  | Santa Clara Carmelite Nuns   |
| <b>Fri</b>  | 9:00 am  | For All Souls  |
| <b>Sat</b>  | 8:00 am  | Ramon Abragan †  |

### SUPPORT OUR PARISH

A direct and safe way to our online giving page.



**Thank you for your  
generosity!**

## Stewardship Report

*Sunday Collection:  
November 4th & 5th*

**Goal: \$9,000.00**  
**Actual: \$ 11,960.50**

*All Saints Day Collection: \$715.00*  
*All Souls Day Collection: \$1,587.00*

**Thank you!**

## Daily Readings

### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16  
Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14  
Matthew 25:1-1

Monday  
Wisdom 1:1-7  
Psalms 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10  
Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday  
Wisdom 2:23—3:9  
Psalms 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19  
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday  
Wisdom 6:1-11  
Psalms 82:3-4, 6-7  
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday  
Wisdom 7:22b—8:1  
Psalms 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175  
Luke 17:20-25

Friday  
Wisdom 13:1-9  
Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5ab  
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday  
Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9  
Psalms 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43  
Luke 18:1-8

Next Sunday  
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31  
Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
Matthew 25:14-30 or  
25:14-15, 19-21





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## Parish Organizations *Organizaciones Parroquiales*

### Parish Pastoral Council

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### Catholic Mission

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## Boletim Paroquial Português

12 de Novembro de 2023: Domingo XXXII do Tempo Comum – A

Reflexão por: João Pereira Arruda

A Primeira Leitura de hoje tirada do Livro da Sabedoria; fala-nos do valor que esta tem na vida de qualquer ser humano. A sabedoria a que a leitura nos fala, não é a que se aprende nas escolas ou universidades, menos será a que é interpretada pelas aparências nos idosos, nos professores, ricos e de posição social elevada. A verdadeira sabedoria, aquela que não engana, só pode em Deus se encontrar. A sabedoria que nos anima e conduz, sabemos-lo hoje que vem-nos de Jesus Cristo – caminho, verdade e luz. Na liturgia deste Domingo além da busca da sabedoria, vem a procura de nos encontrar-mos com Deus, O Salmo deste Domingo descreve essa procura assim: “ *Por Vós suspiro, como a terra árida, sequiosa. Sem água.*” Imaginemo-nos pois, num deserto com um sol escaldante, sem se vislumbrar um pouco de humidade em parte nenhuma. Enquanto se medita no valor da sabedoria que vem de Deus mais ainda se entende o valor que tem o desejo de a procurar em Deus. Quando se chega a este estado de estarmos voltados a caminhar ao encontro de Deus é porque já estamos certos que mais em parte nenhuma conseguimos sabedoria. S. Paulo na sua carta aos cristãos da Tessalónia avisa-os para não se contristarem acerca da morte. S. Paulo diz que se o cristão acredita na esperança da ressurreição porque assim que Jesus ressuscitou e na Sua Ressurreição venceu a morte, assim também que acreditamos n’Ele também ressuscitaremos no último dia. Vem esta leitura a ser escolhida muitas vezes nas missas de funerais. S. Paulo assim dizia aos tessalonissenses para que estes não desanimassem e assegurava-os que a vida do cristão não acaba com a morte, mas que enquanto o corpo se acaba e volta á terra donde veio, do mesmo modo a alma regressa ao Reino de Deus donde Deus Pai tem um lugar preparado para viver definitivamente. Não acreditar nisto é escolher a ignorância em vez da sabedoria. Depois de nos falar da Sabedoria e do desejo de procurar Deus, o Evangelho nos fala para em todo o tempo e lugar estar-mos preparados para o final da nossa vida neste mundo. Estar preparado é tomar uma consciência que o nosso final neste mundo é seguro, mas não se sabe quando nem como. Deste modo podemos ver os destinos diferentes das virgens prudentes e das virgens loucas, As prudentes fizeram todo o possível para se encontrar com o Noivo e viver em felicidade para sempre com Ele. As loucas ou insensatas foram postas fora da tenda donde jamais puderam entrar. Neste Domingo, o penúltimo desta Ano Litúrgico do Ciclo A, fala-nos do valor da : sabedoria, da procura, e de estar sempre preparados para nos encontrar-mos com Deus, porque o destino do cristão, que pelo Baptismo se fez filho de Deus e nasceu para a vida, na morte a sua alma regressa a Deus porque somos d’Ele propriedade sua.

***Mês de Novembro – Mês das Almas e de Acção de Graças:*** Ao entrarmos neste mês de Novembro e de celebrarmos o Dia dos Fieis defuntos, iremos ter o tradicional programa dos envelopes em que se pode escrever os nomes de entes queridos e depositar nas localidades alocadas para as suas almas serem lembradas em todas as missas durante este mês. Também haverá um livro para o qual se podem escrever os nomes por que queremos que as nas missas suas almas sejam lembradas. Também neste mês celebraremos o feriado Nacional de Acção de Graças na Quinta Feira dia 23 de Novembro próximo em que celebraremos a missa multi-lingual de Acção de Graças com a língua Portuguesa incluída.

***Projeções para o Convívio Comunitário de Natal:*** O segundo ensaio para formar um grupo coral de crianças é já na próxima Quinta-Feira dia 16 deste mês. Para o efeito tragam os vossos filhos, netos ou sobrinhos para o ensaio a fim de que se possa avaliar e criar um programa de cânticos e poesias para as crianças actuarem no convívio de Natal, que este ano, está agendado para ser feito no Sábado dia 16 de Dezembro. Através dos quase 50 anos de convívios natalícios os participantes do coro e presépio têm tido experiências muito positivas nas suas vidas, deem essa oportunidade aos filhos e netos a terem das mesmas experiência. Mais informações serão dadas em próximos boletins.

***Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para todos!!!***

## De Monseñor Fran Cilia

**H**ermanos, no queremos que ignoren lo que va a pasar con los que ya han muerto, para que no se entristezcan como esos otros que no tienen esperanza. ¿Acaso no creemos que Jesús murió y resucitó? Así también Dios resucitará con Jesús a los que han muerto en unión con él. (Tesalonicenses 4:13-14).

La segunda lectura de este domingo de la Primera Carta de San Pablo a los Tesalonicenses es adecuada para nuestra liturgia de noviembre. Como saben, noviembre es un momento especial para recordar y orar por los que han muerto, especialmente los miembros de nuestras familias y otros seres queridos. Pablo no nos aconseja que no nos lamentemos por aquellos que hemos perdido, sino que no tengamos el tipo de dolor de aquellos "que no tienen esperanza".

Por naturaleza, los cristianos están llamados a ser un pueblo de esperanza, un pueblo de Resurrección. Hay una vieja expresión que dice: "Somos gente de Pascua y "Aleluya" es nuestro canto". Aunque un poco trilladas, estas palabras expresan la realidad de la fe cristiana. Cuando oramos por los muertos, no puede ser con la amargura de los desesperanzados; Nuestras vidas están cargadas de la fe que predicó San Pablo, y eso marca la diferencia. Incluso el Libro de la Sabiduría enseña que "las almas de los justos están en manos de Dios" (Sabiduría 3:1). Si creemos esto, el duelo puede dar paso al regocijo de que nuestros amados difuntos vivan en la paz de Dios para siempre.



### Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano

El próximo fin de semana realizaremos la colecta anual para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano. Durante más de 50 años, la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano ha apoyado a organizaciones que combaten la pobreza y mejoran las vidas de las personas en comunidades de todo Estados Unidos. Consulte el encarte de este Boletín para obtener información sobre la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano y ayude a este buen trabajo apoyándolo generosamente.

### Misa del Día de Acción de Gracias

El Día de Acción de Gracias, nuestra Misa parroquial será a las 10:00 a.m. Los invitamos a traer alimentos no perecederos para compartir con nuestra Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl. Además, la colecta de ese día beneficiará su trabajo.

También los invitamos a traer pan que compartirá en su comida de Acción de Gracias en casa para una bendición, para conectar nuestra celebración parroquial con sus comidas familiares.



### ATENCIÓN

La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el jueves por la mañana (16 de noviembre), mientras nuestro personal asiste a una reunión del Decanato. La oficina abrirá a las 13:00 horas de esa tarde.

### Trigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Fin de Semana del 11/12 de Noviembre de 2023

Jesús compara el reino del cielo con diez vírgenes que tomaron sus lámparas y salieron al encuentro del novio. Cinco de ellas eran necias, y cinco eran prudentes. Las necias no se prepararon para la espera, no se proveyeron de aceite extra. Las prudentes en cambio tomaron aceite extra, en caso de que la espera fuera más larga de lo esperado. Y la espera fue larga. Algunas de ellas, que se suponía que estuvieran esperando, no estaban preparadas para la espera,

con desastrosas consecuencias. La advertencia es estar preparados para la espera. Nosotros esperamos el regreso del Señor. ¿Resistirán la espera nuestras "llamas"? ¿Resistirá nuestra pasión por el Señor? O, ¿se consumirá nuestra pasión por el Señor? Los buenos corresponsables saben que Jesús, el novio, llegará. Lo que ellos no saben es cuando ocurrirá el regreso. Ellos están entre las doncellas. Su fe debe ser suficientemente fuerte para resistir la espera. La pregunta de corresponsabilidad es: ¿qué estamos haciendo para mantener nuestras llamas encendidas? ¿Somos prudentes o necios?





# CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

**LEARN** about those living in poverty who are working to improve their communities. • **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier. • **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection. • **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

For more than 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has supported organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people in communities across the United States. Not only do CCHD-funded organizations advocate with civic, business, and community religious leaders to improve access to affordable housing, job and educational opportunities, and rights for immigrants—they also respond quickly to urgent needs when communities experience emergencies.

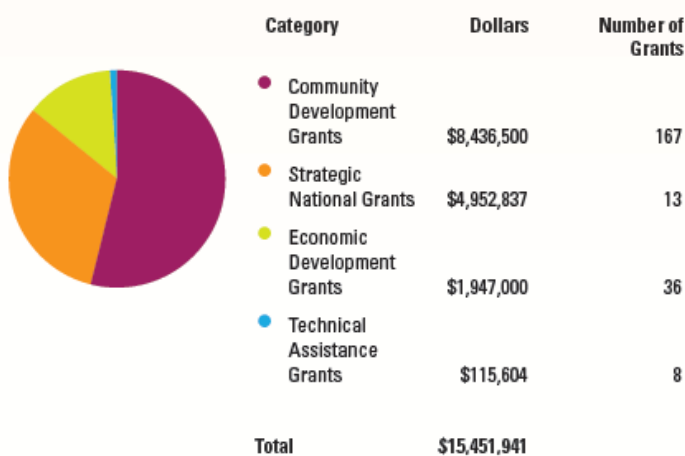
An effective response to natural disasters begins with effective planning before disasters occur. In New Orleans and surrounding areas in southern Louisiana, CCHD is helping Together New Orleans develop a project called Community Lighthouse, which will equip 85 congregations and community organizations with commercial-scale solar power and backup battery storage. This effort will form a network of response centers ready to serve

communities in a hurricane or other natural disaster once the solar power equipment is completely installed. By using solar power and backup batteries, the response centers can continue operating in the event of power loss—but they will also be using clean, renewable energy rather than fossil fuels that contribute to climate change and pollution.

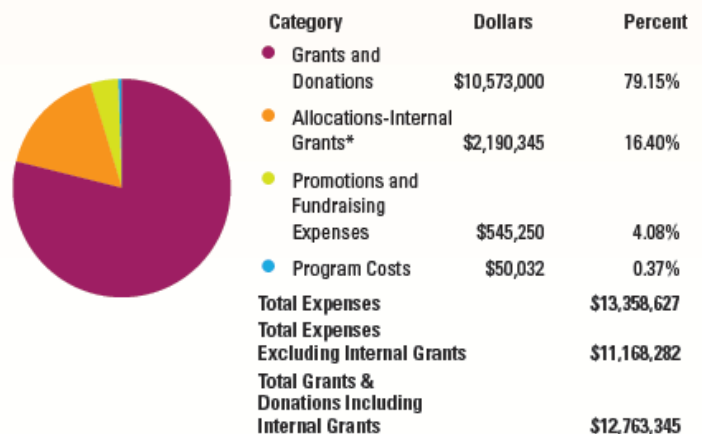
When you support CCHD, you help local communities across the country innovate and work together to solve their own unique challenges. Twenty-five percent of your contribution stays in your diocese to support the organizations addressing your community’s needs for housing, jobs, and educational opportunities—and for keeping the lights on during a storm.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

## 2021-2022 GRANTS



## 2021 EXPENSES



\*Internal grants include a distribution from the CCHD collection for CCHD operations expenses and for the USCCB Justice, Peace, and Human Development’s education and outreach program, which includes engaging Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty.



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**GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE**

I'll always remember that first Easter after my Dad passed away. It was when the promise of the resurrection truly hit home. Sure, I had always believed in heaven and that everyone had the possibility of spending eternity there, but until my Dad died, it had all been theoretical. Now, it was personal. Someone I loved deeply had left this world, but because of Christ's sacrifice, he had the opportunity to go to paradise, someplace where we will hopefully be reunited someday. I believe that's what St. Paul is talking about in today's second reading. We do "not grieve like the rest, who have no hope." *We have hope!* We have hope for our family, for our friends - for our very selves! - that we will rise again and spend eternity with the Lord and with those we love. Paul writes elsewhere, "Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:55) The sting of death is sin, Paul says, but Christ has won the victory over it. In being baptized into Christ, we share in that victory, and we are inheritors of the promise of eternal life that comes from death's defeat.

**PRAY** The ten virgins needed oil for their lamps to be ready for the bridegroom, but we need a clean heart and a steadfast spirit, as Psalm 51 tells us. (12) We get that by setting aside regular time for prayer and making a point to regularly receive the sacraments, including the reception of the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist and his forgiveness within the sacrament of reconciliation. Making time for the Lord now will mean we are ready for his return later.

**GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

The parable in today's Gospel is a reminder that while Christ has opened the gates of heaven for us, we must be ready to accept that gift and walk through them. In the parable of the ten virgins, we see how all fell asleep while waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. When he did show up, five were ready with oil for their lamps while five were sent scurrying to buy some. As a result, those who were not ready missed the opening of the doors and were locked out of the wedding feast. "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour," Jesus admonishes us. Are you awake? Will you be ready to enter the wedding feast when the door is opened to you? There is nothing wrong with enjoying God's creation and gifts here on earth, but we must guard against getting so caught up in the things of this world that we forget to prepare for the next.

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# CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP

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## A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for Thanksgiving

Gracious and loving God,  
 As the autumn season continues  
 its transformation;  
 and the days become shorter,  
 the earth cooler;  
 as we join family and friends  
 in joy and celebration  
 on Thanksgiving Day,  
 we pause to give you thanks  
 and praise  
 for the abundant blessings  
 You have bestowed upon us:  
 for life and health,  
 safety and comfort,  
 food and nourishment.  
 Through your Spirit, open  
 our hearts  
 so that we may be even  
 better stewards  
 of Your many blessings.  
 Show us how to be a blessing  
 for the poor, sick, lonely and  
 all who suffer.  
 And help us nurture the gift of faith,  
 revealed to us by your Son,  
 Jesus Christ,  
 our greatest gift,  
 who reigns with you and the Holy  
 Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen.



## Transform November into a Month of Thanksgiving

Very soon Americans will celebrate the Thanksgiving holidays; a time where so much is devoted to sumptuous meals highlighted by turkey and pumpkin pie, traveling to and from the ancestral home, enjoying family, feasting on leftovers, seeing a Thanksgiving Day parade and watching football.

For many of us, Thanksgiving Day is so full of activity that there is a tendency to forget what's at the heart of Thanksgiving, offering our thanks to God for the many gifts that have been bestowed upon us. Although sometimes the reason for the holiday is forgotten in our secular culture today, good stewards of their life and faith recognize that Thanksgiving should be directed primarily in God's direction



Take part of a day and walk or hike down a woodland path. Express your gratitude for the beauty of God's autumn creation.

Because the "busyness" of Thanksgiving Day can easily distract us from slowing down to a pace more suitable to adequately expressing our gratitude to God, perhaps this November we might allow Thanksgiving to permeate our lives for more than just a day. How about the entire month? Expressing gratitude is at the heart of good stewardship. So, let's dedicate a little time each day in November to giving thanks for our blessings.

Begin with November 1 and 2, All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Spend a few minutes each of those days thanking God for all the people in your life who have gone before you. Then, each day thereafter, set aside a few minutes to remember all that God has given you and say "Thank you."

Take part of a day and walk or hike down a woodland path. Express your gratitude for the beauty of God's autumn creation. Take a minute each day to thank the people in your life who matter to you. Tell them you're thankful for them. Drop someone a note, place a short phone call or even text them! Telling people you're thankful for them will enrich your life as well as theirs.

Make a point to attend at least one Mass outside the regular weekend Masses. Going to Mass on Thanksgiving morning is an excellent way to enrich that holiday. As a community of faith, we know that giving glory to God in this way is an important aspect of our communal life of faith.

Transform the month of November into a month of Thanksgiving. If you do, you will find your celebration of Thanksgiving Day a more richer and fuller experience than you could have imagined. In fact, you might just discover that your overall happiness with life improves. May this month of Thanksgiving be a time when we not only say "Thank You" to God, family and neighbor, but a time when our hearts draw us much closer to the Lord.

## Transforma Noviembre en un Mes de Acción de Gracias

Muy pronto, los estadounidenses celebrarán las vacaciones de Acción de Gracias. Incluso durante estos tiempos inciertos, tendremos la urgencia de reunirnos para comidas suntuosas destacadas por el pastel de pavo y calabaza, viajar hacia y desde el hogar ancestral, disfrutar de la familia, deleitarnos con las sobras y tal vez incluso ver fútbol.

Para muchos de nosotros, el Día de Acción de Gracias está tan lleno de actividad que existe una tendencia a olvidar lo que está en el corazón del Día de Acción de Gracias, ofreciendo nuestro agradecimiento a Dios por los muchos dones que se nos han otorgado. Aunque a veces el motivo de la festividad se olvida en nuestra cultura secular actual, los buenos corresponsables de su vida y su fe reconocen que la Acción de Gracias debe dirigirse principalmente en la dirección de Dios.



Envíe una nota a alguien, realice una breve llamada telefónica o tal vez sea necesario un chat de video. Decirle a la gente que estás agradecido por ellos enriquecerá tu vida y la de ellos.

Debido a que el “ajetreo” del Día de Acción de Gracias puede distraernos fácilmente de reducir la velocidad a un ritmo más adecuado para expresar adecuadamente nuestra gratitud a Dios, tal vez este noviembre podríamos permitir que el Día de Acción de Gracias impregne nuestras vidas durante más de un día. ¿Qué tal todo el mes? Expresar gratitud es la esencia de una buena corresponsabilidad. Por lo tanto, dediquemos un poco de tiempo cada día de noviembre para dar gracias por nuestras bendiciones.

Comience con el domingo 1 de noviembre y el lunes 2 de noviembre, Día de Todos los Santos y Día de los Difuntos. Dedique unos minutos cada uno de esos días a agradecer a Dios por todas las personas en su vida que le han precedido. Luego, cada día a partir de entonces, reserve unos minutos para recordar todo lo que Dios le ha dado y diga “Gracias”.

Participe de un día y camine o camine por un sendero del bosque. Expresé su gratitud por la belleza de la creación otoñal de Dios. Tómese un minuto cada día para agradecer a las personas de tu vida que te importan. Diles que estás agradecido por ellos. Envíe una nota a alguien, haga una llamada telefónica breve o tal vez sea necesario un chat de video. Decirle a la gente que estás agradecido por ellos enriquecerá tu vida y la de ellos.

Asegúrese de asistir al menos a una misa fuera de las misas regulares de fin de semana. Ir a misa en la mañana de Acción de Gracias es una excelente manera de mejorar esa festividad. Como comunidad de fe, sabemos que dar gloria a Dios de esta manera es un aspecto importante de nuestra vida comunitaria de fe.

Transforma el mes de noviembre en un mes de Acción de Gracias. Si lo hace, encontrará que la celebración del Día de Acción de Gracias es una experiencia más rica y completa de lo que podría haber imaginado. De hecho, es posible que descubra que su felicidad general con la vida mejora. Que este mes de Acción de Gracias sea un momento en el que no solo digamos “Gracias” a Dios, a la familia y al prójimo, sino un momento en el que nuestro corazón nos acerque mucho más al Señor

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#### Dios amable y amoroso

A medida que el otoño continúa con su transformación;  
y los días se acortan  
y la tierra se enfría;  
y mientras nos unimos a familiares  
y amigos

en alegría y celebración  
del día de acción de gracias  
nos detenemos para darte las gracias  
y alabarte

por las grandes bendiciones  
que nos has otorgado:  
por la vida y la salud  
seguridad y confort,  
comida y sustento.

A través de tu Espíritu, abre  
nuestros corazones  
para que podamos ser  
mejores corresponsables  
de todas tus bendiciones.  
Muéstranos cómo ser una bendición  
para los pobres, enfermos, solitarios y  
todos los que sufren.

Ayúdanos a nutrir el don de la fe,  
revelado a nosotros por tu hijo,  
Jesucristo,  
nuestro mayor regalo  
quien reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo,  
un Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Amén.





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