

**For The Bulletin Of
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**THE 31ST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

From Father Robert

When do we find ourselves “up a tree?”
When we are in a difficult situation and
can’t seem to find a way out. The idea is
to climb down, to find a solution.

In today’s gospel, Zacchaeus does the
opposite. He goes up a tree to solve his
problem. What’s not to like about this
Zacchaeus story? All kinds of things
feed our imagination. A “wealthy man”
throws aside social propriety and does
what an enthusiastic little kid would do –
he climbs a tree! And he doesn’t pick an
easy tree – he climbs a sycamore tree, a
very tall tree, one without branches close
to the ground. He chooses a very
difficult way to get what he wants: “to
see Who Jesus was.” And, he gets more
than he climbed for – Jesus tells him,
“Today salvation has come to this
house.”

Zacchaeus’s short stature kept him from
seeing Jesus with his physical eyes. His
ardent desire to encounter Jesus,
however, indicates that he had already
seen Him with the eyes of his heart.
Encountering Jesus does not depend
upon the goodness of one’s life, but
encountering Him can bring about
conversion of life. Zacchaeus chooses to
put his life in right order. For this does
Zacchaeus come to salvation.
Encountering Jesus and choosing to put
our own life in right order brings us to
the same salvation. We only need to see
Jesus with the eyes of our heart wide
open.

All of us are invited to salvation. Those
are saved who seek Jesus (Zacchaeus
made the first step when he climbed the
sycamore tree to see Jesus) and are open
to being sought by Him (Jesus stayed at
his house). Those are saved who change
their lives when they encounter Jesus.
Seeing Jesus isn’t enough. Encounter
must lead to a faith relationship that
makes a difference in our lives.
Moreover, since Jesus continues His
saving mission through us His followers,
we must be equally responsive to others.
We must put our own affairs in order
and care for those in any need. We must
also live in such a way that when others
encounter us, they encounter Jesus.

Zacchaeus is the last person Luke’s
gospel mentions before Jesus enters
Jerusalem – it is as though Luke chooses
to end his gospel account with a
memorable story about why Jesus came:
“for the Son of Man has come to seek
and to save what was lost.” If “salvation
has come” even for this short tax
collector, then who would ever be
excluded?

Living The Paschal Mystery

Most of us don’t have to be so creative
or go to the extreme of climbing a tree to
encounter Jesus. However, this gospel
forewarns us that we ought to not be
complacent about our spiritual lives.
Zacchaeus reminds us that we must also
always be willing to change and grow
and be vigilant about our relationships
with others, for these are barometers of
our relationship with God. Creativity in
seeking Jesus might mean that we are
innovative in our personal prayer life
rather than continually reciting the
prayers we might have learned long ago.
What prayers might better meet our
spiritual needs now so that we can grow

in our relationships? It might mean that we keep certain days of the year (perhaps the days of the Triduum or some days during Advent) as a “mini retreat” in order to diligently seek Jesus and a better relationship with Him. It might mean that we don’t wait for people to come to us and ask for help but that we notice others’ needs and offer to help before they ask. In these and countless other ways we encounter Jesus – and salvation comes to our house.

As we near the conclusion of this year of grace, our scriptures once again propose powerful and challenging questions:

- Like Zacchaeus, the heights to which I would go to see Jesus are...
- What opens my heart wide to see Jesus is...
- A change in me that encountering Jesus needs to bring about is...

About Liturgy: Change and Liturgy

Change is generally a good thing – it indicates growth and desire for new directions and accomplishments. Even change in liturgy is good because the need for change is a witness that the liturgical assembly has grown deeper in our relationship to God and each other. Change is a fact of life and of liturgy! Change is good and necessary. But too much change too often in liturgy can actually work against fruitful liturgy.

After a change (especially something major), we must give ourselves time to “settle in” and make the change a natural part of the rhythm of our ritual celebrations. If we are always adjusting to something new during Liturgy, it is very difficult to internalize the fruits of

liturgy. We must give ourselves time to “settle in,” not in the sense of becoming complacent or resting easy (liturgy is always hard work – or at least, it should be) or getting sloppy, but in the sense of having the luxury of fine-tuning what changes we have introduced. As we grow in familiarity with our rituals we are free to enter more deeply into the liturgical mystery itself.

While change is necessary and good for the rhythm of our liturgies, novelty and innovation (especially for their own sakes or just to hold people’s interest) generally work against good liturgy. We must always remember that liturgy is given an essential ritual structure that has been tested through the centuries of tradition and this structure must be respected. It ensures that we are maximizing liturgy’s purpose to make present the paschal mystery and that we are celebrating with the whole church.

About Liturgical Music: Change and Liturgical Music

The same principles given above about the pace of change in liturgical ritual apply to changes in liturgical music, but with some further comments that are specifically musical. First, we must always remember that music stands in a secondary, supporting role. Its purpose is to enable the assembly to surrender to the liturgical ritual. When we change the music too much or too often, we divert the assembly’s energies from the ritual demands. We side-track the liturgy. When we change the music for its own sake, we give it a position that doesn’t belong to it by making it primary. Again, we side-track the liturgy.

Second, the demands of the ritual are intense, and repetition and consistency in the music are meant to facilitate surrendering to these demands. For the average assembly, this means introducing perhaps two or three new hymns or songs a year is enough. In a year when a new setting of the Sung Eucharist is being introduced, that alone may be sufficient. Any change in service music or the introduction of a new hymn/song must be related to the goal of enabling deeper participation in the rite, not to the mistaken goal of keeping people “entertained.”

Honoring these principles takes discipline. New music should be introduced to support the assembly’s liturgical and musical growth. But it is their growth (and the demands of the rite) which must dictate the changes, not the desire for novelty.

The Floral Arrangement at the foot of the Crucifix this weekend is placed to the Glory of God and in honor of the 87th Birthday of Dolores Monnens by her Children. Congratulations and may God continue to bless you with much happiness and the best of health.

All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day

This coming Tuesday, November 1st, is All Saints’ Day, a holy day of obligation. We are privileged to celebrate Eucharist at both 8:00 a.m. and again at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2nd, is All Souls’ Day when we remember our beloved deceased at the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. We will celebrate Eucharist that day at 8:00 a.m. as usual. Please be sure to fill out the All Souls

envelope with the names of your beloved deceased who will be remembered at each celebration of the Eucharist throughout the month of November. The Book of the Dead continues to be in the baptistery leading up to the Commemoration of All Souls into which you may inscribe the names of your beloved deceased. From All Souls’ Day on through the end of November, the Book of the Dead will be placed next to the tabernacle.

Neighborhood Clean Up

Our next Antioch Neighborhood Clean Up, sponsored by our Antioch Police Department and the VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) takes place on Saturday, November 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please see the flyer in today’s bulletin for the site to be cleaned up. All supplies will be provided by the VIPS. I hope to see you there.

The Parish Liturgy of Remembrance of the Dead

You are invited to join us for a very special Liturgy of Remembrance on Sunday afternoon, November 6th, at 4:00 p.m. for Sung Evening Prayer when we remember all those for whom a Funeral Liturgy was celebrated in our church since last All Souls Day. Their names will be read aloud during the Intercessions and a Memorial Candle will be lighted for them as well. These candles will be presented to each family at the conclusion of the liturgy. You are invited to bring photographs, Holy Cards, and other memorabilia to place on the memorial tables at the front of the church.

Also, if you have had a loved one die but whose funeral was not celebrated in our church, you, as well, are invited to

commemorate them at this liturgy. Please bring any memorabilia you wish to display on the memorial tables and let us know the name of your beloved dead so that his/her name can be included as well as lighting a Memorial Candle for them.

A reception will follow in the parish hall to which all are invited.

Vatican Gives New Directives Regarding Cremation

This past week we received new guidelines regarding cremation. Rather than include the entire instruction, I am only including the parts that pertain to us directly and the elements that need to be considered when cremation is chosen.

Instruction *Ad resurgendum cum Christo* regarding the burial of the deceased and the conservation of the ashes in the case of cremation:

4. In circumstances when cremation is chosen because of sanitary, economic or social considerations, this choice must never violate the explicitly-stated or the reasonably inferable wishes of the deceased faithful. The Church raises no doctrinal objections to this practice, since cremation of the deceased's body does not affect his or her soul, nor does it prevent God, in his omnipotence, from raising up the deceased body to new life. Thus cremation, in and of itself, objectively negates neither the Christian doctrine of the soul's immortality nor that of the resurrection of the body.¹³

The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased, because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased.

Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, "unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine".¹⁴ In the absence of motives contrary to Christian doctrine, the Church, after the celebration of the funeral rite, accompanies the choice of cremation, providing the relevant liturgical and pastoral directives, and taking particular care to avoid every form of scandal or the appearance of religious indifferentism.

5. When, for legitimate motives, cremation of the body has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the competent ecclesial authority. From the earliest times, Christians have desired that the faithful departed become the objects of the Christian community's prayers and remembrance. Their tombs have become places of prayer, remembrance and reflection. The faithful departed remain part of the Church who believes "in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church".¹⁵

The reservation of the ashes of the departed in a sacred place ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community. It prevents the faithful departed from being forgotten, or their remains from being shown a lack of respect, which eventuality is possible, most especially once the immediately

subsequent generation has too passed away. Also it prevents any unfitting or superstitious practices.

6. For the reasons given above, **the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted.** Only in grave and exceptional cases dependent on cultural conditions of a localized nature, may the Ordinary, in agreement with the Episcopal Conference or the Synod of Bishops of the Oriental Churches, concede permission for the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence. Nonetheless, the ashes may not be divided among various family members and due respect must be maintained regarding the circumstances of such a conservation.

7. In order that every appearance of pantheism, naturalism or nihilism be avoided, **it is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects.** These courses of action cannot be legitimized by an appeal to the sanitary, social, or economic motives that may have occasioned the choice of cremation.

8. When the deceased notoriously has requested cremation and the scattering of their ashes for reasons contrary to the Christian faith, a Christian funeral must be denied to that person according to the norms of the law.¹⁶

The Sovereign Pontiff Francis, in the

Audience granted to the undersigned Cardinal Prefect on 18 March 2016, approved the present Instruction, adopted in the Ordinary Session of this Congregation on 2 March 2016, and ordered its publication.

Rome, from the Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 15 August 2016, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Gerhard Card. Müller
Prefect

Luis F. Ladaria, SJ
Titular Archbishop of Thibica
Secretary

Vigil Liturgy Time Change

Beginning Saturday, November 12th, the time of the Vigil Liturgy moves to 4:00 p.m. and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please make note of the time change. Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6th.

November Concert

The next event in our Concert Series takes place on Friday evening, November 18th, when Bill Vaughan, Director of Music for Church of the Assumption, San Leandro, and Dean of the San Francisco Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, performs a concert of transcriptions for the organ. The concert begins at 8:00 p.m. and will be followed by a reception in the parish hall. A free will offering will be accepted to help defray the costs of the reception as well as to provide a stipend to the artist. I hope you will plan to attend.

Thanksgiving Baskets

One of the wonderful traditions of our parish takes place on Sunday, November 20th, the Solemnity of Christ the King, as parishioners bring Thanksgiving Baskets to each liturgy which are then distributed to needy families for Thanksgiving. An orange-colored flyer will be placed in the bulletin with the list of items to purchase to feed a family of four for Thanksgiving. The box or basket can then be decorated appropriately, brought to one of the liturgies on the weekend of November 19th/20th and then will be distributed by our St. Vincent de Paul Society on Monday, November 21st. A turkey will be added to each box/basket at that time. Last year, 250 boxes/baskets were contributed and what a difference they made in the lives of so many families! The need is very great at this time of the year especially so I am hoping that our parish will once again respond to the invitation to participate. Many thanks for what you will do to make it possible for needy families to celebrate Thanksgiving.

St. Cecilia Sing

We are a member of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians and in conjunction with them, concerts, recitals, and choral festivals are being held all over the United States on Sunday, November 20th to honor St. Cecilia, the Patron Saint of Church Music. Our parish is participating once again this year with the celebration of Sung Evening Prayer on this day at 3:00 p.m. followed by a reception in the parish hall. I hope you will plan to join us in this service of praise and thanksgiving that honors St. Cecilia and asks for God's blessing on our parish music ministry.

Thanksgiving Day

Our National Day of Thanksgiving this year falls on Thursday, November 24th. We will gather for Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. and this is always a very special day of celebration for us. The homily will be given by one of our parishioners and this year we will be especially blessed by the gift of **Samantha Peralto** who will dance a hula of thanksgiving as a part of the liturgy. Those of you who were privileged to experience her dancing at the parish festival saw how beautiful, how prayerful, how sacred this was. Also, you are invited to bring your bread and wine to be blessed that will be a part of your Thanksgiving dinner. Tables will be setup across the front of the sanctuary on which you may place your bread and wine for the blessing.

Environment Help

On Friday, November 25th, we will say goodbye to our Fall Environment and the conclusion of the Liturgical Year of 2016. Many hands will be needed to make the transition from Fall to the beginning of the new Liturgical Year and Advent. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and hope to be finished by noon. Coffee and pastries are provided as a part of our work and fellowship. All are invited!

Kitchen Table Catholicism

This coming Thursday, November 3rd, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. we will be discussing and sharing our appreciation of the liturgical seasons, Feasts of Mary (Immaculate Conception and Guadalupe), Advent, and Christmas with music and art. Don't miss it!

Father Tom's Book of Christmas Meditations

A book of Father Tom Bonacci's Christmas Meditations has been

published by “blurb.com, 580 California Street, San Francisco, CA. 94104, Suite 300” and is available for \$19.95 plus shipping and tax, bringing the total to \$24.75. This will make a wonderful Christmas gift.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Cards for Archbishop Brunett

Please do not forget to include Archbishop Alexander Brunett in your Thanksgiving and Christmas card list. His address is:

Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett
Archbishop Emeritus
Archdiocese of Seattle
710 9th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Get Well Cards For San Francisco Police Officer Kevin Downs

I invite you to join me in sending Get Well cards to San Francisco Police Officer Kevin Downs who was shot in the head and who has been released from the hospital and is recovering. Cards, good wishes, and remembrances of prayers may be sent to him as follows:

Officer Kevin Downs
c/o San Francisco Police Officers
Association
800 Bryant St., Second Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103

Death Penalty and Catholic Social Teaching – From Our California Catholic Conference of Bishops

Pope Francis reminds us that the commandment “thou shall not kill” pertains to the innocent as well as the guilty, in order to respect the

sacredness and human dignity of all people. As a society, we should strive towards restorative justice that contributes to the healing of the guilty, victims’ families and society to strengthen the common good and stop perpetuating the culture of death. The California Catholic Conference of Bishops are supporting Prop 62 to end the use of the death penalty and opposing Prop 66 which would speed up executions. For information and more on Catholic teaching, visit www.cacatholic.org.

Bishops Have Long Called for Ending the Use of the Death Penalty

“We should resist policies that simply call for more prisons, harsher sentences, and increased reliance on the death penalty,” said the U.S. Bishops in 2000. “Rather, we should promote policies that put more resources into restoration, education, and substance-abuse treatment programs.” During this Year of Mercy, Californians have a chance to end the death in our state by approving Prop 62 and rejecting Prop 66. For more information, visit www.cacatholic.org.

General Election Ballot Measures - 2016

You will need to go to the website of the Conference to click on each of

the propositions indicated in order to view the Church's position on each proposition and Ballot Measure.

[Election 2016](#)

As widely anticipated, California voters will be asked to pass judgment on a variety of ballot measures on the November 2016 ballot. Seventeen questions – ranging from ending the use of the death penalty to extending taxes to recreational marijuana use – have qualified.

The Golden State's initiative process – first enacted to wrestle control of state politics from railroad barons and major corporations – has evolved into big business. It is very hard for grassroots organizations to gather enough signatures but well-financed campaigns can put a phalanx of signature gathers into the field.

If this year seems particularly crowded, it is because in 2011 the State Legislature mandated that all ballot initiatives be decided during the General Election on the first Tuesday in November.

The California Catholic Conference of Bishops occasionally takes positions on ballot initiatives. For instance, the last time voters were asked to repeal the use of the death penalty the Bishops urged support for the measure. The Conference's positions for this election cycle, if any, will be announced in the coming weeks.

As is also the case, the Conference website will post analysis of all the initiatives with reference to applicable Catholic social teaching. Watch for that as the summer progresses.

In the meantime, here's a preview of the questions you will be asked to decide on November 8:

- Proposition 51 - **School Bonds. Funding for K-12 School and Community College Facilities** ([Full Text](#))
- Proposition 52 - **State Fees on Hospitals** ([Full Text](#))
- Proposition 53 - **Revenue Bonds** ([Full Text](#))
- Proposition 54 - **Legislature. Legislation and Proceedings** ([Full Text](#))
- Proposition 55 - **Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare** ([Full Text](#))
- Proposition 56 - **Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement** ([Full Text](#))
- Proposition 57 - **Criminal Sentences. Juvenile Criminal Proceedings and Sentencing** ([Full Text](#))
- Proposition 58 - **English Language Education** ([Full Text](#))
- Proposition 59 - **Campaign Finance: Voter Instructions** ([Full Text](#))
- Proposition 60 - **Adult Films. Condoms. Health Requirements** ([Full Text](#))

- Proposition 61 - **State Prescription Drug Purchases. Pricing Standards** ([Full Text](#))
- Proposition 62 - **Repeal Death Penalty** ([Full Text](#))
- Proposition 63 - **Firearms. Ammunition Sales** ([Full Text](#))
- Proposition 64 - **Marijuana Legalization** ([Full Text](#))
- Proposition 65 - **Carry-Out Bags. Charges** ([Full Text](#))
- Proposition 66 - **Death Penalty. Expedite Procedures** ([Full Text](#))
- Proposition 67 - **Referendum to Overturn Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags** ([Full](#))

Pro-Life Positions and the Death Penalty

According to Pope John Paul II, “New evangelization calls for followers of Christ who are unconditionally pro-life: who will proclaim, celebrate and serve the Gospel of life in every situation. A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil.” (Mass, St. Louis, MO., 1-27-99.) The same protection for the sanctity of human life talked about so often with abortion extends to the death penalty. All souls, innocent or flawed, have intrinsic value, as we are all created in God’s likeness and are precious in the eyes of our Lord. The death penalty – which will be repealed by Prop 62 – destroys the opportunity for redemption and the ability of God’s mercy to work in the

lives of those affected. For more on forgiveness and the sanctity of all life, visit www.cacatholic.org.

The Recreational Use of Marijuana

September 19, 2016 Election 2016, News

By Gerald D. Coleman, P.S.S.

In *Weed the People*, the author argues that “America is changing its mind about marijuana. For the past 80 years we’ve treated it as a ruinously dangerous drug, a public health menace, an addictive and illegal scourge. This is changing, and more quickly than many of us once thought possible. At the end of 2014 the U.S. reached a tipping point: for the first time ever, a majority of Americans lived in states with some form of marijuana legality.”^[1]

The public perception of marijuana has been steadily shifting over the past decade. Gallup polls in the early 2000s found that about one-third of Americans favored legalization. That climbed to 44% in 2009, 48% in 2012, and 58% in 2013. A major factor behind this surge was the growing approbation of medical marijuana. By 2013 medical marijuana use was seen as helpful and safe.^[2] Seventy-seven percent of Americans believed marijuana had legitimate medical uses and 83% thought doctors should be able to prescribe limited amounts for patients with serious illnesses.

One moment crystallized the nation’s new openness to marijuana when on August 8,

2013 CNN chief medical correspondent, Dr. Sanjay Gupta, publicly changed his mind on the positive effects of medical marijuana. Gupta said that he “mistakenly believed the Drug Enforcement Agency listed marijuana as a Schedule I substance because of sound scientific proof. In fact, the DEA had no such proof. Though government continued to deny it, marijuana has very legitimate medical applications. In fact, sometimes marijuana is the only thing that works.” [3]

The doctor-prescribed use of medical marijuana has led to the worrisome assumption that the recreational use of marijuana enjoys the same level of safety and oversight. This conjecture has led to an increasing number of states to legalize or hope to legalize the use of marijuana for recreational purposes.

This assumption needs careful critique.

“Mutts and Maribel Take Us To The Moon!”

Last Friday evening, we had the blessing of experiencing **Nancy Bachmann’s** latest musical offering, “Mutts and Maribel Walk To The Moon.” It was an absolutely delightful and engaging Children’s Operatta featuring Nancy playing the piano and **Jennifer Gapasin singing Soprano and Kjira Christiana Robinson singing Mezzo-soprano**. Our imaginations were put to good work from the very beginning imagining Maribel and Mutts in their backyard, reflecting on its beauty, their desire to walk to the moon, waiting for the moon to rise, glorying in its “moonbeams,” and then making the trip up the hill to the moon itself. Fanciful, delightful, beautiful arias were woven together to take us on the journey to and from with

them. The simple staging was enhanced by making use of our cinema-size screen with child-like colorful pictures which brought us into the script and the journey. The singing of these two young women was astounding! Their clarity, diction, and range of vocal production was amazing and I hope they will both continue to develop and perfect their art. I sense that they both have a very bright and exciting future ahead in both musical productions and theater.

Following the operatta, a lovely reception was held at which fresh gallettes of pomegranate and frangipane were served by **Catherine Vidaurri** along with savory and sweet delectables served by **Lorraine Lohmeier and Maryann Peddicord**, with preparation help and set-up provided by **Frances Rojek**. An assortment of fine wines, including a new Hannah-Nicole “Rosé” release, were expertly served by **Will Avitabile**. It was an extraordinary evening all around!

Thank You

...to our faithful parishioner volunteers who come early each Saturday morning to clean and prepare the church and parish hall for the weekend and the week ahead: **Steve Rojek, Jun Bajet, Kelly and Tracy Wetzel, Mency Osborne, Angela Bueno, and Cathy Romeo**.
...to our parishioner volunteers who clean and maintain the bathrooms in the church and parish hall: **Robert Goncalves, Mary Ewing, Patricia Britton, Harlan Young, Virginia Noack, and Steve Rojek**.
...to **Dilcia Aparacio** who washes and irons all the sacred linens each week.

...to our Sacristans and Altar Guild who prepare the sanctuary for the celebration of Eucharist each week: **Peter Degl'Innocenti, Pam and Rich Confetti, Vincent Rodriguez, Harlan Young, Rowena Cayaban, Monika Kauer, Cynthia Enrique, Belen Farin, Nancy Santos and Rose Salamanca.**

...to our **counting teams** who are here every week to count the weekly collections.

...to our volunteers who assisted in the parish office last week: **Melodye Costanza, Harlan Young, Karen Oliver, Alicia Perez, Rowena Cayaban, Mary Angelica Cayaban, Joe Fanfa, Bev Iacona and Lorraine Lohmeier.** We welcome our newest office volunteer, **Sofie Zimmerman.**

...to our St. Vincent de Paul and Mobile Mall volunteers who transported last week's donations: **Bob Carvalho and Barbara Jackson.**

...to our faithful weekly bulletin assembly team: **Bob Carvalho, Carole Miller, Dave Costanza, Judy Quicho, Vangie Parrilla and Belen Farin.**

The Visit Of His Eminence, William Cardinal Levada

Once again I am pleased to announce to our parish community the historic visit of **His Eminence, William Cardinal Levada**, to St. Ignatius of Antioch on Sunday, January 15, 2017. He will preside and preach for our 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. Two years ago when we made the Anniversary Pilgrimage to Italy, we were privileged to celebrate Eucharist with him in his titular church of Santa Maria in Dominico. Since that time, he has retired as the *Prefect Emeritus* of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and formerly the highest ranking American in the Curia of the Catholic Church. We have been

friends since the early 1980's when I was assigned as Vicar of St. Leander Church in San Leandro where his first cousin, Fr. Richard Mangini, was pastor. He has talked about coming to St. Ignatius of Antioch over the years and soon it will actually happen. More to come as the date nears.