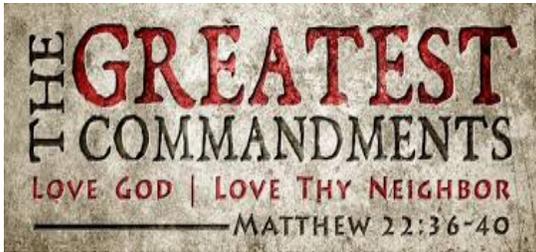


**For The Bulletin Of
October 28, 2017**

**THE 30TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME AND
THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE REFORMATION**



From Father Robert

Keeping laws would probably not be readily named as one of our favorite activities. We tend to think of laws as restrictive and we keep them because we know they are necessary for good order in home, neighborhood, workplace, and society at large. If we deem it safe and hurting no one, we might set aside keeping a law for some immediate benefit. For example, we might roll through a stop sign in the middle of the night when no one is astir. Even some religious laws can be set aside for good reason. For example, if one is sick with the flu it makes far better sense to stay home from Liturgy one Sunday rather than go to church and risk infecting others. Some laws, however, are so far reaching that they ought to never be set aside. Laws which protect life, for example, are inviolable. In today's gospel Jesus clearly teaches an inviolable law.

To test Jesus the Pharisees questioned Him about "which commandment in the law is the greatest." Each Pharisee, no doubt, had some commandment

governing religious practice he judged to be the most important. Jesus' answer to the Pharisees takes His hearers beyond any individual commandment or practice to the foundation of them all: loving God with one's whole being and loving neighbor as oneself. This is the pervasive, inviolable law. Keeping religious laws – no matter how meticulously- means nothing if the motivation for our actions is not love for God and others. Laws are not entities unto themselves, but always are to lead to the greater good. Keeping laws and precepts – "the whole law and the prophets" – is a way of making visible in our daily living the twofold law of love upon which every commandment is based. Law and Love cannot be separated if either is to bring deepened relationships and unity, harmony and justice which are ultimately the goal of both law and love. The law of love is a law of hearts turned toward Other and others.

Love of God and love of neighbor are one law; they cannot really be separated. In loving our neighbor we love God. We cannot separate love of God and love of neighbor because our neighbor is created in God's image and bears within him or her the Presence of God. Further, our love for God cannot be something only thought or even only said (for example, in prayer). Our love for God must be carried out by loving actions toward our neighbors. This is how God has already loved us and acted toward us!

The Pharisees thought they could trip Jesus up on a thorny question. Jesus passed the "test" about law the Pharisees put to Him not only with His words, but

also with how HE lived this double law of love. Do we pass the test?

Living The Paschal Mystery

Most of us don't have great difficulty loving those we know and care about. The first reading today directs our love even toward the neighbor we don't know. In our present society this is perhaps not only challenging, but sometimes it is also very risky. In a crime-laden society such as ours we tend not to trust the stranger – the one we meet on the street or the one who might come to our door. On the one hand, we must be careful and protect our selves and our loved ones. On the other hand, we must be genuinely sensitive to others' needs. If someone comes to our door and needs to use the phone, we can offer to make the call for them; if we see something happening that is wrong, we can take responsibility and call 911, the police, or other First Responders; we can do something so simple as hold a store door open for someone who is package-laden. In these and countless other ways each day we not only do our love for our neighbor but in those acts we also show our love for God. This is our most important priority: to love God in the neighbor we meet every day.

The demands of being followers of Jesus are unending. How does today's gospel challenge you?

- When asked to name the greatest commandment, Jesus named two! The way I understand how the two are actually one is...
- I have grown in loving God with my whole being in the following ways...

- I have grown in loving my neighbor as myself in these ways...



You are invited to join us at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon for an historic service commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Our parish is hosting this observance which will gather our Protestant sisters and brothers from various denominations, especially St. John's Lutheran here in Antioch. **Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP**, is the preacher for the service which will also include an Ecumenical Choir of more than 50 voices under the direction of **Don Pearson, Director of Music and Organist**. Pastors from the various churches will join me in leading the service. Following the liturgy, a wonderful reception will be held in our parish hall. I hope you will be able to join us for this historic event.



All Saints Day, Wednesday, November 1st

We will gather for two celebrations of Holy Eucharist on Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. As this is a solemnity and a Holy Day of Obligation, we are privileged to have the presence of our Choir and Cantors to support our sung prayer.

All Souls Day, Thursday, November 2nd

We will celebrate the Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed with Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. If you have filled out an All Souls' envelope and listed the names of your beloved deceased, please be sure to turn it into the office or place it in the collection basket to make sure it is included in the liturgy that morning. The All Souls Envelopes will remain at the Tabernacle throughout the month of November as we remember our beloved dead.



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5th. Please be sure to turn your clocks **BACK ONE HOUR**. This means that beginning Saturday, November 11th, our Vigil Liturgy moves

to **4:00 p.m.** and Reconciliation moves to **2:45 p.m.**



Please plan to join us for our Thanksgiving Day Liturgy on Thursday, November 23rd, at 9:00 a.m. This is always a wonderful liturgy with our Choir and Cantors supporting our sung prayer and the Thanksgiving Reflection is given by a parishioner. This year that reflection will be given by **Jack Goncalves**. The offering that day has always been designated for a worthy cause and this year it is going to our adopted parochial school of St. Peter Martyr in Pittsburg. I hope your holiday plans will allow you to join us for this special day of giving thanks and praise to God for all His abundant blessings in each of our lives.



Once again this year we invite you to join us in our Annual Thanksgiving Basket outreach. A flyer on bright orange paper is included in today's bulletin listing the food items that are

necessary to feed a family for Thanksgiving. Our St. Vincent De Paul Society will facilitate the give-a-way on Monday, November 20th. Baskets may be brought to any liturgy on the weekend of November 18th and 19th. Last year, 200 baskets were contributed by our parishioners! The need continues to be great and I am hoping that every family that is able will participate. This is a great opportunity to teach our children the value of giving to others who are less fortunate than we. Our local Lucky Supermarket makes it so easy: there is a display with all the items necessary to fill the Thanksgiving Box/Basket literally right inside the entry doors. All you have to do is walk around the display, select the items on the list, and check off the items on the flyer. I decorate my box with a second table cloth to make it look festive as well as including a Thanksgiving Card to the family who receives it with good wishes and blessings from the parish. Lucky also carries paper table cloths, paper plates, and napkins in the spirit of Thanksgiving. The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will add a turkey to each box. This is another wonderful opportunity for us to be the heart and the hands of Jesus to our sisters and brothers who would not enjoy this holiday and its festive meal were it not for us. Many thanks in advance for what you will do for this annual outreach.

Collection for the Santa Rosa Fire Victims

Many of the Santa Rosa Fire Victims lost everything in the recent fire. They are basically starting over from nothing. Following Jesus' call to love one another, we are called to help our brothers and sisters in need.

Church of the Good Shepherd is collaborating with a number of East Bay and Santa Rosa Lions Clubs and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Brentwood and Santa Rosa to do our part to help. We have been collecting various non-perishable food items (i.e., peanut butter, foil-packaged tuna, granola bars, beef jerky, snack foods, breakfast grab-n-go foods, sport drinks, baby food, trail mix, canned food), some clothes (mostly for babies and children), bedding, phone chargers, pet food, as well as money and gift cards of all types. You may bring any items you wish to donate to the church through next week and they will be transported to De Luna Ranch where trucks will be loaded from that location and delivered to facilities in Santa Rosa.

The address for Church of the Good Shepherd is: 3400 Harbor Street, Pittsburg, CA. You may also call the church office (Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm) at 432-6404. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Fr. Carl Arcosa, Pastor
Church of the Good Shepherd

Our Lady of Fatima Celebration

On Friday October 13, 2017, St. Ignatius of Antioch Church celebrated the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's apparition in Fatima Portugal, with Sung Evening Prayer.

The evening included a procession around the church with a stop at four points of the Stations of the Cross. The rosary was recited in three different languages at each of these stations; English, Portuguese and Tagalog. The three presenters of the rosary were

Fr. Robert Rien “in English”; **Fatima Salqueiro** in “Portuguese”; and **Angela Bueno** in “Tagalog”. Each station was decorated with various pictures of the three children of Fatima; Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, a statue of Our Lady and beautiful white flowers.

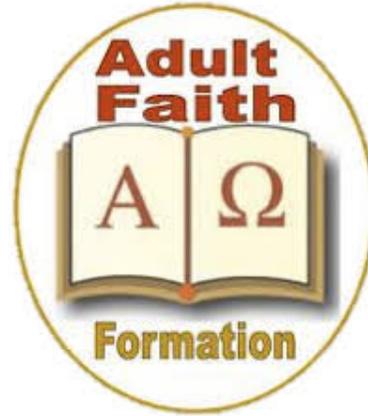
Our sincere thanks to The St. Ignatius of Antioch Choir under the direction of **Don Pearson**, and our cantors. Also a heartfelt gratitude to the Portuguese Choir under the leadership of **MaryJo Keister, Emma Teixeira, Fatima Salgueiro, Terry Pedras and Maria Duarte**.

The children involved did an outstanding job! Congratulations to **William Necor** (Crucifer); Banner Bearer: **Rich DeLew**; Rosary bearers: **Claudia Daniels; Sofia Daniels; Giada Godina; Emma Haas; Aureia Hernandez; Jesus Moreno; Jose Moreno; Lorenzo Necor; Jacey Travers; Jeorgia Travers and Jackson Wolden**.

The Three Shepherd Children: **Theresa Radovan** as “Lucia Dos Santos”; **John Thomas Perez** as “Francisco Marto” and **Genesis Trail** as “Jacinta Marto”.

The beautiful float of “Our Lady of Fatima” was presented by **Israel Anonuevo**, and decorated by **Terry Pedras and MaryJo Keister**.

A reception followed the conclusion of the Sung Evening Prayer and Procession which was wonderfully organized and prepared by so many people who lovingly gave of their time and talents. A heartfelt thank you to every one of you who made this evening a success.



“The Rites To Die Right!”

Once again this year, I am honored to have been asked to present two sessions on “The Rites To Die Right!” The two sessions will be held on Wednesday, November 8th at 9:00 a.m. and again in the evening at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Each class will focus on the rites and rituals of our church surrounding death and the choices/options that are available in our **Order of Christian Funerals**. Many of our parishioners have come to see me and arrange for their funeral services following these classes, selecting scripture, prayers, who will participate, along with music. It is a great gift to your family and loved ones to “pre-need” what you would like to have and leaves no questions about your desire to celebrate the funeral rites as the Church intends. The classes are free.

Then on Thursday, November 9th, at 10:30 a.m. I will lead a tour of our new Holy Angels Funeral Services at Holy Cross Cemetery here in Antioch. The tour will include visiting the new chapel, the arrangement offices, casket/urn selection room, and information concerning the services for traditional casket burials as well as cremation/memorial services. The tour will be followed by a no-host lunch across the street at “Bridgehead Café.”



New Members Brunch

New members to the parish will be honored at a Brunch to be held on Sunday, November 12th, following the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. Hosted by the members of our Pastoral Council, our newest-registered families will have the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful meal and meet the leadership of the parish (Pastoral Council, Pastoral Staff, and Finance Council). It is a wonderful way to be introduced to the life and ministry of St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish. Letters of Invitation have gone out and we ask that you please respond as soon as possible to the Parish Office to indicate your presence so that adequate food may be prepared. Welcome! And Thank You for becoming a part of our amazing parish family!



We are so privileged that there are many parishioners who volunteer their time and talent to help in various ways

throughout the week as well as the weekend. Our thanks to:

...those who cleaned and prepared the church and parish hall for this past weekend: **Carole Miller, Mency Osborne, Rose Salamanca, Angela Bueno, Kathy Romeo, Jun Bajet, and Jack Goncalves.**

...to those who clean and maintain the bathrooms in both the church and parish hall throughout each week; **Robert Goncalves, Virginia Noack, Mary Ewing, Patricia Britton.**

...to **Dilcia Aparacio** who does such an excellent job of washing, ironing, and caring for the Sacred Linens.

...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:

Sofie Zimmerman, Yvette Young, Melodye Costanza, Alicia Perez, Joe Fanfa and Bev Iacona.

...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, and Beth Enea.**

...to our wonderful Parking Lot Security who keep watch over our vehicles during weekend liturgies: **Don Benson and Steve Rojek.**