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Sunday Mornings: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.,
Traditional Latin High Mass: 1:00 p.m.
and Sunday Evening at 5:00 p.m.;

Monday-Saturday—9:00 a.m.: Outside for the
Public; Noon: Live streamed on Facebook

Confessions in the Parking Lot on Saturdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.



OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!



October is Pro-Life Month

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Here is the schedule
of upcoming events:

Today, Sunday, October 4: RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY, 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Sixty-one of our Vox Vitae youth, along with their families, will process into Mass, each youth carrying a rose, with each rose representing ONE MILLION unborn babies lost to abortion.

October 4: 40 Days for Life Sign-Up Booth

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day prayer vigil outside a single abortion facility in your community. It is a

peaceful and educational presence. The Pasadena campaign hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Those who are called to stand witness in front of the Center will send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. St. Therese Church and Vox Vitae are trying to cover every Tuesday, when Planned Parenthood Pasadena dismembers babies up to 18 weeks gestation, so if you have time on Tuesdays to come and pray, please do! The Sign-up booth will be at the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and the 5:00 p.m. Masses.



October 8 and October 9: Sidewalk Advocates for Life Training

Want to Be A Voice For Life outside abortion facilities, but not sure what to say or do? Come to our Sidewalk Advocates for Life (SAFL) Training! This training is offered by Catherine Contreras, Program Coordinator of Sidewalk Advocates for Life. This training is 5.5 hours, which will be split into two evening sessions on Thursday, October 8, and Friday, October 9. SAFL training will be from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices (510 North El Molino Street). The cost is \$20 each and includes a workbook. RSVP Catherine at (213) 395-8977 by Wednesday, October 7.

October 11: Rosary Coast to Coast

Nationally, people will be praying for our nation and calling upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, to heal our country and return it to Holiness. Vox Vitae youth will lead the Rosary immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.



(4) October 17: 40 Days for Life Mid-point Prayer Witness

Let's unite as a Parish and pray outside Planned Parenthood Pasadena (1045 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena) from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. This is a family friendly event. We will pray the ProLife Rosary and ProLife Stations of the Cross and hold up posters. For more information—or if you'd like to volunteer to help—please contact the coordinator at pgrimm@righttolifeleague.org or visit www.40DaysForLife.com.

God bless you! BE A VOICE FOR LIFE!

Meet the Catholic Nominee for the Supreme Court



Judge Amy Coney Barrett has been nominated by President Trump to fill the recent vacancy on the Supreme Court (formerly filled by Ruth Bader Ginsburg). Few members of the public have heard of

her before her nomination; however, in legal circles she is known as a brilliant academic with a sharp legal mind. Randy Barnett, a law professor at Georgetown University, said she "is knowledgeable about US constitutional theory and has the intellectual firepower to hold her own with the best of the others on the court."

Judge Barrett, a lawyer, jurist, and academic, was born in 1972 in New Orleans, Louisiana, the eldest of seven children. Her father was an attorney and her mother, a high school French teacher. She grew up in Metairie, a suburb of New Orleans, and graduated from St. Mary's Dominican High School in 1990. After high school, she attended Rhodes College on a scholarship, where she majored in English literature and minored in French. She graduated in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts *magna cum laude*. She then studied law at Notre Dame Law School on a full-tuition scholarship. She was an executive editor of the *Notre Dame Law Review* and graduated first in her class in 1997 with a Juris Doctor *summa cum laude*. After law school, Judge Barrett spent two years as a judicial law clerk and then practiced law from 1999 to 2002. She then returned to Notre Dame Law School where she taught federal courts, constitutional law, and statutory interpretation. Her academic work has been published in many journals and Notre Dame awarded her the "Distinguished Professor of the Year" award three times.

A practicing Catholic, Judge Barrett has been married since 1999 to Jesse (also a graduate of and fellow professor at Notre Dame Law School). About him, she says, "I hit the jackpot when I married Jesse. Each year of our marriage is better than the last." They live in South Bend, Indiana, with their seven children—two of whom were adopted from Haiti in 2005 and 2010—with the youngest biological child diagnosed with Down's Syndrome. In 2015, Judge Barrett signed a letter to the Synod on the Family that said the "Church's teachings on marriage are founded on the indissoluble commitment of a man and a woman."

Since the Fall of 2017, she has served as a Circuit Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, having also been nominated for that position by President Trump. In 2013, Judge Barrett wrote a *Texas Law Review* article on the doctrine of *Stare Decisis*, in which she listed seven cases that should be considered "super-precedents"—cases the court would never consider overturning. The list included *Brown v. Board of Education* but specifically excluded *Roe v. Wade*. In explaining why it was excluded, Judge Barrett referenced scholarship, agreeing that in order to qualify as "super-precedent," a decision must have widespread support from not only jurists but also politicians and the public at-large. Judge Barrett pointed to *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* as evidence that *Roe* had not yet attained this status.

Let us pray for Judge Amy Coney Barrett and for those participating in any hearings, that, according to God's will, she will be confirmed as a Superior Court Judge in the hopes that *Roe v. Wade*—the law that has allowed the killing of 61 million unborn babies!—will be overturned.

Goodbye... and Hello!

A TIME & PLACE TO SAY "GOODBYE" TO FR. PHILIP & FR. MATTHIAS AND TO SAY "HELLO!" TO OUR NEW PASTOR, FR. THOMAS KOLLER!



THIS WEEKEND, **Sunday, October 4**, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass, **YOU** are invited to a special celebration to say "Goodbye :-(" to Fr. Philip and Fr. Matthias, "Hello!" to our new pastor, Fr. Thomas Koller, "Welcome Back!" to Fr. Bernard, and "Glad You're Not Leaving Us, Too!" to Fr. David.

GET 'EM WHILE THEY LAST! There will be a limited number of boxed burrito dinners provided by caterer Maureen Craig (first come, first served!). Wine will also be available!

NO GIFTS: Fr. Philip requests **NO gift items** ("especially," Fr. Philip says, "no skinny jeans, no fur coats, and no barbells") as he cannot take any extra items on his flight to Africa. He adds that **"CA\$H GIFT\$ are very welcome"** as they will go 100% towards his traveling expenses and, especially, to the Carmelite Mission in Uganda where he will serve.



A Page for "Miscellaneous"

Novena to St. Joseph



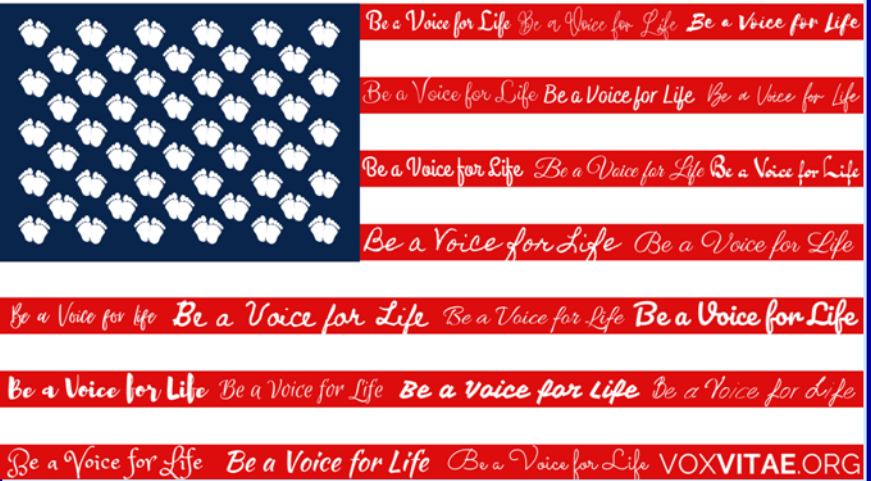
Because October is Respect Life month, St. Therese and Vox

Vitae will start

a Novena to St. Joseph, Protector of the Family and Terror of Demons, on Sunday, October 4, and end on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, on October 13. Novena prayer cards will be available.

Vox Vitae T-Shirts

The Vox Vitae White ProLife Flag T-shirts (design below) will be available for sale for \$15 each starting on Friday, October 9. They will be sold on Sunday, October 11, after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses.



Rosary Rally



"America Needs Fatima" will sponsor a Rosary and procession on **Saturday, October 10**, immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please join them! For more information, call Rosario Asayama at (562) 986-0461.

Thank You from the Nuns

We want to say, "God reward you!" for coming to our rescue during the trials of the ongoing pandemic. In your anonymous generosity, you have spoken volumes to us of how our God is continually doing wondrous things through you, our benefactors! Please be assured of our daily grateful prayers for all the graces you need each day!

~Mother Brenda Marie, Prioress



THERE WAS A LANDOWNER WHO PLANTED A VINEYARD,
 PUT A HEDGE AROUND IT, DUG A WINE PRESS IN IT,
 AND BUILT A TOWER.
 THEN HE LEASED IT TO TENANTS
 AND WENT ON A JOURNEY.

MATTHEW 21:33

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 4, 2020

VINEYARDS

Vineyards were an essential part of the economy of Israel during the times of Isaiah and Jesus. Vineyard owners had the difficult challenge of producing a rich harvest. Our readings from Isaiah and Matthew describe God and God’s creation in terms of the business of vineyards. The two stories are closely linked, as Jesus borrowed and adapted his parable from Isaiah. Using this rich imagery, we can see the vineyard as all the places of God’s creation and ongoing work. The vineyard is our heart, mind, and body. The vineyard is our family, neighborhood, and parish. The vineyard is the larger Church and society, humanity and the earth itself. We are stewards in each of these vineyards, blessed to enjoy them, and held accountable for their continuing fruitfulness. We are called to join God in cultivating these vineyards, so that they may produce an abundant harvest.

HIGHLY PASSIONATE

The tales of the vineyard in Isaiah and in Matthew point to the larger story of God and God’s people. We see that God is intensely passionate about us. God is deeply committed, like the landowner who diligently prepares the vineyard. God has high expectations that the vineyard produce the fruit of a just and compassionate society. God is highly disappointed and angry that the vineyard has produced bad fruit (Isaiah), or has been treated as a prize to be seized (Matthew).

There are more chapters in the larger story that also need to be told. Later in Isaiah and in Matthew, we see that God is also deeply compassionate and forgiving. Isaiah speaks of God’s tender care, as a mother loves her child (Isaiah 49). In Matthew, Jesus demonstrates God’s forgiveness most dramatically on the cross. God is indeed most patient and resilient. God never gives up on us. God continues to pursue us, offering us love and grace, now and always.

THE CORNERSTONE

The powerful conclusions of the two vineyard tales are meant to linger in our memories. God indeed expects much of us, to live justly and mercifully. However, we know that God is not prickly and impatient, as we might be led to imagine if we read these stories out of context. The stories do invite us to ponder again who God really is. Especially during times of difficulty or of failure in our lives, we might wonder how we might best understand the mystery of God.

The witness of the New Testament is clear. If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus. Look at his patience and mercy. Look at his compassion for the suffering, his passion for justice. Look also at the joy and healing experienced by those in his presence. As today’s Gospel passage indicates, Jesus is the cornerstone, the starting point of coming to know our God.

TODAY’S READINGS

- Isaiah 5:1–7
- Psalm 80:9, 12–16, 19–20
- Philippians 4:6–9
- Matthew 21:33–43

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

“...FOR God loves a cheerful giver”
 (2 Corinthians 9:7)

May God reward you!

September 19 / 20, 2020

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Mass Intentions

Saint of the Week

**For the Week of
October 3 through October 10, 2020**

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Louis Masse & Family, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Bobby Abeleda, INT

7:30 a.m.: Rosario "Chari" Khoo, INT

9:00 a.m.: Jose Contreras, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Koert Halpin, Birthday INT

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): All Souls in Purgatory

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mary Cecilia, OCD, RIP

9:00 a.m.: 1) Christina Martinez, INT

2) Xavier Zino, Birthday INT

Tuesday:

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Mary Louise, OCD, RIP

9:00 a.m.: 1) Armando T. Ruiz, RIP

2) Stephen Johnson, INT

Wednesday

*7:30 a.m.: Angela Grimm, 5th Birthday INT

9:00 a.m.: 1) Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, INT

2) Sarita Gomez, Birthday INT

Thursday:

*7:30 a.m.: Joyce Turney, RIP

9:00 a.m.: 1) Ryan Conter, INT

2) Joyce Turney, RIP

Friday:

*7:30 a.m.: Kim Thoa Chu, INT

9:00 a.m.: 1) Ryan Conter, INT

2) Martha Dickens, RIP

Saturday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

9:00 a.m.: 1) Victoria Edusma, RIP

2) Nancy Holman, Birthday INT

*Held at the *Carmelite Chapel,
215 East Alhambra Road (CLOSED FOR NOW)

**9:00 a.m. Daily Mass
(Monday–Saturday) is held
outside for the public;
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Facebook for those not
attending. The Sunday
11:00 a.m. Mass
is also live streamed
on Facebook.**

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1182-1226)

FEAST DAY: October 4



When Franco Zeffirelli's "Brother Sun, Sister Moon" was released in 1972, people were shocked by the movie's nudity in the dramatic conversion scene. Son of a wealthy merchant, Francis' aimless adolescence ended when a failed military expedition led to his imprisonment and complete breakdown. Once home, Francis rediscovered God in the beauty of nature and the ugliness of human suffering, caring for lepers, and praying in the little church of San Damiano, whose crucified Jesus figure he heard calling, "Repair my house, Francis, which is falling into ruins." Francis sold his possessions—and his father's—to fulfill this command. When his father objected, Francis disrobed: "I return the clothes, your name, and all you gave me: God alone is my Father now."

Later, the pope would dream of a ragged friar stretching forth a single hand to prop up the crumbling papal Cathedral of St. John Lateran. Francis indeed helped rebuild the Universal Church, founding the Friars Minor (Franciscans), dying at a young forty-four, and bearing the stigmata of the Christ.

"St. Francis, Pray for Us!"



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WHY IS IT?



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