THE MERCY, POWER AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God’s power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God’s people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God’s might, but is a direct result of God’s primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God’s mercy, power and love.
**Parish Announcements**

**Upcoming Events**

**Our Lady of the Pillar**

**Third Tuesday of the Month**
Knights of Columbus Meeting
Old Hall—7:00pm

**Tuesday Nights**
Bible Study
5:30pm–7:00pm @ Conference Room

**Miércoles por la Noche**
Estudio de la Biblia
7:00pm en el Salón Viejo (Old Hall)

**Saturday Morning**
Legion of Mary Meeting
Conference Room
9:00am–11:00am

**Second Sunday of the Month**
Hospitality after 8:00am Mass (Old Hall)

**Clases de Bautizo Para Padres y Padrinos**
El cuarto Viernes del Mes
7:00pm en el Old Hall (Salon Viejo)

**MARIAN WRITING CONTEST**
In preparation for the Consecration of the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in October, children and youth in grades K-12 are invited to participate in an Art/Poetry/Essay contest on the theme of Mary. The contest is open to any student who is a member of a Parish or attends a Catholic school or religious education program in the Archdiocese. All grades may submit art and poetry; middle and high school students may opt for an essay. Suggested topics, deadlines, entry information and rules can be found at: sfarchdiocese.org. The firm deadline for entries is September 22, allowing time for this to be a school summertime project. Awards will be given by Archbishop Cordileone at the Rosary Rally and Consecration on October 7. Please call (415) 751-0450 and ask for Claire for any questions.

**LOVING SOMEONE**
To love someone deeply gives you strength. Being loved by someone deeply gives you courage.
—Lao Tzu

**Together in Holiness Catholic Marriage Conference**
Saturday, August 5
9:00 am - 3:45 pm
Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1040 Alameda de Las Pulgas, Belmont
Ed Hopfner 415-614-5547 hopfnere@sfarch.org / togetherinholiness.org
The Archdiocese of San Francisco and the St. John Paul II Foundation present the 2nd annual Together in Holiness conference. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation. Speakers include Dr. Ray Guarendi, national TV & radio host; Mary Caprio, Fellow of the St. John Paul II Foundation; and local speaker John Hamlon. Complimentary childcare (2-12 years) is available, space limited. Cost is $59 a couple or $35 individual; early bird discounts are available until June 30.

**OLP Bible Study**
OLP Bible Study will begin reading The Gospel of Mark on August 22.
We meet on Tuesdays 5:30 - 7:00 pm.
If you are interested in joining us, call the Parish Office and leave your name, telephone and email.

**Updated Confirmation Announcement.**
Any student who is interested in starting the OLP First Year Confirmation program this September 2017 must participate in one session of our summer Pre-Confirmation course. Registration for the upcoming sessions is ongoing. The forms which are available at the entry of the church and in the Parish Office must be completed in full and submitted to the Parish Office with copies of the student’s Baptism and 1st Communion certificates.

Schedule of remaining sessions are:

**Session 4**
Wed, Aug 9 - Fri, Aug 12
7:30am – 12:00noon

**Session 5 (last)**
Wed, Aug 16 – Fri, Aug 18
7:30am – 12:00noon

Please remember that all incoming First Year Confirmation students must take the Summer Pre-Confirmation course. Students will not be able to register for First Year Confirmation this September without attending one of this summer’s Pre-Confirmation sessions. Each session is limited to 12 students.
Your Offerings | Supporting Our Parish

Collection for July 15th- July 16th.

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Second Collection this week: Religious Education

| July 30 | St. Vincent de Paul |
| August 6 | Building Fund |
| August 13 | Annual Appeal |
| August 20 | Religious Education |

St. Patrick’s Seminary Gala
Dinner and Raffle 2017
Saturday, September 9, 5:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Seminary, 320 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park
Advancement Office
650-289-3320
advancement@stpsu.edu stpsu.edu/2017-stpsu-gala

The major and only annual fundraiser for St. Patrick’s Seminary and University is Saturday, September 9. This Gala evening at St. Patrick’s includes reception, dinner, raffle, and the honoring of two San Francisco women who have created a new pro-life tradition: Dolores Meehan and Eva Muntean are co-chairs of the Walk for Life West Coast. Founded in 2005, the Walk is now the second largest pro-life event in the country, and the influx of young Catholics it generates each January makes it one of the most inspiring moments of the year in the archdiocese. Again this year, a highlight of the Gala evening is the Grand Raffle Prize of a new Lexus IS 200T (or $25,000). A limited number of raffle tickets is available at $50; and you need not be present to win. To buy raffle tickets in advance, phone or e-mail the Advancement Office, above. For more information, and to register for the Gala or to donate online.

The Holy Mirror
A Vallombrosa Retreat with author Alice Camille
August 13-18, 2017
Throughout our lives, certain archetypes shape our sense of self, the world, the road we’re on, and the goals we seek. Our idea of good and evil, male and female, leaders, parents, mentors, friends, and more framed in the stories of the Bible. The picture’s not always pleasant, but it never fails to be instructive and is sometimes downright revelatory. Mirror, mirror on the wall: what’s the purpose of us all? Topic covered: Your Life as Revelatory Source, The Male/Female Thing, Who’s Your Devil, The Parent Trap and The Purpose of it All is.
Attend all 6 days or One Day drop-in
Single or Shared Double room
For Rates and/or more information:
Call: David L. coordinator (650) 325-5614 or visit:
www.vallambrosa.org/the-holy-mirror-
discovering-ourselves-through-the-lens-of-
scripture

Pray for Our Parishioners Who are Sick

Sick Relatives & Friends/ Parientes y Amigos Enfermos
Pray that God’s, healing power will fill them with strength and hope.

September Retreats at Mercy Center in Burlingame
2300 Adeline Dr., Burlingame
650 340-7474
mc@mercywmw.org or mercy-center.org
Mercy Center in Burlingame offers the following retreats in September:
September 7: Sacred Journey 2017-18 Begins-
September 24: Centering Prayer Introductory Series—Four Sundays with Catherine Regan and Joy Andrews Hayt.
September 29: Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius—Experience the Ignatian retreat in a new format designed for busy lives.
September 29 - October 1: Guided Autobiography Retreat—Listen to Your Life. Come spend a weekend devoted to reflecting on the stories in our lives and to begin to write them down. No writing experience is necessary.
Space is limited. For registration deadlines and information, contact Mercy Center, above.
### Mass Schedule and Intentions

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### St. Anthony's
- 6:00pm July 22: Cuz Sollers +
- 9:00am July 23: Joseph H. Logsdon +
- 6:00pm July 29: Anthony Brazil +
- 9:00am July 30: John Guaraglia +

### Our Lady of Refuge
- 10:30am July 23: Dylan Liberti +
- 10:30am July 30: Helen Elizabeth Ricco +

### Obituary Announcements

“Those we love don’t go away, They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear. ‘Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.”’ Our Lady of the Pillar parish would like to express its deepest condolences to the families of: Serafin Cardoza, Virginia Fontana, Ginna Del Peloso and Bertha Bersuglia. Wishing you strength for today and hope for tomorrow. Please remember them in your prayers.
LA MISERICORDIA, EL PODER Y EL AMOR DE DIOS

La primera lectura de hoy, del libro de la Sabiduría, va al punto una y otra vez, ¡al menos cinco veces en cinco versículos! Dios es poderoso, pero compasivo con todos. La fuerza de Dios se muestra en la bondad y la clemencia, no en la aspereza o la condenación, y quienes gobernán al pueblo de Dios deben gobernar de igual manera, con bondad. Esta amorosa bondad y delicadeza no son contrarios al poder de Dios, sino directo resultado de la primacía de Dios sobre todo. ¿Quiénes somos nosotros, entonces, para juzgar el corazón de nuestros hermanos cristianos y a toda la gente, cuando Dios ordena justicia con amor y clemencia?

De igual manera, el Espíritu Santo suple nuestra ignorancia de lo que necesitamos, hablando en un lenguaje que no comprendemos todavía. Pero Dios conoce nuestras necesidades antes que nosotros, entiende las intercesiones del Espíritu, y nos ayuda en nuestra necesidad. Esta es nuestra esperanza: la misericordia, el poder y el amor de Dios.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Bartolomé de las Casas, el gran defensor de los indígenas, nació en Sevilla, España en 1474 y falleció en Madrid en el año 1566. Su larga vida fue dedicada a la presencia española en América. Bartolomé llegó a la Nueva España para encargarse de una Encomienda. Después fue ordenado sacerdote y recibió a cargo una encomienda de mineros amerindios. Poco a poco su corazón cristiano le abrió los ojos a las injusticias españolas en América. Por eso se hizo fraile dominico e hizo varios viajes a España en defensa de los derechos humanos de los amerindios ante los reyes de España, los cuales le dieron tierras en Venezuela y Chiapas para poner en práctica su teoría humanista acerca de los indígenas.

Hasta el fin de su vida este fraile y teólogo dominico luchó por los derechos de los nativos americanos, buscando convencer a los reyes españoles y a los Papas que la conquista no favorecía la evangelización de los pueblos. Gracias a sus esfuerzos se abolió la esclavitud indígena y se instituyó el diálogo, en lugar de la espada, como instrumento de conversión.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gil, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.