

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY ROSARY

### Sunday, 23 November 2014

*Christ the King*

Coffee and Donuts after the 7, 9 & 11 AM Masses

HR Dominican Laity – 9:00 AM

Confirmation CCD – 10:00 AM

High School CCD – 10:00 AM

### Monday, 24 November 2014

*Martyrs of Vietnam*

CCD K-8 – 4:30 PM

### Tuesday, 25 November 2014

*St. Catherine of Alexandria*

St. Vincent de Paul – 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, 26 November 2014

C.L. – 7:00 PM

R.C.I.A. – 7:30 PM

### Thursday, 27 November 2014

*Thanksgiving*

No 7AM or Noon Mass

Mass – 10:00 AM

No Confessions

No Adoration

Parish Office Closed

### Friday, 28 November 2014

No 7AM or Noon Mass

Mass – 10:00 AM

No Confessions

No Adoration

Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, 29 November 2014

*Blessed Virgin Mary*

Advent Brunch – 9:00 AM

### Sunday, 30 November 2014

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

Coffee and Doughnuts after the 7, 9 & 11 AM Masses

Confirmation CCD – 10:00 AM

High School CCD – 10:00 AM

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thes. 5:16-18)

Every year this nation acknowledges the Lord, in a spirit of thankfulness, for all that we have received. Last November, I stated that “gratitude is one of the primary works of all Christians,” as a reminder that our thanksgiving must run deeper than material gifts. Indeed, St. Thomas Aquinas connects gratitude to the very practice of religion, by which we pay God his due honor. No Christian is exempt from this sort of thanksgiving. If we are innocent, he says, then we owe God thanks for our innocence. If we have sinned, then we owe God thanks for his pardon. We all owe the Lord the greatest thanks for his gifts, the most exalted of which is salvation.

This gratitude must take root in the very heart of the Christian, speaking in every prayer we utter. Thankful for God’s gift of salvation, we endeavor always to praise him for His Mercy. Gratitude forms the very root of our worship and it is from the Greek word for thanksgiving that the Eucharistic Sacrifice gets its name, for it is in the Holy Mass that we render the greatest offering of thanksgiving to God. At the altar, we contemplate with gratitude all the Lord as rendered unto us.

However, as the Lord did not fail to act in word and deed to save us, so our thanksgiving cannot be only spiritual, but it must be lived out as well in our own words and deeds in service to our family and the Church. If we understand there to be a connection between contemplation and gratitude, the words of St. Thomas Aquinas, “To contemplate and to give to others the fruits of contemplation,” takes on new meaning for us in this context. It is not only within ourselves that thanksgiving is to be experienced, but it is in sharing the gifts of God that we have received that we will truly show just how thankful we are. By the gracious investment of God’s gifts we will continue to build up the Kingdom of God.

Many blessings to you and a Happy Thanksgiving holiday from the friars and staff of Holy Rosary Church!

-Fr. Vincent



## ST. MARTIN DE PORRES FOOD PANTRY - UPDATE

Thank you for your support of this ministry; the pantry is looking much better! Please note: we will no longer be accepting outdated foods. We ask that you check the expiration date before turning in your donations, as outdated foods cannot be passed on to families. May God bless you for your generosity and may you all have a very happy Thanksgiving!

## THANK YOU, KNIGHTS!

A big thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their work in the cry room this summer. The walls and pews were stripped and received a new coat of paint. We are grateful for their generous service to the parish and greater community!

## THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

*Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28*

- No 7 AM or Noon Mass
- No Adoration
- Mass at 10:00 AM
- Parish Office Closed
- No Confessions

# Advent Brunch

Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 - 11:30 am



*Please join us in Siena Hall for Holy  
Rosary's Annual Ladies' Advent  
Brunch!*

We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones as we share food, conversation, and family traditions. Grandmothers, mothers, aunts, sisters, friends, and daughters from communion age and up are welcome to attend. You are invited to bring your Advent Wreath to be blessed. Please RSVP to Katie Edson at 503-896-7441, or at [katherine.edson@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.edson@gmail.com), with the number of guests from your family and the breakfast dish you will bring to share.

## GUADALUPE DINNER

This Sunday after the Masses the Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Benefit Dinner on December 12. There will be Holy Mass at 5:30 PM followed by the a traditional Mexican Feast. Proceeds will go to benefit Holy Family Parish in Weed, CA which was completely Destroyed by a wildfire on September 15. The Dominican Friars will also be giving a presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe. Tickets to the Dinner are \$10 and will be sold in Siena Hall.

## ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS TREE

The Holy Family Third Order chapter is preparing its annual St. Nicholas Christmas Tree. This ministry is to assist parish families over Christmas, with gifts and groceries. If you know a family who would benefit from this ministry please email [st.nicholaschristmastree@yahoo.com](mailto:st.nicholaschristmastree@yahoo.com) or call 360 281 3734.



## FROM THE PRIOR

During my recent trip to the Philippines for a family wedding, I blessed to visit three major Marian shrines: Our Lady of Peñafrancia in Naga City; Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage in Antipolo; and Our Lady of the Rosary of Manaoag. Under the care of the Dominican friars since 1605, the basilica in Manaoag attracts pilgrims from all over the country who come to venerate the Virgin Mary and worship her Son. Please know that all of you were remembered in my Masses and prayers at these holy places.  
-Fr. Stephen Maria, O.P.



## ROSARY SUNDAY FORMATION APPEAL FOR DOMINICAN STUDENTS

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of all of the Dominican student brothers, I would like to express my deep gratitude for your generous contribution to our recent Rosary Sunday Formation Appeal. Without your prayers and financial support, we simply could not fulfill our vocation as friars preachers for the ongoing work of salvation of souls. If you have not yet had a chance to contribute to the Appeal, there are still envelopes located in the west vestibule and the back of the church for your prayerful consideration. Please know of my continued prayers for you, and thank you very much. May God bless you!

Sincerely,

Br. Andrew Dominic Yang, O.P.