

RECONCILIATION:

Every Saturday:
4:00pm or by appointment

INFANT BAPTISM:

Parents should call the office
to schedule a Baptism

MARRIAGE:

Couples should call the office for an
appointment with a priest six months
prior to the wedding

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS—8:30AM
SATURDAY VIGIL 5:00PM
SUNDAY —7:30, 9:00 AND
11:00AM

TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 9, 2016

It is a trustworthy statement:

For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him;

If we endure, we will also reign with Him;

If we deny Him, He also will deny us;

If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

--2 Timothy 2:11--



Pastoral Team

Rev. Fernando J. Cortez, Pastor

Rev. Antonias Aryanto, In Residence

Ms. Alison Wilkie, Principal St. Jerome Catholic School

Mr. Preben Antonsen, Music Director

Ms. Theresa Fenzl, Director of Children's Catechesis

Mr. Homer Teng, Adult Faith Formation

Ms. Carol Valladao, Youth Minister

Ms. Mary Davidson, Office Manager

Leadership Councils

Mr. Charles Cardall, Parish Finance Council

Ms. Barbara Cortese, Parish Pastoral Council

Mr. David Fontanilla, School Board Chair

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

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Namaan is a Syrian man and he comes to Elisha, the Israelite prophet, to be healed. Elisha knows that Syrians are not part of God's people; they are in fact among the enemies of God's people. They worship an alien God. But Elisha heals Namaan anyway. He tells him to bath in the Jordan river.

After he is healed, Namaan asks if Elisha will give him some dirt to build an altar to Elisha's God. Namaan became committed to the true God. He wants dirt from Israel for an altar so that he can worship the God of Israel when he goes home to Syria. A similar point holds of the Samaritan leper, and even of the woman in Sidon. They become one of Jesus' own, because of Jesus' care for them. "Your faith has saved you," Jesus says to the Samaritan when he returns to Jesus.

The lesson for us is clear. Treat others with gentleness and care, and may you will save their soul. The person in front of you may in the end turn out to be one of the Lord's own people.

Fr. Anton

GRATITUDE: Surely we can all recall at least a few days in our lives when things were going so well that nothing could put us in a bad mood. Maybe it was the day a very special person asked us to the senior prom, or perhaps it was our wedding day. Maybe it was the day we learned that we were expecting a long-awaited child, or the day we got an overdue promotion. There was elation in our hearts and lightness in our step, an extraordinary vitality throughout the day. We probably got on the phone right away to tell at least a few key people about our good fortune. This is surely how Naaman and the leper must have felt when they were rid of their terrible diseases. They were hard-pressed to contain their gratitude, and although they were both unfamiliar with the customs of a foreign land, they had the good manners to thank the people responsible for their cures. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Stewardship

2015-2019 Diocesan Capital Campaign Parish Goal—\$216,358.99

94 donors: Pledged \$193,529.00 = 89% of goal; \$102,608.54 in actual receipts to date.

Updated Deposit Account #83: \$24,399.18 (25% of Capital Campaign Receipts)

2016 Bishop's Appeal Update for 08/12/2016: Parish Goal—\$10,613.65

60 donors: Pledged \$13,310.00 = 125% of goal met; \$11,905.00 in actual receipts to date.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Parish Pastoral Council will have six vacancies starting in January 2017. Four members will term out and two additional spaces are open. You may nominate more than one person and you may nominate yourself. Forms will be in the pews and you may drop completed forms in the designated box in the vestibule.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS: Saturday October 29, 10:00am

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ would like to celebrate and honor all individuals involved in physical, mental, and spiritual healthcare with a multicultural Thanksgiving Mass for Healthcare Providers. The first annual Healthcare Thanksgiving Mass will be held on **Saturday, October 29 at 10:00 am**. We will pray for you and with you—asking God's blessings upon you for your great dedication and generosity of heart as you work with our brothers and sisters who are ill or hurting. We encourage you to invite any healthcare providers you know in the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties to join us in celebration of these hands that heal. A catered reception in the Cathedral Event Center will follow. To watch Bishop Barber's video invitation and to **RSVP** please at oakdiocese.org/BlessingHealers to help us plan accordingly.

ON-SITE SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING:

St. Jerome will host a Safe Environment Training in Rohan Hall on October 22nd at 11:00am. All parishioners who volunteer or are part of any ministry are required to complete a new training this year. You may also complete the training online. We will have a laptop computer at the office reserved for those who do not have computer access and wish to complete the training on-line. Please call Mary (510-525-0876) to schedule a time to come in and complete the training. Please go to www.oakdiocese.org/offices/safe-environment for instructions and more information. Please Note: You must register on-line to attend this on-site training at St. Jerome.

JAZZ JAM SESSION: Yoshi's, Oakland, Sunday, October 9th, 1:00- 3:00pm

CACAO Branch of Children's Hospital invites you to Yoshi's, Oakland for a fund raiser to benefit Children's Hospital. The Jazz Jam Session will feature Bay Area Youth Musicians. Tickets are \$35.00 in advance and \$40.00 at the door. For Phone purchase (service Fee) 510-238-9200. Direct Purchase (no Service Fee) Yoshi's Box Office, 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact CACAO member Joyce Williams at 510-524-2516.

THE VISION FOR YOU: Discern Your Personal Vocation, 7pm Wednesday Evenings This is a series of 8 weekly workshops in which we learn a program of prayer and spiritual exercises designed to help us discern our personal vocation - what God is calling us to do, right now, whatever stage of life we are in. It is rooted in the Western tradition of mysticism. For the second part of the evening, those who wish to may join us in Evening Prayer which is chanted (no special singing experience or ability necessary). Because we only have men available to lead others through the process at this point, we are asking that this is a men only group at the moment. If women wish to come, please contact David Clayton and we will organize a separate women's group later. For more information davidicons@gmail.com

Mass Intentions



You may come by or call the parish office if you would like a Mass offered for your loved ones. The 2017 Mass Calendar is here. If you wish to schedule more than 3 Masses at one time, we ask that you please write them down, include your phone number. You may email the list or drop it off at the office. You will be contacted once the Masses are scheduled. Thank You!

Interested in meeting once a month with a spiritual director to explore God's presence in your life? Please call Mary at the Parish office for more information. 525-0876

SAVE THE DATE:

Pizza & Karaoke Night-Saturday, October 29th.

St. Vincent de Paul will take up a food donation nest weekend. October 15/16. Please see the flyer in this weekend's bulletin for suggested food donations. Your donations help St. Vincent de Paul to stock their food pantry for the many hungry in our area.

OCTOBER WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Sunday, October 1/2, 2016-----\$5730.
Parish Development-----\$1375.00
Catholic Voice-----\$614.50

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Oct. 8 5:00pm Int. Of Josephine Co
Sun. Oct. 9 7:30am Int. of St. Jerome Parishioners
9:00am Frank Cortese †
11:00am Rosario Que †
Mon Oct. 10 8:30am Mary (Ho) Choa †
Tues. Oct. 11 8:30am Grace Tsukiyami †
Wed. Oct.12 8:30am June Nuarin †
Thur. Oct. 13 8:30am
Fri. Oct. 14 8:30am
Sat. Oct. 15 8:30am Dec. Members of the Reed Family †
5:00pm Gino Dito †
Sun. Oct. 16 7:30am
9:00am Int. of St. Jerome Parishioners
11:00am Joseph Addiego †

The Week October 10, 2016

Mon. Oct. 10	Office Closed-Columbus Day 9:15am	Renew-Rohan Hall
Tues. Oct. 11	1:15-5:15pm 7:30pm	Crafters-Rohan Hall Activities Group Rohan Hall
Wed. Oct. 12	10:30am	SVDP Food Pantry-Rohan Hall
Thurs Oct. 13	9:00am 7:30pm	Coffee Klatch Rohan Hall Choir Practice Church
Sat. Oct. 15	9:00am 6:00pm	Overeaters Anon.- Conference Room ICF Polenta Dinner

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of October is in memory of Nick Iacobitti. Requested by Loretta Iacobitti.

WELCOME TO VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

You are invited to join our parish community. We have many activities and ministries that you are welcome to explore. Come to our Coffee & Donuts fellowship in Rohan Hall following the 9:00am Mass on Sundays. Please visit our website for current activities at <http://stjeromeec.org> To register, please fill out the information below. You may drop it in the collection basket or the parish office mail slot.

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