

# THE MONO COUNTY CATHOLIC



*You must open the interior eyes of your soul on this light, on this heaven within you, a vast horizon stretching far beyond the realm of human activity, an unexplored country to the majority of human beings.*  
-Saint Vincent Ferrer

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE THIRTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Our commitment to daily prayer using the weekday Mass readings as our guide

**MONDAY 10/29**

Ephesians 4:32--5:8  
Luke 13:10-17

**TUESDAY 10/30**

Ephesians 5:21-33  
Luke 13:18-21

**WEDNESDAY 10/31**

Ephesians 3:2-12  
Luke 12:39-48

**THURSDAY 11/1**

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 + 1Jn 3:1-3  
Luke 12:49-53

**FRIDAY 11/2**

Wis 3:1-9 + Rom 6:3-9  
Luke 12:54-59

**SATURDAY 11/3**

Ephesians 4:7-16  
Luke 13:1-9

**Solemnities, Feasts, & Memorials of the Week**

Thursday, All Saints; Friday, All Souls; Saturday, Martin de Porres

**October 28, 2012**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MAMMOTH CHURCH ALTAR GUILD**

We are blessed that a number of parishioners have united to form an Altar Guild for St. Joseph Church in Mammoth. Their responsibilities will be to care for the appearance of the interior of the church; to compile, organize, and arrange decorations to reflect the season and solemnity of the celebrations; and to work with other groups to see that material resources in the church are kept stored in an orderly fashion. The guild will operation under the direction of Natalie Mather; all inquiries, suggestions, as well as offerings of time, talent, and money, should be directed to Natalie at [nvmather@hotmail.com](mailto:nvmather@hotmail.com).

**WORLD MISSION COLLECTION**

For two thousand years the church has sent men and women into the world to be the living signs of the saving love of God shown to us in Jesus Christ. Through corporal and spiritual works of mercy, these missionaries invite millions to share our experience of God's kingdom among us and within us. This weekend, in observance of World Mission Sunday, we will join churches all over the United States in taking up the annual collection for World Mission Sunday. Proceeds will go to help finance this missionary effort. Please make your checks payable to Saint Joseph Church, Our Savior of the Mountains mission, or Infant of Prague mission.

**ALL SOULS CELEBRATION**

This coming Friday, November 2, is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, also known as All Souls Day, and El Día de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead). We will celebrate the solemnity in St. Joseph Church in Mammoth beginning at 7:00 PM with Mass and Eucharistic adoration and benediction. The traditional table, or displaying photos of the departed, along with favorite foods, toys, and various memorabilia, images of skulls and skeletons, marigolds, and Pan de Muerto (Bread of the Dead). This table will remain on display for the entire month of November.

**PRAYERS**

Our prayers are requested for Bonnie Zwart, Mark & Mary Anne Bewsher, Tina Quan, James Zvetina, Pat Glynn, Bobbie Engstrom, Raquel Rodriguez, John Gracey, Bob Tomko, Jr., Virginia Reyes, Elizabeth Cauzza, Kay Reilly, Mary Jo Ferreir, Julie Rogers, Josefina Flores, Jim Rothe, Glenn Inouye, Peter Mariniello, Consuelo Mendoza Aéyon, and the repose of the soul of Raymond Campos.

Thursday of this week, November 1, is the **Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation.** Masses are as follows:

**Mammoth: 7:00 AM (English)  
5:30 PM (Spanish)**  
**Lee Vining: 10:00 AM**  
**Bridgeport: 12:00 Noon**

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Rev. Paul Boudreau, pastor

**CONFESSIONS**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at St. Joseph Church in Mammoth Lakes from 5:30 to 5:45 on Saturday afternoons, 7:30 to 7:45 on Sunday mornings, y en español a las tardes del domingo de 5:00 a 5:15; and upon request before mass at Our Savior of the Mountains mission in Lee Vining and Infant of Prague mission in Bridgeport. The "Act of Contrition" is available in the confession room.

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Mammoth Lakes: St. Joseph Church –**  
**Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM**  
**Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM**  
**La Misa en Español: 5:30 PM**  
**Lee Vining:**  
**Our Savior of the Mountains Mission -**  
**Sunday Mass 10:00 AM**  
**Bridgeport: Infant of Prague Mission -**  
**Sunday Mass 12:00 Noon**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9**

*Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The Lord has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north.*

**I**mpossible! There was no way the remnant of Israel was going to be brought back. They were too far gone. They had a bad history with some bad kings who made bad political decisions, got into some bad wars and were all but wiped out. They had no recourse to God because they broke the covenant with God in every way possible, and now their

homeland was destroyed and they were stuck in Babylon with no resources and no way to mend the broken relationship with God, their only hope for restoration. Everything was lost.

But what they would learn from this hopeless situation was that their God is an impossible God who brings about unexpected reversals to satisfy a compelling cosmic need for justice, which becomes the working definition of divine love.

For the Israelites, only a unilateral action by God could save them. And God engineered the rescue using a cast of improbable characters and an astonishing turn of events. It was this pivotal historical moment of salvation that first awakened people of faith to the emerging presence of the reign of God. From this moment on, the people who truly

believed, who were paying attention, and who looked to God for help in hopeless situations, would discover what they sought. Faith, it came to be understood, believed despite all evidence to the contrary.

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-6**

*Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness.*

**A** priest is only able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring if he knows that he himself is beset by weakness. It's a humble call. To effectively proclaim the gospel, the priest must have a direct experience of the gospel. He must know in his gut his own sinfulness and his constant need for forgiveness.

Eternal life can be a joyful hope for a priest only if he has sincerely plumbed the depths of his own mortality and is truly ready to surrender his life for the kingdom. His prayer "let your servant go in peace" at the end of each day must come from a heart ready to die.

To offer bread and wine, like the priest Melchizedek, and have it become the Body and Blood of Christ, he too must experience the transformation of his own worldly existence into a life dedicated to the kingdom of God.

The church of Jesus Christ is the assembly of forgiven sinners, men and women who face condemnation but have been saved from the fires of hell by the infinite love and mercy of God shown in Jesus Christ. We are mortal beings destined for death yet with our hope full of immortality. This hope is in God who will raise us up on the last day.

If the priest is to preside over this assembly, he must be first in forgiveness, first in conversion, first in hope, first in joy, and first in thanksgiving to God.

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52**

*Jesus said to the blind man, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.*

**T**wo ducks are floating in a marsh. One duck looks depressed and the other duck is trying to console him. "Really, Don," the second duck says to his sad friend, "you need to look at why you're inviting all this duck hunting into your life." It reflects a belief that we invite our own troubles. It comes from our expectations.

Fundamentally, if I believe that God is going to punish me for my sins, then I will expect that punishment because I am a sinner. There is a part of me that, on some level, will be waiting for God to lower the boom and I will unconsciously position myself to receive the expected penalty.

On the other hand, if I truly believe that I am forgiven and have been pardoned for my offenses, then I wait in joyful hope. I look for the constant coming of the Savior in my life to bring blessings and peace. I am oriented toward the good things of the Lord and I unconsciously position myself to receive them.

Who knows how many blind beggars Jesus passed on the road that day. Maybe they all believed that you get what you deserve, and that they were being punished for something they did or their parents did. (See John 9:2) But one, Bartimaeus, expected salvation. His faith saved him. FP

**CATHOLIC VOTING GUIDE**

Since "pro-life" and "pro-choice" can at times be empty labels that politicians affix to themselves for the purpose of gaining votes, what other criteria can a Catholic voter use to determine what candidate will best serve the sacred dignity of all human life and the common good of the society? Blessed John Paul II, in his book *Go in Peace: A Gift of Enduring Love* (Loyola Press, 2003), offered a profound insight: "When communities or countries lack basic social infrastructures and economic opportunities, women and children are the first to experience marginalization. And yet where poverty abounds, or in the face of the devastation of conflict and war, or the tragedy of migration, forced or otherwise, it is very often women who maintain the vestiges of human dignity, defend the family, and preserve cultural and religious values. History is written almost exclusively as the narrative of men's achievements, when in fact its better part is most often molded by women's determined and persevering action for good."

In a society where there is such a thing as an unwanted pregnancy, "it is the woman who bears the heaviest burden: Often left alone, or pressured into terminating the life of her child before it is born, she is the one who must bear the burden of her conscience, which forever reminds her that she has taken the life of her child.

"A radical solidarity with women requires that the underlying causes that make a child unwanted be addressed. There will never be justice--including equality, development, and peace--for women, or for men, unless there is an unflinching determination to respect, serve, love, and protect every human life, at every stage and in every situation."

In forming and acting upon conscience, people of good will deliberate, consult, ponder, reflect, and adjust their thinking in the light of sound reasoning and church teaching. As a result "there stands one's own conscience which must be obeyed before all else, even if necessary against the requirement of church authority." (Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger)

For a complete guide to the coming election and the moral responsibilities of Catholic voters, visit the California Catholic Conference website ([www.cacatholic.org](http://www.cacatholic.org)).