

November 15, 2015
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

On Thanksgiving day, in addition to our 8:15 and 12:05 Masses we will celebrate a special Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 am. Participants are encouraged to bring food for the poor and needy.

Looking up and enjoy the beauty of our church, in 1998, we installed recessed lighting in the ceiling of the church. This enables us to see more clearly the architectural design of our Romanesque church and appreciate the beauty of our smaller stained glass windows. I included in the bulletin last week a diagram of these twenty windows with the promise of describing each window. I begin with the window numbered "5B" on the north side of the church. The identification of this man as a Pope is obvious (from the crown tiara he is wearing) but what Pope is he? We are not certain but Fr. Barry Bossa, our expert, thinks it is probably Saint Pope Leo the Great. I am writing on Tuesday, November 10th, which is his feast day. Fr. Bossa was a Pallotine priest stationed at Mt. Carmel Church, our neighbor. He has since died.

The liturgical calendar, called the "Ordo", has this to say about our Pope Leo: Leo died in 461: eminent pastor and preacher; defender of the Roman primacy; combated Pelagianism and Manichaeism; his tome on Christ's two nature was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451), many of his prayers are found in the Roman Missal; saved Rome from marauding Huns and Vandals.

Fr. Bossa thinks it is Pope Leo "because his features bear a very strong resemblance to Pope Leo XIII who was pope at the time (1878-1903) when the windows were installed. It was a common way of memorializing individuals. Leo wears the triple crown of the Papal Office-representing the three functions of a chief bishop-to teach, to govern and to sanctify. Leo the Great wears a white alb and a red cape with golden orphreys. He was not a martyr but endured a lot of aggravation from the raids of Attila the Hun. His right hand is over his heart. His left hand tucks up the red cape and holds the three barred processional cross, symbolic of the Bishop of Rome. Leo died in Rome on November 10, 461. In a time of great disorder he was the only one in "Rome to put things together. Because of Leo, the office of Pope reached great levels of power and influence".

COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, November 8, 2015 was \$4,078.00

The second collection this Sunday, November 15th will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Parish Council Meeting: there will be a Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00pm in the Rectory.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time: We are drawing near to the end of the liturgical year, as a quick glance at today's reading about the end-time will tell us. This time of the year, this month of November with its focus on our faithful departed, together with these readings, cause us to reflect on our own mortality. As we gather to worship today, let us pray for God's mercy and love at the end of our  own lives and at the end of all time.

In the first reading, Daniel 12: 1-3: God protects a faithful people. They will rise from the dead and shine like the stars.

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 16
"You are my inheritance, O Lord!"

In the second reading, Hebrews 10:11-14,18: we hear that, **Jesus** offered the perfect sacrifice to take away sin. Now **Jesus** sits at the right hand of the **Father in heaven**.

In the Gospel, Mark 13:24-32: **Jesus** warns about the coming end of the age. The **Son of Man** will come with great power and glory.



Pope Francis:

Let us ask the help of Saint Michael the Archangel to defend us from the snares of the devil.



Annual Dinner Dance: Thank you to all that contributed to make this year's Dinner Dance a success.



Religious Education News:

❖ **Classes** have started on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00am. All children are to meet in the Parish Hall at 9:15am. Class will be held in the School Building.

Salesian High School:
2015 Scholarship Exam
Saturday, December 5th at 9:00am
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