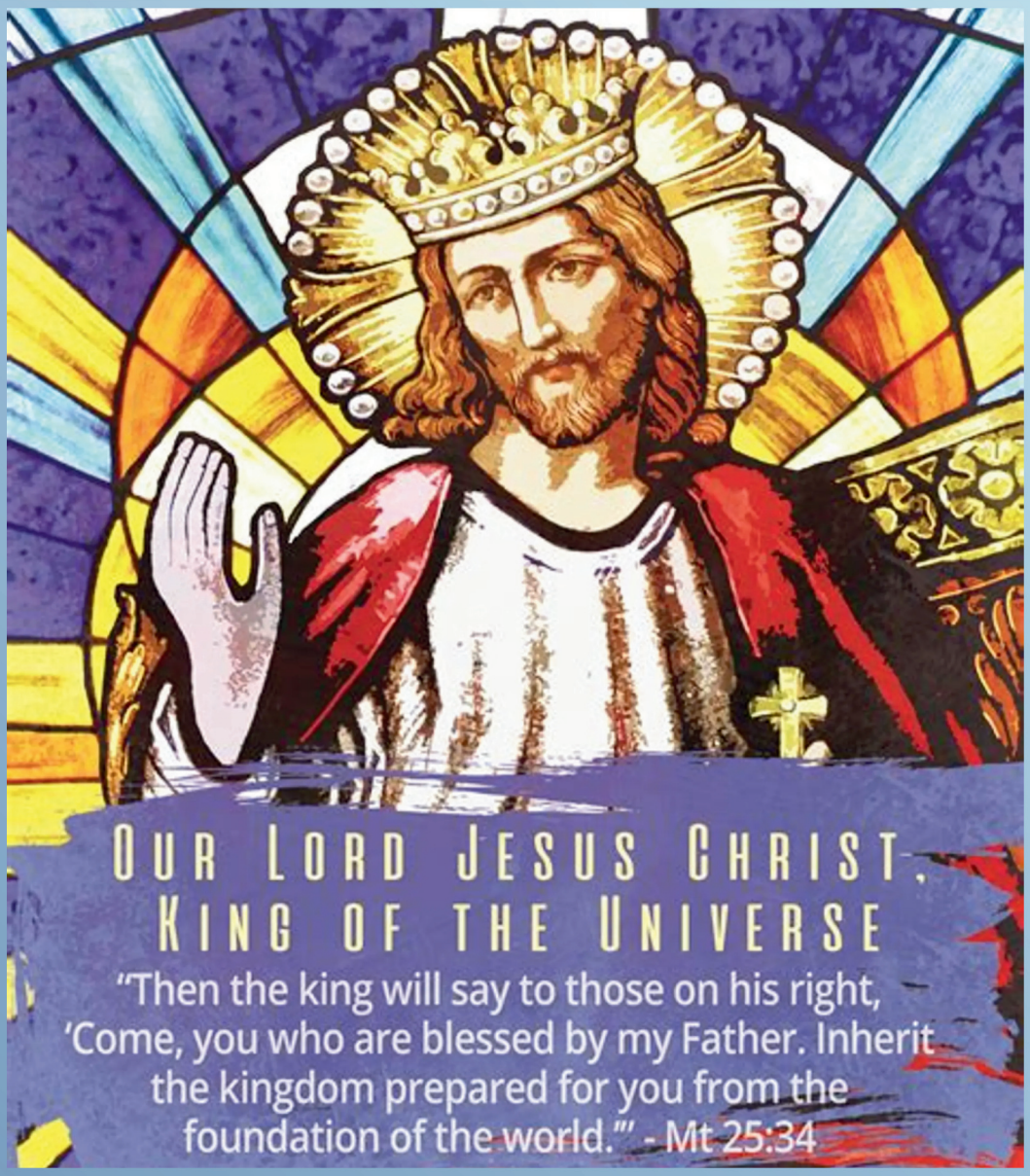


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Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Psalm 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5-6
1 Corinthian 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday - Nov 22 ***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***

Monday - Nov 23 *St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbott; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr*

Tuesday, Nov 24 *St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs*

Wednesday - Nov 25
St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday - Nov 26 ***Happy Thanksgiving Day***

Saturday - Nov 28
Saturday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday - Nov 21
8:15 AM *In Memory of Gerardo C. Dellosa*
5:00 PM *In Memory of Jim McDonald*
Sunday - Nov 22
8:00 AM *In Memory of Frank Pincherli*
10:00 AM *In Memory of Helen & Jack Ban*
12:00 PM *In Memory of John Janofsky*
Monday - Nov 23
8:15 AM *In Memory of William Gillespie, Sr.*
Tuesday - Nov 24
In Memory of Gerardo C. Dellosa
Wednesday - Nov 25
8:15 AM *In Memory of Lourdes Tirso de Leon*
Thursday - Nov 26
8:15 AM *For the Intentions of the Clergy*
Friday - Nov 27
8:15 AM *In Memory of Gerardo C. Dellosa*
Saturday - Nov 28
8:15 AM *In Memory of Gerardo C. Dellosa*
5:00 PM *In Memory of Lucero Villalba*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
and let Your perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all faithful departed rest in peace.

Amen



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Dedication of the Basilica of St. Peter

November 18th

If only the walls of the present St. Peter's could talk!
Where St. Peter's now stands was once a chariot racing stadium. Emperor Caligula initiated the Circus Caligula (aka the Circus Nero) in 40 AD. After Caligula's assassination in 41 AD, the circus was completed by his successor, Emperor Claudius. Emperor Nero used the circus to house Romans rendered homeless in the great fire of 64 AD, and then as the site of mass torture and execution of Christians beginning the next year. The most prominent decorative piece in the Circus of Caligula was the massive Egyptian obelisk that Caligula has brought to Rome from Heliopolis, the Sun Worship Center near Cairo in 37 AD. The uninscribed red granite obelisk, standing 25 meters (82 feet) tall and weighing approximately 330 tons, served as the circus' centerpiece, and remains the only ancient obelisk in Rome that has never fallen since Roman times. The obelisk was transported from Egypt to Rome on a specially constructed ship carrying 252,000 gallons of lentils serving as ballast during the voyage across the Mediterranean.

St. Peter came to Rome around 40 AD and was the first Bishop of the Church of Rome. St. Peter was martyred in 67 AD, crucified upside down in the Circus of Caligula. The Via Cornelia is an ancient Roman Road that ran east-west along the northern wall of the Circus of Caligula on land now covered by the southern wall of St. Peter's Basilica. After his martyrdom, some Christians took St. Peter's body and buried it in the nearest cemetery along the Via Cornelia.

Emperor Constantine legalized Christianity with the Edict of Milan in 313. St. Peter's (the original, "Old St. Peter's" was commissioned by Emperor Constantine in 324. Old St. Peter's was designed so the main altar was directly above the grave of St. Peter the Apostle on the slope of Vatican Hill. Emperor Constantine also commissioned the building of St. Paul Outside the Walls over the site of St. Paul' grave. Old St. Peter's was consecrated in 329. Old St. Peter's was built on a longitudinal plan with five naves and a transept. Outside a staircase, led to a portico in front of the Church at the center of which was a fountain for the ablutions of the catechumens and faithful.

It was in this Basilica that, on Christmas Eve in the year 800, Charlemagne, King of the Franks, was crowned emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. It was in this Basilica that until the beginning of the 1300s, masses of pilgrims from all over Europe flocked to venerate the Tomb of the "Prince of the Apostles".

The papacy moved to Avignon from 1309 - 1377. With the papal court now in France, the infrastructure of Rome was abandoned to the elements, including Old St. Peter's. Pope Nicholas V (from 1447 - 1455) was a key figure in the Roman Renaissance. Pope Nicholas V sought to make Rome the home of literature and art. He strengthened fortifications, restored aqueducts, and rebuilt many churches. The walls of Old St. Peter's were easily six feet out of plumb. Only roof of the Basilica strapped to the walls kept the south wall of the basilica standing. Pope Nicholas V commissioned Bernardo Rossellino to draft plans for a new St. Peter's. Pope Nicholas V died in 1455 before he could act upon his dream of a new St. Peter's. With the election of Pope Julius II forty-eight years later, Pope Julius II took up this task with gusto.

Not only would Pope Julius II replace Old St. Peter's, but Pope Julius II also decided to replace it with a more magnificent structure. Work began in April, 1506. Many renowned artists were involved in its construction and decoration: Bramante, Sangallo, Raphael, Michelangelo, Maderno, Della Porta, Bernini, Fontana. The most notable contributions, however, are those of Michelangelo, Maderno, and Bernini. At the age of 72, in 1546, Michelangelo was obliged to undertake the building of the present Basilica by Pope Paul III. When he died, the construction of the Greek Cross section surrounding the Papal Altar and the Tomb of St. Peter had been completed only as far as the top of the drum: the large windows which are underneath the upturned bowl of the dome. The bowl itself changed in shape from the half-rounded shape of Michelangelo's design to the half oval shape of today, was completed by Della Porta in May, 1590.

Pope Paul V, in the beginning of the 1600's, decided that the Greek Cross design was too small. He obliged his architect, Maderno, to pull down the front wall of Michelangelo's building and extended the eastern end of the basilica by 116 yards. That was completed in 1626. New St. Peter's, the present St. Peter's, was consecrated on November 18, 1626.

Blessed Miguel Pro

Feast Day November 23rd

Miguel Augustine Pro Juárez (1891 - 1927) was killed for being a Catholic priest during the persecution of the Church (the Cristero Rebellion from August 3, 1926 to June 21, 1929) under President Plutarco Elías Calles, who was rabidly anti-Catholic. Pro was born in Guadalupe de Zacatecas, Mexico, the son of a mining engineer. He received most of his early education from tutors so when he entered the Society of Jesus, he had not yet completed his secondary education and found studies difficult. He compensated for lack of academic preparation by devoting himself to prayer and the search for holiness.

Pro took his vows in August 1913, at a moment of growing conflict in Mexican history. General Venustiano Carranza and the bandit Pancho Villa attacked the Church and the clergy, sacking church buildings and torturing priests and religious. On Augusut 5, 1914, a party of General Carranza's men ransacked the novitiate's main house and burned its library. The rector realized that the situation would only worsen, so he told his men that each one would be responsible for making his own way across the border into the United States, and then on to California where the Jesuits offered a building at their novitiate in Los Gatos to the exiled seminarians from Mexico. Pro arrived at Los Gatos on October 9 and spent a year there before going to Spain to study philosophy. In 1920, he was assigned to teach in Nicaragua, and then returned to Spain for Theology. In 1924, he went to Enghien, Belgium to complete the Theology course, and study Sociology because he was interested in the worker movements and wanted to be prepared for his return to Mexico. He was ordained in 1925 as the persecution of the Church in Mexico sharpened under Elías Calles.

Father Pro had no difficulty entering his homeland in June 1926, but at the end of July the government suppressed all public worship and closed the churches. Every priest became a hunted criminal. Faithful Mexicans, however, still sought the sacraments so, Fr. Pro continued his ministry in secret. He established stations in various parts of Mexico City, visited them regularly to preach and offer the Sacraments. Fr. Pro frequently utilized disguises to travel between cities and administer the sacraments, provide material aid and minister to his far-flung flock. In Mexico City, he donned the clothes of a wealthy and fashionable businessman, often raffling off donated items, the proceeds of which he would send to feed and clothe the poor. Once, he even disguised himself as a mechanic so that he could preach to a congregation of cab and bus drivers under the very noses of the Mexican authorities. He usually lived with his family, who had moved to Mexico City, but he also had some other places where he could seek shelter. Two of his brothers, Humberto and Roberto, helped him in his work by printing and distributing literature for the Religious Defense League. The young Jesuit lived without fear and carried on his priestly ministry until November 1927.

On Sunday, November 13, 1927, someone attempted to assassinate General Alvaro Obregón with a bomb which exploded without killing the general. Neither Fr. Pro nor his brothers were involved in the plot but one of his brothers was a previous owner of the car used in the assassination attempt and had sold it only days earlier. The brothers decided it would be safer to leave Mexico for the United States, but before they could depart, police surrounded the house where they were staying and arrested all three Pro brothers. The actual mastermind of the plot, Luis Segura, turned himself into the police when he heard that Father Pro had been arrested and blamed for the attempt. President Calles wanted to make an example out of the Jesuit even though the one actually responsible for the crime was in custody. On November 22, President Calles invited friends to a special execution the following day.

On November 23, 1927, as Fr. Pro walked to face the firing squad, followed by President Calles' photographer, Father Pro blessed the soldiers as he passed them. Far from acting the frightened prisoner, Fr. Pro defiantly declined a blindfold so he could face his killers and publicly forgive them for their role in his death. Holding a Crucifix in one hand and a Rosary in the other, with his final breath, Fr. Pro flung his arms wide in imitation of Christ on the Cross, and shouted out: "*Viva Cristo Rey!*" — "*Long Live Christ the King!*" When the initial volley failed to kill him, a soldier approached the collapsed priest and fired one last shot at point blank, which killed Fr. Pro instantly. His brother Humberto was executed later that morning, but Roberto was spared at the last moment. Luis Segura was also shot that morning. Fr. Pro's father claimed the body and had a wake in the family home; thousands of workers as well as soldiers came by to see the martyr's body.

The next day, the photos of Fr. Pro's execution covered the front page of the nation's newspapers. Their effect was immediate and directly contrary to President Calles' scheme. Instead of being frightened into submission by the brutal death of their beloved priest, Catholics around the country rallied around the images, drawing strength from their fallen shepherd, who they trusted now interceded for them from heaven. Defying authorities, a crowd of 40,000 strong lined the funeral procession through the streets of Mexico City, bringing Fr. Pro to his final resting place. Denied a Catholic funeral, his father instead said the prayers over his son's body, as 20,000 more witnesses joined the crowd.



Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 26th

On Thanksgiving Day, the time of the 8:15 a.m. **Mass is moved to 9:00 a.m.** Please join us Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 to give our thanks to the LORD on our national day of Thanksgiving.

Lighting of Our Parish Christmas Tree

Monday, November 30th at 6:30 PM



The Ligthing of Our Parish Christmas Tree in front of the Church, at the corner of Moorpark and Dixie Canyon, kicks-off the Christmas Season for St. Francis de Sales. The day is the Monday after Thanksgiving and the time is at 6:30 that Monday evening. We will have some ornaments that children can hang on the tree. You are welcome to bring an ornament and hang it on the tree. We will sing some Christmas songs --- after the count-down, we will light the tree –- sing some more Christmas songs, and call it a day!!!

Upcoming Events at SFDS

Mid-November through Christmas is a very busy time.

- Our parish Knights of Columbus will host a Thanksgiving meal to the clients of Loaves and Fishes on Thanksgiving Day at 12-Noon. Donations of frozen turkeys, canned, and dry traditional Thanksgiving foods are greatly appreciated. **Please bring to the Parish Center by Thursday, November 19th**
- **Lighting of our parish *Christmas Tree*** on Monday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m.
- "**Merry and Bright**" by the Burbank Corale on Sunday, December 6th at 4:00 p.m.
- **Solemnity of the *Immaculate Conception*** on Tuesday, December 8th
- ***Advent Penance Service*** on Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m.
- ***Our Lady of Guadalupe*** celebration on Saturday, December 12th beginning at 7:00 am followed by Mass at 8:15 a.m.
- "**The Christmas Story**" presented by The Wagner Ensemble and Orchestra on Saturday, December 12th at 7:30 p.m.
- Collection for Retirement Fund for those belonging to religious orders/communities on December 12th - 13th
- Our parish Knights of Columbus host "**Pancakes with Santa**" Sunday, December 13th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass
- ***Simbang Gabi*** on Friday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.
- **Red Cross *Blood Drive*** on Sunday, December 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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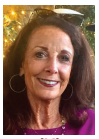
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