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REFLECTIONS

In Praise of Commitment

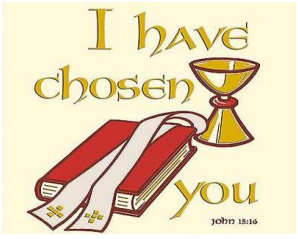
Not infrequently we have the opportunity here at Saint Francis Village Chapel to celebrate a wedding anniversary. I am always glad to do so, offering a blessing to the couple for their faithful commitment to marriage. It is important to note that persevering in a marriage commitment is not the same thing as saying there have been no challenges or difficulties in the marriage. Every marriage, as with every individual life, has its own set of successes and failures, joys, and sorrows. What we celebrate then at such times is not perfection but commitment. It is the realization that relationships can be challenging but with perseverance and a sense of humor, it is possible to overcome all such difficulties. God blesses couples who struggle daily to live their marriage vows. Living out the Sacrament of Marriage is possible only with human engagement and spiritual assistance.

A similar situation exists each fall when our Bishop invites all of the priests of the diocese to an Anniversary Luncheon. All of the priests are invited and recognized and thanked for their continued service, but special focus is on those priests celebrating significant anniversaries. It might not seem overly significant to be celebrating 5 years of ordination while standing next to a priest celebrating 50 years, but each anniversary has its story and thus each is important to celebrate. Again, as with marriage, the situation is not perfection but perseverance based on commitment. The vows of obedience, chastity and spiritual poverty taken by priests are not always easy to live out, but all things are possible with the help and grace of God.

Now for those who might say, 'I'm not celebrating a significant wedding anniversary' or 'I am not a priest with an anniversary to remember,' it is important to note that all of us have experience of commitment and perseverance in our lives. This is true of all relationships, in family, with friends, at work and within both secular and religious communities. For the Christian, however, it is not merely a case of enduring in these relationships, but rather a question of persevering in the commitment made in order to find true peace, harmony and fulfillment. In Christ we are drawn into an intimate relationship and the challenge of daily discipleship is to share the love and grace of that divine-human relationship with those in our lives. And that can be difficult at times; after all, none of us is perfect and relationships can be messy and challenging. But hopefully we persevere; we re-commit ourselves daily to following Christ and allowing that faith life to shine forth in the interactions of our lives.

All have something to celebrate – our perseverance in the faith and our continuing commitment to live daily faithful discipleship in a variety of ways. Even if you are not singled out for a special blessing because of a special anniversary, mentally 'stand up' and pat yourself on the back for each day of commitment lived!

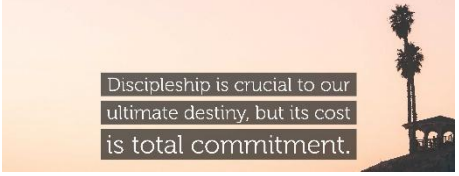
From Father Ken



CELEBRATE Commitment to the Priesthood



CELEBRATE Commitment to Marriage



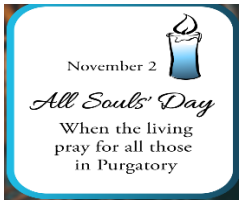
CELEBRATE Commitment to Faithful Discipleship

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week starts off with two significant Masses. Today, Sunday November 1st, we celebrate All Saints Day in honor of all Saints who have gone to Heaven. Tomorrow, Monday November 2nd, we celebrate All Souls Day, a day devoted to praying and remembering the faithful departed in prayer, especially those we believe to be in Purgatory.

In the first reading from Revelation, we find a communion of Saints who are celebrating the end of time. The second reading from St. John reflects on the communion of Saints. As we celebrate this Feast we are reminded to remember the Saints in Heaven. The Gospel reading focus is on the Beatitudes. It challenges us to reflect on what it means to live a good life during hardships that may come our way.





Remembering those who have gone before us.

Chapel Worship Opportunities	
Daily Masses	9:00 AM Monday through Friday
Morning Prayers **Liturgy of the Word**	Monday through Friday 8:30 AM
Evening Prayers **Divine Mercy Chaplet** **Liturgy of the Word**	Monday through Friday 3:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration	9:30 AM Wednesday 9:30 AM Friday
Catholic Bible Study	1:30 PM Thursday Chapel Building Video Room
First Friday Confessions **November 7, 2026**	Following 9:00 AM Mass from 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM & from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
First Saturday **November 7, 2026**	9:00 AM First Saturday Mass 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday Mass	10:00 AM



Ecumenical Brunch after Mass in the Lounge. Join us in thanking and congratulating Lupe Hegge on her retirement and for her many faithful years of service in presenting and providing St. Francis Village with this Fellowship opportunity for for all faiths.



A Book of Remembrance is at the front of the Chapel. You may inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones in the book, inviting our Catholic Chapel Community to pray for them.



Knights of Columbus
Flag Retirement Ceremony
Saturday
November 7th at 2PM in the PAX.



Knights of Columbus
Patriotic Rosary
November 14th

Join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Patriotic Rosary to consecrate the United States to God through prayer, seeking divine protection and mercy for the country and its citizens.
Each Hail Mary in the Rosary is dedicated to 1 of the 50 states. We ask for divine protection, mercy, and guidance for the nation.

"***Choose to Live in Joy!*** Life goes by in the blink of an eye. It's too short to live upset, angry, resentful or ungrateful. If you look for the good, you'll find it. Choose to be happy, to be at peace. Decide that each day is going to be a great day and grab each moment and make the best of it. Refuse to let negative thoughts take root in your mind and refuse to let negative people and situations drag you down. Trust your journey and know that if you make a mistake, it's okay. See it as a lesson learned and keep moving forward. Spend less time worrying and more time being grateful for those who love you and all of life's goodness. ***Choose to Live in Joy!***" ~ *Charity M. Richey-Bentley*



May Christ's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. God Give You Peace.
Mike Pierson.

Mass Intentions	
Nov. 1, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
Nov. 2, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Dr. Michael Fonseca By Connie Carter
Nov. 3, 2026	Father Bob Strittmatter
Nov. 4, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Antoinette Childs By Cathy & David Skinner
Nov. 5, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Sudi Regan By Bill Ruzicka
Nov. 6, 2026	Repose of the Soul of George Daley, Jr. By Bill & Judy Daley
Nov. 7, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Tom Alves By Connie Carter (9:00 AM First Saturday Mass)
Nov. 7, 2026	Repose of the Soul of John Gomez By Deacon Howard Herring (5:00 PM Vigil Mass