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REFLECTIONS

RESPECTING THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

Recently, I came across a few quotes from the Inaugural Homily of Pope Benedict XVI. Of course he is now deceased, but still is in our prayers and thoughts. These comments of the Holy Father in some way set the tone for his pontificate.

The Pope, speaking to the People of God, emphasized that ***we are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary.***

This profound statement of the innate dignity of the human person is not merely a pious commentary, but rather expresses what is at the very core of our Christian life. First and foremost, we are not casual, unintended products of a mindless evolutionary process, despite what some scientists and others might say or write. There is purpose to existence, a divine purpose, even if there are those who refuse to believe this. Truth is never defeated by untruth, no matter how strongly believed. What a wonderful way that the Holy Father expressed this: **we are each of us *a thought of God*.** We come from God, with and for a purpose. Our lives flow from the divine and we return to that divine source at the end of our human existence. From this realization comes our consistent teaching about the sanctity of human life and the respect due to the dignity of every human person.

Each person is “willed”; each is “loved”; each is “necessary”. These characteristics of our humanity emphasize that we are not merely individuals adrift in an alien and chaotic world, but we are part of a whole, which God planned. The real challenge, however, is moving beyond the theological and ideal to the practical, daily reality of life. It is not enough to merely say or think these truths; rather, we must make them real in our own lives and in the lives of others. We are challenged to recognize these characteristics about one another and to respond in love and compassion to others, especially those we find most difficult to love and respect. If we can accomplish this reality of divine love, even imperfectly, we truly respond to God’s invitation to see all of creation as intended and we choose to live discipleship dedicated as a response to God’s call of love.

From Father Ken

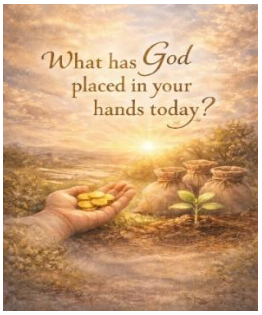


My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time. In this week's readings we focus on fearing the Lord and following his requests. We discover in the second reading, from Thessalonians, that Christians enjoy a certain knowledge about the end of time. At the same time, we are being reminded that although there maybe struggles, we are to remain vigilant.



Let us not sleep – Let us stay alert…





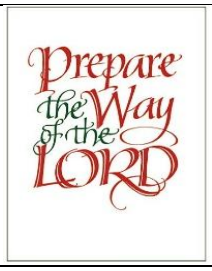
Chapel Worship Opportunities	
Daily Masses	9:00 AM Monday through Friday
Morning Prayers Liturgy of the Word	8:30 AM Monday through Friday
Evening Prayers Divine Mercy Chaplet Liturgy of the Word	3:00 PM Monday through Friday
Eucharistic Adoration	9:30 AM Wednesday 9:30 AM Friday
Catholic Bible Study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

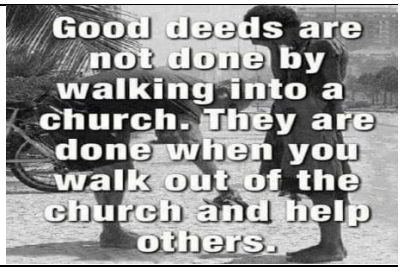


Join the Knights of Columbus in the PAX on
Tuesday November 17th at 7:00 PM
to help make sandwiches for
the homeless who are sheltering at
the Presbyterian Night Shelter.

November brings with it an awareness of seasonal shifts in both our spiritual and earthly lives. The weather changes and the green colors we experience in the Chapel symbolize to us that Ordinary Time is ending soon and Advent will begin. We will be called to prepare spiritually for the Lord's birth and to experience the joy of the upcoming Advent Season. We do so in sharing spiritually and by doing good deeds for all with whom we come in contact.

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





Mass Intentions	
Nov. 15, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
Nov. 16, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Jennifer Kemp By Tom & Ruth Kemp
Nov. 17, 2026	Father Bob Strittmatter
Nov. 18, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Rose Donahue By Pat Donahue
Nov. 19, 2026	Intentions of Honey Rae By Connie Carter
Nov. 20, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Mable Groh By Jim Groh
Nov. 21, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Alex Seifer By Judy Seifer (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)