Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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REFLECTIONS

Letting Go' and 'Letting God'

"Don't attempt to teach a pig to sing. It wastes your time and irritates the pig." This folk wisdom can be interpreted in various ways, but offers sound wisdom on one of the most challenging aspects of human personality – desire to control. Everyone wants to exercise control to some degree; some need this control so such that it can overwhelm their lives and negatively affect relationships with people.

Control is not a sin but a necessary reality. We are given resources and abilities to exercise some control in our lives; and we have responsibility to exert some control in our lives. The problem is our inability or unwillingness to recognize the limits of control. We demand absolute control over everything and everyone. At its core that desire for absolute control is a safety issue – we believe if we can control the world about us, we will feel safe. That's not true, but it can be a powerful impulse in our lives. The challenge is to recognize honestly the things we can control and those we cannot. Where does that leave us?

We need an honest evaluation of the situation. Appropriate change begins with quiet reflection. What is the situation? What do I desire as outcome? Is this outcome worthwhile and possible? What can I do to alter the situation? What is within and beyond my control? What am I willing to do? After reflection it is possible to plan for change, although in truth most change is a compromise, never exactly what we want. Refusing to accept things we cannot control, we waste time, exerting effort which can never succeed. We struggle to teach the pig to sing, but the pig will never learn to sing and our efforts only aggravate the situation and fill us with frustration. We accomplish nothing. If you can exert control, do so. If not, then pray for the grace of perseverance.

God, grant me
The ***Serenity***
to accept the things I cannot change;
the ***Courage***
to change the things I can; and
the ***Wisdom***
to know the difference.

From Father Ken



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

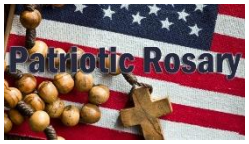
In this 32nd Week of Ordinary Time, our readings focus on Wisdom. Seeking wisdom means coming to know oneself as not fully wise. The pursuit of Wisdom involves engaging in work, sacrifice, and anticipating the needs and action of others. Jesus shows us how wisdom helps us to receive the salvation He has promised us. Wisdom prepares us to be ready for Jesus's return and to prioritize Him above all else.







November 11, 2026



Knights of Columbus
Patriotic Rosary
November 14th
1:00 PM

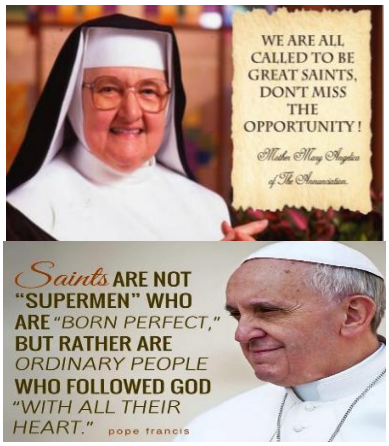
Join the Knights of Columbus in the Catholic Chapel praying the Patriotic Rosary to consecrate the United States to God through prayer, seeking divine protection and mercy for the United States of America and its citizens.

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
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

Our Lady of the Angels Nuns (EWTN) are offering a 9-Day Novena for SFV Catholic Chapel, beginning November 20th.



Continuing on last week's theme of All Saints, I discovered comments made by Mother Angelica: *Saints are ordinary people who love Jesus, try to be like Him, are faithful to the duties in their state of life that God has given to them, and attempt to do what God has called them to do and do it well. It isn't always easy but they remain faithful in doing what they are called to do. Hope changes how we see death, not as a loss of everything, but as a passage into the future life already begun in Christ. The resurrection does not remove the reality of death, it fills in me the promise of eternal glory.*



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

Mass Intentions	
Nov. 8, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
Nov. 9, 2026	Intentions of Karen Fontenella By Connie Carter
Nov. 10, 2026	Father Bob Strittmatter
Nov. 11, 2026	Intentions for Health of Mason Buchholz & Family By Cathy & David Skinner
Nov. 12, 2026	Repose of the Soul of John Gomez By Deacon Howard Herring
Nov. 13, 2026	Intentions of Karen Hayden By Connie Carter
Nov. 14, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Robert C. Bramlet By Cecily & Bob Bramlet (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)