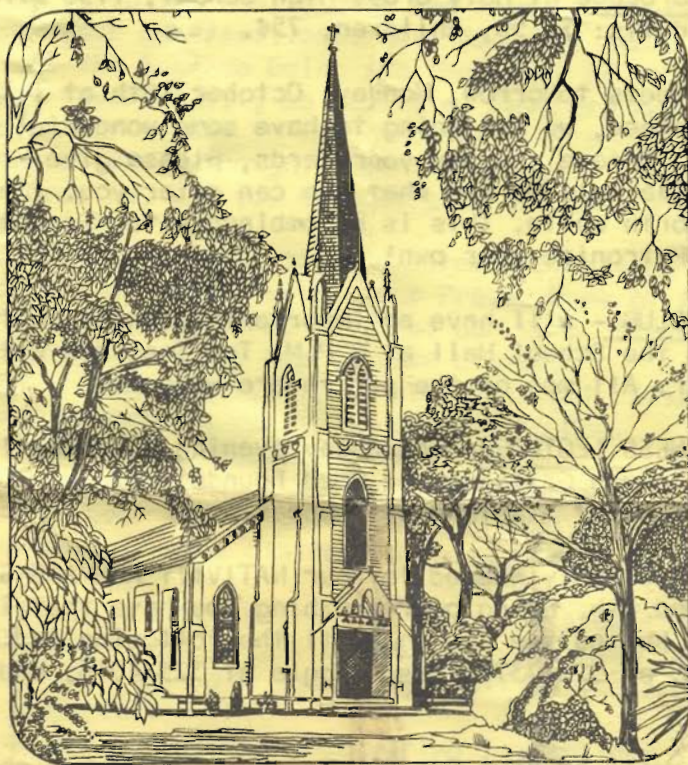


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SUNDAY MASSES— 6.30, 7.30, 8.30, DIALOGUE 9.45, 11.00 A.M., 12.15 AND 5.00 P.M.
WEEK DAYS— 8.00 A.M.
FIRST FRIDAY— 8.00 A.M. AND 7.30 P.M.
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CONFESSIONS— SATURDAYS AND EVES OF FIRST FRIDAY AND EVES OF HOLY DAYS
4.00 TO 5.30 P.M. AND 7.30 TO 8.30 P.M.
BAPTISMS— EVERY SUNDAY AT 2.00 P.M. BY APPOINTMENT

OCTOBER 15, 1967 - 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TODAY-Pantry Shower for the Sisters of Nativity School. Bring your gifts to the school grounds after the masses (8:30 -12:15)

Chicken Barbecue at Holy Cross High School, 1136 Miramonte, Mt. View. from 1-6 p.m. Adults: \$1.50, children, 75¢.

ALTAR SOCIETY- meets tomorrow, Monday, October 16th at 1:30 P.M. in Rectory. Also, remember, we are going to have some wonderful Christmas cards this year. Before you buy your cards, please give Mrs. Rosalie Graves (325-2340) a call to see what she can offer you. I assure you they are well worth while. This is a combined Altar Society-Women's Guild project. Patronize your own!

NATIVITY MEN'S CLUB - will have an important business meeting Wednesday October 18th in the School Hall at 8 P.M. Tom Seagrave will be the featured speaker. All men of the parish are welcome.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS LECTURES- Wednesday evening, October 18th, THE FREEDOM BUDGET-Mr. Herman Gallegos, of Ford Foundation; Dr. Roger Freeman of Hoover Institute at Stanford will speak.

RUMMAGE - is desperately needed for our NATIVITY RUMMAGE SALE COMING UP NOVEMBER 3 and 4th. Bring over anything you have that is saleable to the old hall behind the Church. Call the following ladies for pick-ups: Mrs. Verga at 322-7379; Mrs. Moggia at 323-4016; and Mrs. Linehan at 325-2381.

MISSION SUNDAY- will be next Sunday, October 22nd. A 2nd collection will be taken up at all the Masses. Use your Mission Sunday envelope, please. Pope Paul says, "One cannot sleep soundly knowing that many souls remain far from God because missionaries lack those material aids which a very slight sacrifice on our part would be enough to provide."

CATACOMB LIBRARY NOTES-"In making comparisons with natural mother and child love, we must remember that Mary's supernatural or super-maternal love surpasses the love of all the mothers of earth combined. The mother love of that beautiful heart full of grace and all virtues has a quality of infinity about it. Thus, it is an endless and inexhaustible source of succor." p.110, THE MISSION OF MARY by Sister Mary Annice....Come, show your love for Mary by saying the daily Rosary at 7:45 or 8:25 with us here

CHURCH ETIQUETTE--"MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED THE HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS."....

- 1) Be on time for Mass. It is sinful to deliberately come late.
- 2) Bless yourself prayerfully. Really make the sign of the Cross.
- 3) Adore Christ in your genuflections. Say "Jesus, I adore You." Why not recognize Christ as the Supreme Being and the maker of us all?
- 4) Try to kneel as reverentially as possible. Pews are not always comfortable, but make a better effort to kneel comfortably and pray to God.
- 5) Do you get even a little thought from the sermon? Everyone who preaches may not be a La Cordaire, but you can get some thoughts from the sermon that might prove helpful to you.
- 6) Pray the Mass. You cannot get too much from the Mass by twiddling your thumbs. Give yourself an assist with your Prayer book or Rosary beads.
- 7) Dress becomingly as an honored guest of our Lord. Slacks, jeans, overalls, or skivvie shirts are not appropriate attire.
- 8) When in Church, either kneel, sit, or stand upright. Slinking in with your hands in your pockets is really an affront to God.
- 9) When seats are available, please kneel and pray.
- 10) Be courteous to those sitting near you. Don't hog the outside pew or let the baby walk over the heads of those around you while he is squealing and howling. It is a distraction even though the priest will never utter a word.
- 11) If you don't have to catch a train or keep the stew from burning, don't rush out pell mell and speed home (10 minutes won't make that difference) Wait for the priest to leave the sanctuary. This is the accepted courtesy to the minister of Christ.

Remember, we are constantly endeavoring to make our Divine Services most reverential. It really becomes impossible if some of our parishioners attending Mass stand in the back or at the sides, sometimes with their hands in their pockets, at other times, in a sort of daze. Now we know there are times when getting a seat is an impossibility. However, the Church holds 450 people comfortably. Last Sunday, by actual count, there were 212 at the 12:15 Mass. If our elders are careless about the proper decorum and etiquette in our Churches, what can we expect of our children????? I know you would not be too happy if I visited your home and stood on the porch with my hands in my pockets or showed any other kind of discourtesy, so PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, when a pew is available, take your seat in God's house and in God's name.-...Father Ford (5th appeal)

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