



Tithing Follow-up On August 23, I made a call for Bible-based tithing. "Tithing" means returning "a tenth" of our increase back to God, which is a lot less than our governments (Federal, State, and City) take. The difference between taxes and tithing is that, in the former, 1)

the money never belonged to the government and 2) it takes it from us. With tithing, however, 1) everything we have was already God's in the first place and 2) He doesn't demand it back, but asks for a freewill offering. The government taxes us, but the Almighty asks us. Like many things in life, what you offer from a generous heart is of far greater value than what you are forced to give. Now, to be fair, the government provides us with services, most of which are beneficial (some are harmful, such as the kind of "education" to which college students are subjected in state schools). But my taxes pay for bridges and roads, healthcare and national parks (although a significant amount of our taxes goes down the corruption drains). My point is this: if we invest in social services and political governments (under compulsion), should we not also invest in the things of God (with a free and open heart)? Which organization is more likely to use the money more sensibly—the federal government or your local parish? Certainly, there is a good deal of corruption in both Church and State, but the Church is guided by the Holy Spirit and at least tries to use its resources, although imperfectly, for eternal rather than merely temporal benefit. The government tries to order our lives for the things of this world, but the Church tries to prepare us for eternity.

All Boats Lifted You may like my columns on tithing or you may not, and in fact, I received two negative emails after my last one. Both were upset that I dared speak about money when the Archdiocese is in bankruptcy for crimes against children over the last 80 years. Yes, the Church commits malfeasance to some degree,

just like the government, but I've always had the conviction that, once I give money to the Church (or any godly organization), God will use it for his own purposes. God gets my offering to where it needs to go. Since my August 23 column, the Sunday offering has risen a few hundred dollars. The whole parish—all our boats—have been lifted as the waters of generosity and trust in God have lifted up a few inches in our parish.

Bankruptcy Settlement As I said, there is corruption in the Church, but where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more. Over the Church's long history, some bishops, priests, and layfolk have committed appalling crimes against young people. Greedy and anticlerical elements of our society have capitalized on these crimes, and now even Governor Newsom is backtracking to protect public schools from being sued into bankruptcy by the crimes of some teachers and coaches. The Archdiocesan settlement is \$395 million, which should put an end to any further litigation. Our parish paid \$1.5 million into that settlement, which wiped out our endowment, money that had subsidized our school. Now we need to rebuild it. If you want to help—make a year-end gift toward our school before Uncle Sam claims it on your taxes—give me a shout. We will all give one way or the other, either to the government or to our local parish school. Which, in your opinion, provides a better education?

Christ's Peace As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, we will discontinue the "Sign of Peace" at Mass from November 1 forward. Most of you have told me you are happy about this, and some are not happy. The priest will still give Christ's peace from the altar, but the people's exchange of peace is optional. I'm dropping it because it has become a sign of our own peace and goodwill (not a bad thing!), but it was intended to be the gift of *Christ's peace* from the altar. Dropping the hand-shaking and peace signs will help us focus more on Christ in Mass and less on ourselves. *Fr. Joseph Illo*



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Daily Mass, M-F: 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm. Saturday: 8:30am, 12noon
Latin. Sat. Vigil Mass, 4:30pm. Sunday: 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am Latin,
7:30pm. Holy Day Mass: 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm Sung Latin Mass.
Confessions: 15 min. before Mass, (7am after Mass), Sat. 3:15-4:15pm.

Lauds: Mon-Fri 6:45am. Vespers: Mon-Fri 5:45pm. Holy Face Devotion: Tuesday
6pm. Sacred Heart of Jesus First Friday: 12 & 6pm (Latin). Divine Mercy: Sat.
3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help: Wed. 12noon. Lady of Fatima First Saturday
8:30am. Communal Rosary prayer after all daily Masses & Sunday 11am (Latin).
Sunday: 2:30pm Rosary Walk at St. Mary's Cathedral.

The Sunday Scripture

Just Two Things (Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40)

Our Lord summarizes the entire Judeo-Christian faith, the whole "law and the prophets," in just two words: God & Neighbor." One doesn't work without the other, but God is first. "Love God," wrote St. Augustine, "and do what you will." Love God with everything you've got, and you *will* love your neighbor, even as you will love yourself.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



We celebrate Sts. Simon and Jude, apostles of Jesus, on October 28. They have a deep connection to the Eucharist as they were there when Jesus first took the bread and transformed it

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Prayer Intentions for the Sick

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Dewey, Pedro Mendoza, Mary Ann Brautigan, Dcn Albert Nimri, Virginia Rosillo, Zuleyka Sierra, Luca Celentano, Fernandita Dizon, Rhoda Chiu, Florita Paras, John Campion, Marie Antoiniette Fryburger, Maria Fernanda Rice, Angela Tom, Sonny Cruz, Pope Leo XIV and all sick parishioners.

In loving memory of John McLoone, Jr.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 10/24	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	† Cecilia Beltrame Int. of Joan Spaargaren (healing) Int. of Tuyet Tran & Family
Sunday 10/25	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 7:30pm	† Consuelo Lopez Int. of the Tornese Family People of the Parish Int. of Jon Elisa
Monday 10/26	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	† Catherine Tuttle Int. of Thelma Queri (bday) Int. of Fr. Robert Kwiatkowski Int. of Loc Thi Nguyen (healing) † Maria Baca † John Reed † Maria Choi † Young Soo Sohn † Arsenio Sumulong (anniv) † Souls in Purgatory Int. of Cynthia Lozano † Sonia Lee † Pat Kearny † Paul Cannon † Purita Arroyo † Michael M. Brown † Baltazar Aguirre, Jr. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 10/27	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	† Thomas Myron Hooker (anniv) † Esther Lee Stevens † Susan de Castro Dee
Wednesday 10/28	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	† Beatrice Smalley † Rene Ing (bday) Int. of Greyson Fafard (healing)
Thursday 10/29	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	† Carmelita Estioko † Jose Chan † Ping Foon & Keng Phay Hsum Wong
Friday 10/30	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Juan Carlos Lopez † John Sellai (bday) † Deceased members and friends of the Ma and Gong families
Saturday 10/31	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	† Kuniaki Naito Int. of Jon Elisa Int. of Helen Tam



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Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation?

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Contact Andrea Waliszewski: andrea@starparish.com

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8:30am Mass | Festival 9:30am - 1:00pm
Activities and refreshments | School Yard



Faithful Catholic Family Needs Apartment

Michal and Caitrin Olszewski would like to join our parish and send their four children to our school, but they are having trouble finding suitable housing within a mile or two of Star of the Sea. If you know of a possible home for this lovely family of six, please let Fr. Joseph know.

ALL SOULS



In remembrance of our departed loved ones, **All Souls envelopes** are available at all church entrances. Please place completed envelopes in the drop box in front of Our Lady of Grace Shrine. You are also invited to bring photos of your departed loved ones (4" x 6" or no larger than 5" x 7", preferably framed) to the Rectory Office. Please write the name of the deceased on the front, and include your name and phone number on the back. Photos will be displayed at the All Souls Shrine.

Marriage and Family Apostolate

Engaged couples & families are invited to enjoy a free meal hosted at Holy Family House (former convent across 8th Ave) on Sunday Oct. 25, after both the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. Text Christina 917-375-2158 for the gate code.



The Historical Data Behind Christ's Resurrection

Aditya Prathap, founder of San Francisco's premier debate club, The Hamilton Society, will speak on the historical evidence for the Resurrection using the hard data over the last 20 centuries. The fact is that Christ's resurrection in 33AD changed world history. Computer analysis in the new field of Historical Science, which tests its hypotheses by examining traces, records, or effects, give a compelling proof of the core event of our faith. If you want to strengthen your own faith in Christ as a real person, and be able to better speak about Him to others, come to this talk.

October 30, 7pm - Auditorium

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STEWARDS STATS

Time: 25+ people joined Our Lady of Perpetual help devotional prayers last Wednesday.

Talent: Six volunteers are covering the office front desk on the month of October.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$ 7,392
World Mission \$ 1,446

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