

Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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REFLECTIONS

Whispers from God

The woman whispered: **God, speak to me** and a meadowlark sang. But the woman did not hear.

So, the woman yelled: **God, speak to me**, and the thunder rolled across the sky. But the woman did not listen.

The woman looked around and said: **God, let me see you**, and a star shone brightly in the night sky. But the woman did not see.

And the woman shouted: **God, show me a miracle**, and a life was born. But the woman did not notice.

So, the woman cried out in despair: **Touch me, God, and let me know you are here**. Whereupon, God reached down and touched the woman, but she brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

Don't miss out on God's blessing in life because they are not always packaged the way that you expect!

Our Christian belief is that God loves us, that God seeks to be in intimate relationship with each of us. And yet the truth is that often we do not experience this intimacy, this closeness, this love of God. Sometimes this is a result of our experiencing a time of spiritual drought, the proverbial "dark night of the soul." At other times, the challenges and difficulties of our lives can seem overwhelming such that our ability to notice God is dampened. But, in all honesty, at times our inability to notice God arises from the simple fact of our expecting God to

conform to our desires. We announce: "This is what I want, God, and this is how I want to experience it." We are certainly used to using such terminology and tactics in our consumer-oriented world, but it doesn't work very well in our spiritual lives. Instead, we would be well advised daily to pause for a time of reflection, of awe and introspection in order to recognize that God's love and presence surround us always if we will but open our eyes, our hearts and our spirits to the Lord.

From Father Ken



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is the 25th Week in Ordinary Time. In the second reading from Philippians, Paul asserts that whatever befalls him will magnify Christ. Living or dying results in him being in Christ. In the Gospel from Matthew, we encounter Jesus showing concern for the marginalized who were often viewed as sinners and shunned and excluded by the leaders and members of the Jewish community. We discover from the Gospel reading that God exercises both justice and mercy toward all.



REMINDER

Safe Environment Training

Thursday, September 24th,
9:45 AM to 11:45 AM
In the A & B Activity Rooms

Catechism of the Catholic Church Continuing Education

Classes begin Monday September 28th and continue for ten consecutive Mondays through November 30th, from 9:45 AM to 11:15 AM in the A & B Activity Rooms. The study is set for two sessions with the second installment to begin in the Spring at a date to be determined. Workbooks (that include study material for the two sessions) are available in the SFV Catholic Chapel Office for a one-time cost of \$40.00. **See Ken Becan (817-455-9013) for more information.**



Mark Your Calendar

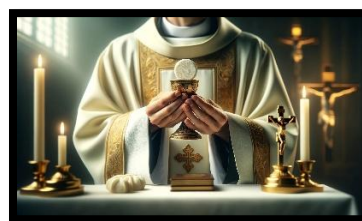
Saturday
Oct. 3rd

1st Saturday Mass: 9 AM
Transitus Service: 10 AM
Blessing of the Animals: 1 PM

Saturday
Oct. 24th

Saint Francis Village Carnival
Open to the Public – invite your friends!
10 AM to 4 PM

I read an article recently that reminds us of the Sacrifice and Holy nature of the Mass. In the Sacrifice of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Mass we experience sacramentally on the Altar the crucified and risen Lord. This allows us to participate in the heavenly offering of Christ to the Father. The Catholic faith is centered on the Liturgy which takes us out of the mundane into the courts of Heaven. In the Mass God invites us into divine worship. We rightly focus on Jesus's presence in Holy Communion. But He is also present in the Priest, the scripture, the assembled church, and proclaimed in the songs. The entire Liturgy is an encounter with Christ which, only later in the Mass, reaches its summit in Communion.



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

Mass Intentions

Sept. 20, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
Sept. 21, 2026	Repose of the Soul of George Cohen By Beth Cohen
Sept. 22, 2026	Father Bob Strittmatter
Sept. 23, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Mary Nassor By Audrey Gomez
Sept. 24, 2026	Intentions of Mary Gillespie By Miriam Gore
Sept. 25, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Lindsay Ellis By Bob & Karen Frank
Sept. 26, 2026	Repose of the Soul Of Omer Marie Bruno Tapsoba By Marione Tapsoba (5:00 Vigil Mass)