SANTA CRUZ PARISH THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED NOVEMBER 02, 2025 **NOVEMBER 02, 2025**



WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays: **5pm** (English) Fridays: 1:15pm(English) in the main church.

> **SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

10:30am (English) 12pm (Portuguese)

> The Office is open **Tuesdays and Thursdays**

DONATE for the upkeep of our building, support activities, and operations.



"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade."-1 Peter 1:3-4

The word of the Popes

"Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5), Paul told us. Hope draws us and gives meaning to our life. I do not see the afterlife, but hope is God's gift that draws us toward life, toward eternal joy. Hope is an anchor that we have from the other side, and we, grasping the rope, sustain ourselves (cf. Heb 6:18-19). I know that my Redeemer lives, and I shall see him'. And repeat this in times of joy and in bad times, in times of death, let us say this.

This certitude is a gift of God, because we can never have hope by our own efforts. We must ask for it. Hope is a freely given gift that we never deserve: it is given; it is offered. It is grace.

And then, the Lord confirms this, this hope that does not disappoint. "All that the Father gives me will come to me" (Jn 6:37). This is the aim of hope: to go to Jesus. And "him who comes to me I will not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me" (Jn 6:37-38). The Lord who welcomes us there, where the anchor lies. Life in hope is to live like this: grasping, with the rope in hand, strong, knowing that the anchor is below. And this anchor does not disappoint; it does not disappoint.

Today, in the thoughts of many brothers and sisters who have passed on, it will do us good to look at the cemeteries and to look heavenward. And to repeat, like Job: 'I know that my Redeemer lives, and I myself will see him. My eyes shall behold him, and not another'. And this is the strength that hope gives us, this freely given gift that is the virtue of hope. May the Lord give it to all of us.

-Pope Francis



UPCOMING EVENTS 🔀



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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Nov 09

Day of Gathering and Reflection - Pilgrims of Hope

Nov 16

Special collection for the Shepherd's trust

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Christmas Lunch

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We invite everyone to join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday at 4:00 PM, right before Mass. Come spend some quiet time in prayer and reflection in the presence of our Lord. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

We invite everyone to the Parish Christmas Lunch, which will be held on **December 14th,** starting at 2:00 PM.

Join us for this special moment of fellowship, with live music, excellent cuisine, and the warm presence of our community.

More information will be shared soon.

Special Collection

There will be a second collection for the Clergy Fund on the weekend of November 15 and 16, 2025.

The mission of the Clergy Fund is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests have sufficient financial resources to live a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous donation will help our priests maintain a modest, yet active and independent lifestyle during their retirement years.

For priests who are ill or disabled, the fund provides access to nursing homes and medical care.

Thank you for your support of this important mission.

Day of Gathering and Reflection – Pilgrims of Hope

The Christian Family Movement invites all Portuguese-speaking couples to take part in a Day of Reflection on Sunday, **November 9**, in the hall of **Santa Cruz Church**, 140 Argyle St, from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m**.

We will continue our discussion on this year's theme: "**Pilgrims of Hope**." Lunch will be ordered for those who wish to participate.

All are welcome!