# **SANTA CRUZ PARISH**



#### **WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesdays and Fridays 12:00 pm (English) -

in the main church.

SUNDAY MASS
SCHEDULE

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

The Office is opened

Tuesdays and

Thursdays

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



"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; and just so, you learn to love God and man by loving."

-St. Francis de Sales

### **The word of the Popes**

"When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Lk 18:8); as if to say: "when I come again at the end of time" — but we could also think, even now, at this time of life — "will I find a bit of faith in you, in your world?" This is a serious question. Let us imagine that the Lord came on earth today. Unfortunately, he would see many wars, much poverty and many inequalities, the and at same time, tremendous technical achievements, modern means, and people who are always rushing, who never stop. But would he find someone who dedicates time and affection to him. someone who would put him in first place? Above all, let us ask ourselves. "What would he find in me. if the Lord were to come today, what would he find in me, in my life, in my heart? What priorities would he see in my life?" We often focus on so many urgent but unnecessary things. We occupy and preoccupy ourselves with so many secondary realities. And perhaps without even realizing it, we neglect what matters most and we allow our love for God to grow cold, to grow cold bit by bit. Today, Jesus offers us the remedy to rekindle a tepid faith. And what is the remedy? Prayer. Prayer is the medicine for faith, it is a tonic for the soul, However, it needs to be constant prayer. (...) Let us think of a houseplant: we have to water it consistently every day. We cannot soak it and then leave it without water for weeks!



0ct 19 World Mission Sunday Collection 0ct 22 St. John Paul II day

Nov 01

All Saint's Day

**Dec 14** 

Christmas Lunch

#### All Saint's Day

On November 1st (Saturday), we will have our All Saints' Day Mass at 9am in both languages (English and Portuguese).

With that, we would like to add that on November 1st & 2nd, we will not be accepting intention requests, as these days are dedicated to **all** the faithful departed.

#### 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**

Today, there will be a second collection for the Evangelization of Nations, also known as World Mission Sunday.

This is a worldwide collection for the missionary Church and is our opportunity to help Catholic communities in need around the world. The offerings are combined with donations from other Catholics across the globe and distributed to missions and dioceses.

We are called to share our abundance with the less fortunate who do not have the basic means to know, love, and praise God. We thank you for your support of this important work.

## **First communion and Confirmation**

Registration for First Communion and Confirmation classes has officially begun!

First Communion Registration Deadline: October 19th

• E Classes Begin: October 26th

Confirmation Registration Deadline: October 26th

• E Classes Begin: November 2nd

You can register after Mass with one of our catechists or by calling the parish office. Don't miss this important step in your child's faith journey!