SANTA CRUZ PARISH

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 17, 2024



DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8am (English) - entrance through gate on the West side.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

The Office is opened
Tuesdays and Thursdays

More info? Check our website.





THOSE WHO ARE WISE SHALL
SHINE LIKE THE BRIGHTNESS OF
THE SKY, AND THOSE WHO LEAD
MANY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS, LIKE
THE STARS FOREVER AND EVER.
(DANIEL12)

Commentary by Dennis Hamm, SJ

To the certainties of death and taxes, astrophysics has added a few more. For example, our most crucial star, the Sun, has about five billion more years to go, after which time it will expand enormously and then bum out, taking its planets, including Earth, along with it into oblivion...Does our contemporary picture of the universe, and its story, alter how we hear the cosmic imagery of Daniel and Jesus in Mark's Gospel?

Not significantly, it seems to me. For, Jesus' apocalyptic discourse in Mark 13 is neither prediction nor description. It is proclamation and assurance... Thus we move toward the end of the Liturgical Year by stepping back and looking at the big time picture. Our contemporary science may well read the data correctly when it pictures our minuscule human history as framed by a Big Bang at the beginning and a Big Crunch/Burnout at the end. Our faith asserts that this picture is incomplete unless we recognize that the Creator of all has become fully manifest in Jesus of Nazareth, especially in his death and resurrection, and that these events constitute a victory of cosmic implications. We find, in our best moments and sometimes in our worst moments, that this declaration of victory and this cosmic vision free us sufficiently from fear so that we can get on with our housekeeping.

We have lots of expenses: roof work needs to be done; repairs all over the building; maintenance in the house; hopefully, new air-conditioning in the church some day, etc. Please support your parish.



Christmas Confessions

The Christmas confessions will take place at Santa Cruz Parish on December 4th at 7:00 PM, and at St. Agnes Parish on December 18th at 7:00 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 17 **Special Collection Shepherd's Trust**

Nov 24 First Communion & Confirmation classes 9:30 AM

Dec 06

Christmas Concert

Dec 14 GLORIA! St.Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert





Shepherds' Trust Collection

The Shepherds' Trust offers us a way to care for our retired priests during their time of need. Even the smallest contribution can bring comfort and dignity to those who have devoted their lives to serving others. Together, we can make a lasting impact.

Help Us Serve You Better



We are considering adjusting our weekday Mass times and would love your input. Please take a moment to share your thoughts by scanning the QR code and filling out the quick form. Your feedback is greatly appreciated!

GLORIA! St.Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert at Massey Hall

Saturday, December 14 at 7 PM

Celebrate the Christmas season with a blend of sacred and secular choral music. Featuring nearly 300 voices, including students and alumni, this 59th annual concert showcases works like Vivaldi's Gloria, Carol of the Bells, and The Star Carol.

Tickets: <u>www.masseyhall.com</u> (Promo Code:

STARLIGHT)

Info: 416-397-6367.