Paramount, CA



Nov 20, 2022 (562) 531-6820

connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission



Please keep the following people & their families in daily prayer... -RICHARD GRIFFIN: Issues with blood flow and circulation to legs & feet -GREG ENGLE: Inclusion Body Myositis -SHEILA IANTORNO: Lupus, Breast Cancer -TROY KUBINSKI: Muscular Dystrophy -GAY WALKER: Lung cancer -TANYA COLLIS: severe pain 24 hrs/day -CHARRON GAYDEN: Mental Health -JADEN MALDONADO: (child) Congenital cytomegalovirus -TANYA MCKOWN: Lupus, Health issues -EMMA ROMERO (Teen): Seizures -BERTHA MARTINES: Stroke/ complete healing -FRANCES HOLTON: Full recovery of knees -RAQUEL MALDONADO (23): Recently

ADVENT Tree Ligh MONDAY NOVEMBER 28TH

Death, imprisonment, violence, isolation, oppression, and eviction from home are the day-to-day reality of many of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world. The persecution faced by Christians is global, spreading from the Middle East, through Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Due to the growing number of deaths and Christian refugees, many experts now consider this an act of genocide. While strong in their faith, our brothers and sisters have lost their homes, churches, livelihoods, and many have lost their lives. Will you prayerfully consider partnering with the Church as we seek to support our brothers and sisters overseas?

> opendoorsuk.org barnabasfund.org samaritanspurse.org worldhelp.net

English: 9am 10:30am 12pm 6pm | Spanish: 10:30am 12pm | Nepalese: 9:30am (sanctuary) (activity center) (brick building)



diagnosed with MS

-WILLIAM SUAREZ: CHF

Additional Giving Opportunities Vision Found offering Nov 20

## Weekly Offering

YTD Offering: \$2,615,372.67 YTD Budget: \$2,744,636.00

Last Week's Offering: \$38,280.17 2022 Weekly Budget: \$59,666.00



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# FACING FEAR

## - Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-17

We don't need the world to censor us; our own fears do that job better than any totalitarian regime. - Glen Scrivener, article for Desiring God.org

### - Different struggles, same battle

The people of God are called to live and preach the gospel in a world that is in constant opposition to God and that is actively seeking to hurt the people of God.

"Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." -1 Peter 3:14b

## - We should not fear them

The Lord is my light and my salvation– whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life– of whom shall I be afraid? -Psalm 27:1

## - We should not fear what they fear

"Do not call conspiracy everything this people calls a conspiracy; **do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it.** The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread. -Isaiah 8:12-13

## Focus on the right fear

## - Revere Christ as Lord

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. -1 Peter 3:15a

"Let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah" -Acts 2:36

## Jesus' command is not only to know him, but to make him known

#### - Prepare

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. -1 Peter 3:15b

#### - Defend your hope, but don't get defensive

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. **But do this with gentleness and respect**, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. -1 Peter 3:15-16

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? 14 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are **blessed**. -1 Peter 3:13-14a

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed **when his glory is revealed**. -1 Peter 4:12-13