

July 27-28, 2019
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Father Michael Nguyen's First Santa Clara Mass
Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13

'Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.'

For many years the parents of Michael Nguyen and Daniel Seo asked God to be kind and gracious to their sons. For their parts, Michael and Daniel's families loved their sons, guided them in how to be proficient students, instructed them in the ways of their individual heritage and each night, before closing their eyes in sleep, asked God for continuing strength to keep doing what they had been doing for their sons ever since they were born. As the boy Michael and the boy Daniel grew into maturity, their world expanded, friendships were developed and with each friendship came more voices asking God to be kind and generous to Michael and Daniel. Having knocked on the vocational door of possibly being PRIESTS, both Michael and Daniel were thrust into the midst of ever larger communities of people asking God to guide, inspire and protect both young men. In these days, the families and communities of those who have supported and encouraged Michael Nguyen and Daniel Seo are now witnessing the generosity of God. Michael and Daniel knocked on the Vocational Door of Priesthood and it was opened...and they have walked through it. For many years they have continually sought guidance from God and they have received it. They set their hearts on serving Jesus as Priests and now have found their treasure. Now, WE...the ones who have encouraged Michael and Daniel to keep seeking, to continue knocking and to never stop asking... WE... will be wise to heed the wisdom that will come from their hearts, from their embraces, from their eyes and from their words. Michael and Daniel sought and they have found. Now, their voices will endeavor to rouse us from our complacencies, from our fears, from our weariness, anger, loss, disillusionment and confusion...so that...as one family, we may keep knocking, keep seeking, keep asking until we all stand in the presence of the Living God whom Father Michael Nguyen and Father Daniel Seo serve as his priests.

Thank you for sharing this weekend of high emotion, gratitude and festivity. Our Santa Clara community is proud and humbled to have participated with the formation of TWO of the men ordained on Saturday morning for service as priests within the Diocese of Orange, Father Michael Nguyen and Father Daniel Seo. Today, Father Michael celebrates his FIRST SANTA CLARA MASS and in the same measure as we loved and supported him from his internship as a Seminarian through his service among us as a Deacon, now we celebrate the fullness of PRIESTHOOD by which he will feed and support US!! You are welcome to join us for hospitality following the 10am Mass...you are welcome to come back for the Hospitality even if you have participated with one of our earlier Masses for this is a day of gratitude and celebration. NEXT weekend we will do this all over again as we WELCOME FATHER DANIEL SEO who will celebrate his first Santa Clara Mass among us, again followed by a festive reception. A reminder to please return the FILLED BACKPACKS as promptly as possible, we will be delivering them to the students at Immaculate Heart of Mary in the next two weeks. Bulletins await with you other news of upcoming events, please take one and please remember, you are loved. FKB