Assumption Parish Liturgy, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Nov. 19, 2023

BOYLE HEIGHTS, East Los Angeles, California \_ New pastor, Fr. Antonio Galindo, OFM, enthusiastically acknowledged the Schola Cantorum of the Pacific before choristers sang in celebration of the 11 a.m. Mass for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time at Assumption Parish in Boyle Heights on Nov. 19, 2023.

Singers at the Mass included: Tenors Abraham Tadeo and Vicente Bastidas Elizondo, conductor and cantor; Mike Tabor sang bass and Gennesis Tadeo sang alto. Four sopranos included cantrice Marilu Reyes, Christina van Ingen, and Cynthia Bih. At the keyboard, Marianist Fr. Ted Ley, SM, DMA, founder of the Schola Cantorum of the Pacific.

Choristers sang *Sicut Cervus Desiderat* (As the Deer Longs, Psalm 42) by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina as the invitatory. Soprano Louinn Lota also sang George Frideric Handel’s *He Shall Feed His Flock* before Mass. The Gregorian Latin *Kyrie for Advent* and the“Glory to God”chant from the Mass of the Angels, *Gloria de Angelis,* were sung next.

And then we sang Jesuit Fr. Joseph Gelineau’s *Alleluia*. For the Preparation of the Gifts, the choir sang, *To this Table, Lord We Come,* by Marianist Bro. Howard Hughes. Eucharistic Prayer service music included Marty Haugen’s *Creation Mass*, along with the Paraguayan folkloric *Cordero de Dios* (Lamb of God in Spanish).

*Come, O Jesus, Come into My Heart*, composed by Fr. Ted especially for first communicants, and John Goss’ *God So Loved the World* were sung at Holy Communion. Then we ended the Mass with the *Taizé Laudate Dominum* of the Ecumenical Monastery of Taizé, France.

Nine choir members made it despite a debilitating freeway closure. Interstate 10, a main east-west artery for choir members traversing the San Fernando Valley and the cities of the South Bay, has been shut down since Nov. 11, 2023, fire underneath the freeway melted concrete and charred vehicles and wooden pallets stored there. No one was hurt and authorities are looking for a man believed to have set the blaze. The freeway fully reopened on Monday, Nov. 20.