

November 3, 2013: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." — Lk 19:8

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, November 3 (Wis 11:22--12:2/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family
10:30 am- All Souls Novena

Monday, November 4 (Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14)

7:00 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – Daniel & Dorothy Rother's 56th Anniversary
10:00 am- All Souls Novena (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, November 5 (Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24)

7:00 am- All Souls Novena
6:30 pm- Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters Memorial Mass (Rosary at 6:10 p.m.)

Wednesday, November 6 (Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33)

7:00 am- All Souls Novena
8:05 am- Gilbert Butschek

Thursday, November 7 (Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10)

7:00 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – Frank & Rita Zaruba's 55th Anniversary
10:00 am- All Souls Novena (Stevens)

Friday, November 8 (Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8)

7:00 am- Julius, Annie & Hedy Pustejovsky
8:05 am- All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 9 (Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22)

5:30 pm- All Souls Novena

Sunday, November 10 (2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38)

8:00 am- All Souls Novena
10:30 am- Pam Dornak

Church Bulletin: Don & Barbara Rainosek in memory of V. L. & Rose Rainosek.

Radio Broadcast & Vigil Light: In memory of Henry Jalufka.

Flowers on Eucharistic Altar: In memory of *Trista Ken Sevcik* on her 3rd birthday on November 1st by Ronnie & Debi Sevcik & Family.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$4,882.50; World Mission-\$11; Manna-\$1,108; Catholic Education Envelopes-\$1,226; Loose-\$1,005; Children-\$40.

Anniversaries:

Daniel & Dorothy Rother	56 years	Nov. 5
Johnnie & Alene Steffek	57 years	Nov. 7
Frank & Rita Zaruba	55 years	Nov. 8

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

-Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m., Church.
-KJZT Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.
-Choir Practice, 6:15-8:30 p.m., Church.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.
-K.C. General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., K.C. Hall.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

-CCD: K-12th Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 pm, Church Cry Rm.
-SHCS Booster Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., K.C. Hall.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

-RCIA, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Family Center.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

-Youth Night: Holy Hour 5:00 p.m. in church followed by fellowship in the Youth House.

Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Matt Pohler, Wilbert Kalinec, Mary Bonorden, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Donna Steffek, Glenn Rabel, Lisa Grissom, Rachel Davis, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Marie Hermes, Emil Hermes, Georgia Schaefer, Pat Hanslik, Leroy Loth, Debby Kolos, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Yvonne Muska, Russell Janak, Timothy Brosch, Marilyn Palmquist, Johnny Krenek, Doug Blumberg, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

Blessing of Graves for All Souls Day

Sunday, November 3:

St. Mary – 8:30 am
Sacred Heart – 3:00 pm
St. Augustine, Worthing – 3:45 pm
St. Anthony, Witting – 4:30 pm
St. Ludmila, Wied – 5:15 pm

Welcome to the Parish: Angela Bujnoch, daughters Adison & Avery.

October Baptisms: Taylor Grace, daughter of Frederick & Jennifer Hasdorff; Madison Irene, daughter of Michael & Jayme Raab; Carter Layne, son of Justin & Lindsey Barnes; and, Tryce Joseph, son of Frankie & Laura Migl.

Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters Memorial Mass, 6:30pm, Nov. 5. Deceased KC & CDA members will be prayed for; however, we will remember in a special way those who passed away since the last Memorial Mass. Family & friends of the departed, as well as KC & CDA members, are asked to attend. Soup & sandwiches will be served in the KC Hall after Mass.

Free drive-thru medication disposal, Nov. 7, L.M.C. Parking Lot, 9am-1pm. Accepting all medications, vitamins, medicated ointments & inhalers, and syringes, needles & lancets in a sturdy container.

Help Wanted: Part-time cafeteria worker at SHCS. Call Christina Brooks 798-2122 between 8:00-10:00 a.m.



From the Desk of Msgr. John

The month of November is dedicated to praying for the dead. We remember all of our loved ones who have gone before us. We pray in thanksgiving for those who have died and gone to heaven, and we pray for their help and intercession. We pray for those who may be in Purgatory and still need our prayers to help them attain heaven.

During the month of November it is good for us to visit the graves of our loved ones and say an extra prayer. It is good to place flowers on their graves as a sign of love and remembrance.

Congratulations to our Catholic Knowledge Bowl winners on Sunday, October 20th.

The First Place winners were:

Adult Category: 1st place- Theresa Hemmi, Philip & Rosemary Hemmi, & Abby Hemmi.

Family Category: 1st place- Dorothy, Renae, Dorothea & Ella Harper.

High School Category: 1st place- Stephanie Sykora, Meagan Jurica, Megan Harper & Hannah Fogle.

Thank you to all who participated in or helped in any way with this event. A special thank you to Sr. Emiliana for coordinating the Knowledge Bowl.

Fr. Hugh Duffy, Ph.D. of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. This ministry was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

CCD News ~~

Nov. 13: Safe Environment Lessons-Elementary Grades.

Nov. 17: 6th Grade youth involvement, 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Nov. 20: Regular class for Elementary. Net Retreat for Jr. High & High School, 5:30-9:30 p.m., Family Center.

Nov. 27: No CCD. Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

November: Texas Right to Life essay contest.

Sacred Heart Catholic School News ~~

Nov. 11: Veteran's Day Service, 8:05 a.m., Gym.

School Advisory Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Nov. 18: High School Net Retreat, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Youth ~~ We thank everyone who participated in our annual Trunk or Treat. A reminder once again that Youth Night is next Sunday, Nov. 10th from 5:00-7:30 p.m.! We will be having fajitas!

St. Nicholas Ministry: Help is needed on Nov. 5 & 12 to assist with application referral forms, 10am-2pm at LAMB. The Ministry assists needy children, their families & the elderly in Lavaca County. For info., contact Pastor Herb Beyer 798-0155 or beyerfam@hughes.net

The SHCS Home & School Assoc. thanks everyone for their generous donations of sugar, pecans, eggs, cash and help in making the Strudel Bake a great success. A limited supply of frozen unbaked strudels are still available for \$14 and make a quick and tasty dessert for the holidays! Call Barbara Grahmann 798-4167.

All are welcome to join the Christian Mothers at Mass on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 6:00 p.m., celebrated by Fr. Angelus Shaughnessy. Christian Mothers members are urged to attend. A reception will follow at the Family Center. Christian Mothers members are to bring sandwiches, chips, dips or dessert.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time –

In this weekend's Gospel, we have a story of a man who had to face his own limitations. Zacchaeus was a short guy and couldn't see above the crowd. But he used his own ingenuity in his attempt to see Jesus. He climbed up a sycamore tree and sat in its branches because he wanted to catch a glimpse of this prophet who had come to Jericho. Jesus in turn stops at the sycamore and invites Zacchaeus to come down. Whatever limitations Zacchaeus had because of his height, it didn't seem to affect his business acumen, for the Gospel tells us that he was a wealthy man. The people of Jericho seem to think that not all of his wealth was acquired legitimately. But Zacchaeus stands his ground, promising to over-compensate anyone whom he may have harmed.

As we move on in life, we may find ourselves at the point of having lost some of the enthusiasm for what got us to where we are. Our day-to-day experiences can sometimes feel like a rut that consumes our energy. The story of Zacchaeus reminds us that there can be a renewal of grace that enlivens us once again. We might consider where Jesus is walking by in our life, and if we have the eagerness to see Him. ©2013 Liturgical Publications, Inc.

Prayer for rain: Heavenly Father, We believe that it is You Who created our world with all of its beauty and life. We believe that it is You Who put into place the systems of nature that sustain, nurture and renew this work of Your hands. We believe that it is You Who hears Your children when they call upon You. Hear then, this prayer which comes from a heart filled with confidence and trust. Grant to us and to all who seek it, the gift of a bountiful rain. Water our lands so that they may once again spring to life and reflect the beauty of Your creation. Fill our lakes and rivers with sufficient rain so that they may continue to provide life giving and refreshing water to all who depend upon it for their livelihood and well-being. Please do not let many more days pass without sending us this most needed blessing of rain. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

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Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Venerable Fulton Sheen

The last Year of Faith saint is Peter "Fulton" John Sheen.

Archbishop Sheen was a Catholic theologian with an unforgettable voice and a gift for communicating the Christian message in the early days of television. His popular television series won awards, yet he remained a dedicated priest. Each day he spent a Holy Hour in Eucharistic Adoration. Pope John Paul II told him, "You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus. You are a loyal son of the Church!"



Need a map?

Christian morality is like a road map for life. If we don't know where we are headed, we don't need a map at all. A Christian road map will help us get to Heaven.

Trust God

If we let him, God will work in our lives. Because he's perfect, God can't make mistakes. When we trust him completely, we feel a sense of personal well-being, security, and peace.



Thankfulness is good for the health

"This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). Studies show that people who are actively thankful are less likely to be depressed, anxious, jealous and find they enjoy ordinary pleasures like sunsets, good health and simply being alive. Here is how you can join them ...

Keep score. For three days straight, keep track of how many times you think grateful thoughts versus complaining. This is your Grateful to Grumbling Ratio. The higher your G2G Ratio, the happier you will be.

Poll others. Find out what others are thankful for. You will probably discover something you should also be thankful

for but haven't thought of.

"I get to ..." Instead of saying, "I have to ..." to describe tasks, say, "I get to ..." Think of every day as a blessing and chance to serve God.

Fast. Forgo something you like such as food, TV, the internet. It will make you more thankful for it when you get it back.

Watch the company you keep. Attitudes are contagious.

Do the people around you encourage gratitude or griping? Consider changing your environment or your friends to lean toward gratitude.

Purge often. Have you noticed that the people who have the least seem the happiest? Keep only what you need.



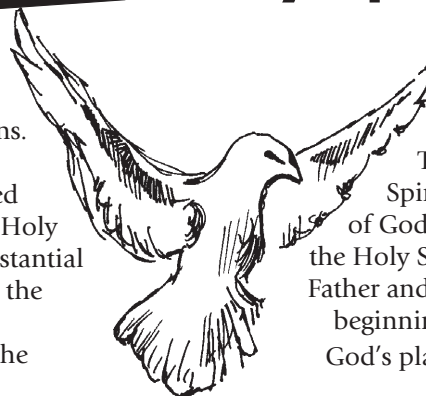
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Catholics believe in one God with three distinct persons. The third divine person of the Blessed Trinity is called the Holy Spirit. He is consubstantial with the Father and the Son.

Other names for the

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Holy Spirit include the Paraclete, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, Consoler, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of God. We understand that the Holy Spirit is at work with the Father and the Son from the beginning to the completion of God's plan for our salvation.



Forgiveness is a gift for you

Right or wrong, when we hold onto an injury, we get trapped in the pain of it indefinitely. Forgiving frees us to move on. Forgiveness is something we do for ourselves:

Start with a sign. Even if you are the one injured, let the other person know you are ready to forgive by offering something tangible: flowers, a card, a hug. *"Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord"* (Isaiah 1:18).

Separate the offense from the offender. God doesn't abandon us when we sin. He loves us no



matter what and asks that we do the same for each other.

Forgive and forget. You can't have one without the other. Forgiveness entails cancelling a debt, whether by God or another person. *"(Love) does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things ..."* (1 Corinthians 13:5-8).

Celebrate. A mended relationship is stronger than one that has never been tested.

from Scripture

Luke 23:35-43, the true King

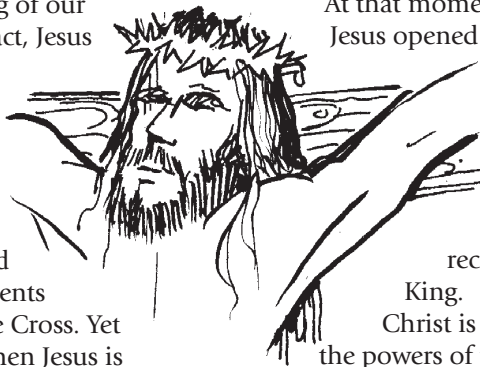
In 1925, Pope Pius XI, established the solemnity of Christ the King to remind the Church that our ultimate allegiance is to Jesus, the true king of our hearts and minds. In fact, Jesus is the only king still in power while all others have passed away.

At first glance, this gospel reading shows Jesus at his weakest and most vulnerable, moments before his death on the Cross. Yet it is at that moment when Jesus is actually at his strongest. It is at that moment when he is shouldering the sins of the entire human race and

restoring God's grace to each one of us then and now. No king could do that except Jesus.

At that moment on Calvary, Jesus opened the gates of Heaven, beginning with the man beside him who led a life of sin but recognized the true King.

Christ is our King so that the powers of this world cannot hold us in their grip. With Christ as our King, we will never be consumed by the world.



Q & A How can I "love" people I don't like?

In fact, Jesus addressed this very question in Matthew 22. The Jewish leaders didn't like Jesus. Jesus made them angry when he accused them of hypocrisy and insincerity. They



knew he was right, of course.

So some of the Pharisees tried to trick Jesus into saying something illegal in public. They asked Jesus which of the Jewish laws was most important. If he encouraged people to disregard any law, he could be harshly punished. This was an old debate, so the lawyer who challenged Jesus only asked hoping that Jesus would trip himself up.

Instead Jesus said everything starts and ends with love – love for God and each other. To love God is to love one another. They are as inseparable as the beams of the cross.

True love of neighbor is measured by how we treat those outside our circle. It means including people we may prefer to exclude or avoid. Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even Pharisees. This is how God loves and we are to do no less.

Feasts & Celebrations

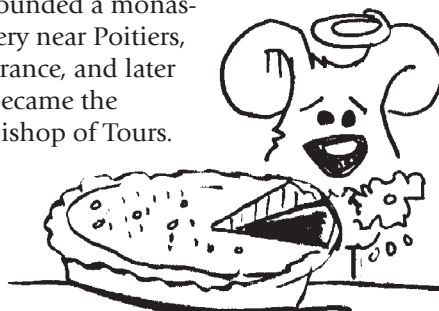
In November we pray for the dead, especially on **November 1st All Saints Day (A Holy Day of Obligation)** and on **November 2nd All Souls Day**.

Nov. 4 – St. Charles Borromeo (1584). After earning doctorates in civil and canon law by the age of 21, he was called to Rome by his uncle, Pope Pius IV, to be cardinal and bishop of Milan. He led by example to reform his diocese and tirelessly worked for poor and sick in his care.

Nov. 10 – Pope St. Leo, the Great (461). Pope St. Leo helped the Church stay united despite attacks from false

teachers and warring tribes. He is famous for his explanations of the faith.

Nov. 11 - St. Martin of Tours (397). The patron of soldiers, St. Martin was forced to join the army at the young age of 15 in what is now Hungary but left to become a priest. He founded a monastery near Poitiers, France, and later became the bishop of Tours.



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