



Thirty-Third Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

November
13
2022

**“YOU WILL BE HATED BY ALL BECAUSE
OF MY NAME, BUT NOT A HAIR ON
YOUR HEAD WILL BE DESTROYED.”**

Luke 21:17-18

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It may seem as though Jesus is talking directly to us in today's Gospel. While it is always true that the Gospel speaks across time and space, today's message feels particularly appropriate as we near the end of another year that has been filled with pandemic, political division, international tension, and economic concerns. Christ reigns over all these things, and as Christians, we hold firm in the belief that we will as well. We must take the long view—the truly long view of eternity—as we meet the challenges of our time. The sun of justice will arise. All will be well.

NOT A HAIR ON YOUR HEAD WILL BE DESTROYED. PERSEVERE.

The message of the Gospel is not abstract, nor are we distant hearers of its message. We face choices every day about how we will live, what we will or won't do,

how seriously we will take Christ's call to live the truth of the gospel. At times, the choices we face seem inconsequential: will we sit on the sofa night after night, or choose to spend time with family or serve in our parish? Will we get up for Mass on Sunday morning ready to praise God and be part of our faith community, or drag ourselves there, grumbling every step of the way (or not go at all)? Choices such as these are of consequence of course, not only because each decision matters, but the patterns we establish in our lives are rooted in the cumulative weight of the choices we make. We may be called upon to make harder choices and must be prepared to do so. Jesus tells us to persevere. By doing so, we will secure our lives.

Today's Readings: Mal 3:19–20a; Ps 98:5–6, 7–8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7–12; Lk 21:5–19

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Deacon John Erdag

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Mass: Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

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Saturday & Sunday:
45 minutes before Mass

Marriage or Baptism:

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Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
and felt welcomed in our church as your “home away from home.”
Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

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We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Ben Clymer. John & Nijja McGrane. Pat Schmeier. Ethan Cowles. Cayla Goodson. Ruth & David Barber. Msgr. Ron Diegel. Richard & Dottie Schuetz. Tom Fabitz. Jodie Woods. Doris Hoffman. Yolanda & Eldon Boyd. Wanda & George Duke. Jean Hamilton. Kathleen Fleming. Jaye Anderson. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Charlie Parker. Jacob Stephens. Elise Sugg. Avery Boultinghouse. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REMOVE OR ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYERS OF THE SICK.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jemigan). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Staff Sergeant, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Lt. Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Petty Officer 2 Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

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Mass—Intentions

Sat. 11/12 Shelly Pollard (Mike Stephens)
Sun. 11/13 Adolfina Albuquerque+ (M/M Evans)
Tues. 11/15 Beau Fonk (Carolyn Bonicard)
Wed. 11/16 Ron Eamma+ (Barbara Eamma)
Thurs. 11/17 Kenneth Wilkinson+ (Jane Bidlack)
Fri. 11/18 Ron Eamma+ (Barbara Eamma)
Sat. 11/19 Jess & Eva Corrigan 62nd Anniversary

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the year of 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,666

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,799

Attendance: 11/05 Saturday: 72 11/06 Sunday: 86

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.

November Second Collections:

5th & 6th: "Building & Maintenance Fund."
 12th & 13th: "Archdiocese of the Military Services."
 19th & 20th: "Catholic Charities—Diocese of Tyler."
 26th & 27th: "Christmas Flowers."

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Holly Spirit Priests for Tomorrow

Parish Progress as of Sept. 30th

GOAL: \$205,000.00
PLEDGES: \$242,495.00
PAYMENTS RECEIVED: \$175,385.00 (72.3%)
REMAINING BALANCE ON PLEDGES: \$ 67,110.00 (27.7%)

Pope's Intention for November:



For children who suffer. We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Albert the Great

Wednesday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

Thursday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Friday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul in Rome; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Anyone involved in any Ministry at our Parish, you will need to be compliant on your ethics and integrity training with VIRTUS. Please notify our contact person to get signed up contact person Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or



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Legion of Mary— Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

NOVEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

Sun., Nov. 13th: Coffee & Donuts after 9:00am Mass.

Tues., Nov. 15th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm. Welcome Committee Mtg. 9:30am in St. Jude's Hall.

Wed., Nov. 16th: 9:00am Mass.

Thurs., Nov. 17th: 9:00am Mass.

Fri., Nov. 18th: 9:00am Mass.

Sun., Nov. 20th: Coffee & Donuts after 9:00am Mass

Tues., Nov. 22nd: Communion Service. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm. Fr. Mike attending Deanery Meeting in Paris.

Wed., Nov. 23rd: No Mass. Diocese & Church Office closed

Thurs., Nov. 24th: Thanksgiving Day 9:00am Mass. Diocese & Church Office closed

Fri., Nov. 25th: No Mass. Diocese & Church Office closed

Sun., Nov. 27th: No coffee & donuts after 9:00am Mass

Tues., Nov. 29th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm.

Wed., Nov. 30th: 9:00am Mass.

GOOD BYE, NOVEMBER HELLO, DECEMBER

Sat., Dec. 3rd: 9:00am Mass of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart & Patriotic Rosary.

Sun., Dec. 4th: K of C Breakfast following 9:00am Mass. Adults \$ 5.00. Children through senior year in high school is free.

Tues., Dec. 6th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm.

Wed., Dec. 7th: 9:00am Communion Service.

Thurs., Dec. 8th: Holy Day of Obligation—Immaculate Conception of BVM 9:00am Mass. K of C Meeting 7:00pm.

Fri., Dec. 9th: 9:00am Mass.

Sun., Dec. 11th: 9:00am Mass. Coffee & donuts St. Jude's Hall

Tues., Dec. 13th: 9:00am Mass

Wed., Dec. 14th: 9:00am Mass. **Parish Christmas Pot Luck Dinner in St. Jude's Hall**

Thurs., Dec. 15th: 9:00am Mass

Fri., Dec. 16th: 9:00am Mass

Sun., Dec. 18th: 9:00am Mass. Coffee & donuts St. Jude's Hall

Tues., Dec. 20th: 9:00am Mass

Wed., Dec. 21st through Fri., Dec. 23rd: No Mass preparing for Christmas. Diocese of Tyler and Church Office Closed.

Sat., Dec. 24th: Christmas Eve Mass 5:00pm

Sun., Dec. 25th: Christmas Day Mass 9:00am.



Angel Tree and Food Baskets

For those who are in need of help, or know of someone needing help with their **children's Christmas this year**, please encourage them to **sign up at "Helping Hand"** in Hawkins.

Helping Hand then gives area churches the list of toys/clothes to buy and **they** distribute them to the families of Wood County. They can also sign up for a **Thanksgiving and/or Christmas** food basket at that time. Sign up starting **Tuesday, Oct. 18th** through mid Nov.

**Mark your calendar
Wed., Dec. 14th
Parish Christmas
Pot Luck Dinner
ST. Jude's Hall
(more details to follow)**

2023 LECTOR WORKBOOKS

Are located by Bridget's office. **Lectors** please take one per family & sign out your book.
Thank You, Bridget

The Welcome Committee will meet on Tues., Nov. 15th at 9:30am in St. Jude's Hall. Anyone interested in this ministry is asked to attend or contact Anna Parker at 903.833.7019 for more information.

Through your blessings we are able to fill our holiday food boxes. We're still feeding 15 families weekly and still need can goods: pasta; pasta sauce, etc.

Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry. Call or email Bryan Todd at 972-672-4218 or toddtalk@hotmail.com



Thank you, to our Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team!

Wednesday Mornings With the Holy Spirit

A few of us (Holy Spirit parishioners) gather each Wednesday morning (except the 1st Wednesday of the month) to have coffee/biscuits/donuts and, oh yes, Sacred Scripture. We meet in St. Jude's Hall at 10:30am and usually study/discuss the Bible till noon-ish. The facilitator provides reading/study material on weekends prior to the Wednesday morning sessions. We currently have room for a 2 or 3 more "Bible Buds". Please feel free to meet with us at our next meeting, November 9th, at 10:30; and in the meantime please read 2 Kings, chapters 1-6 in your Bible (or if you do not have access to a Bible, you can either find it on line at the USCCB website or ask the facilitator and he will find a Bible for you). If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact Randy Munoz at 972-971-4067.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Pastoral Council: Seeking parishioners will to accept a "nomination" to Holy Spirit's Pastoral Council. **An election will take place at Mass in a week or two.** New members will be determined by a vote of the parish community. Five members will be selected (*if we have enough to sign up*) from all the nominees based on vote totals. It's not too late to consider running for this position should understand it is a very important and serious commitment to the future growth and well being of our Parish. Your purpose will be to focus on the welfare of the community, uniting the whole community and pursuing the mission of the Church. Please consider seriously your call to serve the parish community as counselors to our Pastor. The term is 3 years, renewable. Those willing to submit their name for nomination can use the "sign-up" sheet in front of Bridget's office. **Please turn in a picture and a bio if you signed up or would like more information, contact Bridget Rich 903-769-3235.**

God Bless, Rev. Mike Snider

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(Submission date: 4 November 2022) Submitted by Randy Munoz

For those who are in need of help, or know of some who may need help with their children's Christmas joy and celebration, this year, please encourage them to sign up at "**Helping Hand**" in Hawkins. Helping Hand will then give the area churches the list of toys/clothes to buy and then distribute them to the families of Wood County. They can also sign up for a Thanksgiving and/or Christmas food basket at that time. Sign-ups are ongoing through mid-November.

A few words about Veterans Day (November 11th) <https://www.military.com/veterans-day/history-of-veterans-day.html>

Veterans Day gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. veterans. However, most Americans confuse this holiday with Memorial Day, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. What's more, some Americans don't know why we commemorate our veterans on Nov. 11. It's imperative that all Americans know the history of Veterans Day so that we can honor our former service members properly.

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on Nov. 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, Nov. 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans. In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress – at the urging of veterans service organizations – amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars. In 1968, the Uniform Holiday Monday Act ensured 3-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: ... Under this bill, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holiday on its original date. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971. Finally on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law that returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978. ...

The Difference Between Veterans Day and Memorial Day – Memorial Day honors service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle. Deceased veterans are also remembered on Veterans Day, but the day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military -- in wartime or peacetime.

It's "Veterans Day," not "Veteran's Day," for a good reason. The lack of the apostrophe might seem like a semantic choice, but it has a definite and deliberate meaning. According to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, Veterans Day is not a day that belongs to veterans, it is a day for honoring veterans directly in front of us right now.

Marines celebrate their service birthday and Veterans Day with a 96-hour liberty. Nov. 10 marks the Marine Corps birthday, an event that is generally celebrated with a traditional ball and a cake-cutting ceremony. Since this special day falls the day before Veterans Day, many Marines celebrate both holidays together with a 96-hour liberty period.

A group once pushed to rename then-Armistice Day as "Mayflower Day." After the outbreak of WWII and the revelation that WWI did not end all wars, the idea of commemorating Armistice Day began to fall out of favor with a small group of Americans led by Francis Carr Stifler of the American Bible Society. The group proposed that Armistice Day be officially replaced with Mayflower Day since the signing of the Mayflower Compact took place on Nov. 11, 1620. They argued that this whole name would be far more appropriate, since the Mayflower Compact was the cornerstone upon which the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights stood. Of course, the group's ideas did not catch on, and Armistice Day eventually became the Veterans Day that we know today.



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