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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
November 12, 2023



Sunday Readings

First Reading

Wis 6:12-16

If we seek Wisdom, a personified woman, in discerning love, we will find her and become like her.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 63:2-8

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God.

Second Reading

1 Thes 4:13-18

We seek many things in this life, but we should seek first the Lord and his wisdom; for their beloved dead are not lost but will be the first to enter in God's divine presence.

Gospel Reading

Mt 25:1-13

"If you are wise, you will stay alert and ready for the bridegroom's coming!"

Celebration of the Mass

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
Monday	6:00 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	9:00 am
Thursday	9:00 am
Communion Service	
Friday	6:00 pm

Adoration

Tuesday	9:45 am - 12:30 pm
	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday	4:00 - 4:45 pm
Sunday	Before Mass (upon request)
1st Friday	5:00 - 5:45 pm

Marriage or Baptism

Contact the parish office (6) months
prior to the anticipated date



Pope's November Intention

For the Pope, We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Remember the sick of our parish:



Juan & Barbara Delgado. Elizabeth Eagan. John Buchanan. Dale Boman. Avery Boultinghouse. Fr. Lawrence Love, Bishop Joseph Strickland, Fr. Mark Kusmirek. Wanda Burton. Susie Swasso. Rosemary Seltzer. Elaine March. Mike Jernigan. Libby Paladino. Jo & Doris Hoffman. Roy Marchak. Emly Walker. Jim Hickey. David Borel. Verna Sloan. Mike Stephens. Kathy Bowers. John McGrane. Msgr.

Ron Diegel. Richard & Dottie Schuetz. Tom Fabitz. Jodie Woods. Wanda & George Duke. Jean Hamilton. Kathleen Fleming. Jaye Anderson. Greg Mooney. Karee Haney. Charlie Parker. Jacob Stephens. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

During the month of November, please remember all the souls of the faithfully departed from our parish.

Remember the active military of our parish:



Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan). 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; 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).

Special Observances

- Tuesday:** St. Frances Xavier Cabrini; *Virgin*
- Wednesday:** St. Albert the Great; *Bishop, Doctor of the Church*
- Thursday:** St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Gertrude; *Virgin*
- Friday:** St. Elizabeth of Hungary; *Religious*
- Saturday:** The Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne; *Virgin*

Mass Intentions

- Sat. 11/11** Shelby Pollard (Mike Stephens)
- Sun. 11/12** Rev. Ron Demski
- Mon. 11/13** Harry, Anna & Henry Ott+; Andy & Dorothy Schwint+; George & Thomas Powerst+; Nancy Powers Helbig+; Suzanne Powers Hayest+; Muriel & Vince Byrnet+; Minnie, Joseph, & Frank Hlvorak+; Dorothy Bragg+; and Nettie Powers + (John & Mary Ott)
- Tues. 11/14** Rudolph & Mary Soukup+ (Ruddie Anderson)
- Wed. 11/15** Mary & David McNally+; Beatrice & Charley Clymer +; Anni & John Kelly+ (M/M Clymer)
- Fri. 11/17** Fr. Mike Dunne+ (Judy Noyola)
Bill & Mary Yeager+; Paul Betts+; David Deutsch+



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PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance:	11/4 SAT: 61	11/5 SUN: 100
Collections from 11/4 & 11/5:		
Offertory		\$ 4,976.00
Building & Maintenance Fund		\$ 1,234.00
NOVEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS		
4th & 5th: "Building & Maintenance Fund"		
11th & 12th: Christmas Remembrance Flowers		
18th & 19th: Catholic Charities - Tyler Diocese		

Anyone involved in any Ministry at our Parish, you need to be compliant on your ethics and integrity training with VIRTUS.

To sign up for training, please notify our contact person: Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or email him at: justin.mahaffey@icloud.com

Cenacle of Life: Come join us every Wednesday at 3:00 pm. Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382

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.

The Holy Spirit Food Ministry: We still need your help in our continuing efforts to provide groceries for needy families of Holly Lake Ranch & nearby communities. We are now seeking volunteers to deliver Thanksgiving boxes to families in need on November 17th (at 9:00 am). If interested, please text Bob Mailiard at: 503-559-6022

Interested in volunteering for the Food Ministry. Call or email Bryan Todd at 972-672-4218 or toddtalk@hotmail.com

NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Sat 11/11:</u>	5:00 pm Mass Veteran's Day
<u>Sun 11/12:</u>	9:00 am Knights' Remembrance Mass
<u>Mon 11/13:</u>	6:00 pm Mass
<u>Tues 11/14:</u>	9:00 am Mass 9:45 am—12:30 pm Adoration 6:00—8:00 pm Adoration
<u>Wed 11/15:</u>	9:00 am Mass
<u>Thurs. 11/16:</u>	9:00 am Communion Service
<u>Fri 11/17:</u>	6:00 pm Mass
<u>Sat 11/18:</u>	5:00 pm Mass
<u>Sun 11/19:</u>	9:00 am Mass
<u>Mon 11/20:</u>	6:00 pm Mass
<u>Tues 11/21:</u>	9:00 am Mass 9:45 am—12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm—8:00 pm Adoration
<u>Wed 11/22:</u>	9:00 am Mass Diocesan and Parish Office Closed
<u>Thurs 11/23:</u>	9:00 am THANKSGIVING DAY MASS Diocesan and Parish Office Closed
	
<u>Fri 11/24:</u>	NO MASS Diocesan and Parish Office Closed
<u>Sat. 11/25:</u>	5:00 pm Mass
<u>Sun 11/26:</u>	9:00 am Mass
<u>Mon 11/27:</u>	6:00 pm Mass
<u>Tues 11/28:</u>	9:00 am Mass 9:45 am—12:30 pm Adoration 6:00-8:00 pm Adoration
<u>Wed 11/29:</u>	9:00 am Mass
<u>Thurs 11/30:</u>	9:00 am Communion Service

Fr. Kelly is now offering an Anointing of the Sick during each Mass on the first weekend of each month. This sacrament is offered to anyone who is suffering an emotional or critical illness. It is also offered for anyone who is recuperating from an illness or surgery.

2024 Lector Books

Anyone who is serving the parish as a lector, please pick up your new lector book in the foyer hallway outside of Bridget's office. If your household has more than one lector, please only take one for the family. Also, please **print and sign your name** on the checklist provided.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Sponsored by the Marine Corp League

We are now collecting UNWRAPPED toys for Wood County. A box is located in the hallway outside the Church office. Donations will be picked up December 15th.

Knights of Columbus Remembrance Mass

On Sunday, November 12, 2023, during the 9:00 am Mass, the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Council 15174 will remember our Knights who have passed away. Our Knights of Columbus and their Ladies will be attending Mass as a group. They will be sitting in a reserved section in the first five rows in front of the St. Joseph Statue. The widows of our deceased Knights are asked to join the Knights and their Ladies.

from the desk of: *Fr. Tim Kelly*



**Customary Diocesan
Mass offering is \$5.**

NOVEMBER 2023 MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

"It is good and holy thing to pray for the dead, so that they may be loosened from their sins." Maccabees 12:46

During the month of November, Catholics are asked to pray for your parents and others who have died, whose souls are not yet in the presence of God.

Father Kelly will offer the sacrifice of the Mass for them in November.

Holy Spirit Mass Offering Envelopes and our Book of the Dead are available in the foyer of the church.

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." Genesis 20:12

“Preparation Plan”

By Deacon John

“Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” – Matthew 25:13

This Sunday’s Gospel is about preparation, as described by Jesus through the parable of the ten virgins. According to the customs of the time, the virgins’ role in the wedding was to help keep lamps lit for the bride in anticipation of the coming of the groom. And in not knowing how delayed the bridegroom could be, it was up to them to be vigilant so that when the groom did arrive, the bride would be ready for the wedding feast.

Jesus then sums up the meaning of his parable: “Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

It’s so easy for us to forget this. I think most often we travel through our earthly lives thinking that life will just go on. When it comes to our personal eschatology, we know one of two things will happen to us: either Jesus will come back, or we will naturally die before He comes. Either way, we will ‘meet our maker’. And even though we fully know this, we rarely think about its potential imminence.

It’s not that we should live in fear that we will die at any moment, but we must have the awareness that we could die at any moment. Or that Jesus could return at any moment. We don’t have a clue to either the day or hour; just that it will happen.

Do you like surprises? Most people don’t because they’re caught unprepared. If your favorite Aunt Ethel knocked on your door without being expected, you might not be so thrilled about her surprise visit. But if you knew she was coming and you cleaned the house and prepared food, you’d probably be super excited to visit with her.

You see? Jesus says, “You know neither the day or the hour”, so always be ready. If He arrives and we’re unprepared, we might not be so joyful. We’ll be filled with anxiety over all the things we should have done to have made ourselves ready. Yet, if he arrives and we’re well prepared, it’ll still be a surprise, but it’ll be a good surprise. And we’ll experience the greatest joy of eternity.

What’s your preparation plan? Have you attended to the Christian matters in your life, or are you procrastinating? Is there a relationship that you need to fix? Is there someone you need to forgive? Do you need to renew your commitment to your Christian life: daily prayer, attending Mass, regular confession, supporting the parish, an effort to better learn Church teachings and to participate in her mission?

Please take this lesson to heart. Jesus wants us to be ready. Living with the awareness of seeing Him soon makes life more meaningful, more urgent, and more exciting. But we must be prepared.

So let’s try an experiment. During this week, let’s choose one day and live it as if we know it’s our last. Look at what things are important to you that day and see how they fit with your preparation for the coming of the Lord. Also, think about what you should be doing to prepare and see if you are. If not, try adding it.

Then on that day, watch how thinking it’s your last affects your relationships, your attitude, your reaction to difficulties, and your decisions. The really important things will appear, well, really important. The smaller things won’t.

Then in prayer, talk about your day with Jesus. Ask for His help to continue to live prepared for Him. And promise Him to do whatever it takes to wake yourself up and refill your lamp.

After all, “we know neither the day nor the hour.”

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Saint Bartholomew <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-bartholomew-apostle-569#:~:text=Saint%20Bartholomew%20is%20one%20of%20the%20Twelve%20Apostles%2C,is%20not%20otherwise%20mentioned%20in%20the%20New%20>

Saint Bartholomew is one of the Twelve Apostles, mentioned sixth in the three Gospel lists (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14), and seventh in the list of Acts (1:13). The name (Bartholomaios) means "son of Talmai" which was an ancient Hebrew name.

Besides being listed as an Apostle, he is not otherwise mentioned in the New Testament, at least not under the name Bartholomew: many ancient writers, and Catholic tradition have identified Bartholomew as Nathaniel in the Gospel of John (John 1:45-51, and 21:2).

The Gospel passage read at Mass on the feast of Saint Bartholomew is precisely this passage from John (1:45-51) where Nathaniel is introduced to Jesus by his friend Phillip, and Jesus says of him "Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him (1:47)."

We are presented with the Apostle's character in this brief and beautiful dialogue with the Lord Jesus. He is a good Jew, honest and innocent, a just man, who devotes much time to quiet reflection and prayer - "under the fig tree (1:48)" - and has been awaiting the Messiah, the Holy One of God.

At Jesus' mention that "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you (1:48)," Nathaniel responded "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel (1:49)!"

Being "a true child of Israel," Nathaniel was a man well-read in the Scriptures and knew what they said of the Messiah and where he would come from. This is why he is skeptical of Phillip's claim that Jesus is the Messiah, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth (1:46)?"

But Nathaniel was lacking "duplicity" - that is, his heart was undivided, his intentions pure - his openness to reality was always ready to recognize and surrender to the truth when he encountered it. He remained open to his friend Phillip's invitation to "Come and see (1:46)."

In encountering Jesus and hearing His words, he found himself face to face with the Truth Himself, and, like John the Baptist's leap in his mother's womb at the Lord's presence, Nathaniel's words leapt out of his own heart in a clear and simple confession of faith, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Jesus, in Matthew 5:8, says, "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God." In Nathaniel we have an example of the pure man who sees - recognizes - God when confronted with Him, and on seeing Him believes in Him, and upon believing in Him, follows Him.

Nothing is known for sure about the life of Nathaniel/Bartholomew after the Ascension of Jesus, but tradition holds that he preached in the East and died a martyr's death in Armenia, being flayed alive for having won converts to the Lord Jesus.