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33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

Sunday Readings

First Reading

Prv 31:10-13; 19-20; 30-31

Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 128:1-5

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Thes 5:1-6

"You are children of the light," so there is no need to fear the things of darkness and the night, as long as you stay awake.

Gospel Reading

Mt 25:14-30

Those who use their gifts and talents in the service of one another, especially the poor and the needy, are blessed indeed.

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

Sacrament of the Sick

Offered the first weekend of the month during each Mass

Marriage or Baptism

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



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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:



John & Mary Ott. Linda Hedgecock. Juan & Barbara Delgado. Elizabeth Eagan. John Buchanan. Dale Boman. Avery Boultinghouse. Fr. Lawrence Love, Bishop Joseph Strickland, Fr. Mark Kusmirek. Wanda Burton. 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

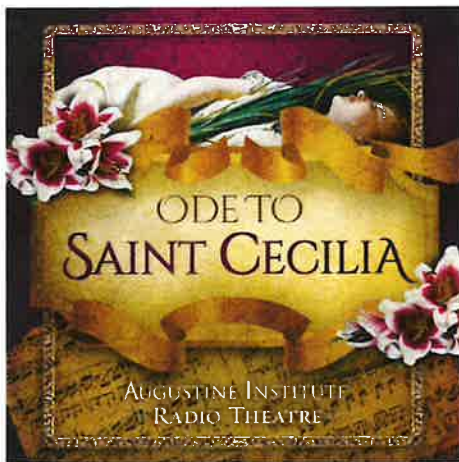
Tuesday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday : St. Cecilia; *Virgin, Martyr*
Thursday: **THANKSGIVING DAY**
 St. Clement I; *Pope, Martyr*
 St. Columban; *Abbot*
 Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro; *Priest, Martyr*
Friday: St. Andrew Dung-Lac; *Priest, Companion, Martyr*
Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria; *Virgin, Martyr*

Mass Intentions

Sat. 11/18 Fr. Mark Dunne+
Robert Blackburn+ (Karla Omsby)
Sun. 11/19 Jerry & Vicki Hauck (Ellis Family)
Mon. 11/20 Paul Gretky+ (Marie Hansen)
Dorothy & Bob Zenor+ (Dan Zenor)
Mary Lou Phillips+; Joanne Sergeant+; John Michael Ruclavsky+
Tues. 11/21 Janie Daugherty+ (Marie Hansen)
Wed. 11/22 Billy & Joe Shing+; Lucille & Thomas Hauck+;
George & Ellen Ellis+; Bessie & Delmar Jonest+;
Fr. Bob Lewandowski+; Fr. Tom Kennedy+
 (Ellis Family)
Thurs. 11/23 Brian, Lillian, Glenn, Lee, Earl, Dan, John, and Glenn Corrigan+; Velma, William Jr. and Arnel Carr+, Etta Carr Smallwood+, and Patricia Carr Marcus+ (Jess & Eva Corrigan)



THE CATHOLIC FAITH
ON DEMAND.



Ode to Saint Cecilia

The lives of the saints are epic stories and particular expressions of God's grace in humanity. Celebrate St. Cecilia with this audio drama by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 11/11 SAT: 43 11/12 SUN: 100

Collections from 11/11 & 11/12:

Offertory \$ 3,557.00
Building & Maintenance Fund \$ 495.00

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

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 Malliard 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

- Sat 11/18:** 5:00 pm Mass
Sun 11/19: 9:00 am Mass
Quilts of Valor Presentation; Coffee & Donuts (following Mass)
- Mon 11/20:** 6:00 pm Mass
Tues 11/21: 9:00 am Mass
9:45 am—12:30 pm Adoration
NO EVENING ADORATION
- Wed 11/22:** 9:00 am Mass
Diocesan and Parish Office Closed
- Thurs 11/23:** 9:00 am **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**
Diocesan and Parish Office Closed



- Fri 11/24:** **No Mass**
Diocesan and Parish Office Closed
- Sat 11/25:** 5:00 pm Mass
Sun 11/26: 9:00 am Mass
Mon 11/27: 6:00 pm Mass
Tues 11/28: 9:00 am Mass
9:45 am—12:30 pm Adoration
6:00-8:00 pm Adoration
- Wed 11/29:** 9:00 am Mass
Thurs 11/30: 9:00 am Communion Service

DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fri 12/1:** 5:00 - 5:45 pm Confession
6:00 pm Mass
- Sat 12/2:** 9:00 am Communion Service
9:45 Patriotic Rosary
5:00 pm Mass
- Sun 12/3:** 9:00 am Mass
Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Mon 12/4:** 6:00 pm Mass
Tues 12/5: 9:00 am Mass
9:45 am—12:30 pm Adoration
6:00-8:00 pm Adoration
- Wed 12/6:** 9:00 am Mass
Thurs 12/7: 9:00 am Communion Service
Fri 12/8: **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of obligation)**
9:00 am Mass
6:00 pm Mass
Diocesan and Parish Office Closed

Mark Your Calendar!

Parish Christmas Pot Luck Dinner
Good food and lots of door prizes
Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00 pm

Details to follow

Quilt of Valor Presentation

Immediately following the 9:00 am Mass, Sunday, November 19th, a Quilts of Valor Award Ceremony will be held in St. Jude's Hall.

Please join us as we honor Veterans (and their families) who have been touched by war.

If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne DiCarlo at suzanne.dicarlo@QOVF.org



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Anyone interested in becoming a lector or sacristan/altar server during the weekday Masses would be greatly appreciated and welcomed.

Please contact Bridget so we can work on group training for set-up, serving, and scheduling.

Thank you for considering this volunteer ministry.

The Food Ministry would like to thank the parish family for all the contributions for our recent food drive.

Our immediate needs are now for Christmas food items to set up our Christmas boxes. Please bring any of the following items: cake mixes and frostings; fruit/pudding cups; canned vegetables; and any other non-perishable item. A collection box will be located in the church hallway or call Bob Mailliard 503-559-6022.

Monetary donation envelopes are located in the Narthex. Please place the envelopes in the collection baskets during the

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.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Holly Brook Baptist Church
is inviting the community to join them for an evening of
Christmas with Choir/Children's Choir/Handbells & Drama
Saturday/Sunday
December 9th/10th
6:00 pm

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Children's Christmas Wish Lists
will be on the Tree in the Narthex
next weekend, November 25th

Participation of God's Holy People in the Eucharistic celebration

Participation, active and full, is not simply encouraged by Vatican II's Sacred Constitution on Divine Liturgy (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*), but also in *Lumen Gentium's* ecclesiology of Eucharist. *Lumen Gentium* defines the Church as 'the people of God' who share the priesthood of Christ the High Priest. The faithful do not need permission from the priest to participate in the liturgy. My historian friend, Massimo Faggioli reiterates that the liturgical celebration on the Lord's Day creates union with God and communion among the faithful. The purpose of "full, conscious, and active participation" is to enable the assembly to fulfill their role as a priestly people. Faggioli explains that the liturgical reform was not concerned primarily with a reform of the rites and rubrics but with reforming the place of the Eucharist in the life of the Church. This centrality is an ancient belief of the Church, rekindled in the 20th century by the resurgence of scholarship in the writings of the Church Fathers, and summarized by Henri de Lubac's adage '*the Church makes the Eucharist, and the Eucharist makes the Church*'.¹

*To be sure, the reform of the liturgy was not intended to be an accommodation to modern times, but a viable means for the faithful to experience the effects of the liturgy within the modern world.*²

The clergy are meant to ensure that the lay faithful are so formed that they participate knowingly and actively in their community's celebrations. The nature of celebration is participation by all present.

"Pastors of souls must therefore realize that when the liturgy is celebrated, something more is required than the laws governing valid and lawful celebration. It is their duty also to ensure that the faithful take part fully aware of what they are doing, actively engaged in the rite and enriched by it" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, n. 11).

Where there is a Eucharistic assembly, there is the Church. The Church cannot exist without a Eucharistic assembly. The gathered people are the People of God in that local Church, which is joined in Eucharistic communion with the other Eucharistic communities and together, under the bishop, are in communion with the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.³

"From this it follows that every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the Priest and of his Body, which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others. No other action of the Church can equal its efficacy by the same title and to the same degree" (*S.C.* 7, 3).

The Church celebrates her marriage to Christ in her liturgy. St. Augustine speaks about the centrality of the Eucharist to the Church's identity as Christ's Bride. It was in the breaking of the bread that the two disciples at Emmaus recognized Christ. The Church first recognized Christ in the breaking of bread and it is in that same breaking of bread that people today still recognize the Church.

For the whole Church is the bride of Christ, whose origin and first fruits are the flesh of Christ: there the bride is joined to her bridegroom in the flesh.⁴

¹ Henri de Lubac, *The Splendor of the Church* (San Francisco: Ignatius, 1986), 134.

² Thomas J. Scirghi, [Encouraging the assembly to full participation](#). Pastoral Liturgy, December 2013.

³ The ancient tradition of 'fermentum' is reminiscent of that communion which was solidly enacted between the priest at the *statio* in a Roman suburb, and the papal celebration at St. Mary Major's or some other central Roman church. The *fractio*' was brought by acolytes to the altar of the presbyter or priest and mingled with the sacred species of that celebration, thus reinforcing ecclesial unity.

⁴ Epis. in Joh. ad Parthos, [Homilies on the First Epistle of John](#). 2, 2, 1

“Talents”

By Deacon John

“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” – Matthew 25:21

As a Christian, I recognize my obligation to serve in Christ’s kingdom. It’s all for the glory of God, and always done with the needs of the Church in mind. I’ve been given gifts to help accomplish this mission, and I feel genuine love and joy when ministering to people, sharing the Sacraments, and evangelizing through words, actions and writing.

Now before you go thinking that I’m some great guy, don’t kid yourself. I also dream of the day that I kneel before the Lord and hear Him say, “Well done, my good and faithful servant”. I really love serving the people, but nothing touches my heart more than the hope that He will tell me that He’s pleased with how I’ve served His kingdom.

In Sunday’s Gospel parable, three servants are given talents (money) by the master who expects them to use those talents to increase his fortune. One servant is given a lot, and returns to the master twice its value. The master is pleased. Another servant is given a medium amount, and he also increases it twofold. Again, the master is pleased. A third servant is given a little, but is afraid he will not meet the master’s expectations of him, so he does nothing with it and it does not grow. The master is displeased.

In Baptism, we are brought into Christ’s family and we receive the Holy Spirit within us. Like the servants in the Gospel with their master, as servants of Christ we are expected to help grow His kingdom. Through the Holy Spirit each one of us has been given specific gifts called charisms that are entrusted to us to use in serving and growing Christ’s kingdom.

We have been given these charisms - some people get more, some get less - but we’re all expected to do something with them. It doesn’t matter how talented we are; what matters is that we use our gifts in the service of God and for the good of others.

And we can’t let fear be an obstacle in using them. As the third servant found out, he was so scared of not being able to meet his master’s expectations that he didn’t even consider doing simple things. He could have easily banked his one talent and received interest. That would have increased it some. Using our gifts to bear even a little fruit is so easy that not using them is negligence. That’s why the master was upset.

How do we determine what our charisms are? First, by seeking help from the Lord. We should be able to ask God to help us see our charisms, and how to best use them. Things might have turned out differently if the servant had simply asked his master for suggestions in the first place.

Reflect on one or two strong characteristics, traits, or talents that you have that help you identify with God. What things do you do for God that give you joy and excitement? What personality characteristic have people always complimented you on? What have you felt drawn to, but were afraid to get started on? Keep talking to him in daily prayer. Ask Him if those characteristics and desires are your charisms.

Then ask Him how He wants you to use them. He’ll lead you. Continue to study the Bible and Church teachings to help determine God’s needs for His Kingdom. You’ll be amazed at the opportunities that will come up for you. Apply your charisms towards serving those opportunities.

Then, look forward to hearing Him tell you, “Well done my good and faithful servant”.

Saint Matthew <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-matthew-apostle-601>

Saint Matthew, the first-century tax collector turned apostle who chronicled the life and ministry of Christ in his Gospel, is celebrated by the Church on September 21. Although relatively little is known about the life of St. Matthew, the account he wrote of Christ's ministry – traditionally considered to be the first of the four Gospels - is of inestimable value to the Church, particularly in its verification of Jesus as the Messiah. Eastern Catholics and the Orthodox churches celebrate St. Matthew on November 16, along with St. Fulvianus, a prince who is recorded in some traditions as converting from paganism after Matthew's martyrdom.

The Gospel accounts of Mark and Luke, like Matthew's own, describe the encounter between Jesus and Matthew under the surprising circumstances of Matthew's tax-collecting duties. Jewish publicans, who collected taxes on behalf of the Roman rulers of first-century Judea, were objects of scorn and even hatred among their own communities, since they worked on behalf of the occupying power and often earned their living by collecting more than the state's due.

Jesus most likely first encountered Matthew near the house of Peter, in Capernaum near the Sea of Galilee. The meeting of the two was dramatic, as Matthew's third-person account in his Gospel captured: "As Jesus passed on," the ninth chapter recounts, "he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, 'Follow me'. And he got up and followed him."

Matthew's calling into Jesus' inner circle was a dramatic gesture of the Messiah's universal message and mission, causing some religious authorities of the Jewish community to wonder: "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus' significant response indicated a central purpose of his ministry: "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

A witness to Christ's resurrection after death, as well as his ascension into heaven and the events of Pentecost, Matthew also recorded Jesus' instruction for the apostles to "go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Like 11 of the 12 apostles, St. Matthew is traditionally thought to have died as a martyr while preaching the Gospel. The Roman Martyrology describes his death as occurring in a territory near present-day Egypt.

Both the saint himself, and his Gospel narrative, have inspired important works of religious art, ranging from the ornate illuminated pages of the Book of Kells in the ninth century, to the Saint Matthew Passion of J.S. Bach. Three famous paintings of Caravaggio, depicting St. Matthew's calling, inspiration and martyrdom, hang within the Contarelli Chapel in Rome's Church of St. Louis of the French.

Reflecting on St. Matthew's calling, from the pursuit of dishonest financial gain to the heights of holiness and divine inspiration, Pope Benedict said in 2006 that "in the figure of Matthew, the Gospels present to us a true and proper paradox: those who seem to be the farthest from holiness can even become a model of the acceptance of God's mercy and offer a glimpse of its marvelous effects in their own lives."