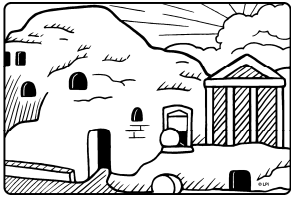


November 2, 2008: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)



“And this is the will of the One who sent Me, that I should not lose anything of what He gave Me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.” - Jn 6:39-49

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, November 2 (Wis 3:1-9/ Rom 5:5-11/ Jn 6:37-40)

8:00 AM- Special Intention (Recovery)

10:30 AM- All Souls Novena

Monday, November 3 (Phil 2:1-4/ Lk 14:12-14)

7:00 AM- All Souls Novena

10:00 AM- William & Mary Zappe (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, November 4 (Phil 2:5-11/ Lk 14:15-24)

7:00 AM- All Souls Novena

6:30 PM- Living & deceased members of Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Wednesday, November 5 (Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33)

7:00 AM- All Souls Novena

8:05 AM- Alex Thomas

Thursday, November 6 (Phil 3:3-8/ Lk 15:1-10)

7:00 AM- Betty Jean Prasek

10:00 AM- All Souls Novena (Stevens)

Friday, November 7 (Phil 3:17 – 4:1/ Lk 16:1-8)

7:00 AM- Henry & Martha Lorfing, Lorine Vasek

8:05 AM- All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 8 (Phil 4:10-19/ Lk 16:9-15)

5:30 PM- All Souls Novena

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

8:00 AM- Frank & Georgia Edar

10:30 AM- All Souls Novena

Visitation & Blessing of the Graves on November 2:

St. Mary at 8:30 a.m.

St. John after 9:30 a.m. Mass

Sacred Heart at 3:00 p.m.

St. Augustine, Worthing at 3:45 p.m.

St. Anthony, Breslau at 4:30 p.m.

St. Ludmila, Wied at 5:15 p.m.

Bulletin Sponsor: Hallettsville Rehabilitation & Nursing Center.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Catholic Life Insurance Branch No. 22.

Vigil Light Sponsor: In thanksgiving for Victor & Leona Buzek's 58th wedding anniversary.

Our Gift to God last week: Envelopes- \$3,591.50; Loose- \$1,151; Children's- \$32; Catholic Ed.- \$1,954; Manna Food Pantry- \$492; World Mission Sunday- \$464.

Anniversaries:

Daniel & Dorothy Rother 51 years Nov. 5

Frank & Rita Zaruba 50 years Nov. 8

Pray for the repose of all the faithful departed that they may rest in the peace of Christ.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

-St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Festival, KC Hall, El Campo. Turkey & Dressing Dinner 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

-Rosary & Evening Prayer: 5:30 p.m. in church.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

-Quilting Circle: 9 a.m. – Noon, KC Hall of Fame Room.

-RCIA Class: 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in the Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

-CCD: Grades K – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.

-Spiritual Book Study: 6:00 – 7:10 p.m. in the Rectory.

-SHCS Booster Club Mtg: 7:00 pm, KC Hall of Fame Rm.

-Divine Mercy Prayer Group: 7:00 p.m., Church Cry Room.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. The intention this month is for *the souls in purgatory*.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends with Benediction at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

-Serra Club Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. Mary's, Hallettsville.

-CHAMPS meet at 2:30 p.m. in the Church.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Douglas Bludau, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Virginia Pederson, Odessa Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Johnny Rainosek, Josie Ohnheiser, Clint Brewer, Mason Leibham, Josie Muniz, David Tomek, Riley Mika, Joyce Svetlik, Louise Tesch, Mary Bonorden, Marie Grafe, Loraine Butschek, Jesse Cavazos, Bernice Woytek, Evelyn Henke, Lillie Sitka, Harvey Prasek, Paige Haas, Annette Krupala, Juno Werner, Thelma Mikulenska, John Schlageter, Alphonse Steffek, Ethel Bludau, Mary Ann Kana, Bill Chapline, Anthony Corte, Philip Schlageter, Maggie Volcik, Lorene Fuller, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Marcella Henke, Adela Pohl, Margaret Timm, Madeline Lakey, Richard Wachel, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, nursing home residents & homebound.

Baptisms in October: Katherine Marie, daughter of John & Ashley Patlovany; Abigail & Avery, daughters of Kelly & Farrah Jernigan; Rylan Emmerson, daughter of Kevin & Nicole Dworsky.

Safe Environment Training: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. on November 10 in the Cafeteria followed by **Safe Environment Renewal Training** at 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.

Christmas shopping? Stop by the Rectory Gift Shop and browse through our selection of Nativity sets, Advent Wreaths, ornaments, statues & other Christmas items. We also have bibles, rosaries, medals and much more.

Olive Wood Gift sales after Masses on November 8 & 9. These items make beautiful Christmas gifts & help support the Christians living in the Holy Land. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

From the Desk of Father John

Today, we celebrate All Souls Day. We are reminded that dying is something that all of us must do, but we need not be afraid if we have come to Jesus because we will be raised up with Him.

In the Book of Wisdom, we are promised, "In the time of their visitation (God's loving judgment of those who have been faithful to Him) they shall shine and shall dart about sparks through stubble."

Those who know the Son and believe are in peace. If we know that we have believed in our lifetime, we can trust the promises of today's Scriptures. We, too, can be in peace here and in the afterlife.

All of us will die. We need not be afraid if we have lived life turning to Jesus, if we have lived life righteously, justly, with faith in Jesus. We have been baptized and the Spirit has been poured into us. We can believe that "hope does not disappoint." We may need some purification when we die. However, it is the will of God that we not be lost, but that we be raised up and have eternal life.



The Youth ConneXion



November 8: CHAMPS meet in church at 2:30 p.m.

November 9: Jr. High Fiesta at Holy Family Parish Activity Center, Victoria. Mike Patin, keynote speaker, uses energy, humor & stories to affirm the goodness of God's presence among us while inviting others to take the "next step" in our journey with God. All Jr. High age young people are encouraged to attend. Doors open at 11 a.m. Liturgy concelebrated at 5:00 p.m. For registration information, please call Kris Hermes at 798-0655.

November 16: Youth gathering in church at 5:00 p.m. Firefall to follow at 6:00 p.m.

Incarnate Word Convent Christmas Craft Sale on Nov. 8 & 9. Saturday 9 am-4 pm; Sunday 10 am-4 pm. Each handcrafted item is made with love, care & a prayer.

Religious Education – Janice Busselman 798-3124

November 16: 6th Grade youth involvement, 8:00 Mass.

November 26: No class (Thanksgiving Holiday).

Sacred Heart Catholic School News (361) 798-4251

***Band Tamale Sale:** Oct. 20 – Nov. 7. Regular & jalapeno tamales \$6 per dozen; chicken tamales \$8 per dozen. Order tamales from band members or Lisa Adams 798-9903, Kris Allen 979-234-7779, Candy Hines 798-5554, Laurie Janak 798-4361, or the school office. Delivery date is November 12, from 3 – 6 p.m. in the Family Center.

***We have some apple strudels left!** If you would like some for the holidays, please call Charlene Bradbury (798-3224) or Barbara Grahmann (798-4167).

Jr. Catholic Daughters meeting on Monday, Nov. 3rd, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. in the Family Center. We will visit the Sacred Heart Cemetery in observance of All Souls Day.

Each girl will adopt a grave to clean, care for & maintain. The girls may bring flowers for the grave they adopt. We will return to the Family Center by 5:00 p.m.

Pro-Life: As you read this, more people are being killed in the womb than on every battlefield in the world. Over 40,000 babies die every day in America due to chemical and surgical abortions. That's 1,666 babies every hour, that's over 27 babies per minute each and every day in America.

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

One of the most terrifying events in a parent's life is the discovery that his or her child has become addicted to drugs. But with love, parents can begin the long road to recovery both for their child and for themselves. Early on, one difficult aspect of this recovery is the addict's tendency to want to isolate him or herself away from the world. They are ashamed, angry, embarrassed; it is easier for them to resist temptation by shutting out the world, but their parents have a tough time understanding this. All they see is someone existing, not living.



Jesus makes a tremendous promise in today's Gospel reading from John. To all those who are simply existing, He extends the invitation of life. He describes Himself as the Bread of Life and says, "I will not reject anyone who comes to Me....." No one is excluded! No tricks, no exceptions, only the invitation to come into His loving arms. Jesus understands the pain of a life that simply exists; in His message today, we once again are offered the Bread of Life, a life we must hunger for.

Just as we sit down each day for our "daily bread," food that will sustain our physical life, our spiritual life is nourished through the partaking of Holy Communion. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that "Communionpreserves, increases, and renews the life of grace received at Baptism" (CCC 1392). Do you simply exist in the activities of your daily life? When you next receive the Holy Eucharist, pause for a moment to contemplate what it truly means, nourishment for your soul that will sustain you for all eternity. Remember the invitation of Jesus that all who come to Him are welcome. Choose to live!

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Prayer for Rain: Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear?
The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?*

- Psalm 26, 1