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19 November 2023

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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FORHEIS GOOD



Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.



November 19 - 26, 2023

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Joseph Paytash, Jr. 8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners 10:30 am Mass for Nepomuceno Dario

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Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass of Gratitude

TUE 21

Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 pm Mass for Ellis & Jacquline Boury

WED 22

Memorial of St. Cecilia

12:05 pm Mass for Kaiser & Jeanette Faddol

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Optional Memorials of St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass

FRI **24**

Memoral of St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

11:15 am Confessions

12:05 pm Mass for Most Reverend John J. Swint

(Anniversary of Death - Nov 23, 1962)

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Optional Memorial of St. Catherine of Alexandria

9:00 am Mass for Patricia Oglinsky

9:30 am Rosary

5:00 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Mass for James LaFlam

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 am Mass for Kevin Keane 10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners





"The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you."

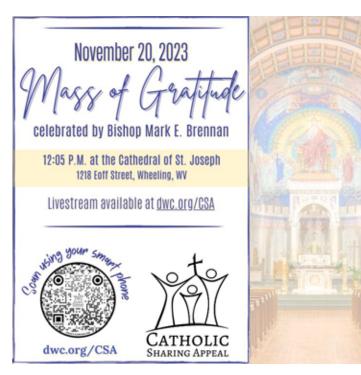
On this second to the last Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we again hear Jesus and Paul trying to prepare the people for the second coming of Christ. In



the Gospel of Matthew, the question is posed, why does the Master call the two servants "good and faithful"? Because, when entrusted with a vast amount of money, they do not run off or spend the money on themselves; rather, they invest what was given them as a way of honoring their relationship with their Master. His reply is, "Since you were faithful, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share my joy." Which means, come and be my equal. The worthy wife is valued far beyond pearls because she loves her husband and family with this same kind of gratuitous, self-sacrificing love that is worthy of God. We are children of the light in as much as we live obediently under our all-surpassing and all-loving Master. Are we able to take what God has given us in this world and use it for the benefit of God's glory and the good of all humankind? If so, then we hope to be welcomed into the everlasting kingdom at the final judgment. May we be good and faithful servants!

On Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving Day, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. It would be great for everyone to begin this beautiful holiday with attendance at Mass to thank, first and foremost, God who has blessed us in numerous ways throughout this past year. Make Mass the beginning of your family celebration of Thanksgiving Day. At the conclusion of Mass, we will bless and distribute loaves of bread for you to take home and share with those gathered at your Thanksgiving table.

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, may we reflect on the many good things that God continues to gives us. Know that we are truly thankful for each of you, our beloved parishioners and friends!



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Thanksgiving is a time to gather around the table with family and friends. We invite you to begin your holiday at the Lord's table at a special Thanksgiving Day Mass! In addition to giving thanks to God, those present at Mass will receive a blessed loaf of homemade bread to take home and share with those at your table!

Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage

On July 17 to 21, 2024 the Church in the United States will gather as one family for a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN. This exciting event will be a five-day experience with prayer, Mass, Adoration, Catechetical sessions, fellowship, etc. with Catholics from around the country.

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston was able to purchase 250 tickets at a discounted rate and Bishop Mark Brennan would like to make them available to members of the Catholic faithful at no cost. This would give folks from all across West Virginia an opportunity to experience this revival event with the purpose of spreading that fire here at home.

Because of the large number of Catholics across the state, the Diocese has decided to allot 2 tickets for each parish. It is important to note that the complimentary ticket is only for entry into the venue. It does not include transportation, hotel, or meal costs.

To help offset the cost for participants, the Diocese is partnering with Corporate Travel, the official pilgrimage partner of the National Eucharistic Congress, to make a comprehensive pilgrimage package available to participants at a discounted rate.

Please see the flyers in the back of the church for more information as well as pricing. If you are interested in participating in this pilgrimage, please submit your name to the parish offices by December 6.



November 20 - Mass of Gratitude

November 23 - Thanksgiving Day, Mass at 9am

November 26 - Solemnity of Christ the King

December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

Sundays of Advent - Sung Evening Prayer, 6pm

December 6 - St. Nicholas Party for Young Adults, 7pm

December 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 10 - Christmas Concert, 3pm

December 14 - Eucharistic Encounter with Sr. Agnes Therese

Interfaith Service of Gratitude

Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. St. Michael Church, 1225 National Road, Wheeling

Everyone is invited to come together with clergy from local houses of worship to thank God for blessings bestowed and to pray for the less fortunate at a community-wide Thanksgiving Interfaith Service of Gratitude this Wednesday. Faith leaders, including Bishop Mark Brennan and Rabbi Joshua Lief of Temple Shalom, will share sacred scripture readings and prayers from their various traditions. Those attending are asked to bring nonperishable food items to donate to Catholic Charities and other organizations that help to feed neighbors in need. Please join with our brothers and sisters in the community to praise and thank the Lord!

Kids Winter Wear Drive

The annual Kids Winter Wear Drive (formally the Coats For Kids Campaign) runs from October through November. The Kids Winter Wear Drive supports clients at Youth Services Systems (YSS) by providing new and/or gently worn coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Please drop off any of these items in the bin in the back of the Cathedral. The Kids Winter Wear Drive Coats is sponsored by Knights of Columbus 504 Council. The Knights thank you for your generous support!

Don't have cash or check? Consider making a contribution using our online services www.saintjosephcathedral.com/giving or scan the QR code from your phone!



Collection

November 12, 2023

Envelopes: \$2764 Loose: \$620 Online: \$591 **Total: \$3975**

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The Gospel accounts tell of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple but do not speak of the Presentation of Mary. Nevertheless, Christians in the East and the West have observed this day in honor of Mary's Presentation for centuries. According to the Tradition drawn from this text, Mary's parents, loachim and Anne, who had been childless, received a heavenly message that they would have a child. In thanksgiving for the gift of their daughter, they brought her, when still a child, to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her to God. Mary remained in the Temple until puberty, at which point she was assigned to Joseph as guardian. This memorial speaks of Mary's total openness to God. God kept her free from sin from the moment of her conception, so that she, whose presentation in the Temple we celebrate on this day, would become a Temple of the Holy Spirit.

Restored Parish Mission this January!

We are so excited to announce a Restored Parish Mission which will take place at our Cathedral on January 19 and 20, 2024 presented by Mr. John Edwards, an inspirational and nationally recognized speaker on the Catholic Faith. He is the Founder of Pew Ministries, Co-Founder of Virtual Catholic Conference and the Host of the popular podcast "Just a Guy in the Pew."

John Edwards will lead us through a series of inspiring talks and discussions for the whole family. This mission is a unique opportunity to deepen your faith, connect with others in the community, and find renewed hope and strength. Don't miss out on this special event that will leave you feeling uplifted and restored. Mark your calendars and get ready for an incredible experience!



"To be GRATEFUL is to recognize the love of God in EVERYTHING."

- Thomas Merton

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PARISH GROUPS



Cathedral Women's Group Begins!

Our Women's Group began on Tuesday evening with a great first gathering! We encourage all the ladies of our parish to consider joining our Women's Group, which meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Chancery Cantina!

Men's Group

Begins this January!

A group of men committed to living out the Faith through prayer, friendship, and discussion, emulating the virtues of our patron, St. Joseph, and striving to become better husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers.



PrimeTimers

Next Event To Be Announced

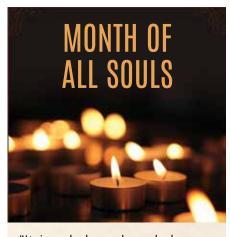
If you are 55 years and over and searching for a group that shares conversation, friendship, fun, and spiritual activities, this group is just for you!

Book Club

First Sunday of the Month 9:15 - 10:15 am

Our faith sharing book club meets monthly to explore topics of the spiritual life, literature, and culture in a communally enriching way.





"It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins," observes the writer of Maccabees in the Old Testament (2 Maccabees 12:45-46; guoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 958). Intercession on behalf of those who have died is a cherished tenet of our Catholic faith, springing from our belief in the resurrection of the body and the communion of saints. "Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayer and intercession (Order of Christians Funerals, 6). Trusting in God's mercy, we continue to pray for them, knowing that this spiritual bond with our brothers and sisters who have died can never be broken. In the month of November, when we celebrate All Souls, we pray in a special way for those who have died — those who are known to us, and those known only to God.

Ways to Honor the Holy Souls

- Visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased
- Pray for the souls in purgatory with St. Gertrude's Prayer (see page 7)
- Perform acts of charity and sacrifices for the holy souls



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of November 19

THIS SUNDAY

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

MONDAY

1 Micah 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Luke 18:35-43

TUESDAY

2 Micah 6:1-31 Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Luke 19:1-10

WEDNESDAY

2 Micah 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 Luke 19:11-28

THURSDAY

1 Micah 2:15-29 Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 Luke 19:41-44

FRIDAY

1 Micah 2:15-29 Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 Luke 19:41-44

SATURDAY

1 Micah 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-3, 4, 6, 16, 19 Luke 20:27-40

NEXT SUNDAY

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46

The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

November 22 - St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr (d.3rd century)

According to legend, St. Cecilia was beheaded because she would not forsake her vow of virginity and would not make sacrifices to the gods. *Patronage*: musicians; singers; poets

November 23 - St. Clement I, pope and martyr (d.1st century)

St. Clement I was pope during a rather tumultuous time, when the early Christian communities were experiencing growing pains. His letter, referred to as 1 Clement, addressed division within the community, urging its members to live in charity and unity. According to legend, Clement was martyred by being tied to an anchor and thrown from a boat into the Black Sea. *Patronage*: boatmen; mariners; sailors; stonecutters

St. Columban, abbot (540-615)

Also on November 23, we celebrate St. Columban, who was an Irish monk who left Ireland to establish monasteries in France and Germany, dying in Italy, where he founded a monastery that housed a great library and became a center of learning in Europe.

Blessed Miguel Pro, priest and martyr (1891-1927)

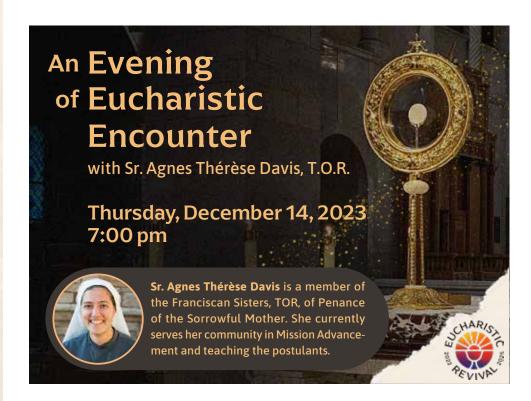
Also on November 23, we remember Blessed Miguel Pro, a Jesuit priest who was martyred by anticlericalists in Mexico. He witnessed to his faith during during his life with the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Fr. Miguel Pro ended his life facing the firing squad with his arms outstretched until he became a living cross. He called out the words, *Viva Cristo Rey!* ("Long Live Christ the King!") as his body was wracked with a hale of bullets.

November 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, martyrs (1785-1839)

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, a Vietnamese priest, is one of 117 martyrs who died practicing and preaching the Catholic Faith in Vietnam between the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and martyr (d.310)

St. Catherine of Alexandria was an Egyptian Christian who was martyred by the Roman Emperor Maxentius for refusing to renounce her faith. *Patronage:* philosophers; preachers; librarians; young unmarried women



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Confraternity of St. Nicholas

The Confraternity of Saint Nicholas is a public association of the faithful who, through prayer, fasting, and good works, are dedicated to the protection of all children from scandalization, abuse, and trafficking. Obligations are to attend Mass on December 6 and May 9, to say the Litany of St. Nicholas weekly, a brief daily prayer, and skip one meal every Wednesday.

For more information and to register, please visit: www.confraternityofstnicholas.org

Pro-Life Thought

At all stages of life, we believe life is sacred. Whether it's at a child's conception to a senior on their last breath, life is a blessing that should be preserved as God intended.

For decades, pregnancy resource centers and other pro-life organizations have been providing support in the form of counseling, pregnancy tests, baby clothes, prenatal vitamins, temporary shelter, scholarships and more including diapers — millions upon millions of diapers.

The Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Holy Souls

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer Angela Niehart Archer Hatch Arthur Danehart Austin Cook Barb Mazzocca Becky Schlosser Beth lochum **Betty Teater** Bill Wilson **Bob Armstrong** Billy Hanasky **Brian Hanasky Brogan Gallentine** Caleb Hlebiczki Carol Young Carolyn Lash Carolyn Wiethe Catherine Lanham Charles Heizer Charles DeBeni Children of the Youth Services System

Christina Helfer

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Kermit Klosterman Kristin Smith Langan Family Liam Barns Liam Manning Lukie Brown Margaret Stocke Marge Mucheck Marie Farnsworth Marie & Conner Workman Mark Davis Marshall South Martha Yocum Mary K. Schlosser Mary Walicki Michael DeBlasis Milissa Rose Nadine Greenwood Nicholas Barns Pete Cuffaro Pete Mack Philippa Shores Rachel Wade

R. J. Stocke Richard Simon Rick Burgy Ron Hickman Rosalie Davis Rose Otey Sarah Hanasky Sarah Sargent Shirley DeCaria Stanley Kyrc Susan Graff Susan Mize Susan Schulte Susanna Kress Tammv Teresa Helfer Thelma Pearson Tony Helfer **Trystan Timmons** Victoria Jeskey Zoey Knight

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Anointing of the Sick

Question:

If it isn't only for people who are dying, when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

Answer:

One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."

In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey).

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAYS 6:00 pm (Saturday)

8:00 am 10:30 am

WEEKDAYS 12:05 pm (Monday thru Friday)

9:00 am (Saturday)

HOLY DAYS Please consult the bulletin

CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY 11:15 - 11:45 am

SATURDAY 5:00 - 5:45 pm

or by appointment

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

By appointment. Please contact the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery. If ill, homebound or hospitalized, a visit can be scheduled upon request.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office.

Please notify the parish of address changes through contacting the parish office or by visiting the website.

Bulletin Articles due by 9am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

