

November 3, 2019

31st. Sunday in Ordinary Time



**WELCOME TO
SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH**
"To proclaim the Kingdom of God, and seek it before all else."



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tues - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 5:30 p.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

Vigil: 5:30 p.m., Holy Day: 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION

Sundays during the school year at 9:30-11:00 a.m.

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More on Humility

A couple of weeks ago, I talked about what can be seen a true meaning of "humility." Namely, humility is simply to know yourself as you are, without illusion, before Almighty God. This involves acknowledging everything about you that is right and true and beautiful and just, without falling prey to the temptation of false modesty. At the same time, it also involves acknowledging the gravity of our capacity to sin without being Pollyannaish (sugar-coating it). In the end, when we fully appreciate what we have been given, and what we have been FORgiven, the only response possible, and the only response necessary, is gratitude.

This week, Our Lord gives us a very good example of that in the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. In the Jewish mind of first century Palestine, you could not get a more diverse comparison. The Pharisees were seen as those who studied the Law of Moses and tried to live it out to fullest. They were held in highest regard. On the other hand, tax collectors were seen as collaborators with the Roman occupational government and enriching themselves by their position. They were despised by all. So at the outset of the parable, the sympathies of the crowd would very much have been with the Pharisee and very much against the tax collector.

But Jesus turns that notion on upside down. In the parable, it is the arrogant Pharisee whose prayer is fruitless and the tax collector who goes away justified. The reason is clear. The Pharisee is honest, but arrogant; the tax collector stands honest and humble.

Can humility be so easily perverted? Absolutely. There is one kind of false humility which is particularly nefarious. Sometimes it manifests itself a wisp of subtle, underlying cynicism. At other times, it is the on-going acceptance of a make-shift solution. Most often it is a pervasive undercurrent of undeniable frustration, articulated with the insidious phrase: "That's just the way it's done around here." In sum, things just aren't quite right, but we just accept it as the norm, thinking that we they will never change.

In Psychology, this phenomenon is called "learned helplessness." Fr. Dan spoke to this a couple of homilies ago when he gave the example of the elephant that remains tied to the stake because he does not believe he has the strength to pull it out. Learned helplessness is a subtle evil that needs to be purged from any place in which it is manifests.

As Christians, we are never so helpless. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we are a light on a lampstand, the salt of the earth, the city set on a hill. We were created to be great saints, right now, right here in 99504. - Fr. Leo



New to the Parish? Welcome!

Please take a moment to stop by the office! We would love to meet you and show you around.

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE AND AROUND TOWN

Mission Sunday Special Collection

Thanks for your participation! Thank you for answering your baptismal call to witness for mission on World Mission Sunday! Our parish offered \$2,514.50 for the missionary work of the Church—a real blessing for the Missions! Please continue to pray for missionaries, and for the people to whom they bring the “Good News” of Jesus. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit!

SEAS School Raffle

It's time once again for the annual SEAS School Raffle. Please see the Keller Family in the gathering area after all the Masses this weekend, purchase a ticket, and help support Catholic education in our community. You just might win!

Fr. Michael Shield's 40th Year of Priesthood!

Come Share 40 years of priesthood with Fr Michael Shields at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish at 2901 E. Huffman November 2nd. Mass at 5:30 p.m. Pot luck to follow (please bring food to share). Drinks provided. Come for an evening full of fun, reflections, a short video on the Magadan Mission, with thanks for all God has done for us.

12th Annual Advent Benefit Concert Save the Date!

This year's Advent Benefit Concert will be Friday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. What a wonderful time of the year! Please join us for this prayerful concert of Advent music, poems, and stories to guide us through the waiting and watching.

All Saints Day Party! November 1st

All are invited to a All Saints Day Party hosted by the youth of the parish after the 7pm Mass on November 1st, There will be food, fun, games, and a costume contest. Saints-in-the-making of all ages are encouraged to dress up as their favorite Saint.

Special new film presentation on the Life of St. Faustina Kowalske, a Polish nun whose visions and communication with Jesus led her to be named by Jesus His Secretary to the Divine Merry Devotions. See “Love and Mercy,” this 90 minute movie, this Monday, at 7:00PM , October 28th; TAKATU THEATER AND CENTURY 16. This movie will change your life to love our Savior!



PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

MUSIC MINISTRY WEEKLY UPDATE

This week (Yikes! It's a busy week!):

Sunday, October 27

10:00-11:20 AM Traditional Choir Practice
1:00 PM Choir Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, October 29 - 7:30 PM - Praise Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 30 - 6:15 - 8:30 pm - Folk Choir Practice

Thursday, October 31 - 5:30 PM - Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints

Friday, November 1, Solemnity of All Saints

9:00 AM - Folk Choir - SUAS at 8:00 AM (Show Up & Sing)
7:00 PM - Praise Choir - SUAS at 6:00 PM (Show Up & Sing)

Saturday, November 2

3:45-4:30 PM Contemporary Choir Practice
5:00 PM Mass of Remembrance

Next Week:

Sunday, November 3 - 10:00-11:20 AM - Traditional Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 5 - 7:30 PM - Praise Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 6 - 6:15 - 8:30 pm - Folk Choir Practice

Thursday, November 7 - 7:00 PM - Traditional Choir Practice

Coming:

Thursday, November 28 - 10:00 AM - Thanksgiving Mass

Saturday, November 29-30 - Hymnal Changeover

Friday, December 6 - Advent Concert with dress rehearsal Thursday, December 5

New Lector Workbooks

The beginning of the new liturgical year is just around the corner, and our Lector Workbooks for 2020 have arrived. All lectors are invited to pick up a copy from the table in the sacristy. Thank you to all who proclaim the Word of God for our community!

Additional Documents Online at [www:st.patsak.org](http://www.st.patsak.org)

October Parish Calendar
Bishop's Mission Sunday Collection Letter
Climate Change Information Sheet
2019 Advent Concert Flyer

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults meets Tuesdays at 7pm in the Deacons Hall. For more information please contact the parish office. 337-1538

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

Friday, November 1st, is The Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate three Masses for the Solemnity, a vigil Mass on Thursday, October 31st., at 5:30pm, and two Masses on November 1st at 9am and 7pm. On Saturday, November 2nd, All Souls' Day, we will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance at 5pm. Please join us on these holy days as we celebrate all those who have gone before us in faith.

Women's Morning of Reflection:

All women of the Archdiocese are invited to a Women's Morning of Reflection here at St Patrick's on Saturday, November 2nd, from 9am to Noon. Doors will open at 9am for a time of quiet prayer and opportunities for Confession. Rosary is at 9:30am and Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am. We will have a talk and time for discussion and reflection. We will conclude with a light lunch. Contact Tammy Williamson at (907) 744-7887 or email at Tammy.williamson276@gmail.com if you need child care to verify availability.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

As we approach All Souls Day, our parish Book of Remembrance and All Souls Days envelopes are available in the gathering area. Please enter the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance which will be placed at the foot of the altar on All Souls Day. The envelopes will remain on the altar throughout the month of November as we keep our deceased loved ones in Prayer.

Music Ministry News

Ever want to sing with a choir? Be a part of a fun, active group? There are many opportunities for you to enrich your spiritual life through music. There are the Feast Days Choirs, Thanksgiving Choir, hymnals changeover, Advent Concert, and Christmas choirs. Simply sign up, show up for rehearsals, and sing (instruments are always welcome).

The Christmas schedule is coming soon! Watch for it on the St. Patrick's web page and Facebook (like us on Facebook!). Mark your calendars now to help with the hymnal changeover. Questions? Talk to any choir director or email the St. Patrick's Music Director, Margaret Simmons, at queenowrites@arctic.net.

Sunday Collections October Goal \$56,500.00

Sunday, October 6	\$12,782.54
Sunday, October 13	\$10,862.69
Sunday, October 20	\$12,713.17
Collected Thus Far:	\$36,358.42
Still Needed:	20,141.58

**Next Weekend's Special Collection:
Parish Building Fund**

Cloister Memorial Walls

We will soon be celebrating All Souls Day when we remember our deceased relatives and friends in prayer. This is a wonderful time to plan to add their names to our Memorial Walls in The Cloister. The engraving will not be done until next summer, but now is a good time to start the process. Please leave your name and phone number with the parish office and you will be contacted soon. Consider setting up a family plot to recognize parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Take a look at the walls and you will see that there are several family plots now. Please consider this opportunity to remember your loved ones on our Memorial Walls in this holy place.

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, October 28 - Parish Office Closed
 CSSI Adult Faith Study Group
 SPRED Community

6:00pm - Tara
 6:15pm - Hosp Rm

Tuesday, October 29

Legion of Mary
 RCIA
 Praise Choir Rehearsal
 CGS Catechist Prep

6:15am - Cenacle
 6:30pm - Tara
 7:30pm - Church
 7:00pm - CGS Atrium

Wednesday, October 30

CSSI Study Group
 Center Prayer Group
 Folk Choir Rehearsal

10:00am - Hosp Rm
 12:30pm - Chapel
 6:00pm - Church

Thursday, October 31

Adult Faith Study Group
 Vigil Mass - All Saints
 Traditional Choir Rehearsal

10:00am - Hosp Rm
 5:30pm - Church
 6:30pm - Church

First Friday, November 1 - ALL SAINTS DAY - Parish Office Closed

Mass
 Mass
 All Saints Day Celebration

9:00am - Church
 7:00pm - Church
 8:00pm- Dcns Hall

First Saturday, November 2, All Souls Day

Women's Morning of Reflection
 Soul Core Exercise Group
 M-ACTs Pentecost Reunion
 Contemporary Choir Rehearsal
 Confessions
 KofC Rosary
 Mass w/ Mass of Remembrance
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9:00am -Chapel, Church
 9:30am - Cenacle
 2:00pm - Dcns Hall
 3:45pm - Church
 4:00pm - Recon Room
 4:30pm - Chapel
 5:00pm - Church
 8:00pm - Tara

Sunday, November 3

Faith Formation
 CGS Morning Session
 Traditional Choir Rehearsal
 CGS Afternoon Session
 Praise Choir Rehearsal
 Youth Ministry
 SPRED Mass

10:00am - All Rooms
 10:00am - CGS Atrium
 10:45am -Church
 1:00pm - CGS Atrium
 3:00pm - Church
 3:00pm - Dcns Hall
 5:00 pm - Church

READINGS

3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time, November 3, 2019

; Luke 18:9-14

Monday - Feast of Saints Simon and Jude

Eph 2:19-22; Psalm: 19:2-3, 4-5; Luke 6:12-16

Tuesday:

Romans: 8:18-25; Psalm 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,6; Luke 13:22-30

Wednesday:

Romans 8:26-30; Psalm132:4-5,6 Luke 13:22-30

Thursday:

Romans 8:31b-39; Psalm 109:21-22, 26-27, Luke 13:31-35

Friday - All Saints Day

Rev. 7:2-4, 9-14, Psalm 24:1bcd-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;; 1 John 31-3
 Matthew 5:1-12a

Saturday:

Wisdom 1:11-2.2, Psalm 145, 2Thess. 1:11-2.2 & Luke 19:1-10

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat: 5:00pm **John Fetters, R.O.S.**
Virginia Valadolid, R.O.S.
 Sun: 8:30am **Corine Heideman . R.O.S.**
 11:30am **People of the Parish**
 5:00pm **Audret Pardina, R.O.S.**
 Mon: 5:30pm **Daniel Leithead, S.I.**
 Tues:
 Wed:
 Thurs: 5:30pm **John Fetters, R.O.S.**
 Fri: 9:00am **John & Rina Spieker, Anniv. Blessings**
Austin Huck, Birthday Blessings
 7:00pm **People of the Parish**

BIRTHDAYS!

Sun: **Matthew Argon, Emelia Jade Eleco,**
Daniel Stevens
 Mon: **Violet Faletagoai**
 Tues:
 Wed: **Aidan Ducas, Alexandria, Litteral, Garrett Moriarty**
Mia Steenburgh
 Thurs: **Nicholas Bennett**
 Fri: **Eliza Heimerl, Kylee Sandhoefner,**

**St. Patrick's Seniors Luncheon Group Fund Raiser
 Dance**

When: Friday , November 8, Time: 7-10 pm

Where: St. Patrick's Deacons Hall

Admission cost: \$10.00 - Snacks - Soft Drinks

Words of Wisdom:

"Keep dancing and moving — it helps to stay young!"

Keep Dancing to Stay Young!

