

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, October 28 • Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Patricia Manley (Angela Morbitzer)
 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Monday, October 29 • Weekday

11:30 a.m. Fields Family (Cecilia Fields)
 Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 30 • Weekday

11:30 a.m. James Manley (Nancy Walsh)
 Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 31 • Weekday

11:30 a.m. Orfeo Angelo (Dennis Wilcox)
 Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday, November 1 • All Saints

8:00 a.m. Special Intention (Richard & Shirley Lumpe)
 11:30 a.m. Martha Walsh (Jim & Joan Coughlin)
 Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 ; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

Friday, November 2 • All Souls Day

11:30 a.m. Susie Stover (Bill Scholl & Family)
 Wis 3:1-9 or Rom 6:3-9; Mt 25:31-46
 12:00 p.m. Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother
 7:30 p.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
 (Intention of Presider)

Saturday, November 3 • Weekday

7:30 a.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil closes
 with Benediction
 11:30 a.m. Deceased Members of St. Joseph Academy
 Alumnae
 Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday, November 4 • Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Montell Family (Mary Montell)
 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

MASS SCHEDULING POLICY: In order to accommodate as many requests for specific dates as possible, we cannot schedule more than five at one time. Requests without a specific date are scheduled as openings permit. Please include the suggested offering of \$10.00 (for each Mass) when the request is made. Thank You!

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners and those who are ill: Hilda Barrett, Charles “Sonny” Bellamy, Rosemary Fee, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Chris Igel, Jestina Jones, Edith Kowalsky, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Mary Miller, Jim Scanlon, Mary Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Sheila Shirey, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

| THANKS! | |
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| OCTOBER 21, 2007 OFFERINGS | |
| Designated Collections | Offertory.....\$1,617.00 |
| (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese) | Votives.....\$ 30.00 |
| World Mission = \$943.00 | Novena/1st Friday ... \$ 0.00 |
| Mass Attendance | Repair.....\$ 366.00 |
| 9:00 a.m. = 66 | Less Tax (\$ 100.65) |
| 11:00 a.m. = 73 | Net to Parish\$1,912.35 |

Sympathy and Prayers

Mary Downey, former parishioner and resident of Jaycee Arms, died last week. Please keep her and her family members in your prayers.

Welcome

New Parishioners

We are pleased to announce the following who have recently registered in the parish:

Jane M. Visocan
 Jason Despetorich & Natalie Hoying
 (to be married in June 2008)

Respect Life Month

Please recite the following prayer with Father after the Intercessory prayers:

Almighty God, giver of all that is good, we thank You for the precious gift of human life; for life in the womb, coming from Your creative power; for the life of children, making us glad with their freshness and promise; for the life of young people, hoping for a better world; for the life of people who are disabled, teaching us that every life has value; for the life of the elderly, witnessing to the ageless values of patience and wisdom. Like Blessed Mary, may we always say “Yes” to Your gift. May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end. And bring us at last, O Father, to the fullness of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your attention is called to the material on the table near the center church door. Please feel free to take what interests you.

We Remind You:

- Bethesda Healing Ministry provides support group meetings at Christ the King. For more info call 718-0277.
- Birthright of Columbus is a pregnancy support service; for info, call 221-0844.
- Pregnancy Decision Health Center info at 888-8774.
- Anyone interested in further pro-life activity may contact Cecile Smith at 444-0223.

All Saints – Holy Day of Obligation

The Solemnity of All Saints is a Holy Day with the obligation to attend Mass. Holy Cross will have two Masses on Thursday, November 1st – 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

There will be a meeting of all Eucharistic Ministers and Readers on Sunday, November 18th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Cum Christo Center.

THE WORD

Today’s first reading from the book of Sirach sets the stage for the parable of Jesus to follow. “The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds” (Sirach 35:17). Today’s Gospel is a perfect example of how the prayer of the humble effects justification. “In a sense this passage joins those of chapter 15 as one of the great Lucan parables of mercy – about God’s mercy shown to a sinner who stands before Him and acknowledges his own worthlessness” (Joseph A. Fitzmyer, “The Gospel According to Luke,” *Anchor Bible*, vol. 28 A, p.1184).

Earlier in the Gospel Jesus declared, “I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners” (Luke 5:32). The Pharisee and the tax collector are types of the self-righteous and the sinner. Clearly, not all Pharisees are self-righteous, but as a group they have become the model of that attitude. The man in the parable lists his virtues, justifying himself before God. For example, he goes farther than the Mosaic law demands in fasting and tithing. But he has disdain for the tax collector and “the rest of humanity – greedy, dishonest, adulterous” (18:11).

By contrast, the tax collector also appears before God in the temple with all the signs of true repentance. He “would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner’” (18:13). He leaves judgment to God. Jesus, as the Son of God, declares the tax collector justified.

Luke wants his Christian readers to learn the lesson from the parable. Humility is required, not self-exaltation. All followers of Jesus should approach Him with the tax collector’s humble and contrite prayer of petition, “O God, be merciful to me a sinner” (18:13). The book of Sirach can also provide a final insight into today’s teaching: “Nor will it [the prayer of the lowly] withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right” (Sirach 35:18), exactly as Jesus did in today’s parable.

– from “Living the Word”

| † 28 October 2007 † | |
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| 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| ❖ Hymns are <u>not</u> announced ❖ | |
| The first reading begins on page 56 | |
| 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – Dan Di Santo, organist | |
| Gathering Hymn | <i>Gather Us In</i> (#853) |
| Responsorial Psalm | <i>The Lord hears the cry of the poor.</i> (#37, page 57) |
| Gospel Acclamation | (#335) |
| Offertory Hymn | <i>Amazing Grace</i> (#649) |
| Communion Hymn | <i>O Lord, with Wondrous Mystery</i> (#624) |
| Closing Hymn | <i>Faith of Our Fathers</i> (#791) |

Special Parish Dates

Mark your calendars for the following important dates for the parish:

- 1) Thursday, November 1, 2007 – All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation. Two Masses at 8:00 and 11:30 a.m.
- 2) Sunday, November 4, 2007 – Remembrance Service for our parishioners who have died.
- 3) Saturday, December 8, 2007 – Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. One Mass at 11:30 a.m.
- 4) Sunday, December 9, 2007 – Deanery Reconciliation Service at 4:00 p.m., at Sts. Augustine and Gabriel.
- 5) Parish Mission – Sunday, April 20, 2008 through Tuesday, April 22, 2008.

World Mission Sunday Results

Thank you for the generosity and support of the World Mission collection held last week. \$943.00 was contributed.

Update on Trial in Brazil

Sr. Pat thanks you for the prayers offered for the retrial in Brazil. The sentence was upheld for the assassin of Sr. Dorothy. The other retrial is rescheduled for 2008. This is a victory for justice and an encouragement for all involved with the peasant farmers living in the forest in the struggle for their lives and rights.

November – All Souls

During the month of November, we especially remember our departed parishioners and loved ones. Our *memorial scroll* of names will be enshrined near the St. Joseph shrine.

On Sunday, November 4, during both Masses, we will especially remember our parishioners who have died during this past year. The family members of our parishioners deceased since November 2006 are reminded to return the form you received by mail or let Sr. Pat know if you will be part of the procession at the Memorial Masses.

A special yellow envelope has been inserted into this week’s bulletin for those who may want to offer a Mass for your loved ones – family and friends – who are no longer with us.

Annual Diocesan Mass for Hurting Families

Are you hurting and coping with challenges due to the death of a loved one, divorce, job loss, miscarriage, health problems or any other significant loss? Bishop Campbell invites you and your family and friends to Mass on Sunday, November 18, at 12:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral. For additional info, contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 241-2560.

Choir Practice at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church Choir will be singing for Christmas.

- Rehearsals will be on Sundays, starting November 4th, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. New members are always welcome.
- Dan DiSanto will again be leading our choir this season.