



### DIRECTORY UPDATE

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### TODAY'S ASSIGNMENTS

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### CHRIST THE KING 2020-November 22nd

*On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.*



Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas primas ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and hostility against the Church. Today reminds us that while governments and ideologies come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and in many parts of Europe, atheistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and-while governments around them crumbled-the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever.

Quas primas continues to ring true. The Holy Father speaks directly to the problem of what he referred to as "anti-clericalism" by which he meant the attitude of those who were seeking to extirpate Christian influence from political life.

We see a version of this same attitude today. For example, when it is suggested that belief in the Catholic teachings renders a person unfit for a judicial appointment. And in recent years, aggressive secularist campaigns have sought to marginalize the Church and other religious institutions.

*When our nation is beset by civil unrest, racial tension, and a pandemic, we do well to turn to Our Lord, who reigns over every people and nation.*

### ADVENT

The last Sunday of November will mark the first Sunday of Advent. We will publish an advent calendar electronically and have one available for pickup as well as The Little Blue Books-that 15 minute Daily Devotional series of readings.

Preparations are underway for the advent wreath, and we are hopeful that interim song director, Mike Dreelin, will be able to find the Advent Wreath song in his resources for down loading.

Thinking ahead to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrations, we are planning "Open Masses"; that is, there will be no alphabet restrictions for these Masses.

**Finally, we need to decorate for Advent and ask you to remain after Mass on the 22nd or arrive after Mass to help us do that.**

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*November 15, 2020*

*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Year A*

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

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We are invited this Sunday, to live in such a way that we make the best use of the talents God has given us, so that at the end Our Lord will say: "Well done, my good and faithful servant!... Come, share your master's joy." The first reading speaks of a diligent, industrious, loyal, generous, and faithful wife, in the use of her God-given gifts and talents. With the fear of the Lord she brings joy to her husband and family, she reaches her hand to the poor and extends her arms to the needy.

Today's Gospel asks us if we are using our talents and gifts primarily to serve God and doing everything, we can to carry out God's will. The parable of the talents challenges us to do something positive, constructive and life-affirming with our talents here and now.

Jesus uses this parable of a rich man who has invested in his servants. He gives them money to invest on his behalf. Two of the servants invest the money and give back more than they were given by their master. One servant, afraid of losing the money, buried it to protect it and so was able to give the master exactly what he had been entrusted with. The two with a good return on the investment are understandably rewarded. Their master praises their resourcefulness and trusts them with greater responsibility after their good job. The servant who returns his coin intact, however, is not praised. He is reprimanded for not increasing his wealth. The others doubled the money, and this guy did not. He thought he would be praised for not losing the money, but that was not what his master expected. Returning the same amount was the least he could do. He did not show any initiative. He did not go above and beyond.

This parable is about us. We are those servants and God is the giver, who invests in each one of us with his many gifts. What are we doing with what God has given us? Hide it or make the best use of our God given talents and gifts and give back more than we received in the first place.

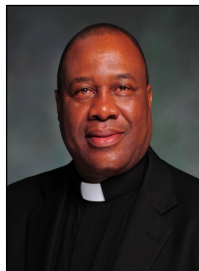
### Three lessons from this parable:

The parable reminds us that we all have talents. Not the same and not in the same measure, but we are all given some gift, some talent by God. We know that different people have very different abilities. Some a gift for listening, the other a gift to sing, and one the skill to be a good administrator, the other to be a teacher. So, no one can say I do not have some gift.

We are given these gifts to use them. God wants us to be active, creative, to have initiatives. As Christians we should know that the Lord has graced us with different gifts in order to serve Him and others. If I hide the talents the Lord has given me, others: my family, my community, my Church, are deprived of my service and contribution. We need to always encourage each other to put our gifts at the service of others. It is part of our Christian vocation.

The rich man in the Gospel parable knew the abilities of each of his servants. 'He gave to each according to his ability'. He only gave as much responsibility to each of them as they could bear. The one who got five talents of money was capable of making it grow by five more; the one entrusted with two talents was capable of earning two more; the one who got one talent could have made one more. That is how God deals with each one of us. He will never give anyone what he/she cannot bear. And it does not matter, if your friend does more than you, or has more talents. It is not a competition. What really matters is to use well what you have according to your ability. And never look down or belittle those who are not like you.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we need first of all trust God enough to make use of the gifts and abilities He has given us without fear. We need ask ourselves how we are using our particular gifts in the service of God, our Christian Community, and the wider society. Above all these, we need to "trade" with our talent of Christian Faith: All of us baptized have received at least one talent namely, the gift of Faith. Our responsibility is not just to preserve and keep the Faith, but to work with it and spread it. We need to promote and add value to Faith by living it out. The way to preserve the Faith, or any other talent that God has given us, is to put it to work and help it bear fruit.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

## TODAY'S MASS

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Responsorial Psalm:

*Blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Father suggests you say the Prayer for Spiritual Communion during communion time. ➔

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are truly Present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things And I desire to possess You within my soul.

Since I am unable at this Moment to receive You Sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually Into my heart.

I embrace You as being Already there, and unite Myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be Separated from you.

Amen.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Elizabeth O'Brien, Elaine Wallenburg,  
Thomas Kobezak & Dick Zimmerman



### PARISHIONERS

Marianne Krop, Toni Traynor, Sandi Delagrang, Suzanne Sitterding, Veronica O'Leary, Michele Meanly, Donna Lange, Jack & Louise Petralia, Tom Wash, Paul Pearce, Lynn & Jim Vajda, Min Tassone, Grace Anderson, Natalie Smith, Lorie & Sal Messina, Pat Paul, Georgia Beville, Margaret Hock, Anne Dunn, Michelle Chmiel, Tom & Cindy Jessee, Peggy Williams, Karen Dame, Joe Nolte, Mike Lokie, Steve Kirsch, Marilynne Cerullo, Tom Hawksworth, Mary Ann & Kenneth Gulick, Nancy Wirth, Chris Henkel, Vincent Recupido, Bettie Hodge, Bob & Ingrid Borden, Laurie King, Becky Nunn, Bill & Linda Gray, Peg Meushaw, Carol Smith, Allen Hines, Pat & Lee Reamy, Janine Jaboulay, Anne Paparella, Carole McPherson, Jeanne Lessner, Colin Walsh.

### FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Krop Family, Andrea Bordgen, Patty Bowman, Pam Tibbs, Sherry Newton, Aquela Parker, Khloe Nipper, Bernie Smith, Virginia Talke, Phil Melancon, Ray Kostaskey, Doris Melancon, Dominick Perry, Kimberly Lavinder, Frank & Gerri Lohrs daughter, Doug Meuse, Michele Brune, Noele & Mike Anglin, Anita Bomberger, Drinkwater Family, Kathy Shepherd, Lucy Walker, Suzanne Whelan, Jim Rundle, Rundle-Kehl family, Doris & Arthur Green, Rachel, Brian & Marcus Pittman, Robbie Beasley, Sandra Bush & Children, Mary Gray, Denis Popp, PJ Schwedler, John Calvin Barnard, Sal Messina Jr., Colleen O'Rollins, Michael Reamy, Sarah Kobezak, Natash Walsh, Ellen DeMaurez, Michele MacFarland, Shirley Schultz, LC Warren, Paul Krop, Joseph Gascoigne, John Vajda, Sandy Alter, Andy & Iris Hetzer.

### FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Paula Harcum, Cathy Kirkland, Steve Sohles, Remy Maine Miller, Jessie Debusk, Ryan & Jeanne Norris, Donna Newcomb, Vickie Hogge, Auggie Bain, Maria Franzoni, Pumpkin Brownley, Rita Blommel, Brenda Knupp, Ashely Scott & family, Steve Smith, Susie Loustaunau, Elizabeth Panzer, Linda Cryer, Tyra Freed, Valerie McCarthy, Joan & John Rychtarik.

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List please contact the office by email or phone.

MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Collection: \$ 2,705  
Second Collection: Arch Diocese of Military Services 167  
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 41,761  
Total Budget Projection: \$ 40,933



There is no Second Collection Today.

We signed the following principal check this week:

\$1,375 Diocesan Assessments; \$1,345 Rectory and Pastor Expenses for October.



As an alternative to mailing us a weekly donation, you can visit our website [www.church-of-the-visitation.org](http://www.church-of-the-visitation.org) Click the Red Donation button, select our church, a donation amount and fill in the information. Use the green secure button and done.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR NOVEMBER



3rd-Keith Gulick & Bob Chmiel, 11th-Steven Forte, 16th-Skip Kramb & Charlotte Johnson, 19th-Cathy Davenport, 21st-Kelly McMurtrie & Branch Meanley, 22nd-Lorie Messina, 24th-Dave Filippi, 27th-Laurie King & Lynne Dreelin, 28th-Bill Gray, 29th-Bill Brandl, 30th-Andrea Moore & Mary Foley.



ANNIVERSARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

7th-Keith & Mary Ann Gulick, 29th-Aldo & Leisa DeCollibus

FATHERS THOUGHTS

With reverence and humility, I thank those of you who responded in a positive manner to my appeal for an increased offertory contribution during these trying times.

The trend in collections is up, and our goal as always is to meet our annual budget requirements, so we can continue to bring Christ into the world in various ministries and make an impact in the community.

We have begun the construction of a new worship area. Although the great majority of the cost is on hand, some of it will require a loan from the Diocese, an amount to be defined by our abilities to raise additional funds during construction. If you have some ideas on this topic, we urge you to pass them on to Debby Harriman and /or Lisa Forte.

To those parishioners who were not able to heed our previous appeal for support during the pledge campaign for whatever reason, we ask that you look into your heart again, reevaluate your former decision, help us financially, and as a minimum pray for the success of our project that began some 16 years ago and offers to further spread the Catholic word throughout the community.

*Father Gerry*

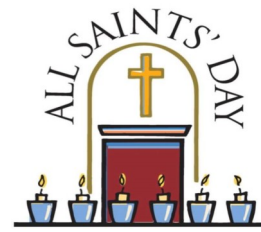
**NOVEMBER, WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO  
REST IN THE LORD.**

The month of November is dedicated to the remembrance of our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, the faithful departed.

The Church invites us on November 2, "All Souls Day", and all the days of November to make present our loved ones who are not with us anymore physically but are with us spiritually. Because for us who believe, nothing is lost, even when we die, we continue to live in the Lord. The Scripture readings we use on the November 2<sup>nd</sup> confirm this faith. They tell us that the souls of the just, are with God, then we are reminded that hope does not disappoint, and that we live in the Lord who is poured into us by His Spirit. And in the Gospel, Jesus encourages us by saying that those who place their faith in Him will not be lost, but that they will be raised up to eternal life.

We pray therefore, for all those who rest in the Lord, and all our loved ones who have gone before us may they find happiness and everlasting joy. And may their memories remain with us as a sign of our communion with them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



## CHURCH INFORMATION

Our hours for prayer when the church is open are Wednesday and Thursday from 9AM-12:00.

Church attendance was 50 this past Sunday with 6 guests.

This coming week the Mass is for parishioners in **Group L-Z**.

The important thing to remember is to notify the office if you are planning to attend Mass and are not in the proper alphabetical grouping.

**We continue to offer daily Mass on Wednesday and Thursday @9AM for anyone who desires to attend. All are welcome!**



## ROSARY MINISTRY

Beginning today, November 15th, we will commence a Rosary Service before Mass each Sunday starting at 8:30AM.

Parishioner Cindy Jessee who successfully lead the ministry in her former parish will lead the Rosary Prayer. If you have any questions, contact her at 804-510-4688 or email cindyjessee6@gmail.com.

## ANGEL TREE

With Thanksgiving a few weeks away, it's time to begin thinking of our Angel Tree Project which benefits the children of inmates of the Saluda Correctional Center at Christmas Time. Because of the Pandemic and the absence of some parishioners at Mass, we will be posting the list of children needing gifts via email and our website. The list should be ready about the middle of November and when posted you will need to call Mary Sychterz to register your choice. The instructions for calling Mary will be included at that time.



## Online Giving



## E-GIVING

Several weeks ago, we asked your opinion about offering E-Giving as a permanent feature for future offertory and special collection donations.

The positive responses were enough in number to justify establishing a program for that purpose. After researching it, Debby Harriman recommended a Parish Soft Program; we are presently developing it with their assistance.

The Diocese is expecting to discontinue its program shortly and ours will commence on January 1st. More information will follow as we develop ours.

## NOVEMBER MEMORIALS

Once again this year, we are honoring our relatives who have passed away by creating a Memorial Table for the pictures of loved ones whom you wish to honor.

Please bring in a picture (s) and place it on the table located next to the altar. Because of the restrictions on the use of handouts, we will not distribute purple slips on which you previously placed the names of persons you honored. As an alternative you can send us an email or call us with the names and we will do that for you.



## WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

Did you know that over 50% of all people at the time of their death do not have a will or living trust?

Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship— saying thanks to God, expressing your love and concern for family, and showing charity toward others.

Think about the part you want to play in your church's future. Naming your church as a beneficiary in your estate plan to create an endowment can assure your continued participation in the life and mission of your church far into the future.



## BREAKING GOOD NEWS

After our many trips to the Diocesan Building and Renovation Commission, and upon its recommendation, the Bishop signed the contract to move ahead with the construction of a new worship area. The general contractor's equipment should arrive this week, and we are awaiting the building permit to begin. The preliminary schedule for church completion is early next September.



"Ground breaking"



Our contractors:  
Will, Freddie & David



"All Saints Day Mass"