

PRESENT NORMS AND GUIDELINES FOR CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

We have begun the process of returning to a pre-pandemic celebration of the Liturgy. We will continue to follow the established guidelines we have been using, which are enumerated below. The remainder will be introduced gradually.

1. Masks: **Fully Vaccinated.** Effective May 15, 2021, fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask in any setting.
Unvaccinated. From ages 5 and older must cover their mouth and nose with a mask when present for any Mass or liturgical celebration.
2. Hand sanitizer: All entering the Church are asked to use hand sanitizer placed at the entrance.
3. Music Ministry: Choir may resume.
4. Lord's Prayer and Sign of Peace: We are to continue the practice of refraining from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer and shaking hands during the Sign of Peace (bow or verbal gesture is appropriate).
5. Distribution of the cup: The distribution of the cup remains suppressed for deacons and the lay faithful until further notice.
6. Ushers: resume their normal procedures/functions as it was pre-Covid-19 except for collections. We will continue to use the baskets placed in the entrance.
7. Bulletins: We will continue to distribute them electronically until further notice.

God's blessings upon you all.

Father Gerry

Nov. 6th-Change your clocks (fall back) and smoke detector batteries

Nov. 11th-Parish Council meeting 7pm

Thanksgiving Day Mass-9am COV

November 28th-1st Sunday of Advent



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Fire Doors



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The readings for this Sunday present us with the stories of two women outstanding in their trust and faith in God, and in their generosity.

In the first reading account, prophet Elijah meets a woman who is gathering sticks for the fire to prepare a meal for herself and her son. Elijah approaches her and asks her to bring him some water after a long journey. As she moves away to get him the water, he also requests some bread. She announces to the prophet that she is about to prepare food for herself and her son. It is to be her last supper, because she will have no more supplies to prepare any more food for her and her son to survive any longer. They are in dire need. But Elijah has still another task for her to do, "but first make me a little cake and bring it to me, then you can prepare something for yourself and your son." She's on her last portion of food and he adds still another burden, asking her to prepare from that little she had left, for him to eat.

But then we get the saving message Elijah has been sent to deliver: Do Not Be Afraid. "The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry." She did what she was asked to do, and the flour and oil never finished until God's generosity came to save them. For she and her son were able to overcome the drought fortified with God's gift given through the prophet.

The gospel scene today recounts the story of Jesus observing people putting money into the treasury. Rich people put in large amounts for the treasury, but Jesus noted for his disciples to observe that the poor widow who added a couple of cents gave more than the rich people, because the rich gave from their surplus, but the widow gave from "her poverty, all her livelihood." Jesus puts this together with his criticism of the Scribes, who pretended, and wanted to be seen by people as people of a higher status. These Scribes are only concerned about their public image. They wear long robes; want to be seen in the front seats of the synagogues, to have the places of honor at banquets, to make a show of lengthy prayers and to swallow the property of widows. Jesus is quite severe in criticizing them because they are living a life of pretending, living a lie.

But Jesus doesn't just criticize the Scribes for their public pretense; no, he wants to teach his disciples what is most important in the sight of God and so he draws their attention to a poor widow who put all she had to live on, two small coins into the Temple treasury. Her contribution had practically no value in itself but what Jesus remarked on was that it was all she had to live on. She gave her all to God quietly, without drawing any attention to herself. This was in total contrast to the Scribes parading themselves in public to impress others.

It cost a lot for the widow to give all. What does it cost us to give ourselves to God and others? We may not have much money to spare, but what of our time, our care and concern for others? Do we care for those who are sick among us; those who have lost lifetime jobs; Those who, like the widows, lack the necessities of life; those who are in search of a home like the many refugees, those who seek mercy and peace.

We need to accept Christ's criteria of judging people: We often judge people by what they possess. We give weight to their position in society, to their educational qualifications, or to their celebrity status. But Jesus measures us in a totally different way – on the basis of our inner motives and the intentions hidden behind our actions. He evaluates us on the basis of the sacrifices we make for others and on the degree of our surrender to His holy will.

The offering God wants from us is our whole hearts and lives.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:

1 Kings 17:10-16

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading:

Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel:

Mark 12:38-44

ASSIGNMENTS FOR November 7th

Community Leader: Kevin Hayes

Altar Server: Ray Kostaskey

Cantor: TBA

Eucharist Minister: Noel Harvey

Lectors: Lynne Dreelin/Ray Kostaskey

Collection Counter: O'Brien/Smith's

ASSIGNMENTS FOR November 14th

Community Leader: Kathy Kauffman

Altar Server: Joe Sychterz

Cantor: TBA

Eucharist Minister: Noel Harvey

Lectors: Pat DeGroot/John Sychterz

Collection Counter: King/Kirsch/Angel

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Dick Zimmerman, Connie Richardson, Gordon Tyrrell,
Rose Lohr & Alma Sitterding*



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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: October 31, 2021

Collection: \$ 2,300
Second Collection:
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 40,504
Total Budget Projection: \$ 39,723



Our second collection today is for the Arch Diocese of Military Services.

We signed the following principal check this week:
\$1,403 Song Books and other Music Materials.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR NOVEMBER



2nd-Mel Placilla, 3rd-Keith Gulick, 9th-Gary Brown, 11th Steve Forte,
16th-Skip Kramb, 18th-Robert Wilson, 19th-Cathy Davenport, 21st-Edmund Meanley,
22nd-James Peddicord & Lorie Messina, 24th-Dave Filippi, 27th-Laurie Kind,
28th-Bill Gray, 29th-Bill Brandl, 30th-Andrea Moore & Mary Foley.



ANNIVERSARY'S NOVEMBER

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

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL TABLE

As in the past, we will honor our relatives who have passed away with a Memorial Remembrance table displaying the photos of loved ones. Please bring in your pictures and place them in the container in the entrance and we will display them on the table during November. Also in the entrance are purple slips for you to fill out and list your loved ones. Please fill one out and return it to the basket which will be placed on the altar for all Masses in November.

LECTOR'S WORKBOOKS

Our lectors' workbooks are in and can be picked up from the table outside of the office.



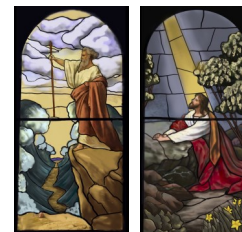
ANGEL TREE COMING SOON

November 21st is the presentation of the Angel Tree with gift tags. The gifts are due December 12th. More information will be coming next week. Mary Sychterz is heading this project and can be reached at 804-815-0783



NEW MEMORIALS

As we announced a few weeks ago, we will be installing four additional stained glass windows in the Nave. Preliminary designs have been received from the manufacturer and are depicted below.



If you have an interest in purchasing one of the windows, please contact Lisa Forte @ 804-399-7766. The price of the windows is as before \$12,00.00 each.

Other remaining memorials from Stage 2

Electronic votive candle holder (1 left)-\$10,000 #1 Moses parting the Red Sea
Memorial Narthex Bench-\$650 each #3 Jesus praying in the Garden
Round Woven Offertory Baskets-\$450
Live stream camera & accessories-TBD



Upon reflection about the sale of Memorials, they have had the most significant impact in reducing the size of the loan which we will eventually have when the final bills are received. Initially, we faced a \$300k loan, but thanks to our parishioners' generosity and interest in honoring their loved ones, that final number will be reduced dramatically. To pay the most recent contractor's bill, we took our first construction draw for \$125k. One more construction bill awaits us, and we will be able to fix the final loan amount. At that time we will be more specific about monthly loan payments, etc.



Fathers Vesting Room



Reconciliation Room



CONGRATS

Congratulation to Gary and Jo Brown, who welcomed a new granddaughter to their family
“Vivian Ruthe Hammond“
was born on October 23rd, and her grandparents are ecstatic and blessed.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?



Potential, Purpose, Promise

Did you know that the laws of the state where you are living at the time of your death will determine how your estate is settled if you have no will of your own? These laws might not leave your property to the people you want to receive it And, these laws definitely don't leave any gift to your church or any other charity. Would you not rather make these decisions yourself?
When you need a will, it's too late to have one drawn. Don't wait, and don't forget your church.

NEW WORSHIP AREA UPDATE

We still await the sound system but did finish the installation of flooring in what will become the Narthex (back portion of present worship area).

Flooring for the front portion of our present worship area has been temporarily delayed. It is on hold until we can get the platform and choir moved into the new Sanctuary.

The entrance doors were installed this past week.

The confessional is almost completed (needs two chairs which is are order) and the statues of Mary and Joseph have been installed.

The locations for the stations of the Cross have been selected and their frames should go in place shortly.

As we await the sound system, we will continue to move Liturgical items into the space.

COV IN BOOK

Daniel Markham, the author of the upcoming book, 52 MASSES, will visit Church of the Visitation for Mass on Sunday, Dec. 5th. Daniel is profiling the parish's successful efforts to construct the school building in Uganda as part of the book project that will take him to Mass in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico over the course of the year. He welcomes the opportunity to meet with any and all parishioners who are interested, whether for him to learn more about our parishes or to share his experiences and hopes for his book with the Church of the Visitation community. We are honored that Daniel chose COV to profile in his book, the only church so honored in the Commonwealth of Virginia. To celebrate his visit, we will have a social hour after Mass (our first since the pandemic) in order for him to converse more easily with parishioners. We will also take the opportunity to display our new worship area for his viewing.

