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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All Worship Services are 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

November 3, 2024: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Synod Mass at 10:30 AM. No mass at church.

November 10, 2024: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2024: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 24, 2024: Solemnity of Christ the King

No Mass this Sunday.

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Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

Scripture Reflections – Cycle B

November 2024

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

November 3, 2024 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Today's selections from the Book of Deuteronomy and Gospel of St. Mark remind us that God is our ALL. How can we love this God totally, as we ought? Our answer comes from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews: we relate to the Trinity through Jesus, who lives forever to make intercession for us. (Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 12:28b-34)

November 10, 2024 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Today's readings from the First Book of Kings and the Gospel focus on the sacrifices of two widows. They remind us that our own sacrifices – if united to the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus (Hebrews) – have great value before God. Do we need to reflect about this? (1 Kings 17:10-16, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44)

November 17, 2024 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: All three of today's readings refer to a future judgment where the righteous will be separated from the unrighteous. Our own concern should be the way we live now, in view of that future date. Jesus, help us to know ourselves – to see how we can better know, love and serve you! (Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-14, 18, Mark 13:24-32)

November 24, 2024 – Solemnity of Christ the King: While today's first and second readings stress Jesus' majesty, the Gospel presents a stark contrast. Jesus is on trial before Pilate. We know the outcome, but we also know that the cross is far from being the end. Jesus, how can we lead others to understand this truth? (Daniel 7:13-14, Revelation 1:5-8, John 18:33b-37)

All Saints

IN DESIGNATING one day on our calendar for all the saints, the Church chooses a time to honor our heroes—the men and women whose example we admire. Coming near the end of the Church year, the solemnity of All Saints invites us into the mystery of death and the promise of eternal life.

An early tradition placed the festival on May 13. According to one story, Pope Boniface IV (himself a saint) began the celebration in Rome. On that date in 609, he dedicated a very old building as a new church. The Pantheon had been built to honor all the pagan gods, but Boniface rededicated the building as a Christian church in the seventh century. He brought the relics of the martyrs from the catacombs to this famous public place of worship. The parade of relics changed the Pantheon from a place for worship of all the pagan gods to a place that honored Mary and all the Christian saints—and in turn the one Christian God. Eventually the idea of a feast of all saints was transferred to November 1, near the end of the Church year.

The Church honors many saints with a day of their own on the general liturgical calendar, but there are many more saints than those. Since Vatican II, the number of men and women canonized as saints has increased considerably. Although we do not celebrate all their names on specific dates in all our churches throughout the year, we do gather them as one on this day.

Secular tradition has turned the eve of All Saints (i.e., Halloween or All Hallows Eve) into a kind of anti-festival, a night when heroes of the underworld take command.

The Mass for All Saints Day always replaces the one for Ordinary Time, even when it falls on a Sunday.

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All Souls

CRISP AUTUMN chill penetrates our sweater-wrapped bodies to remind us of our weakness before the power of nature. As leaves fall from trees, plants die, and animals retreat, we feel the impending threat of death, which waits to take us home.

During this season of the northern hemisphere's year, the Church celebrates the Commemoration of All Souls. As our bodies and minds resign themselves to the inevitable cessation of life, our Church calendar brings forth a somber feast to fit our temperament these increasingly darkened days.

All Souls comes as a sequel to that of All Saints. Having commemorated all the blessed who enjoy the face of God in their death, we turn our thoughts to the other souls who await the fullness of God's glory. The sequence of these two days implies a belief that those who have lived lives of holiness enjoy God's presence and can intercede for us before the throne of God. All Souls implies that others, having lived more sinful lives, still await that glory. These are the dead we remember every November 2—members of our families, friends, the lonely and forgotten, and public figures who have touched our lives. On this day, we pray that God will have mercy on them and grant them the vision of blessedness for which they longed.

The liturgy for this day still offers three Masses. When the Church created this feast in the Middle Ages, it became so popular that priests were given the unusual permission to celebrate three Masses that day. The permission remains, as do the separate texts for the Masses, even though not every parish takes advantage of the permission. The readings are drawn from the collection of texts we use for funerals.

When the Church gathers for prayer on November 2, we still remember the faithful departed, even when it falls on a Sunday. Those who assisted us in life receive assistance from us in their death. This commemoration celebrates our union with the church in every place and beyond all time.

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From the Pastor's Desk

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Congratulations to our parishioners who have reasons to celebrate this month:

Birthdays:

Joan Schmid: 11/23

Anniversaries:

None this month!

Masses on Facebook Live! Just a reminder...we are now able to livestream our Sunday masses on our Chapel Facebook page. If you are unable to attend in person, join us virtually...we would love to "see" you! You do **not** have to have a Facebook account to join us. Just go to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ssppECCUSA at 2:00 PM on Sunday afternoons.

Bulletin Inserts (page 3): We continue "getting to know the church, its practices and other pressing issues" with *Bulletin Inserts for the Liturgical Life of the Parish*. The short bulletin inserts provided in this resource cover a variety of liturgy-related topics that aim to assist the parish in the liturgical formation of the assembly. The author, Fr. Paul Turner, provides short catechesis on a wide variety of topics to help the reader gain a better understanding of the "what, how, and why" of the liturgy. Each insert is designed to help the reader engage the liturgy and manifest it in their lives. Fr. Paul Turner is pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, Missouri, and director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph. He holds a doctorate in sacred theology from Sant'Anselmo in Rome. ***This month, we learn about the Celebrations of All Saints Day (November 1) and the Commemoration of All Departed Souls (November 2).***

Schedule Changes this Month:

Sunday, November 3, 2024: Mass will be held at Mercy Retreat Center at 10:30 AM as the closing of our Annual Synod. ***You are welcome to join us in person or on our Facebook Live Broadcast.***

Sunday, November 24, 2024: Due to a scheduling conflict with St. Timothy's, we will not be able to celebrate mass today.