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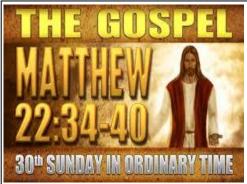
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THE SANCTUARY LIGHT ISOFFERED IN

LOVINGMEMORY OF

+JOE AND TILLIE **HEDRICK**

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

5:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:30 AM

+JOSEPH

+Anna

Tuesday, October 27, at 9:30 AM

Tuesday, October 27, at 10-11 AM

Wednesday, October 28, at 9:30 AM

Thursday, October 29, at 9:30 AM

Friday, October 30, at 9:30 AM

All Saints Day

Saturday, October 31, at 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 1, at 9:30 AM

+MISSAPROPOPULO

Eucharistic Adoration

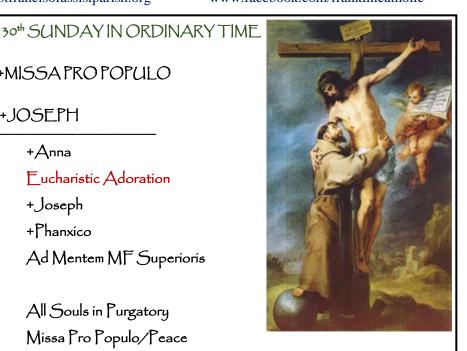
+Joseph

+Phanxico

Ad Mentem MF Superioris

All Souls in Purgatory

Missa Pro Populo/Peace



LECTORS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

31st Ron Zajac

NOVEMBER:

1st Cliff Ebel

7th Kathy Russell 14th Donna Manthei

21th Ron Zajac 28th Joe Labuda 8th Benita Ebel 15th Jayne Longley 22th Cliff Ebel

29th Benita Ebel



Lectors

The Body of Christ will be distributed only by the Priest.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

"For it is receive"

- St. Francis of Assiri

October 11 weekend: Church: \$2,182.00

Building Fund: \$125.00

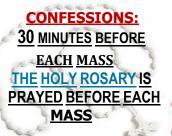
October 18 weekend: Church: \$2,947.00

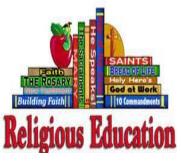
Special Collection: \$522.00

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

This Sunday we hear the equation that love of God equals love of neighbor. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote this in his encyclical God is Love: "Anyone who needs me and whom I can help is my neighbor. The concept of 'neighbor' is now universalized, yet it remains concrete. Despite being extended to all mankind, it is not reduced to a generic, abstract and undemanding expression of love, but calls for my own practical commitment here and now ... Love of God and love of neighbor have become one: in the least of the brethren we find Jesus himself, and in Jesus we find God" (#15). Who is the neighbor we are called to love right now? How will we show concrete love for them?

LOSF

The Ladies of St Francis have spent the last two months beginning a new form of service ministry, "Adopt a Parishioner". With so many parishioners isolated or having limited contact with family and friends, we are matching volunteers with members of our parish who might enjoy someone keeping in touch with them. There are 2 ways you can help if you are interested: 1) You can adopt a parishioner. This can be different for each person. It might be keeping in touch with phone calls, cards, taking them a meal or any way you can let them know they aren't forgotten. 2) We don't want to overlook anyone. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from this outreach ministry, please let us know and we'll add them to our list. Please call or text Linda Braswell at 979-777-8277 if you would like to help.

COVID-19

Many of our elderly and sick have sheltered at home away from loved ones and neighbors to protect themselves from COVID-19. This separation has had many significant effects. Please hold in prayer all those who may feel isolated or lonely during this pandemic. May Our Mother of Sorrows comfort them in their time of need. For those coming together for Mass, let us faithfully maintain and strengthen best protocols that protect one another. We are encouraged to wear face masks, wash our hands often, and keep safe distance while gathering for the worship of God.

Pastoral Message to the Faithful regarding Pope Francis' comments on Civil Unions

The Diocese of Austin released the following statement:

"In light of the recent documentary, Francesco, in which Pope Francis reportedly mentions civil unions, the Diocese of Austin affirms the Church's teaching that marriage is an indissoluble bond between one man and one woman. Pope Francis' thoughts likely flow from the importance of "accompaniment," a running theme of his pontificate. The Holy Father has consistently encouraged Catholics, and all people of good will, to accompany those in need of material and spiritual support. His comments do not change Christ's teaching on marriage.

Bishop Joe S. Vásquez calls each of us to reflect on the theme of pastoral accompaniment as a way to cultivate charity and grow together in wisdom and holiness."



Catholic Charities' 14th annual Creating Hope in Central Texas Event has an exciting new VIRTUAL format this year! Join us Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. to hear stories of our impact and to support Catholic Charities of Central Texas. Stay home, include the family, and create hope in your community by attending our virtual fundraiser event. When each of us gives what we can, we can make a real difference. To register, please go to www.ccctx.org/creatinghope. For questions, contact Kristen Erdem at (512) 651-6132 or kristen-erdem@ccctx.org.