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Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

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I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me,
I was in prison and you visited me.

MATTHEW 25:35-36

OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST
KING

OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Tues, Wed, Thurs & Friday: 8:30 AM

Pastor: Rev. Francis Offia

STAFF:

Secretary: Judy Guidroz

CRE: Elizabeth Carmona

Music Director: Tina Adams

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I was thirsty and you gave me drink." — Matthew 25:35



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, November 21, Mass 5:00pm

L. H. Maria Nguyen T. Noi+; Phero & Maria Nguyen Ty+; Charion Hemphill+; Maria Do Thi Vi+; All Souls; Cathy Condon+; Brenda Brightbill+; Dawn Gonzalles+; Inez Clark+; Michelle Guidroz

Sunday, November 22, Mass 8:00am

Parishioners of St. Bonaventure

Sunday, November 23, Mass 10:30am

Dottie Marshall+; All Souls; Dominic;
In Thanksgiving to our Benefactors

Monday, November 24 — No Mass

Tuesday, November 25 — Mass 8:30am

All Souls; Jim Savoie+

Wednesday, November 26 — Mass 8:30am

All Souls; Maria

Thursday, November 27 — Mass 8:30am

All Souls ; In Thanksgiving for Fr. Francis Offia; In Thanksgiving for Judy Guidroz; In Thanksgiving for our benefactors both living and dead

Friday, November 28 — Mass 8:30am

All Souls; Judith B. & H. J. Whitney, Sr.+

THANKSGIVING

One act of thanksgiving, when things go wrong with us, is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclinations.

—Saint John of Ávila

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. In the United States, one in seven people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please pray prayerfully.



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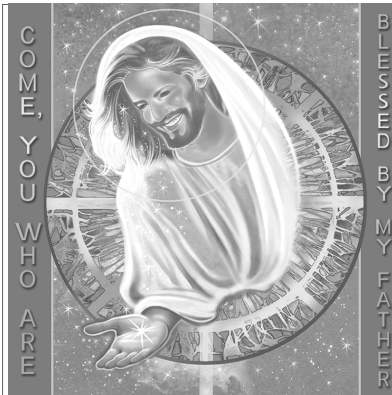
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Parishioners of St. Bonaventure



THE SHEPHERD KING

The job of shepherd and the job of king couldn't be more different from each other. Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society, kings are at the top. But God says, through the prophet Ezekiel, that the Messiah will lead in a way very

different from earthly authorities who lord it over their people and cause harm with their poor leadership.

Our King takes on the job himself. Christ, like a shepherd, will give rest, seek out the lost, bring back the strayed and scattered ones. He will heal the wounded and bind up the injured. He does not delegate, but will "shepherd them rightly." We have a king who cares for us and who is not afraid to "judge between one sheep and another" (Ezekiel 34:17).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

Gospel — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28 Thanksgiving Day (suggested):
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

BEGIN WITH ARDOR If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new ardor. —St. Charles Borromeo

Prayer for Protection against Storms and Hurricanes



Our Father in heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pope's NOVEMBER Intention

Artificial Intelligence



We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES. Prayer for Soldiers

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

GOD'S WILL

Lord, if your people need me, I will not refuse the work. Your will be done.

—St. Martin of Tours



Prayer Request:

LynLeigh Adams; Jeff Adams; Janell Angelle; Helga & Tina Barry; Pearl & Rebecca Berthelot; Todd Bordelon; Carl Cavelere; Jason Chiasson; Kai ye Chin; Hiomara Dominquez; Tammy Duhon; Ben, Brandon & Tim Guidroz; Ester Hammil; Maria Hernandez; Kathleen, Donald, & Glenn Jeansonne; Joy & Norbert Labit; Gay Litolff; Kirk Litolff; JoAnn Leman; Gary & Holly Marshall; Theda Melarine; Cherie Mitchell; Carolyn & Arthur Moore; Cuong Nguyen; Anita Perkins; Karan Poret; Janice Reiser; Jules & Michael Sancho; Lloyd Seneck; Al Stapler; Trent Trentacosta; "Mooney" Woods. Please call the office or send in your request to add or delete a loved one to the prayer list .



Matters Arising

ON THE PASTORAL CONVERSION OF THE PARISH COMMUNITY IN THE SERVICE OF THE EVANGELIZING MISSION OF THE CHURCH:

Bringing parishes together for effective evangelization

The Instruction from the Sacred Congregation for the Clergy shifted attention in chapter VII.A to VII.D. to the canonical provisions for parish groupings. While this is both important and essential within the entire document, I think that we might want to come back to such subject later. The one thing from that section we could reflect upon is the beauty of several parishes working together for the purpose of evangelization.

Earlier on in our reflection we touched on the new realities and apparent situations in today's parish setting. The change in demography, migration, the effects of the digital world and social media, non-permanent residents etc. all these present new issues and beg for new ways of administering the parish. We even talked about non-physical members of a church parish – a section of the people of God that must be met, reached, and ministered to where they are. There is no doubt that current realities call for a common and united response by mostly neighboring parishes. We must admit that extreme sense of territorialism jeopardizes evangelizing activities in a huge. Parish A and Parish B, in the present situation of things, must think of the ways in which they would be able combine without losing their parish identities while meeting the pastoral need of the people and their members

This is something happening already between us here at St Bonaventure and Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Waggaman. It is a good thing that the two parishes have been working together and sharing resources in area of parish school of religion program (PSR). As we move forward to reviving our ministry to the young people (Youth and Young Adult ministry) we are also opening wide the door of membership to all those in that age bracket to not just from these two parishes but also all other parishes in our deanery. Parishes can put resources together to accomplish a lot in this regard.

The fact that are parishes in this part of the Archdiocese are considered small in terms of population makes it even more necessary for us to initiate joint activities which would bring parishioners from the different parishes in the area together. This is what the signs of the times calls us to do, and we cannot afford to ignore it. Maintaining the status quo or wanting to continue doing the same thing the same way we have done it years past will NOT just yield a different result. It will keep us where we are without making progress. Paying attention and responding to the new spirit of the time would definitely turn things around both in our parish here at SBA and in the neighboring parishes. *To be continued*

On a different note: As we move into the Holy Season of Advent next week, I beg to suspend our reflection once again on the pastoral conversation of parishes, and switch to reflecting on the importance/significance of the Liturgical Seasons Advent and Christmas. We shall return this again after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January.



*Mr Gerald Thomas
from Covington*

*Built and
install for us
new Holy Oil
Cabinet*



*This one equipment
will definitely aid
our work of
evangelization*



*A Wonderful Veterans
Day Celebration Here
at St Bonaventure
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*Thank you
our veterans
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Pastor's Corner

- It gladdens my heart to see among many parishioners of St Bonaventure; 'a lively faith, animated by charity, which enable us to perform all our actions from the motive of pure love of God, and ever to see Him and serve Him in our Church and our neighbors.' I encourage that we keep this spirit going.
- A friend who chose to remain anonymous donated money to us to install the projector in our church. We are grateful to this person. Also, a friend from Covington, Mr. Gerald Thomas built and installed new holy oil cabinet near our church baptistery. We thank him too. Thanks to all made donations towards our parish Bingo fund raiser and those who helped to work the bingo. I am so proud of you all.
- Parish Day of Advent Reflection is on Dec. 12th 9am to 12.30pm for members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and P.S.R Teachers. I humbly and sincerely expect all members of these groups to attend.
- Once again, I wish to remind you all that my number one duty as your pastor is preaching the Word of God and feeding you with the Sacraments especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. The Eucharist is a spiritual food to nourish our souls. However St Paul tells us that receiving the Body and Bloody of Christ unworthily causes injury to our soul. Please remember that there are opportunities for Confession here at St Bonaventure Saturday 4pm-4.45pm and Wednesday 5.30pm – 7.0pm
- Our Youth and young Adults are meeting again today Nov. 22nd by 4pm. Encourage your kids and grand kids 7th grade to 12th grades and College age teens to come out and become part of the parish in this unique way. There will be Pumpkin Painting context for them this evening.
- I am committed to letting you know of what is going on in the parish using the Pastors Corner in our Bulletin. Please endeavor to get a copy every week. In that way you are up to date with the happenings around the parish. Also check the page in our bulletin which contains the events for the rest of the year and save those in your personal calendars.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Matthew 25:31-46 **"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for the least ones, you did for me."**



Our image of Jesus as a carpenter who cared for people in need and the necessities of life does not fit our image of Christ as King. The problem is that our image of *kingship* is not very positive. Kings were often tyrannical and self serving. And we often forget that at our Baptism we are all anointed *priest, prophet* and *king*. So what is the true function of a king? It is to see that all of his subjects, everyone entrusted to his care, is treated equally and shares equally in the benefits and resources of the kingdom. That is the message Christ the King taught and demonstrated to us. We share in Christ's kingship. Whatever we *do for the least* in His kingdom, we do for Him. He depends on us to do it.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, we should be grateful to live in a country that allows us to be kingly like Jesus - to do all we can for those who are *the least* in His Kingdom: the unborn, the elderly, the homeless, the sick, the dying, and the imprisoned.

Mask mandate: By order of the governor, masks are required at Mass and when doing business in the office. Please adhere to the mandate for the good of all and in order to ensure our church follows the guidelines and remains open.

THE FOUNDATION

Wisdom is the foundation, and justice the work without which a foundation cannot stand.

—St. Ambrose

SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Parish Evening of Collective Dreaming—
(Date and Time TBA)
- Thanksgiving Turkey Bingo —
Friday—November 20th.—7:00pm —
doors open 6:00pm. Children welcome.
- Thanksgiving Mass —November 26th.—
8:30am
- Rosary Procession Around the Church in
Honor of Our Lady - **Dec. 7th. 5:30pm**
(Refreshment available) Mass: Tuesday
Mass 8:30am and 6:00pm
- Advent Day of Recollection **Dec. 12th.**
9am to 3:30pm

SACRAMENTS

Confession: Saturday 4:00—4:45pm;

Wednesday 5:30—7:00pm

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the office to
schedule an appointment with Father. Parents
and Godparents must attend a seminar.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangements
should be made at least 6 months prior to expected
wedding date. Call the office for details.

Funerals: Please notify the priest before
Contacting the Funeral Home.

VOCATION

MEDITATION FOR PRIESTHOOD,
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“God has called us with a holy calling...according
to His own purpose and grace.” If you think God
is offering you the grace of a vocation to the
priesthood or consecrated life,
Contact Fr. Francis at 504-729-8469.

COMING UP

Pray for the Dead
—Fr. Michael Gilligan

MONDAY, November 23, 2020 —

- ♦ No Mass —Father’s Day off

TUESDAY, November 24, 2020 —

- ♦ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Rosary 7:30-8:30am -Mass 8:30am
- ♦ No PSR this week

WEDNESDAY, November 25, 2020 —

- ♦ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Rosary 7:30-8:30am -Mass 8:30am

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THURSDAY, November 26, 2020 — office closed

- ♦ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Rosary 7:30-8:30am -**Mass 8:30am**
- ♦ *HAPPY THANKSGIVING!*

FRIDAY, November 27, 2020 — office closed

- ♦ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Rosary 7:30-8:30am—Mass 8:30am

♦

SATURDAY, November 28, 2020 —

- ♦ Mass 5:00pm
- ♦ Confession — 4:00—4:45pm

SUNDAY, November 29, 2020 —

- ♦ Mass 8:00am & 10:30am
- ♦

START WITH GRATITUDE

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received.
Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that
feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that im-
pulse.

—Henry Van Dyke

A Nation’s Prayer

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United
States of America to your loving care. You are the rock
on which this nation was founded.

You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to
life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this
land for your glory and dwell among your people. Send
your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation’s leaders.
Open their minds to the great worth of human life and
the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.
Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in
seeking and doing your will.

Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this
through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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