

# THE GREAT RIVER ROAD MESSENGER

## SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

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November 19, 2017

*Thirty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

*Well done, my good and faithful servant.  
Since you were faithful in small matters,  
I will give you great responsibilities.  
Come, share your master's joy.*

*Matthew 25:21*

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## Full of Surprises

Rev. Matthew McCaughey

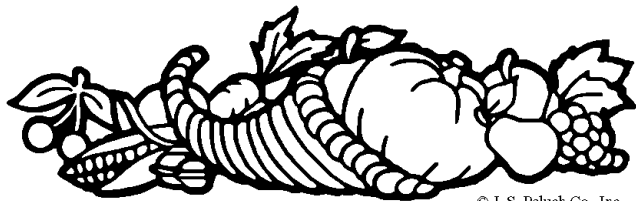
I've seen more wildlife in my rectory these past 16 months than in any place I've lived before. Last year I had a snake come to spend the night as well as waves of mice after the adjacent cane field was harvested. I also remember an invasion of Asian lady beetles in multiple church buildings last fall. This year I'm surprised that different animals have come to visit. I haven't seen an indoor snake or mouse this season, but I have seen enough frogs that I feel sorry for those who endured the biblical plague. After all the summer rain we had, frogs were frequent guests. They swarmed the rectory garage door at night. They climbed the entrance doors and jumped inside the house when the door was opened. They frequented the living room and the kitchen in the rectory. As unsettling as it was to find a frog in a cup, I would much prefer that to finding one in bed.

One lesson for me is that life is full of surprises. After last year, I was anticipating what I would do with the next house snake, and I was ready for the seasonal field mice with the best in mouse accommodations. (I'll call it "Hotel Victor.") The cane harvest came and went, and now I have a frogs, not mice. As much as it would make things simpler if every day or change in seasons was predictable, I think I prefer the adventure of new encounters. This makes me wonder, what critter will be the next guest?

I had another surprise when I recently visited a brother priest at his parish. His was one of the many parishes impacted by the August Flood of 2016, so there was an expectation that this would be a tough assignment for a new pastor. What surprised me was there was so much life and energy in the parish. Mass attendance had increased noticeably since his arrival, so much so that he's already planning to expand seating in the church. There is already a cleared plot of earth where the new rectory will be built, the old one still gutted after the flood. Based on the energy and activity, I could hardly believe this pastor started this past July! His energy and zeal give me hope despite my slow going in the cluster.

This last surprise was inspired by Fr. Brad's Trivia Nights. I recently read a book written by a pope of the last 60 years about the Holy Spirit. Can you guess which pope wrote these words? He said, "The pastors are not just persons who hold a certain office. They themselves are charismatics; they are responsible for keeping the Church open to the action of the Holy Spirit." You might be surprised that Pope Benedict XVI wrote that in his book, *New Outpourings of the Spirit*. Please pray that your pastor receives an outpouring, not of frogs and mice in his home, but of the Holy Spirit!

Peace,  
Fr. Matthew



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Happy  
Thanksgiving

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ST. JAMES	
COLLECTION	AMOUNT
Offertory	\$3,425.50

ST. PHILIP	
COLLECTION	
Offertory	\$2,736.00
Building	\$1,206.00
Cemetery	\$1,149.00

### Second Collections

The second collection this weekend will be for the Campaign for Human Development on November 19.

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## MASS READINGS

### MONDAY

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

### TUESDAY - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

### WEDNESDAY - St. Cecilia

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

### THURSDAY - St. Clement I, St. Columban;

Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro;

1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

### FRIDAY - St. Andrew Dung-Loc and Companions

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

### SATURDAY- St. Catherine of Alexandria

1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** at St. James burns this week for Bradley Hymel and for Manuel Amedee at St. Philip.

### *Sanctuary candles & flowers*

Sanctuary candles and flowers may be offered in memory of loved ones or friends or in honor of a life event. Please call the parish office to place your order reserve your candle.

### PRAYER LINES

#### ST. JAMES

Enola Matherne 225.265.3820

Myrna Schexnayder 225.405.1590

#### ST. PHILIP

Cecile Hymel 225.265.7705

If you know someone who is Catholic and a shut in or in one of the local nursing homes, please contact the office so we can make sure to keep in touch with them.

### FYI: OFFICE HOURS

#### St. James

MON, WED 7:30am - 2pm

TUE, THU 8am - 3pm

FRI 8am - 11am

#### St. Philip

MON - FRI 9:00am - noon

### WHAT'S GOING ON

Nov. 22 - **NO** Trivia Night

Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving - Mass at 8:00am at OLOP

Dec. 4 - KPC @ St. James - Ladies @ 6pm in the Cake Room

Men at 6:30pm in the Hall

Dec. 5 - KPC at St. Philip - 5:00 pm in the Hall

Dec. 6 - Penance Service at Our Lady of Peace at 7pm

Dec. 7&8 - See Important events for Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

### THE HOLY MASS -WEEKDAYS

MON 8am Our Lady Of Peace

TUE 8am St. Philip

WED 8am Our Lady of Peace

THU 8am Our Lady of Peace

6pm St. Philip

FRI 8am St. James

### THE HOLY MASS -WEEKENDS

**SAT 4pm OLOP**

**6pm St Philip**

**SUN 8am St. James**

**10am OLOP**

### RECONCILIATION

SUN 7:15-7:45 St. James

SAT 3:00 - 3:45pm OLOP

SAT 5:30 - 5:50pm St. Philip

If you need to go to Confession outside one of these times, please call the office.

## Important Dates

### Thanksgiving, Nov 23

8am, OLOP

There will be no evening Mass at St Philip that day

Parish offices will be closed  
November 23 & 24 in  
observance of Thanksgiving.

### Cluster Penance Service:

December 6, 2017 at Our Lady  
of Peace at 7:00pm.

### Feast of the Immaculate

#### Conception Mass Schedule:

Thursday, Dec. 7 at St. Philip at  
6:00pm

Friday, Dec. 8 at OLOP at 6:30am

Friday, Dec. 8 at St. James at  
8:00am

Friday, Dec. 8 at OLOP at 6:30pm

December 11 - Advent Mission  
at OLOP

## Thanksgiving Baskets

There is a basket on the table at  
the entrance of the church for you  
to place your donations for  
Thanksgiving baskets. These  
baskets are prepared by Court St.  
Philip 1504 and are distributed to  
members of our community. All  
donations are greatly appreciated.

## Lecture Scheduled

Franciscan University will sponsor a  
lecture commemorating the 50th  
anniversary of the Papal encyclical

## FAITH FORMATION

### No Faith Formation Classes this weekend

#### St. James

Sunday, Nov. 26,

Dec. 3, 10 & 17

Grades 7-9 at 9:30am

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Dec. 5, 12 & 19

Grades 1-6 at 5:00p.m.

#### St. Philip

Monday, Nov. 27

Dec. 4, 11 & 18

Grades 1-6- 5:00 - 6:15

Grades 7-9- 6:30-8:00pm

The next classes for  
**Confirmation** and 10th grade  
students will be at St. James at  
9:30am on November 26 and  
Dec. 17, 2017.

The next morning at St. Vincent  
de Paul for Confirmation  
students is. December 9. Please  
check your schedule to see when  
you signed up.

### First Reconciliation & Workshop

Saturday, Dec. 9

9:00am at St. Philip

for students from St. James and  
St. Philip.

Humanae Vitae on Thurs., Nov. 30  
from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with  
reception following. Dr. Marguerite  
Duane, board certified family  
physician and Adjunct Associate  
Professor at Georgetown University,  
will present an hour lecture  
covering the science and ethics  
behind fertility awareness based  
methods of family planning. Dr.  
Duane is also co-founder and  
Executive Team Leader of FACTS  
(Fertility Appreciation  
Collaborative to Teach the Science),  
a Creighton Model f consultant, and  
a wife and mother of four. Free and  
open to the public. For more  
information, contact Dr. John  
Meinert at 225-768- 1708 or  
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## Under the Mantle of Our Lady Prayer Group

The newly formed Under the  
Mantle of Our Lady Prayer Group  
invites women of our cluster  
community including St. James and  
St. Philip to join them in prayer and  
discussion every other Saturday  
morning at 7:30 a.m. in Holy Cross  
Hall. This month they meet on Sat.,  
Nov. 25.

The members of the group are  
preparing for a consecration to  
Mary in conjunction with the Feast  
of the Immaculate Conception on  
Dec. 8.

They also have plans for the Advent  
season and other events. Women of  
all ages are invited to attend any of  
their meetings.

## DEVOTIONAL LIFE IN OUR PARISHES

**TUESDAY:** Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is prayed after the 8am Mass at St. Philip.

**THURSDAY:** The Scripture Rosary for Peace is prayed at St. Philip at 5:10pm.

**FRIDAY:** Recitation of Rosary at 7:30am at St. James.

**SATURDAY:** Recitation of Rosary for Priests at 8:30am at St. James.

**FIRST THURSDAYS:** Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follow the 6:00pm Mass at St. Philip.

**FIRST FRIDAYS:** The Litany of the Sacred Heart, Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follow the 8:00am Mass at St. James.



## Treasures From our Tradition

Earlier this autumn, we looked at how our Eucharistic Prayers have been enriched by the approval of several new prayers to augment the old Roman Canon. For us, there are the four standard prayers, three for Masses with Children, and the most recent addition, the former Swiss Eucharistic Prayer with four alternative forms (now known as the Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions). We also have two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation. The source for these two prayers is the request by many bishops for a special prayer for the "Holy Year" of 1975. Originally, the committee in charge was commissioned to write a single

prayer, but the theme proved so rich that it gave rise to two. The first is based on and develops biblical texts on reconciliation. The second starts with the experience of living in today's fractured world, and how the Spirit calls us to reconciliation and peace. Not everyone was

happy with all this creativity, saying that if too many were published, it would be difficult for the Vatican to control further requests. Everyone thought the pope would put strict limits on the prayers, but in the end he said he was willing to open doors that had long been closed.

Preached by  
Fr. Andre Melancon

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Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament

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12.11.17  
6PM | MONDAY  
OUR LADY OF  
PEACE  
CHURCH  
.....

Beignets & Hot  
Chocolate to Follow

*O Come  
Let Us  
Adore  
Him*

.....  
ADVENT MISSION



Although he approved them for a period of only three years, they were never formally removed from the Sacramentary and have been incorporated into the new Roman Missal.

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