

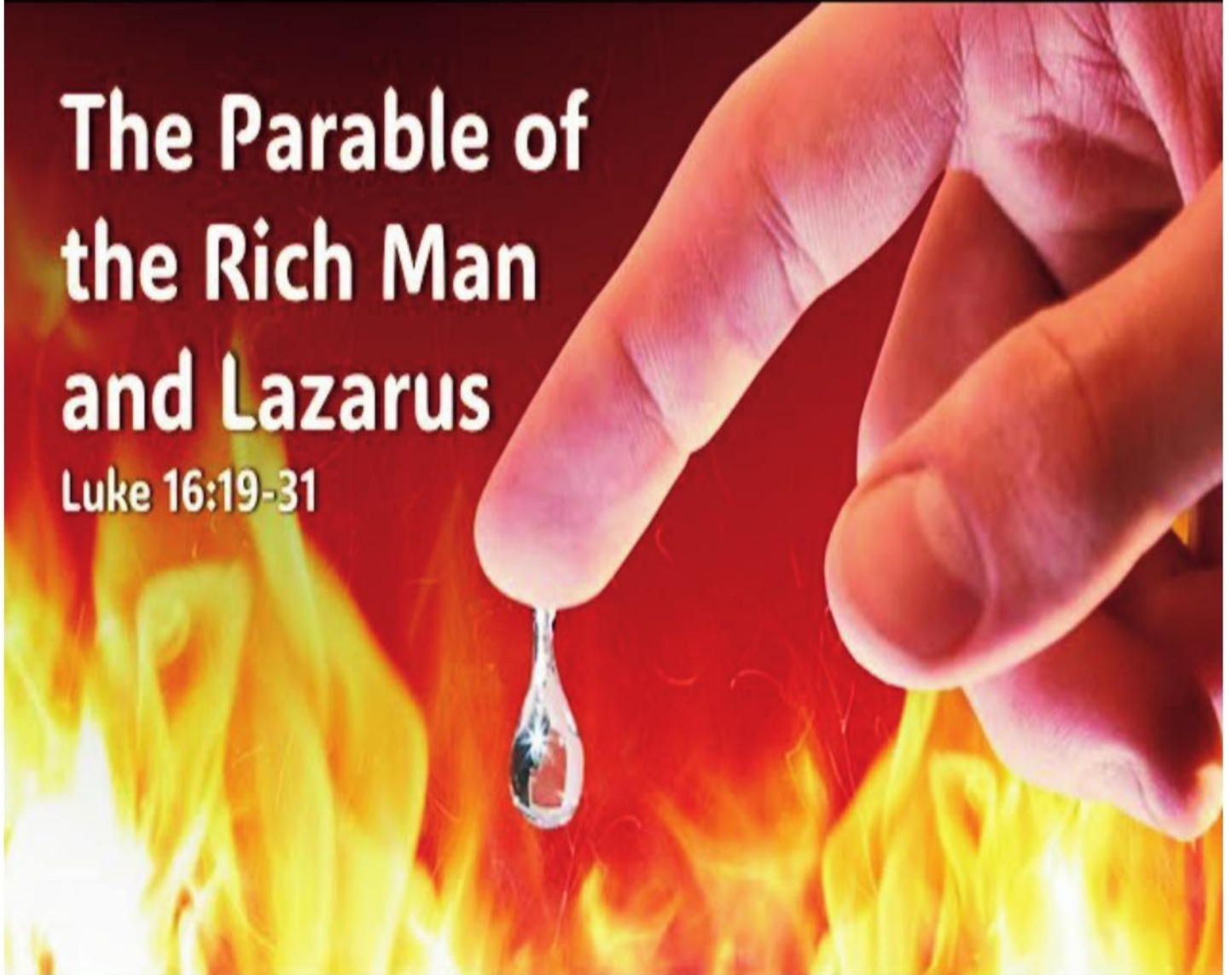
# Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025

## The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31



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# ABOUT OUR PARISH

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday  
5:00 p.m.

Sunday  
7:00 a.m.  
8:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon No Mass  
Tue 8:00 a.m.  
Wed 6:30 p.m.  
Thu 8:00 a.m.  
Fri 8:00 a.m.

## HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

## SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

**Tuesday:** St. Jude Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Thursday:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Thursday:** Patriotic Rosary in Church 6:30 p.m.

**First Friday:** The Most Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing with Benediction

**First Saturday:** Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Rosary and Confession

## RECONCILIATION

Sat 4:00-4:45 p.m.  
Wed 6:00-6:15 p.m.  
Or by request

Rosary will begin 30 minutes Before each weekend Mass

## YOUR CLERGY

Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond, D.D.  
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## Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."

## REGISTER

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

## SACRAMENTS

### **Baptism**

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

### **Matrimony**

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

### **Communion for Ill/Shut-In**

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

### **Funerals**

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.



## AROUND THE PARISH

**Family Day**—September 28th in Parish Hall

**Pet Blessing**—October 4th 1:00 p.m. by picnic tables

**Life Chain**—October 5th 2:00-3:00 p.m. by SMH

**Rosary Coast to Coast**—October 5th 3:00 p.m. on  
Rosary walk on Parish grounds

**Rosary Congress**—October 10th 8:00 a.m. until  
4:30 p.m. in Church

**Rosary Rally**—October 11th 12:00 p.m. Poitevent  
Park

**Pilgrimage to St. Benedict**—October 17 (see flyer for more  
details)

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Tuesday Morning Rosary**—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St.  
Jude Novena in Parish Hall

**OCIA**—Tuesday 6:00 p.m. in classrooms

**Legion of Mary**—Thursday 2:30 p.m. Parish Hall

**Confirmation**—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**—Friday after 8:00 a.m.  
Mass until Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

**Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**—Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
with Mass, the Rosary and Confession

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, September 29**

(Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51)

No Mass Scheduled

**Tuesday, September 30**

(Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56)

8:00 a.m. Lou Lou Battle †

**Wednesday, October 1**

(Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, October 2**

(Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Mt 18:1-5, 10)

8:00 a.m. Legion of Mary

**Friday, October 3**

(Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16)

8:00 a.m. Lou Lou Battle †

**Saturday, October 4**

(Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24)

8:00 a.m. Fr. Chris DeLerno

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr. †, Roszczynialski/  
Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee &  
Yvonne Tracey †, Ken & Adele Salzer †, Danny Ragu-  
sa, Sr. †, Lawrence Otillio †, Lee Ann Scogin †, Judy  
Woods †, Patti & Vaughn Gay, Claude Yarborough †,  
Debbie Oubre & Family, Bruce Guidry † & Family,  
Bill Fisher, Danny Bourgeois, Tony Columbo, Jr.,  
Frenchie Cheramie, Howard Hebert, Katherine Hon-  
tiveras, Richard Mistrot

**Sunday, October 5**

(Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10)

7:00 a.m. Michael Wingerter, Sr.

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey †, Lee & Rachel  
Laughlin, Deacon John & Mary Joyce Howard †, May  
Caballero †, Eydie Richmond †, Pat Cuccia †, Robert &  
Jimmie Lou Fava, Shirley Lacoste †, Richard La-  
bourdette †, David Licciardi †, Karen & Gabriel Dick-  
erson

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

## PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Weekly Rosaries: 285

Year to Date: 12,438



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Ed  
Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily  
Jorns, Dalin Davis, Israel & Joyce Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann  
Brewin, Joseph Decaro, Lois Leonard, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Shirley  
Matthews, Jim Richmond, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm,  
Landon Jeffrey, Glenn Bunting, Lucy D'Antoni, Judy Aleman, Isabella & Dylan  
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Dave Anderson, Lisa Wayne, Courtney Allen, Robert Lawtum, Bailey Battle, Linda  
Lopez





### POPE INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



### ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flower arrangements  
adorning the altar this weekend were donated for

*Dan Jocks*

## SAVE THE DATE

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

Join us for a day of The Most Holy Rosary and The Divine Mercy Chaplet during Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist

The 2025 Jubilee Year is a Holy Year of the forgiveness of sin, conversion and joyful celebration. During this **Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee**, we are encouraged to renew our relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, and to encounter His healing grace. We have the perfect opportunity to do so during the Eucharistic Rosary Congress, which is a period of Eucharistic Adoration with an Hourly Rosary.

Saints Peter and Paul will host the Eucharistic Rosary Congress Friday, October 10th. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in church with the Rosary prayed aloud at the start of each hour, followed by silent prayer for the remainder of the hour. Come spend time with Jesus! Please consider participating by volunteering to cover one of the hours of Adoration. Additionally, if you are interested in leading the Rosary, please call

985-863-7935 or sign-up in the church main entrance.



### PASTOR'S CORNER

### PASTOR'S CORNER ON DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES (PART 2)

Some time ago, I learned about a devotional practice of some dubious nature. This practice is used by many to sell their house. In this practice, the person buries a statue of St. Joseph upside down in the ground asking for his help to quickly sell the house. When you do this, you are forcing St. Joseph to help you by not digging up his statue until the house is sold.

Devotionals and Novenas are great practices in our Faith that bring many blessings into our lives, but unfortunately, some pagan practices often creep into them. For example, the practice of using a statue of St. Joseph to sell your house. This is a good practice if you just buy the statue and place it in a front window of your house and pray for St. Joseph's intercession to sell it. After the house is sold, it would be a good idea to promise to be devoted to St. Joseph in thanksgiving for his help. You can place the statue in a prominent place in your new home or in your existing home, if the one you sold was not your primary residence. There are also many good resources that you could use to grow closer to St. Joseph or to be more devoted to him. This would be a great way to thank him for his intercession. You could also tell people about the help St. Joseph gave to you. To learn more about St. Joseph, I recommend reading "Consecration to St. Joseph, The wonders of Our Spiritual Father" by Donald Calloway. This is a good book that teaches us so much about St. Joseph. It is set up that you can use it to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph in 33 days. My first year at Sts. Peter and Paul was the year of St. Joseph and we used the book when we consecrated ourselves to St. Joseph. I am sure those who were in the class remember that it is a great read and very informative on the life of St. Joseph.

Now the problem with burying the statue, especially upside down, is that it is a pagan practice that has crept into the Church. The belief is that we must bury the statue so that St. Joseph will quickly sell our house. Once it is sold, then the statue is dug up. This is a bad practice and one that we should NEVER DO! You should NEVER bury a statue, of any saint, especially upside down. This is blasphemy! And because of this, you would not and should not want to do this. It was in fact Satanists, who tricked others into believing that they were good Catholics, who taught this practice. Satanists bury statues of Catholic Saints upside down to desecrate them or to mock them. They also pour blood over statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Jesus or some other Saint. I read about this in a book from an ex-Satanist who after leaving the church of Satan, converted to Catholicism. She wrote about some of her experiences and how Satanists often mock God and His Saints. Also, Jessie Romero, has a video online of Satanists desecrating a statue of Mary with blood. Yes. Real blood that was from some animal or human that was sacrificed. They poured the blood over the statue in a mocking way while chanting some form of prayer or other blasphemy in a ritualistic way. By the way, Satanists pray as well. They pray to Satan and not God or Jesus. They ask for some favor or another from the devil. This action goes directly against the First Commandment. "I am the Lord Your God. You shall not have other gods besides Me."



If you are wondering, Jessie Romero, is a devout Catholic who works with the TFP Group. TFP stands for Tradition Family and Property and is also in-line with the America Needs Fatima group. The full name of the group is The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property. He often leads events where good Catholics stand up peacefully against the many satanic events, gay pride or abortion rallies held around the country. The event where blood was poured on the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary was held outside of a Catholic Church. Their intent was to desecrate the Church. The Satanists were trying to do it in secret, but the TFP group found out and had their people show up to protest peacefully. They videotaped the whole event, so that people would be informed. The video shows the Satanists dressed in their full satanic regalia. They even had their warlock, which is a satanic equivalent to a Catholic bishop there and he was dressed up in a mockery of a Catholic bishop. It looked like a black cassock with fancy red fringes that a bishop wears. The thing that stood out the most to me was the fact that he was wearing a large rosary with an upside down pentagram. It had the face of Baphomet (goat head) in the middle of it. (A true rosary has the middle medal that usually has an image of Mary on one side and Jesus on the other.) The warlock's rosary had a crucifix with the body hung upside down on an upside down cross. This was not a representation of St Peter. It was a mockery of Jesus' crucifixion! This is what Satanists do. They mock God. In the video, there were men dressed like priests, but if you looked close enough, you notice that something was off. They were wearing the black clerical shirt that a catholic priest wears, but the roman collar was crooked, bent or creased. Their haircut was like a mullet that was shaved in a strange way. I had to look at the video several times to catch what I was seeing. It was meant to be somewhat confusing. They want to try to confuse people of faith into becoming lax in their faith or rejecting the Faith. The whole theme is to blaspheme Jesus as much as possible. This is what the Church of Satan is all about. This is sad to think about but, unfortunately, the Church of Satan is one of the fastest growing churches in the world today. You may be wondering, why? The reason is those who adhere to this mockery of true faith say that Satan gives them all that they want. But, truly he only gives them worldly goods in exchange for their soul. This is not a good trade.

I talk about this sad reality in our world about what Satanists do, not to shock you, or to shake you. I want to let you know, unfortunately in our world, Satan is alive and very active doing all kinds of unsavory things. The saddest thing of all is how many people are actively giving their lives to him for earthly things like wealth, fame and power. What they do not know is that what they give to him is by far greater than what they receive. Unfortunately, people today want instant gratification, or faster than instant, and that is what Satan gives to them. They are unable to see that true happiness comes, not in this life, but in the next. Now we do have happiness in this life when we serve Jesus and notice what He does for us. However, the truest and greatest happiness that is everlasting comes much later after we die.

So going back to devotional practices, another Novena that has some dubious nature is the Novena to St. Joseph that has never been known to fail. This Novena is not a bad Novena. The problem with it is the part about never been known to fail. This can give one false hope. I have prayed this Novena many times with good results. I have seen many prayers answered through this Novena. The problem comes when we feel that our prayer has not been answered or that the saint failed us. This is not the case. What is important to note is that sometimes God answers us in ways that we do not expect and other times allows us to struggle. This is always done for a reason and is often because God has a better plan in store for us. So, do not allow yourself to feel discouraged, if you pray a Novena, and it does not seem to be answered. God always answers our prayers. Sometimes God's answer is "No" because what we want is not good for us. Other times, He says, "No" because He has other plans that are much better and we will see those results later on in our life. Sometimes the reason that God does not answer our prayers right away is that it is not time for the blessing to be released or it is just not the right time. God knows when the right time is for every blessing and grace that He give us.

One prayer that I prayed, as a young man, was that God would help me to find the right wife. In one way, you could say that prayer was not answered. I am glad that He did not answer that prayer. Truthfully, God answered that prayer for me in an incredible way when he guided me to the priesthood. The church is the bride of Christ, so my bride that I was given by Jesus Christ is the Catholic Church. The most wonderful of all brides!

**One last dubious devotional practice that I will talk about in this Pastor's Corner is a distortion of the St. Jude Novena** – the key problem is that we often try to force Saints to do what WE want them to do. We should never try to force a saint to intercede for us! What we should do is ask for their help and intercession. The dubious idea is that you would make nine copies of the Novena prayer and place them in a church for nine days. On the ninth day, St. Jude would grant your request. If he interceded for you, you would promise to get the word out about his intercession. However, you do not need to blanket the church in little strips of paper with photo copies of the Novena to get St. Jude to hear you. You simply need to pray the Novena with faith and ask for his intercession. If you want to do something good for the saint who answered your prayers, after the favor is received, you could always tell others about the grace that was granted. Or you could tell others about the blessing that you came to see from God through the saint's intercession. This has a two-fold purpose. You could tell people about the favor and those who hear about it would naturally want to pray the Novena. Also, here at Sts. Peter and Paul we have a longer form of the St. Jude Novena that we pray every Tuesday morning after mass. This Novena is much better than the little prayer that people photocopy. If you want this Novena to St. Jude let me know. I will give you one that we use to keep.



The idea of sharing the story about your blessing and graces received from God with others can be used whenever Jesus gives you some form of blessing or grace. When you take note of the blessing, you want to first, thank God for the blessing and then tell others about it. When we do this we increase the faith of others, and we help them be on the lookout for God's blessings in their own lives. It also helps you to be more open to the graces in your own life. It is so wonderful when God allows us to be part of His blessings and when He clues us into the many blessings in our own lives.

With this thought in mind I will share one such grace that happened to me at the Priest Convocation the week before last. I had spent Tuesday night at my brother's parish, so we could ride together on Wednesday morning. Before my brother and I left for the convocation, I received a text around 8:30 am from a woman I know whose son was rushed to the hospital. She asked me to give him the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. She lives in Mandeville and her son lives farther north, closer to Baton Rouge. My first thought was how I am going to get to the hospital in Mandeville, an hour drive away, anoint him and then get back to the Marriot Hotel, next to the Convention Center, before 11 am. We were supposed to check-in by that time for a required workshop. I was also supposed to concelebrate the 8:30 am Mass with my brother. This was the only time that I would have to celebrate Mass. I knew that it would be near impossible for them to get a priest to anoint him since most priests would be at the Priest Convocation. I knew that I would need to handle this anointing myself. I prayed a prayer asking Jesus for help. Jesus gave me the idea to ask her what hospital her son was in. So, I texted the mother and asked what hospital her son was in. The response I received was that he was in Ochsner Main Campus on Jefferson Highway. That was such a God moment for me! I would have to go by that hospital on my way to the Marriot. After the 8:30 am Mass, I put my anointing kit into my pocket and my brother and I headed to Ochsner Hospital on our way to the convocation. After I anointed the young man, which took about 20 minutes or so, we were able to get to the Marriot Hotel in time to sign in, put our luggage into our rooms and get to the workshop, only one or two minutes late. The next day, the Associate Director of the Office of Worship, Betty Ann Hickey, was looking frantically for a priest who would have their anointing oils with them. One of the priests who had an emergency anointing could use them. Now I must say that the chance to find a priest with the anointing oils at the Convocation of Priests was pretty slim. First of all, there was no need for the sacrament at a Priest Convocation and most of the priests were taking time away from their parishes. Someone was supposed to be in charge of emergencies, so the priests would be able to fully focus on the presentations at the Convocation. I do not know what the emergency was, but I was the only priest with my oils. If I had not anointed the young man the day before, I would not have had them with me. So getting back to Betty Ann, I happened to be walking down the hall with a fellow priest when she approached that priest who was a hospital chaplain and asked if he had the anointing kit with him. She said if anyone would have their anointing kit with him it would be you. She had already asked many other priests, but no one had their oils with them. When she asked Fr. Dan if he had the oils and he said no he did not have them with him, she was downcast until I chimed in, "I have my anointing kit." She was very thankful, but said if they were in my car in the hotel parking garage that it would be too hard to get to them. I told her not to worry because the kit was in my luggage up in my room. Betty Ann immediately recognized this as a God moment! She was about to give up the search having already asked many priests for help, and no one had their kit with them. She was very thankful. She also said that she would use this God moment the following week when she would give a presentation to a group of people about how God reveals Himself to us.

One last God Moment that happened at the convocation was as we were leaving, my brother noticed a bag left behind by one of the priests. In the bag were a set of new eyeglasses, special eye drops, and a few letters to be mailed with return addresses bearing the name of one of the priests that I happened to have the phone number of. I called that priest who had already left the Marriot and was far away when he returned my call. This priest is a teacher at St. Joseph Seminary College outside of Covington. When I was able to return the bag to him on Tuesday he was so helpful and saw this as a God moment because he just had eye surgery and needed the glasses and eye drops. He had looked for the bag, but was unable to find it due to his eye related problems. My brother and I only noticed the bag because we had stopped to talk to Betty Ann after everyone else had left with their luggage. Hence that bag being left behind was easy to notice. So, here are several God moments in a three day period of time. Make sure to ask God to help you to see your own God Moments!



### IN MEMORIAM

With deep sympathy we inform you of the death of Diana Bradshaw who was called by God to her eternal reward. Please remember Diana and all those who mourn her in your Masses and prayers.

### THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

The Good Samaritan Ministry is offering Thanksgiving Food Baskets to the first 300 approved applicants. Applications will be taken every Monday in October from 9:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center of St. Luke. To register you must provide a picture ID, SS card, proof of income, and a SNAP printout or if not on SNAP but are approved for Food for Seniors, eligibility will be confirmed by the Second Harvest enrollment list. Baskets will be distributed on Monday, November 24th in front of St. Luke the Evangelist Church. Picture ID is required for pick-up.





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