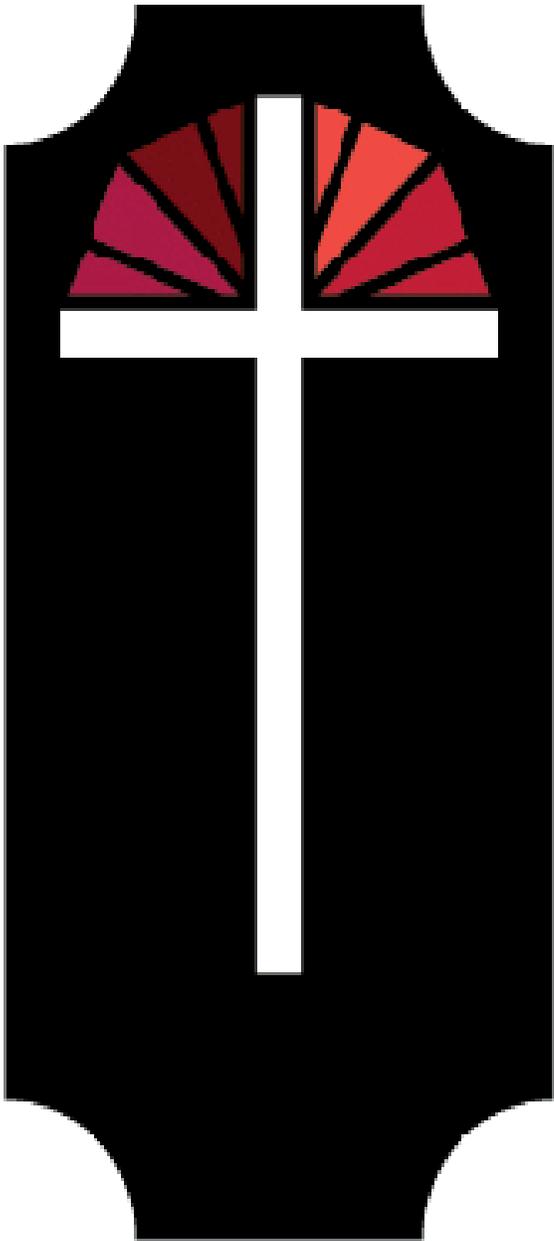


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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 29

8:30AM Mary Breckler

Wednesday, November 30

8:30AM Francis Hoang

Thursday, December 01

8:30AM Hop Tran

Friday, December 02

8:30AM Frank_McGarvey

Saturday, December 03

5:00PM Bob & Stella Appell

Sunday, December 04

9:00AM People of Our Parish

11:00AM Michael Hoang

Recently Deceased

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Mass Times

Tues-Fri 8:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

11:00 AM

1:30 PM (Haitian)*

3:00 PM (Nigerian)**

7:15 PM (Brazilian)

* Every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month

** Third Sunday of the month only

Reconciliation

1st Saturdays from 3:45 – 4:45 PM

PASTORAL POST

The Diocesan Synod Report (Part 4 of 5)

Fr. Tony Davis

Question 3: How do we promote participation in decision making within hierarchical structured communities? What hinders people from being active in your parish? How is authority or governance exercised in your local parish?

The responses to question 3 revolved around communication and authority.

Regarding *communication*, participants felt that communication in all directions needs to be improved, from the Diocese, to pastors, to parishes, to parishioners. This includes parish leaders advertising their various ministries with an explanation and clear set of expectations. Without this ongoing communication, new members may not know about the ministries that long time parishioners take for granted or it is hard to break into the various cliques within the parish. Also, it was noted that personal contact is the best way to communicate.

Next, the report lists possible hinderances for parishioner involvement that were mentioned often in the listening sessions:

- Lack of personal invitation
- Not knowing what opportunities to volunteer are available/who to contact
- Fear that they will not perform the duties properly or be rejected
- Not having enough time, especially for workers and people with children
- The parish is no longer a central social organization in society
- Clericalism among clergy pushes parishioners away
- Covid-19 pandemic impacted the community, and it will be hard to recover

Regarding *authority*, the main concern can be summed up as the need for transparency. The document states, “many people said they did not know how authority was operated.” For example, they wondered whether parish councils made decisions, were advisory, or even required at all. To help with transparency regarding how authority operates, some proposed systemic church reform, such as the introduction of married priests and women deacons. Others called for the lay people of the parish having more decision-making power. On the other side, some expressed their belief that the Catholic Church is and should follow a proper chain of command hierarchically. Because of this, the synodal approach is a dangerous step. Those in the middle suggested that the pastor should make the final decisions, but with much more input from the laity as well as the reasons for the decision.

May the Church in the Diocese of Columbus be a Church who walks together!

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CHURCH NEWS

TOLTONITE EVENT

The young adults of the parish are invited to a talk sponsored by the Toltonites called *Self-love in a Selfish World* by Dr. Lucía Chacó-Díaz, a young adult Catholic working in the College of Education and Human Ecology at OSU. This interactive presentation will be Saturday, December 3 at 6:30 pm inside St. Matthias Church. As she writes, “in Mark 12:31 Jesus says that the second greatest commandment is to ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’ But what does it mean to love oneself? How can love for the self be cultivated in a healthy faith-based manner? How does self-love play a role in our Catholic life if we are also called to deny ourselves, pick up our cross, and follow Jesus (Mark 8:34)?” Please join us as we explore self-love!

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

In 1968, the United States Bishops Conference stated the following as ‘Cooperative Effort:’ “We strongly urge Catholics of every color and ethnic group to ally themselves with these religious and civic programs as the most convincing way of demonstrating the love of neighbor which is the proof of love of God. The Gospel of Christ and the good of the nation must motivate us to encourage, support, and identify with the efforts of the poor in their search for self-determination. It is chiefly through the attainment of control over one’s personal and social destiny that destructive feelings of despair, frustration, and helplessness can be eliminated. These efforts require the help—free from all spirit of paternalism or condescension—not only of organizations and institutions, but of each and every believer.” Let us pray for racial justice in our Catholic Churches.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASSES

Please note some additional upcoming masses to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Masses will be Wednesday, December 7 at 7pm, Thursday, December 8 at 8:30am (with school students) and 7pm. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen.

ST ELIZABETH INVITATIONS

On behalf of combined PSR ministry, St. Elizabeth Church would like to invite the children of the parish to participate in a Nativity Play and a Christmas Children’s choir. Please see the flyers on our bulletin boards for more information, including rehearsal times.

November 6, 2022	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR TO DATE</u>
Contributions (+ online)	\$ 7,632.09	\$ 117,362.91
Budget	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 152,000.00
Difference	\$ (367.91)	\$ (34,637.41)

NOTICES

ADMIN ASSISTANT TRAVELING

I will be traveling home to Uganda to visit and celebrate the festive season with family. I will be away from November 20 to January 23, 2023 (*correction from last weekend*). While away I will be covered by Bridget, our former Secretary. However, this will be remotely from home. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Beginning this weekend, you may submit Flower donations in memory of loved ones for decorating the sanctuary for this upcoming holiday season. Please put your name, your intention’s name, and a donation of \$10 per intention in an envelope and place it in the collection basket. Please have them in by Sunday, December 18 to be published in the Christmas bulletin.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

To all future parish volunteers who will be working with children: please mark your calendars for the next local Protecting God’s Children workshop. It will be Wednesday, January 11, 2023 from 6-9pm at DeSales High School. You must register in advance. Go to columbuscatholic.org/safe and click on ‘VIRTUS Registration.’

SUNDAY MISSALS

2023 Sunday Missals are now available for a donation of \$3. Please see the sacristans before or after mass.

MUSIC MINISTRY

- Digital Worship Aids are available at <https://www.stmatthiascolumbus.com/worship-aids> - password “Music”
- Choir Practice is on Saturday Evening, immediately following mass and Sunday Morning, from 10:00-10:30am in the church.
- Recordings of the multi-lingual songs are available on the website; <https://stmatthiascolumbus.com/music-ministry>

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