

THE WORD THIS WEEK

PASTOR'S NOTE

Thanks for the Prayers

Thanks for the prayers everyone! A couple weeks ago I was sick with a persistent low-grade fever and a terrible sore throat. I missed out on a lot of the events and activities we had at the end of October into November but I was able to rest and recover. I took some antibiotics and after a few days I started to drastically improve. To everyone who is sick now or has been sick for a while, my heart goes out to you and I hope you get better soon.

While I was sick I wasn't able to do much and it made me think of our various responsibilities to the parish and what it takes to make our community thrive. A lot of people think that it's Father who should make everything happen or that I as the pastor am equivalent to the "church". But the reality is that we all are the Church, we are all the parish, and it takes all of us, each in our own way, to contribute to creating a healthy community. I can't, nor should I, try to run this parish by myself. Not only is it physically impossible, but it's also not mine to make my own. And it's the same for all our ministry heads, volunteers, and members. The parish is bigger than each of us. It existed before us and will last longer than us. In this short time that we are a part of it, let's do what we can to always work together to build a home for future generations where they can encounter the living God and hear the Gospel of Christ. Let's pray for each other and lift each other up as one Family. We can't do it on our own. We need each other's help!

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (1a)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

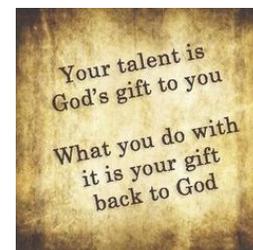
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REFLECTIONS

"Blessed are those who fear the Lord."

Oh ye of little faith, who are apathetic about our lives with God, who coast along, doing and giving as little as possible. We know not when the Lord is coming; yet He may come "like a thief at night" and surprise us when we are not ready to account to Him for our actions, or lack thereof.

In today's gospel according to St. Matthew, the Lord has given us His goodness in graces of faith and gifts and talents for us to use for the greater good of all. God does not bless us so we can keep these blessings to ourselves. These blessings are given to us so that we may bless others with our actions of goodness and kindness and build our relationship with God. We cannot be like the servant who was given one talent (an amount of money) and buried the talent because he was afraid to invest it. He was not willing to work to increase the value of what he had been given. His master, who represents Jesus, is very upset with him when He returns, for the servant has shown no effort to increase what he has been given. We receive graces and gifts from God our Lord to use to benefit us and all those around us. God does not want us merely to hold these gifts and talents for ourselves. When He comes on judgment day, He will expect us to show him the good works we have done to benefit humanity with what we were blessed with. Have we fed the hungry, taken care of the sick, visited the imprisoned, helped those in need of help? Have we been good and faithful servants? Brothers and sisters, we know not the time nor the place when God will show Himself to us and ask for our accounting. Let us be prepared. May our graces, blessing and talents benefit our Parish and our brothers and sisters in need. Have a blessed and fruitful week.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Questions about the Mass

The Sign of the Cross is a unique form of Catholic prayer. Baseball players do it before going up to bat, actors do it in movies and TV shows to express reliance on a Higher Power, and we start all of our prayers with it. But why?

The Cross is central to Christianity. It is the moment of greatest revelation of who God is. In the Cross we find that God is not someone who primarily seeks our destruction or wants to remain distant or does not care to understand our pain and suffering. In the Cross we find the God of love and reconciliation. Jesus said that there is no greater love than to lay one’s life down for your friends. In the Cross God makes us His friends and tells us that He wants to restore us to relationship with Him.

So, when we mark ourselves with the Cross by tracing it over our forehead, heart, and shoulders, we are asking God to restore us again and show us His love once more. How profound and beautiful is the Sign of the Cross! With this simple gesture we put ourselves into the mystery of the God of Love and Selflessness.

Beginning the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in this way—with the Sign of the Cross—should tell us a lot about what the Mass itself is. It is a profound and beautiful participation in the mystery of the life of the One who calls us friends. Every time we pray in this way we are extended the invitation to be reunited to God. Let the Mass be that—an opportunity to reconnect with a great friend. God cares about you and wants what is best for you. Be reminded of that every time you make the Sign of the Cross and are enveloped by the Lord’s embrace.



Congratulation to **Frank Tilley** on his Deaconate Ordination on Saturday November 21, 2020. Frank Tilley will be serving at the 8 am and 10 am Masses on Sunday, November 22, 2020. Join us in welcoming Frank as the newly ordained Deacon after each mass at Trinity Hall on that day with a light reception . Please wear your mask and practice social distancing.



Mass Intentions

For the week of Nov. 14— 20, 2020

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Melanie Solis
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	San Juanita Qunionez
	10:00 a.m.	Rolando Pena Sr. & Jr.
	2:00 p.m.	Aurora Bernal
	9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners
	11:00 a.m.	Matt/Adela Lopez
Monday	6 p.m.	All Parishioners
Tuesday	6 p.m.	Clem & Agnes Nava
Wednesday	6 p.m.	Guadalupe Sallabedra Jr.
Thursday	6 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Jueves	7 p.m.	Irene R. Mendoza
Friday	6 p.m.	Daniel V. Veliz

May They Rest in Peace

Please pray for the response of the soul of Benardo DeLaGarza and Mary Lauer May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace and their families find comfort in Jesus.

In memory of
Gonzales/Guajardo/
Villafranca
By: Becky & Henry
Guajardo



Misal del Pueblo/Missal of the People are here for the next quarter. These are for the 1st Sunday of Advent (November 29 –February 14). You may purchase one for \$10. Mil gracias.

PARISH FINANCES

2020 Jamaica Donation Request

Thank you for your generosity!

Since we weren't able to have our Jamaica this year, we are asking for donations and you are responding.

We appreciate your support!

Maria & Abierto Cervantes, Sofia & Vernal Jervis, Helen & Juan Balderez Jr, Dan & Noemi Galvan, Mary Lou & Joe Rendon, Rosie Reyes, Teresa & Joe Delossantos, Carmelita Guerra, Carolina & Carmen Garza, Felice Guajardo, Janie M. Rubio, Robert & Yolanda Gonzalez, Lalo & Janie Hinojosa, Julio Reyes, Beatrice Castaneda, Blanca & David Valdez, Theresa & Wenceslao Gutierrez, Robert & Margaret Alvarez, Martha Bentley, Cricelia G. Uresti, Linda Longoria, Anonymous, Tali & Loretta Villafranca, Villafranca & Villafranca Law Firm, Dcn. Larry & Lynn Koether, Felix & Guadalupe Chacon, Juanita Lopez, Ester Hernandez, Genaro & Melba Cortez, Raul & Josie Alvarado, Judge Bea & Leandro Gonzalez, Oscar & Rosa Ramirez,

Total collected: \$10,365. up to date.

Monthly Parish Projects

Weekend collections, office income, and your donations go to our monthly projects. Below are a few (not all) of the projects we have to raise money for every month. If you would like to support these projects, you may continue to give online or in the collection. Or you may also support one of these projects directly as a sponsor. Please call the office if you would like to be a sponsor and we will happily provide you with a letter for taxes.

Project	Cost for November
Mortgage for OLS Church Building:	7,657.54
OLS and ST Electricity (every building):	9,901.73
OLS Property Insurance:	6,900.00
Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA):	7,500.00
Phone and Internet:	1,114.19

Approximate Total To Raise Every Month

\$65,000.

Amount Left to Raise for November

\$32,035.

OUR WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING ON November 8, 2020

	OLS	ST
Parish Collections:		
1st Collection	7,378.00	1,383.77
Debt Reduction	1,785.00	80.00
Candles (Church)	95.00	13.00
Online Tithes	1,955.00	10.00
Online Debt Reduction	190.00	0
SUBTOTALS	11,403.00	1,486.77
Office Income:		
Mass Intentions	5.00	0
Sanctuary Lamp	15.00	0
Baptismal	5.00	0
Wedding	600.00	0
Funerals	400.00	0
Plant Sales (Shut In)	1,302.00	0
Tamales- Guadalupanas)	432.00	0
Prayer Sign Sales (Altar Society)	680.00	0
Donations (Jamaica Letters)	1,285.00	0
Lector's Workbooks	14.00	0
All Saints	21.00	10.00
All Souls Days	81.00	10.00
Missalettes	50.00	0
Rental (Rosario House)	350.00	0
SUBTOTALS	5,240.00	20.00
Outgoing Collections:		
Catholic Education	26.00	36.00
Initial Offering	20.00	0
2nd Collection—DSA	623.80	427.55
SUBTOTALS	669.80	463.55
GRAND TOTALS	17,312.80	1,970.32

Thank you for your many gifts, heavenly Father.
In the Name of Jesus, accept this offering,
anoint it with your Spirit, and multiply it for your
honor and glory.

FAITH FORMATION

ADULT FORMATION

Catholicism 101—RCIA

Need Sacraments? Want to Learn?

November 18th, please join us for Mass at 6 p.m. at OLS followed by the Class at Trinity Hall. All are invited to join us, especially those who would like to receive his/her sacraments or would like to become catholic. Come nurture your faith and grow your discipleship to Jesus Christ in His Holy Catholic Church.

Formación Cristiana — RICA

El Jueves, 26 de Noviembre de 2020 es el Día de Acción de Gracias. No tendremos nuestra Clase de Formación programada regularmente. Por favor, tenga un día de bendición con su familia. Reanudaremos la clase el jueves 10 de Diciembre.

Advent Retreats : Retiro de Adviento

Saturday, December 5, 2020 in Spanish 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mass.

Saturday, December 19, 2020 in English 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mass.

Both retreats will be held at the CCD Center, concluding with the 5 p.m. Mass.

Todos son bienvenidos a venir y preparanos espiritualmente para la conmemoración del Nacimiento de Jesús.



“Formed” - Great app supporting an authentic Catholic lifestyle. Watch, Learn and Share. Pulling together the best in Catholic movies, children’s programming, dramas and books. Our bible studies, sacramental prep materials, documentaries, books and audio talks from leading Catholic experts will help you grow in understanding your faith. Encountering and sharing the content has never been easier.

Go and seek. <https://formed.org>

YOUTH FORMATION

CCD Has Started!

Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in the CCD Building and Ending with Mass at 2 p.m.

Children who do not come to Mass with parents or guardians will not be able to continue in the Faith Formation program

Family Life Wednesdays

Everyone is invited to spend some time in prayer on Wednesdays throughout the school year. This will be a great way to form the whole family in the faith. Remember, the family that prays together, stays together! Mass at 6 p.m. and exposition of the Eucharist afterwards. Some nights have a target age but all are welcome.

Come join us!

- 1st Wed—Family Life Rosary for all ages
- 2nd Wed—High School Adoration for grades 6-12
- 3rd Wed—Divine Mercy Chaplet for all ages
- 4th Wed—Children’s Adoration for grades 1-5
- 5th Wed—Family Life Rosary for all ages



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Ministries
& OLS/ST Parishioners

Meeting: Friday, November 20, 2020

After 6 PM Mass in the Church

Please join us in sharing our vision & goals of our parish spiritually and physically. This truly has been a challenging year for everyone and we continue to meet those challenges through the grace of God. We need your help as we slowly move forward in returning to a clean and safe place of praise & worship. Fr. Jacob will go over details and schedule for everyone to accomplish these goals so we can continue to gather for Mass and be safe. This is our place of worship and if everyone pitches in, our time and effort in helping our Pastor, Priests and Clergy will be minimal for everyone.

Gracias y que Dios multiplique sus bendiciones.



Tamale Making Party

Saturday, November 14, 2020

8 a.m.—3 p.m.

Trinity Hall

The Guadalupanas invite you to come help make Tamales and support our Parish.

Place your order today. \$12. per dozen. Pick up date will be November 21st at Guadalupe Center. For more information please call Lisa Cortinas * 361-571-0592

Lector's Workbooks are in. Please call the office.

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers, welcome back to your regular schedule. Please remember to follow COVID-19 guidelines and stay safe. Thank you for your service to our parish community. If you have any questions regarding your ministry, please contact the ministry leader. We are very grateful to all of you for your support in everyone's safe return home.



Brisket Taco Breakfast

Hosted by Jamaica Team

Sunday, November 22, 2020

After the 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Masses.

We are asking parishioners to donate cakes and pastries. Trinity

You may bring your goodies to Hall that morning.

BBQ Taco on homemade tortilla — \$3.00

Or

BBQ Taco, drink and dessert — \$ 5.00

Come enjoy a delicious meal and support the parish.

Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale
December 6, 2020 8 a.m.—2 p.m.
Trinity Hall

Get your Christmas Shopping done early and help support our Parish. All proceeds to benefit OLS/ST. Please feel free to donate crafts and items to be sold as well.

UPDATING PARISHIONER RECORDS

Please help us update your records. We need current phone numbers, addresses and changes of members in your household to better serve your needs. Thank you for submitting your information to:

jmrubio@ourladyssorrows.org

PPC will be conducting a Parish Census at OLS & ST on December 1, 2020.



Prayer Signs are In!

Limited supply.

Altar Society will be selling these beautiful signs this weekend at Trinity Hall after all the masses.

For more information, please call Gloria Cano at (361) 920-3127 or call the office.

Great way to unite in prayer and support our church. Donate of \$10. or what your heart desires to give.