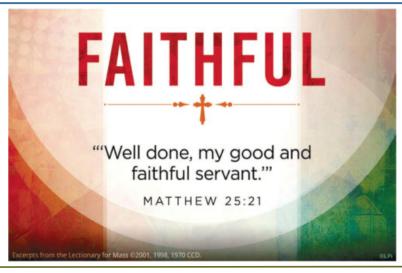
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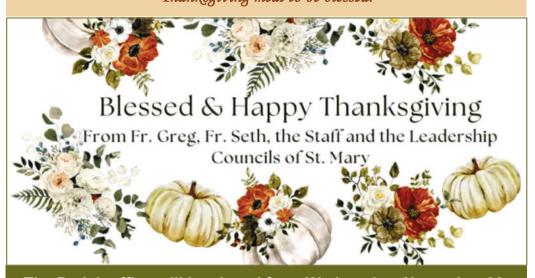


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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:30am Rosary at 8:00am

Bring a basket with the bread and wine that you will be serving for your Thanksaiving meal to be blessed.



The Parish office will be closed from Wednesday, November 22. We will return on Monday, November 27.



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Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm - In Person **Sunday Masses:**

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Mon - Sat: 8:30am Rosary - 8:00am Live-Stream & In Person

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Proverbs describes the ideal wife who runs her household with wisdom and grace. How would you describe your household growing up?

Second Reading:

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to stay alert and sober for the day when the Lord Jesus will return. Why do you think the date of this event is hidden from us?

TODAY'S READINGS

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 128; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

Gospel:

Jesus teaches about the importance of using our God-given gifts faithfully and prudently in the parable of the talents. What gifts have you used well in your life?

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Today's readings challenge us to live not for the "here and now," but rather with eternity in mind. We are reminded that we will be called one day to give an account for the gifts God has given us — our physical, intellectual and material gifts — as well as the gift of time itself. We must examine our lives to determine whether we are making the best use of our gifts with the time we have been given to use them.

St. Paul gives us a wonderful lens through which to do this type of selfexamination, in our Second Reading from 1 Thessalonians. He reminds us of our true identity as disciples of Christ. "All of you are... children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober." We are to live in a way that is counter to the prevailing wisdom, living not for ourselves and for the pleasure of immediate gratification, but rather to advance the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus illustrates this Kingdom-oriented way of living in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a wealthy man who is about to go on a journey. Before he leaves, the man calls his three servants to "entrust his possessions to them." This should sound familiar. As Christian stewards, we know that all the gifts we have been given are, in truth, the possessions of our Heavenly Father, who has entrusted them to us for our good and His glory.

The master in our parable gives to the care of each servant a portion of his money ("talent") commensurate with that servant's abilities. He then goes off and we learn what those three servants do with the talents they have been given. The first two prove to be good and faithful servants — they "immediately" put the talents to use, doubling what had been entrusted to them. The third servant reacted to this responsibility with fear. He did not make an effort to use the talent entrusted him. In fact, he did the opposite — he hid the master's talent, burying it in the ground. He took the safe way, the easy way out.

What a tragic response!

This servant did not understand his master at all. He failed to see what a privilege he had been given, what an opportunity he had squandered. The master wanted to give all his servants the joy and satisfaction of helping him grow his kingdom. This is what our Heavenly Father wants for us, too — the incredible privilege of helping to advance the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us — Time, Talent, and Treasure — in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear these words from our Father: "Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master's joy."

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	11/19	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30
Mon	11/20	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tue	11/21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wed	11/22	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thu	11/23	St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44 OR Sir 50:22-24; Ps 138: 1-5; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Fri	11/24	St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Lk 19:45-48
Sat	11/25	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sun	11/26	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	11/20	8:30 am	Sharon & Claus Dahm (wedding anniversary)
Tue	11/21	8:30 am	Lillian Chang (birthday)
Wed	11/22	8:30 am	Jan Stallings †
Thu	11/23	8:30 am	Richard and Nga Tam Family (special intention)
Fri	11/24	8:30 am	Margaret B. Sell †
Sat	11/25	8:30 am	Rita Lukowski †
Sat	11/23	5:00 pm	Francis Sheridan †
Sun	11/26	9:00 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †
		11:00 am	Arturo and Pilar Ducanes (61st wedding anniversary)
		5:00 pm	Donna Hainey †

A Catholic Thanksgiving Prayer - Fr. James Martin, S.

Loving God, who created and sustains the universe, who loved us all into being, and who gives us every good thing, we thank you for the blessings that you bring into our lives.

We thank you for the gift of life itself, which you gave us in our mothers' wombs.

We thank you for the fresh start of each new day, which is a sign of your renewing and creative love.

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And we thank you for our friends, our families,
our neighbors and our coworkers,

whose human love is an image of your divine care.

Increase our gratitude this Thanksgiving Day, and help us to recognize all the good things that we have, both large and small.

And magnify our desire to share what we have with others, so that they too may be grateful to you Loving God. Amen.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you.
But since I cannot receive Communion at this time, Feed my soul spiritually. I unite myself to you now, as I do when I actually receive You in Holy Communion. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God entrusts special gifts to each of us, but they are not gifts to be hoarded and hidden. Let's work each and every day to multiply those gifts in the world.

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POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: NOVEMBER

We pray for the **HOLY FATHER**; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



FAITH IN ACTION



Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers: Bill Flora; Bruce Welch; George Bommarito; Janie Meacham; Vic LoBue, Jr.; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto; Carol Rakich; Frances Corpuz; Sharon Lyndon

For those who have recently died:

Ernesto Fernandez; William & Hollis Buchanan; Maria de Jesus Cantú; Marie Antonowicz

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.

MASS INTENTIONS: A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO REMEMBER SOMEONE

You can offer a Mass for a special intention or for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. Remember that there is no better gift than the gift of God's love and compassion as celebrated in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

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LAST DAY - NOVEMBER 19

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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

MEETING CHRIST: EXPLORING THE LITURGY SERIES PRAYING THE PROCESSION OF GIFTS - continued...

The early Christians brought bread and wine from their homes to the church to be used for the Mass and to be given to the clergy and the poor. Today, a similar offering for the parish and the poor is made with our monetary contributions. The priest receives bread and wine brought forward by members of the congregation, keeping the spiritual efficacy and significance of the early church offerings. He then mixes water with the wine and washes his hands. (Mixing water with wine and washing hands are things all Jews did at meals in Jesus' day.) Finally, he invites us to pray that the sacrifice be acceptable to God. We respond "Amen" to the Prayer Over the Gifts.

PRAYING THE PROCESSION OF GIFTS

During this part of the Mass which comes between the two great movements of the liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, it can sometimes feel like we are just waiting for "the exciting part" to begin. But this is a special time of prayer and preparation, with a meaning and purpose all its own. Like the Magi of old, we journey into the presence of Christ, bearing such gifts as we have to offer. In the words of Christina Rossetti's wonderful poem:

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart. (Christina Rossetti, In the Bleak Midwinter)

— Corinna Laughlin, Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy

Wonder is an essential part of the liturgical act because it is the way that those who know they are engaged in the particularity of symbolic gestures look at things. It is the marveling of those who experience the power of symbol, which does not consist in referring to some abstract concept but rather in containing and expressing in its very concreteness what it signifies. —Pope Francis, Desiderio Desideravi, 26

A QUIET PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Lord Jesus, as the altar is prepared, prepare me to celebrate this Eucharist with an attentive mind and a receptive heart.

Draw me closer to you and to my brothers and sisters in this shared prayer.

As the collection is brought to the altar, open my eyes to the needs around me and show me how to share my substance with others.

As the bread is brought forward, receive all I have accomplished this week as my offering to you.

As the wine is poured out, receive the failure, pain, and suffering of my life and transform them.

As the water and wine are mingled, make me more like you, so that the Holy Spirit may have room to act in me.

As the priest washes his hands, I ask you to bless him and all priests. Make them worthy servants of your mysteries, and faithful ministers to your holy people. Amen.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and for the good of all his holy Church.

- Corinna Laughlin, Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy - St. James Cathedral, Seattle. Used with permission.

Next week: The Eucharistic Prayer

SAINT OF THE WEEK: BL. CARLOS MANUEL RODRÍGUEZ



Carlos Manuel Cecilio Rodriguez Santiago was born on November 22, 1918, in Caguas, Puerto Rico and grew up in a devout Catholic family. He attended the local Catholic grade school and served as an altar boy. In 1946, Carlos began to work towards a bachelor's degree at the University of Puerto Rico. Despite excelling academically, illness again prevented him from completing his degree. Undaunted and with a true love of learning, he continued his studies informally, even teaching himself to play the piano and the church organ. His love of the sacred liturgy led him to begin publishing the magazines Liturgy and Christian Culture, filled with liturgical texts that he translated into Spanish and edited. He organized a Liturgy Circle in Caguas and later another in Río Piedras at the University to spread the power and beauty of the liturgy and the love of Christ to all. In 1948, he formed a choir called Te Deum Laudamus. He was an active member of the Brotherhood of Christian Doctrine, the Holy Name Society, and the Knights of Columbus. He also taught catechism to high school students.

At the time, before Vatican II, the Catholic Mass was only celebrated in Latin. Carlos worked to promote the idea that Mass should be celebrated in the language of the people participating. He translated the Latin Mass into Spanish so that the beauty of the prayers offered could be understood by those in his community. In addition to his love of the liturgy, he had a particular passion for restoring the Easter Vigil to the night of Holy Saturday. He was known to often say, "Vivimos para esa noche." ("We live for that night."). Carlos was to see this change officially implemented by Pope Pius XII in 1952.

Carlos Manuel's life was cut short when it was discovered that he had terminal cancer. He died in 1963 at the age of 44. Marked with the status Venerable in 1997, Pope John Paul II beatified him, declaring him Blessed, only 8 years later — the fastest beatification of a lay person to date. He's fondly remembered today as "Blessed Charlie" and is the first Puerto Rican and Caribbean-born layperson in history to be beatified by the Church. ©LPI

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