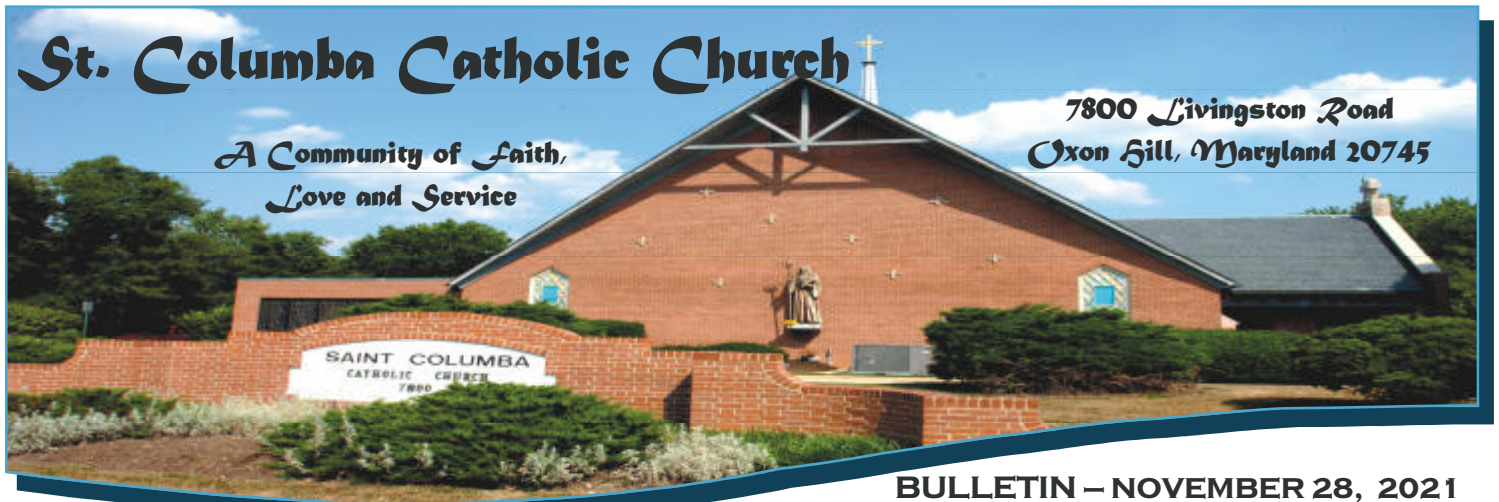


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BULLETIN – NOVEMBER 28, 2021



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

4:00 p. m. (Fall-Winter)

Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

First Saturday

Tagalog (Filipino)

7:00 p. m. (no Mass)

Weekdays

Monday—Friday

(No Mass on Wednesday Morning)

8:15 a.m.

Saturdays

9:00 a.m.

Mass and Novena

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m.

First Friday

8:15 a.m.

7:00 p.m. (no Mass)

Adoration

Wednesdays

6:00—6:45 p.m.

First Friday

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturdays

2:30—3:30 p.m. (Fall-Winter)
or by appointment

Rosary

Monday—Friday
7:25 a.m.

**No Coffee Social at this
time until further notice**

Parish and School Staff

Pastor

Rev. Gary T. Villanueva

Deacons

Deacon Andy Espinosa (Ret.)

Deacon Robert Villanueva

Parish Accountant

Diane Alexander

Parish Admin. Assistant

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Sr. Emily Bautista, MCST

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MCST

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Rebecca Bautista

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Benny Ramos

Fr. Dewan Hall Coordinator

TBA

School Principal

Christine Patton

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Nicole Vickers

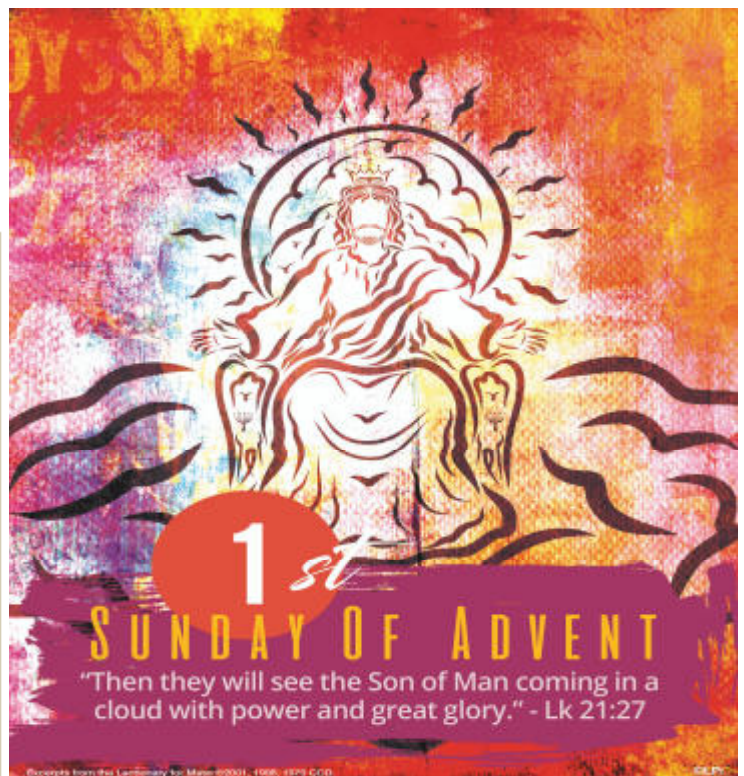
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BAPTISMS

*Please call the Parish Office for
information and to schedule
Baptism Preparation Class.*

BAPTISM AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN

*Please contact the Parish School of
Religion, Sr. Luzviminda Domingo,
MCST at 301-567-6113.*

MATRIMONY

*Please contact the Parish Office at
least six months prior to a proposed
wedding date to speak with a priest.
Reservation of the church is
required before other preparations
such as receptions are made.*

ANointing of the Sick/ Communion to the Sick and Homebound

Please contact the Parish Office



“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” - Lk 21:27-28

**REFLECTIONS
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary “shot in the arm” to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, “Be vigilant at all times.” Even Jesus knew what “the anxieties of daily life” can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much “stuff” to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of “must and have to dos” and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an “eternity” of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. “That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap.” If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, “We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another.” Getting to this place doesn't “just happen.” It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/
1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5,
8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2,
3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/
Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1
and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
[26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1,
4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/
Ps 147:1-2, 3-4,
5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2,
2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6,
8-11/Lk 3:1-6

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Sick and Suffering

Especialy Rachel Fisher, Abe & Tess Samoy, Ellamae Hulsey, Jeanne Pike, Cathy McGarrigan, Grace Macaranas, Conrado Flores, Jr., Ma. Rubi Jacinto, Francis Perez (3Oct21). Marian Flores, Gloria King, Peter Brosnihan (10Oct21). Allan Dacanay, Victor Juan, Marie Norment, Doc Francia (14Nov21).

Our Beloved Dead

Especialy Brian Smith, Ian Caburian, Galo Gonzales, Emiliano Mallari, Bernie Manlapig, Clavelina Sarmiento, Cynthia Flores, Evelyn Umayam, Teresita Mariano, Carmen Resurreccion, Maria Pico, Fortunata Labrador, Gloria Almodiel,

**NOVEMBER MASS
INTENTIONS**

All Mass Intentions for the whole month of November are for the souls of the deceased whose names have been placed in the gold box in front of the altar.



Wednesday, December 1

8:15 a.m. No Morning Mass
7:00 p.m. +Peter LoMedico

Thursday, December 2

8:15 a.m. +Anita Lustan
(Special Intention)

Friday, December 3

8:15 a.m. +Alma Arlyn
Rodrigo

Saturday, December 4

9:00 a.m. +Evangeline Fortin
5:00 p.m. Doris Patterson
(Birthday)

Sunday, December 5

8:00 a.m. +Vincent Ruggiero
10:00 a.m. Virginia Codimos
(Birthday)
12:00 p.m. Allan Dacanay
(Special Intention)

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY
INCLUDING:**

Especialy Tiffany Williams; Peter John Ifurung; PFC Mark J. Venancio; Andrew Alexander; Lt. Victor Barba; 1st Lt Peter Agboli; Krystol Dudley; Christian Samoy; Derrell Thomas Jahaira Best; Kevin Myers; Delange Monks, Marquette Young, Noel Dienzo, Kevin Neri, Marc Mendoza, AJ Semilla.

**PREPARE FOR ADVENT, JOIN
IN A DAY OF PRAYER AT THE
LOYOLA RETREAT HOUSE**

Date: Monday, Nov. 29, 2021

Time: 9 AM – 4 PM

Carpool will leave the chapel parking lot at 7:30 AM

Fee: \$40 (includes continental breakfast and lunch)

Visit the new Marian Garden. Confession will be available.

End the Day with Holy Mass
Contact Lydia Astorga (301-567-8872) or any member of the Sodality by Nov. 21.

**SCHOOL NEWS, EVANGELIZATION, CHRISTIAN FORMATION, ADMINISTRATIONS,
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**JOIN US FOR ST. COLUMBA
SCHOOL'S 20TH ANNUAL
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
CHRISTMAS MARKET PLACE**

Saturday - December 4, 2021- 9am - 2pm
Pancake Breakfast served - 9am - 12 noon
- Adults \$10 / Children - \$5.00 (3 and under free)

Christmas Market Place - 9am - 2pm -
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Photos with Santa - 9am -12 noon. \$5.00

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food, door prizes, face painting and free
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VOCATIONS CORNER

Please continue to pray for our fellow parishioner who is aspiring for Holy Orders.

Seminarian Chukwuma Collins Odigwe is currently studying Theology in Saint John Paul II Seminary, Washington, D. C.

Let us continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate and the religious life. If you know of anyone who feels such a calling, please give them encouragement and advise them to speak with Father Gary or any of the MCST sisters.

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PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

Total Amount Goal:
\$860,000.00

Amount collected
October 2021: \$29,538.00

COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY OFFERING

Month of October 2021
\$31,705.00

COMPARISON

Month of October 2020
\$26,293.00

YEAR-TO-DATE (UPDATED)

2021 \$138,718.00

2020 125,218.00

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2021 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

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Advent Novena Masses ("Simbang Gabi")

Wednesday, December 15 to Thursday, December 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Wednesday Novena and

Mass for Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24, 2021

Masses at 4:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight

Christmas Concert starts at 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25, 2021

Masses at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

Feast of the Holy Family

Masses at regular weekend schedule

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(Holyday of Obligation)

Saturday, January 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Masses at regular weekend schedule

Saturday, January 1, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

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