

GOD LOVES

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p. m. Sunday

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

First Saturday Tagalog (Filipino) (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.—6:00 p.m.

Confessions Saturdays

3:30—4:30 p.m. 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

Deacon

Deacon Robert Villanueva

Parish Accountant
Diane Alexander

Parish Admin. Assistant Leah Flores

Parish Youth Ministry Coordinator/Admin. Asst. Sr. Emily Bautista, MCST

Parish School of Religion Coordinator:

Sr. Luzviminda Domingo, MCST

Director of Music Ministry

Rebecca Bautista

Parish Council Chair Benny Ramos

Fr. Dewan Hall Coordinator TBA

School Principal Christine Patton

School Bookkeeper Nicole Vickers

School Admin. Assistant Marie Norment

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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

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Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." - Lk 19:8

REFLECTIONS THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Barry had a life sentence in prison for doing unthinkable crimes. He would often remark to the chaplain that he was an atheist and could not bring himself to believe in any "god." When the chaplain asked why, Barry quickly retorted that the book of Genesis speaks of God creating everything and feeling very good about it. God's creation of people and things is beautiful. Barry continued, "If there is a God who creates something and likes what He makes and that God is good, then how could He have created someone as evil as me?" The chaplain fell silent as tears welled up in his eyes. "God loves you too, Barry. The stuff that you did is another matter. God puts His image and likeness in each one of us, in our souls. How can God not love himself?" God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. He made you. Life hurt you. He is always about unconditional love and mercy. Barry found a glimmer of hope that day and was touched by love.

Zacchaeus met love incarnate in Jesus. He knew there was something special about him, and he had to see Jesus for himself. Realizing and knowing God's unconditional, penetrating love is a game-changer. Sinners don't repulse Jesus, he wants to eat with them! We can often find ourselves conflicted about how God sees us. We want to believe that He loves us, but other tapes playing in our heads convince us that this cannot be true. We carry our sins around like heavy sacks weighing on our shoulders. We are crippled.

God's divine blessing lives in each of our souls. It is our essential goodness, a free gift given to us by God. The beginnings of salvation's blessings are discovered when we begin to understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We become more focused and courageous, eager to gather up all of the fragments of our lives and become whole. Zacchaeus, after meeting Jesus, finally knew who he was. He saw his sins and his potential for goodness as a blest child of God. When we allow God to meet us and touch us in such a profound way, we find what our selfishness has lost. We are on the road to salvation.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 30, 2022

Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2/
Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/
Lk 19:1-10

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/ Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/ Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/ 1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday: Wis 4:7-14/ Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/ Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/ Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/ Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/ Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/ Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/ 2 Thes 2:16-3:5/ Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Sick and Suffering

Especially Mary Ann Flores, Gloria King (17Jul22). Simon Perez, Jr. (28Aug22). Rachel Fisher, Abe & Tess Samoy, Ellamae Hulsey, Jeanne Pike, Grace Macaranas (11Sept22).

Our Beloved Dead

Especially Eduardo Cruz, Reynaldo Cruz, Gloria Bungato, Leonor Peralta, Mary Hodge, Juliana Perez, Rebecca Galang, Amparo Rosario, Maurice Paraoan, Lirio Reyes Jao, Fr. Everett Pearson, James Abston, Francisco Sanchez, Theresa Busada, Sara Elizabeth Deeb, Magin Dones, Jr.



Monday, October 31

8:15 a.m. Gerardo Manaloto (Thanksgiving)

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.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY INCLUDING:

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

NOTICE



Change in Saturday MASS and CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Starting Saturday, November 12, 2022 until Saturday, March 18, 2023

SATURDAY MASSES: 4:00 p.m. SATURDAY CONFESSIONS: 2:30 p.m.

SCHOOL NEWS, EVANGELIZATION, CHRISTIAN FORMATION, ADMINISTRATIONS, STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE



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ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL IS NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR.

Are you or someone you know looking to work in a Christ-centered environment? Become a part of the St. Columba School community. We are currently seeking a middle school language arts teacher for 6,7,8 grade. Please contact the school principal at pattonc@stccatholic.org for more information or to apply go to Schoolspring.com job # 3987998.

THE ST. COLUMBA SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD CHARISMATIC GROUP

DAVID

Where: Sight & Sound Theater – Lancaster, PA (Show Time: 3:00 p.m.)

When: Saturday, November 19, 2022

Cost: Adult - \$165 Child (3-12 yrs. old) - \$100 (Includes Ticket, Transportation, Breakfast, Lunch & Drinks/Snacks)

Payments: Must received before October 19, 2022

Meeting Place: St. Columba Church parking lot at 8:00 p.m.
Bus departure is at 8:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact any of the following person:

Fr. Gary Villanueva at 301-567-5506; Sr. Luz Domingo at 301-567-6113; Nancy Torrillo at 202-320-8903; Carol Dienzo at 301-873-2423 Wendy Tolentino at 240-490-1139



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING OR MAIL YOUR DONATION

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

If you already pledged and opted for electronic bank or credit card withdrawals, please set-up your account through Parish Giving. Visit www.stcolumbcatholic.net and click the Parish Giving link. For assistance, please call the parish office at 301-567-5506. Thank you for your support.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

Total Amount Goal: \$860,000.00

Amount collected July 2022: \$7,773.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT

CONTRACTORS	EXPENDITURES
Architect Leuterio Thomas	\$58,313.00
Builder Nastos Construction	\$828,156.00
Permits Prince George's County	\$4,750.00
Monitoring (fire/ emergencies) Siemens Industry, Inc.	\$6,327.00
Plumbing Repairs B McCall	\$420.00
Total	\$897,966.00
Income Capital Campaign	\$731,045.00
Shortfall	\$166,920.00

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 The Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy.

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.

COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY OFFERING

Month of August 2022 \$39,964.00

COMPARISON

Month of August 2021 \$38,906.00

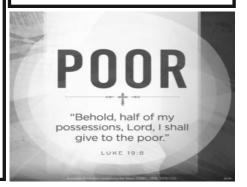
YEAR-TO-DATE (UPDATED)

2022 \$430,117.00 **2021** 379,287.00

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

ST. COLUMBA AFRICAN AMERICAN MINISTRY THANKSGIVING PROJECT

The African American Ministry collects food and donations to enable us to provide and distribute food baskets for those in need. This year, instead of doing what we have normally done for previous Thanksgivings, we are planning to safely distribute gift cards so families can get what they need for Thanksgiving from local stores. We are asking for donations from our parish family to help with this project. If you are able to support this project, please put your donation in an envelope marked "AAM Thanksgiving Project", and give it to any usher to place in our mail slot. We appreciate any amount you can donate. Donations can be made through November 20th. May you be blessed for your generosity!







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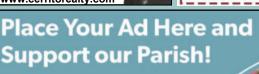
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