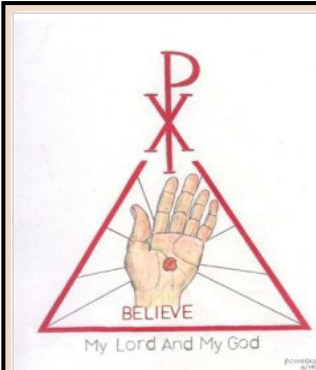




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"...there is no inequality of significance amongst us except holiness..."
 "No hay desigualdad de importancia entre nosotros excepto la santidad..."

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 14, 2021

STAFF

Rev. Fred Valone.....Pastor

Felix Ramos.....Permanent Deacon

Kathy Boscarino.....DRE / Y M

Rosa Zamora..... Elem. CCE

Rick Reed.....Music Coordinator

Pat Norfleet.....Bookkeeper

Sylvia Vitela.....Secretary

Laura Puente.....Custodian

**Please see
next page for e-mail addresses**

Mass Schedules

Saturday/Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday – Friday/ Martes - Viernes	8:30 am

Reconciliation / Reconciliación

Tues/Martes	4:30-5:30 pm
Sat/Sabado	4:00-5:00 pm

Adoration / Adoración

Tuesday / Martes	9:00 am to / a 1 1:00 am
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Important Office Memo:

All bulletin submissions for the holidays need to be in early in order to meet the publisher's transmission deadlines.

Bulletin Date	Deadline
December 19, 2021	December 3, 2021
December 26, 2021	December 9, 2021
January 2, 2022	December 16, 2021

Mass Intentions of The Week

Sat.	11/13	5:30 pm	Mary Sarkis Samarneh	✝
Sunday	11/14	7:45 am	Donald Fellers	✝
		10:45 am	Living & Deceased members of the Rego & Coelho Families	
		12:30 pm	Parishioners	
		5:30 pm	CSC	
Mon.	11/15		NO Mass	
Tues.	11/16	8:30 am	Mary Seiwaa	✝
Wed.	11/17	8:30 am	Chad Wagamon	✝
Thurs.	11/18	8:30 am	Tony Valenti	✝
Friday	11/19	8:30 am	Andrew Tovar (Birthday)	
Sat.	11/20	5:30 pm		
Sunday	11/21	7:45 am	Parishioners	
		10:45 am	Brett Kovach (Birthday)	
		12:30 pm		
		5:30 pm	CSC	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b,
15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;
Jn 18:33b-37

Our gratefulness to God weekly offering

November 6 & 7

Donations (Basket or office): \$11,285.14

Online: \$2,649.00

St. Thomas Mission: \$1,309.00

Thank you for your continued support!

“WALK IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST” “CAMINAR EN LA LUZ DE CRISTO” 2021 Diocesan Services Fund

DSF Report as of November 8, 2021

Parish Goal \$38,000.00

Total Amount Paid \$35,829.00

Number of Participants 102

Paid under goal: \$2,171.00

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Janice Andrews, Veronica & Anthony Antwi, Ed Artherholt, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Danielle Brownrigg, Chelsea Brown, Phillip Caito, Nelson Cabrera, Wren Colligan, Beckham Collins, Sunni Cook, Terry Corral, Clay Cross, Melanie Davis, Julie Delgado, Kathy Delouche, Colin Dufour, David Duesing, Joe Duffy, Kristy Eglsaer, Frank & Janet Fair, Mary Gedelain, Floyd & Nicholas Gruppa, Melba & Leroy Hall, Dave Hebert, Helen Holloway, Viola Kretschmar, Janet LeBlanc, Theresa Daphne Levey, Al Losack, Katy Losack, A.J. McGee, Sheri McPike, Don Marcotte, Lisa Miller, Donna Moore, Mary Ann Moore, Martin Moreno, Cheryl Morgan, Patricia Morrison, Lourdes Mosqueda, Mariina Najera, Lori Parma, Virginia Reed, Joe Rodriguez, Andrea Scheel, Marie Santos, Jerry Seaton, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Linda Skains, Cheryl Smith, Glenn Stewart, Kathy Stoltz, Marty Stuber, Rose Stuber, Lois Ubanski, Kathy Vanecek, Matthew Varnum, Shirley Villareal, Rusty Wallace, Bill & Gaitha Walton, Alma Williams, Nancy & Harvey Winkler, Richard Zajac

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Annual
Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Come shop with us after ALL Masses

November 20-21

(until all goodies are sold)

Let the great cooks of the CDA
help you with your
Thanksgiving cooking

We will also have those wonderful

Texas Pecans

(still at \$12/lb)



Also homemade pies, cakes, cookies, breads, and more—plus a few decorator items for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you.

Thanksgiving Mass
Schedule

There will be NO masses celebrated on Thursday, November 24th. There will be a bilingual Vigil Mass celebrated at 7:00 pm.

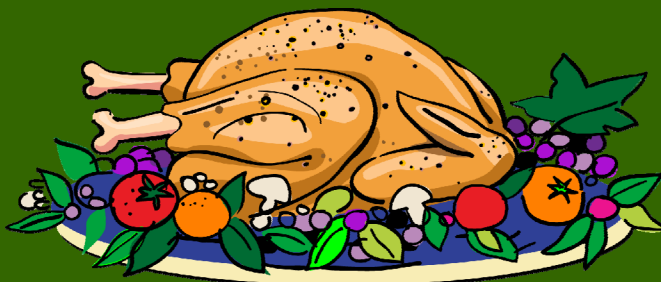
Wednesday	Nov 24	8:30 am	Morning mass
	Nov 24	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Vigil
Thursday	Nov 25	NO MASS	
Friday	Nov 26	8:30 am	Morning mass

HOPE... If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes. —St. Clement



Holiday Project 2021
For Thanksgiving

We are asking for monetary donations to purchase turkeys, produce and supplemental canned goods. We will also have reusable grocery bags available to be filled with listed items. Meal envelopes and bags will be **distributed** at all masses at church **rather than** hanging from a line as in recent years. Details are on the envelopes and bags. If you haven't returned to church in person and are interested in participation, please drop off your contribution (marked Holiday Project) at the office. Any donation amount is appreciated so we can provide for the identified families. Thank you for your continued generosity. For more information, contact Mary at gedelian@sbcglobal.net.



Proyecto Festivo 2021
Para El Día de Gracias

Todavía estamos solicitando donaciones monetarias para comprar pavos, vegetales y más productos enlatados. También tendremos bolsas de comestibles reutilizables disponibles para llenar con los artículos en la lista. Los sobres y bolsas para comida se **distribuirán** en todas las misas en la iglesia **en lugar** de colgar de una línea como en los últimos años. Los detalles están en los sobres y bolsas. Si no ha regresado a la iglesia en persona y está interesado en participar, deje su contribución (marcada Holiday Project) en la oficina. Se agradece cualquier cantidad de donación para que podamos proporcionar a las familias identificadas. Gracias por su continua generosidad. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Mary en gedelian@sbcglobal.net.



STAY Youth Ministry

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Confirmation 2022

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Fall Dates: 11/21/2021
12/05/2021

Day: Sunday

Time: 9:00-10:30

Where: FLC—Orange Room

DON'T MISS OUT !



Upcoming Class Schedule

11/17/2021	Wednesday 6:30-8:30
11/24/2021	No Class
12/01/2021	Wednesday 6:30-8:30
12/08/2021	Wednesday 6:30-8:30
12/15/2021	Wednesday 6:30-8:30

More News!!



Thanksgiving Food Drive

STAY Youth will be handing out red STA bags for the Thanksgiving Project the weekend of 10/24-10/25

1. Receive a bag from our youth after Mass
2. Fill it with the items on the list attached to the bag
3. Return the filled bags to the Narthex of the Church or the parish office by **November 14, 2021**



Encourage one another and build one another up.

1Thessalonians 5:11

FEAST OF FAITH . . . Blessing and Dismissal

At the beginning of Mass, the priest made the sign of the cross with us. At the conclusion of Mass, he makes the sign of the cross over us, a sign of blessing. We are then dismissed—not just let out, but sent forth with a mission “to love and serve the Lord.” Just as Jesus blessed his disciples as he ascended to heaven, so this leaving-taking is joined to a blessing, a prayer for God’s continuing protection. As we leave the church, we bear the invisible sign of the Master whom we follow. In the words of an ancient letter to Diognetus, “Christians are indistinguishable from other [people] either by nationality, language, or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow an outlandish way of life. . . . And yet, there is something extraordinary about their lives” (*Liturgy of the Hours*, Vol. II, p. 840). We are ordinary people sent forth to live extraordinary lives, lives like Christ’s own life—pouring ourselves out for others in prayer, service, and love. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FIESTA DE LA FE... La Eucaristía es nuestro sacrificio

La imagen del sacrificio en relación a la Eucaristía nos es muy familiar, no sólo por la experiencia de vida, que a menudo es muy sacrificada, sino porque fue la manera en que el pueblo hispano, históricamente hablando, aprendió a ver la Eucaristía y a celebrarla como tal: sacrificio. No hay nada de malo en que la Eucaristía sea sacrificio, porque lo es, es el sacrificio de Cristo por nosotros; al celebrar la Eucaristía como el sacrificio de Cristo, la Iglesia se hace consciente de que Cristo ha muerto una sola vez en la cruz y que el sacrificio que celebramos es en memorial de su pasión dolorosa, de su gloriosa resurrección y de su admirable ascensión al cielo. La imagen del sacrificio nos sigue llamando aún más porque en esa palabra reflejamos nuestra vida y lo que traemos a la celebración. Refleja la historia de nuestros pueblos, no sólo de sufrimiento, sino de la solidaridad que Dios ha tenido con nuestro propio sufrimiento. La celebramos como un acompañamiento mutuo, de nosotros a Dios y de Dios a nosotros en la persona de Cristo, que también es Dios y que por nosotros murió. —Miguel Arias, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GOD’S REIGN... By pointing to the end times, today’s readings speak to the coming reign of God, when God will make all things new. In Christ, this time has already begun. We, by our energized watchfulness, can further God’s reign. We can heal broken hearts, free captives, spread the Good News. Even so, the reign of God will not be complete without the second coming of Christ. Our weekly eucharistic gathering is a sign of the fullness of the end times. At Mass we join as an assembly to recall and to claim the story of Jesus as our own. Together we give thanks to God for the many gifts bestowed upon us. We receive nourishment in the simple but profound meal. And our weak and weary selves are invigorated and transformed by the power of Christ, so that we ourselves might become effective signs of God’s reign present and to come. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

EL REINO DE DIOS... Las lecturas de hoy, señalando el fin de los tiempos, hablan de la venida del Reino de Dios, cuando Dios hará nuevas todas las cosas. En Cristo, este tiempo ya ha comenzado. Nosotros, por nuestra vigorosa vigilancia, podemos avanzar el Reino de Dios. Podemos sanar corazones rotos, cautivos, difundir las buenas noticias. Aún así, el Reino de Dios no estará completo sin la segunda venida de Cristo. Nuestra asamblea eucarística semanal es un signo de la plenitud del fin de los tiempos. En la misa, nos unimos como asamblea para recordar y reivindicar la historia de Jesús como la nuestra. Juntos damos gracias a Dios por los muchos dones que nos otorga. Recibimos alimento en esa comida sencilla pero profunda. Y nuestro ser débil y cansado se vigoriza y transforma por el poder de Cristo, para que podamos llegar a ser signos eficaces del reino de Dios presente y por venir. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE FUTURE ... The future starts today, not tomorrow. Pope Saint John Paul II

EL FUTURO... El futuro comienza hoy, no mañana. —Papa san Juan Pablo II

The Fire of Your Love: Cop Humor

By Will Oliver

I am a firm supporter of the men and women who work in law enforcement. I was, after all, a one-time summer cop, a full-time police officer for over three years just outside of Washington, D.C., and I am a criminal justice professor who teaches and conducts research on the police. One of the things I enjoyed about being a police officer was cop humor. It can often be very dark, but when placed in the perspective of the horrible duties police officers often have to perform, one comes to understand the almost necessity of it. Still, not all police humor is dark. Much of the humor comes from the encounters police officers have with people on the street. Sometimes these stories end up being morality tales and there are those that contain a lesson about our faith.

One of the stories I always liked to tell happened to me one morning on Interstate 66. The Interstate passes through the county where I worked as a police officer and then heads into Washington, D.C. During the morning hours of 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., the interstate became an HOV highway. That meant there had to be three occupants in the vehicle in order to drive on the road legally during those times. I was, begrudgingly, assigned to work HOV on the highway that morning. The reason I say “begrudgingly” is because I am not a fan of my tax dollars going to pay for a road that I cannot use. Anyway, I was assigned to work it, so I worked it.

I was sitting on the side of the road when I saw a vehicle go by with a woman driving. She was by herself in the vehicle, for there were no other passengers in the car. When there is an infant car carrier being used, you can usually tell from the position of the seatbelts. Seeing none, I decided to do my duty. It was about 8:30 a.m., so traffic was very light. I turned on my lights and sirens and pulled her over. When I approached her car, I looked to see if there were any other occupants in the vehicle, but I saw none. When I approached her window, I immediately felt bad for pulling her over. She was very pregnant, probably about 9 months pregnant. I also began hoping my stopping her did not suddenly cause her to go into labor.

She rolled down her window and I said, “Good morning, ma’am. I need to see your driver’s license and registration.”

She handed them to me. I then asked her, “Do you know why I stopped you?”

She replied, “I am assuming it has to do with the HOV law.”

“Yes, ma’am,” I said. “In order to be on this road you have to have two more occupants in the vehicle.”

She calmly and politely said, “But you see officer, I am pregnant.”

That was a new one on me, so I was not really sure how to respond.

Awkwardly I told her, “Well, yes ma’am, but you have to have two other occupants in the car with you.”

She patted her very large belly, smiled at me, and said, “Twins.”

I stood there a second trying to let this sink in and once I processed it, I burst out laughing. I lost all of my composure there on the side of the road. And this was no chuckle. It struck me so funny, I had that uncontrollable laughter that usually brings tears to my eyes.

When I finally recovered, I handed back her credential and said, “Ma’am, you and your two occupants are free to go.” Then I added, “And thank you for making my day!”

She smiled and drove off.

I had never heard of that as a justification for meeting the HOV standards, but I loved her reply to my question and it just so happened I agreed with her. She did have three occupants in her car. You see, it was about that time that I had really given some deep thought to the morality of abortion, and I found myself becoming decidedly pro-life. The fact that the Church held the same views was just one more reality that brought me into the Catholic Church several years later.

CHURCH SECURITY INFORMATION

Once Mass has begun **all doors into the church will be locked from the inside with the exception of the double doors facing 16th Street.** Anyone arriving late for Mass will only be able to enter the church through the 16th Street doors. Parishioners will be able to exit the church through any of the locked doors as well as the doors facing 16th Street. **Signs will be posted around the church building to remind parishioners of the locked doors.** The staff at St. Thomas the Apostle Church takes the safety and security of all the parishioners very seriously. We are confident that the steps taken at this time will minimize any problematic incidents.

INFORMACION DE SEGURIDAD DE LA IGLESIA

Cuando haya comenzado la misa, **todas las puertas de la iglesia estarán cerradas** de adentro con la excepción de las puertas dobles que dan a la calle 16. **Personas que lleguen tarde a misa solo podrá entrar a través de las puertas de la calle 16.** Los feligreses podrán salir a través de cualquiera de las puertas cerradas. **Se colocarán letreros alrededor del edificio de la iglesia para recordar a los feligreses de las puertas cerradas.** El personal de la Iglesia Santo Tomás toma muy en serio la seguridad de todos los feligreses. Estamos seguros de que los pasos tomados minimizarán incidentes problemáticos.

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