

*Did you know* that the month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls?  
 “Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones” -Psalms 116:15

The teachings of the Catholic Church as documented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church says “Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgement that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven- through purification or immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation.” (CCC:1022). Hence those who have lived in God’s grace and friendship and are perfectly purified enter into Heaven immediately on death whilst those who die in God’s grace and friendship but still are imperfectly purified will eventually enter Heaven but will have to undergo purification prior to that. The Church gives the name ‘Purgatory’ to this final purification of the elect.

This month is dedicated to these holy souls who are in Purgatory and are being purified. We who are on earth can help these holy souls in their purification by praying for them. The Church from very beginning has always honored the memory of the dead by offering Holy Masses and prayers, through almsgiving, indulgences and works of penances undertaken for the dead.

Let us dedicate ourselves to praying for the souls of all our departed loved ones as well as those who have no one to pray for them on earth.

*An excerpt of an article from, Anointing Fire Catholic Media.*

**Second Harvest Food Bank**

will be held on Friday,  
 November 22nd, at St.  
 Anthony Parish Hall,  
 8:00a.m.



**Mass Intention**

**Envelopes** are located for your convenience at the entrance of the church. The cost is \$5 per mass.

Simply drop the envelope in the collection basket, mailbox or the office located at the parish hall.



**The Second Collection** for the weekend of **November 16th** will be for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Please, let’s be reminded.



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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*As a Catholic Church Family, we respond to Christ's call, evangelize, and welcome all generations to the Holy Eucharist*

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**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.  
 Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Masses: 9:00a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
 First Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

Tuesdays in St. Anthony Church Chapel following Mass and the rosary @ 8:00 a.m.

**RCIA:** Parish Hall - Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

**Confessions:**

30 minuets before 4 p.m. vigil mass or 9 a.m. Sunday mass or by appointment.

**Baptism:**

Second Sunday of the month. The Seminar is the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the rectory for forms prior to seminar.

**Marriage:**

Please contact Fr. Jude six months prior to desired ceremony date.

**Funeral:**

Please contact Fr. Jude before final arrangements of funeral.

**Anointing of the Sick:**

Call the rectory in case of emergency.

**C.C.D. Classes:**

Grades K - 11 Tuesdays at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Parish Hall.

**Ministry to the Sick and Shut In:**

Parishioners unable to attend mass and receive communion, please call the rectory.

**Scripture Outline & Reflection**

*Deuteronomy 6:2-6;  
 Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51;  
 Hebrews 7:23-28;  
 Mark 12:28b-34*

The two commandments, love of God (1, Ps) and love of neighbor (3) go hand in hand. Through the priesthood of Jesus, we are brought into communion with the God (2) who is love.



I love you, Lord, my strength.

-Psalm 18

Reflection for 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

**“TAKE TO HEART THESE WORDS”**

The readings of today’s Liturgy invite us to reflect on our calling as disciples to love God above everything and with everything that is within us. And by extension, to extend that same love to our brothers and sisters. Responding to the question of Scribe who came to him in gospel reading to ask: “Which is the first of all the commandments”, we were told, Jesus referred him back to the Old Testament *Jewish Shema* – “Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The *Shema* – meaning “hear” constitutes the central creed of the *Torah*. Every Jew without exception, was expected to know the *Shema*. It is important to note here that every time they go into the synagogue to pray (morning and evening), the first thing they read is the *Shema* – taken from the Book of the Old Testament Deuteronomy 6:4-9. The first verse of this “*Shema Yisreal*” – i.e., *Hear, O Israel* prayer encapsulates the monotheistic essence of Judaism (cf. Deut. 6:4). As a matter of fact, the *Shema* is what was read to us today in the first reading. In relating what God commanded to his chosen people, Moses enjoined them to “Take to heart these words” which they *hear* from time to time and be faithful to the statutes of the Lord. Their fidelity to this all-important commandment – the *Shema* is the *conducio sine qua non* for them having a long life. The second most important commandment as Jesus told the Scribe is the command to love one’s neighbor as oneself. Now, the Scribe, being very versed in the *Torah*, acknowledged Jesus for answering correctly his question. He told him: “Well said, teacher. You are right in saying...” But more interestingly, Jesus as the good teacher always has the final word. Having affirmed the Scribe’s in-depth understanding of the Mosaic Law, he told him: “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” Right there, Jesus reveals to us that love is the single most essential Christian virtue that can bring us closer communion with God and to the kingdom of God. When we love God above everything and love our neighbor as ourselves, we become godly in a sense, because God is love “...and anyone who abides in love, abides in God and God abides in him.”

To love God and our neighbor is a calling which every disciple must embrace. Jesus, is the perfection of God’s love, and we are called to follow him in his love. Jesus, the high priest of our faith showed us the depth of his love by sacrificing himself for us – he offered the one perfect sacrifice for the remission of our sins once for all as confirmed by the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. The most important question for us today is: Do we truly appreciate God’s love for us? And if we do, are we able to love Him in return with all of our hearts (undivided), with all our soul, with all our mind and with all our strength? To love God in this way, is an imperative. When we truly love God, with everything that is within us, then we are able to say like the Psalmist “I love you, O Lord, my strength, O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer...” But of course, our love for God can never be complete if we are not able to relate that same love to our brothers and sisters on the horizontal level. St. John tells us in his first letter that we cannot claim we know God if we fail to love our neighbor. He admonishes us: “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.” (1 John 4:7-8). He goes on to say that “If anyone says, I love God, but hates his brother, he is a liar...” (1 John 4:20). We are only able to love God, to the degree that we make commitment to love our neighbor made in the image and likeness of God.

As Christians called to be disciples of love, we must rediscover anew and make commitment to this great commandment of our Christian faith. Loving is something that must be very practical. It’s about how we are able to match word with action. It is about giving God his due place in our lives and sharing the love of God with our brothers and sisters for the sake of God who loves us. *Lord, open for us the treasures of your love. May our love for you grow ever deeper; and may it find concrete expression in our daily relationship with our brothers and sisters. Amen.*

Reflection by:  
**Rev. Fr. Jude Ochuko Emunemu**

**PARISH EVENTS**

NOVEMBER 22ND (FRIDAY)  
**SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK**  
ST. ANTHONY PARISH HALL 8:00A.M.



**STEWARDSHIP**

*We gratefully acknowledge all that God has given to us. In gratitude, we have returned to Him.*

Collections for October 26th and 27th

<b>1st Collection</b>	<b>2nd Collection</b>
\$ 1,254.00	\$ 775.19
Children’s Collection \$ 60.00	
Online Giving \$ 295.00	
Online Giving Rebuilding Fund \$ 33.00	

**Total Weekly Offering \$ 2,417.19**

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
48	50	72

<b>ST. ANTHONY</b>	<b>ST. PIUS X</b>
Electric Bill (August)	Electric Bill (August)
\$ 2,815.29	\$ 138.32

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- 4:00 p.m. Teddy Johnanson, Jr.  
Ulrich Johanson  
Ella Mae Prestenbach  
John C. Heurtin, Jr.  
Chris Dufrene, Jr.  
Tammy Robeaux, Jr.  
Most Abandoned Souls
- 9:00 a.m. Faye Ray Guidry  
Ryan A. Robin, Sr.  
Bernard & Gladys Ragusa  
Joyce Bruce  
Betty Ortego  
Florence Knuppel  
Theresa Comardelle  
Conversion of Family  
and Friends  
All Souls in Purgatory  
Repose of Souls  
of Unborn Babies
- 11:00 a.m. All Parishioners



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**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Parishioners and Father John Ryan, Caleb Favaloro, Simon Hingle, Belvina Kuhn Bundy, Roy Rogers, Arthur Matherne, Clavin Wade, Jr., Marie Sevin, Shirley Prestenbach, Eddie Sapia, Jr., Bobby Hale, Jr., Madeline Rojas, Theresa Wiseman, Raymond Griffin, Sr., Shelby Deselle, Joseph Rogers, Jr., Allyn Rogers, Evan Whipple, Nick Dinet, Jerry Lynch, Keith “Ike” Madison, Judith Ann Verdin, Dwight Rudolph, Faye Rae Guidry, Dale Boudreaux McWhorter, Edward Cantrelle, Sr. Lloyd Kraemer, Sr. Rosebud Kraemer, Gareth Ross Leblanc, Sr., and Earline Perrin.

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