

Holy Spirit Catholic Church



Parish Mission

"To be the light of our World by: Praying and Celebrating as a Eucharistic Community, serving those in need with unconditional love & generosity."

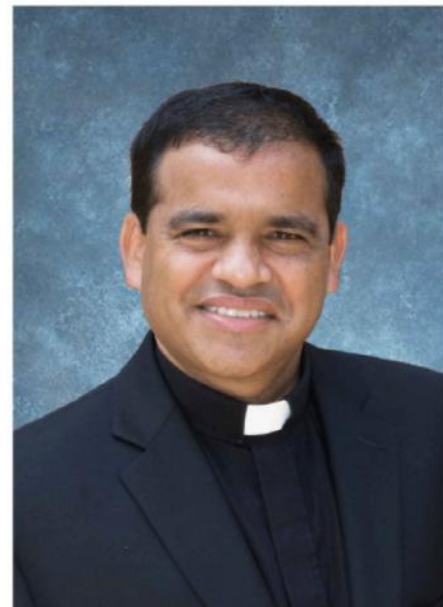
PARISH VISION

"To be welcoming, multi-cultural and multi-generational Roman Catholic Faith Community, rooted in Scripture and Tradition, nourished by the Sacraments and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be the light to our world by: Praying and celebrating as a Eucharistic Community, Instructing children and adults in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Serving the less fortunate with unconditional love & generosity and protecting human life in all its stages."



Welcome

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 3, 2024



Holy Spirit welcomes Bishop Erik Pohlmeier as he installs Fr. John Peter Arul, MSFS as the pastor

MASS TIMES

Monday	8:30am
Tuesday	8:30am
Wednesday	7:00pm with Novena of the Miraculous Medal
Thursday	8:30am
Friday	8:30am
Saturday	5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8:30am & 11:00am

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday	6:20pm-6:50pm
Saturday	4:00pm-4:50pm

ADORATION

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri	9:00am-3:00pm
Wed	9:00am-7:00pm

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

11665 Fort Caroline Rd Jacksonville, FL 32225
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CONTACT US

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SERVICE MINISTRY CONTACT

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Altar Society	Linda Davis	904-329-2714
Angels of Mercy	Kathie Garrett	904-565-1859
Annulments	Ann & Tim Hergenroether	904-591-8004
Another Chance Fellowship Group for Cancer Survivors	Paulette Daniel	904-233-1488
Bible Study	Ron Coleman	904-234-4743
Choir-Saturday 5pm	Phil Militante	904-620-8841
Choir-Sunday 8:30am	Bob Vigliano	904-476-4240
Choir-Sunday 11:00am	JoJo Munoz	904-422-1764
Coffee & Donuts Ministry	Dwayne & Allison Stanton	321-333-8237
Garden Ministry	Donna Martin & Jean Camperson	610-751-4815
Healing Prayer Ministry	Jeff & Vickie Slade	904-449-1447
Homebound Ministry	Jackie Ranck	904-641-7244
Hope & Consolation	Pam Andres	904-571-5998
Hospitality	Sandy Coleman	904-613-2993
Knights of Columbus	Bob Winters	513-659-4085
Legion of Mary	Ligaya Kirkland	904-923-0999
Light of Jesus Family	Melone Brackett	904-514-5061
Men's Club	Dave Garrett	904-565-1859
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SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Class — Registration required: Classes are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the FLC. You **MUST** be registered parishioner for at least 6 months.

Baptisms — 2nd and 4th Sunday after the 11AM Mass or during any of the weekend Mass liturgies is also available.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday—6:20pm & Saturday—4:00pm or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Saturday of the Month **after** the 8:30am Mass. You may also call the church office to make an appointment. We also have dedicated Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Couples must contact Father John Peter & Cheryl Bergman at least 8 months in advance.

CLERGY

Pastor

Fr. John Peter Arul, MSFS johnarul@holyspiritchurchjax.org

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Cheryl Bergman clbergman@comcast.net



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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

For any possible submissions to the bulletin, please email them to **bulletin@holyspiritchurchjax.org** by the preceding Monday.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MASS INTENTIONS



Sun Nov 3

Mass—8:30am, 11:00am
 (*11am will have Fr. John Peter's Installation as pastor by Bishop Erik)
 Coffee & Donuts—9:30am
 OCIA/OCIC—9:00am (FLC)
 CCD Class—9:30am
 Bible Study—9:30am (FLC)
 Life Teen—12:30pm (FLC)
 Luncheon—12:30pm (FLC)

Mon Nov 4

Mass—8:30am
 Adoration for the Election—9:00am **until 7pm tomorrow**
 Legion of Mary Meeting—5:00pm (FLC)
 School Board Meeting—6:00pm (FLC)
 Liturgy Meeting—7:00pm (FLC)

Tue Nov 5

Mass—8:30am

Wed Nov 6

School Rosary club—7:30am (church)
 Adoration—9:00am (chapel)
 Youth Group Core Member Meeting—5:30pm (FLC)
 Confessions—6:20pm
 Mass—7:00pm

Thu Nov 7

Mass—8:30am
 Adoration—9:00am (chapel)
 Knights of Columbus meeting—6:30pm (FLC)

Fri Nov 8

Mass—8:30am
 Adoration—9:00am (chapel)
 Divine Mercy Chaplet/ Benediction— 3:00 pm
 Children's Choir practice—4:00pm
 Adult Choir practice—5:00pm

Sat Nov 9 (Holy Land Olive Wood Item for Sale)

Lector Training—9:30am
 Confessions—4:00pm
 Mass—5:00pm

Sun Nov 10 (Holy Land Olive Wood Item for Sale)

Mass—8:30am, 11:00am
 Coffee & Donuts—9:30am (FLC)
 OCIA/OCIC—9:00am (FLC)
 CCD Class—9:30am
 Bible Study—9:30am (FLC)
 Quilts for Vets Luncheon—12:00pm (FLC)
 Life Teen—12:30pm (FLC)
 Light of Jesus Family—1:00pm (FLC)

Sat	Nov 2	8:30am	+ Tim Hergenroether By: Jim & Diane Davis
		5:00pm	+ Carole Iodice By: Nick & Natalie Winiewicz + All Souls in Purgatory By: Bajao Family (MSFS Mass Intention)
Sun	Nov 3	8:30am	+ Gapasin Family, Mauro, Esmeria, Fernandito, Emerlinda and Romalynn + Rosalina Oladive Rarajabo By: DeDios Family (MSFS Mass Intention)
		11:00am	For Holy Spirit Parishioners + Martin James Kelly By: Pierre & Lorraine Allaire (MSFS Mass Intention)
Mon	Nov 4	8:30am	For Chad & Noah Sagnip on their birthday By: Mr. & Mrs. Sagnip + Carolyn Amorosa By: Chris & Larry Freeman (MSFS Mass Intention)
Tue	Nov 5	8:30am	For Deacon Ed Prisby on his birthday + Vincent Uy By: Family (MSFS Mass Intention)
Wed	Nov 6	7:00pm	+ Byra & Zajac families For deliverance, healing & protection of David By: Mom (MSFS Mass Intention)
Thu	Nov 7	8:30am	For Judith Broom on her birthday By: Lucille Matranga + Ulyses Sarmiento & Romy Piquero By: Bajao Family (MSFS Mass Intention)
Fri	Nov 8	8:30am	For Chad & Irene Sagnip on their wedding anniversary By: Magdalena Sagnip For deliverance, healing & protection of Christopher O'Brien (MSFS Mass Intention)
Sat	Nov 9	5:00pm	+ Romeo Antolin, Sr. By: Antolin Family For Dianne Cardoso By: Denis & Chuck Conner (MSFS Mass Intention)
Sun	Nov 10	8:30am	For Holy Spirit Parishioners + Dustin James By: Mary Ann & Jeff James (MSFS Mass Intention)
		11:00am	+ Mary Ann Mazza By: Buddy + Dodong Rara By: Meloni Brackett (MSFS Mass Intention)

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Sacrificial Offering For October 27, 2024

Offertory	\$8,532.24
FLC Debt Reduction	\$1,373.00
Emergency Fund	\$145.01
School	\$384.50
Online Giving	\$4,227.00

Thank you for your constant generosity in taking care of our Holy Spirit Parish!

Being a steward means that one:

- ⇒ Receives God's gifts gratefully
- ⇒ Cherishes and tends God's gifts responsibly
- ⇒ Shares God's gifts in love and justice
- ⇒ Returns God's gifts with increase.

Please consider making a one-time gift or sign up for recurring e-giving to help support our Parish.

Donate online:

Text the word "GIVE" to 501-273-3327 Or follow the QR code:



Let's pray for those who are sick in our Holy Spirit community:

Alexis Chase
 Bill McCoy
 David Raschal
 Elizabeth Owens
 Flor Valerio
 Grace Tennerelli
 Henry Kendrick
 Jack Kaye
 Jim McVety
 Kathy Rosavich
 Ken Fabre
 Lynn Bonifacio
 Mary Glorioso
 Melaine Miller
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 Henry Yaros
 Jean Luke
 Joanne Hughes
 Keith Coghlan
 Luke Parnaby
 Mariann Ulatowski
 Max White
 Nancy Arbelo
 Nick Tennerelli
 Patricia Bayer
 Rusty Bonifacio
 Steve Rash
 Sydnie Hayden
 Tillie Lightfoot
 Troy Williams
 Wyatt Freeman

If you have a loved one that is sick or battling an illness, please call the church office to let us know so that we may include them in our list of prayer.

Let us also pray for our clergy:

Fr. John Peter Arul, MSFS

Dc. Pat Goin

Dc. Ray Stiles

All the previous clergy that have served our community



Please pray for those in our community in the military.

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

November 3: DOSA Cemeteries

November 17: DOSA Campaign for Human Dev.

December 8: Retired Religious

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Let's pray for those in our Holy Spirit community that have passed away recently:

Lidia Madueno
 Tim Hergenroether
 Jill Buda
 Alberto Alcantara

Jean Lucey
 Paul Stiehl
 David Masse
 Elizabeth Camperson



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

If you have a loved one that has recently passed away during this month, please call the church office to let us know so that we may include them in our list of prayer.

FELLOWSHIP AND PRAYER



ADORATION FOR THE ELECTION

Holy Spirit Parish will host a 34 hour of continuous prayer in Eucharistic Adoration beginning Monday, November 4th at 9AM closing Tuesday, November 5th with Benediction by Father John Peter at 7PM

To sign up for a time to be with Jesus in prayer, please text, call, or email:

Catherine Whyte: 602-318-6147
3hearts53@gmail.com

BETHLEHEM LIVE: THE WAY OF THE STAR

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BETHLEHEM LIVE: WAY OF THE STAR

We are looking for volunteers to help with our upcoming Live Nativity program on 12/14. Please consider volunteering for one or more of the following: Bethlehem Shop-keeper, Live Actor, Bethlehem Town Decorating/Setup or Cleanup Crew. **Text "Way of the Star" to 321-313-0450 for more information!**



A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES:

Couples.....want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Feb 14-16 in Tallahassee, or April 4-6 in Titusville, or July 25-27 in St. Johns.

For more information or for other scheduled weekends visit our website at wwme.org or

e-mail: Applications@FLCN-wwme.org

Or contact Walt & Viv Paskowski at waltviv.wwme@gmail.com if you have any questions.

LECTORS—PEOPLE NEEDED

We need more lectors to read for our weekend Masses. A reader has the opportunity to proclaim the first and second readings at Mass. They will occasionally read the Mass intentions when needed.

The next lector training is on **November 9 @ 9:30AM.**

If interested, please contact Marti Pounder at marti_pounder@hotmail.com or 904-252-7966



MARK THE DATE!

**Saturday, November 16th 8 am– 12 pm
Fall Cleanup**

- While we may not have the fall colors of New England, our northern Florida climate allows us to have color and interest in our gardens year-round.
- We look forward to your participation in this 18 year tradition where parishioners (green thumb NOT NEEDED!) get together for a morning of fellowship and light clean-up work in beautifying our parish gardens.
- Bring gloves, hand cultivators, pruners, rakes and spades.
- We will provide the cookies, water and "bug juice".
- Don't miss the fun! Many hands make light work!!!
Looking forward to seeing you! (Questions Text "HSGM" at 610-751-4815)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**VOTE
NO
ON 4**

THE ABORTION AMENDMENT IT'S NOT WHAT IT SEEMS – AND IT'S WAY TOO EXTREME.

TITLE: Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

Should say:
"Amendment to legalize full-term abortion for any age without parental consent in Florida"

So... this amendment eliminates all limitations and regulations on abortion – even safety regulations that protect women

SUMMARY: No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's

Also not defined – even "mental stress" could qualify for the "patient's health" exception. **BIG LOOPHOLE**

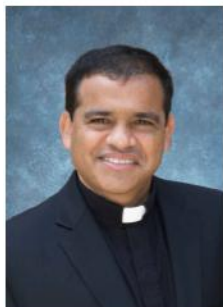
Not defined anywhere in the amendment...

healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

Wow...any "healthcare provider" – NOT just doctors – could determine viability or exceptions for "patient's health". It could even be a non-medical staff member at an abortion clinic.... **BIG** loophole makes limitation meaningless.

ELIMINATES CURRENT PARENTAL CONSENT LAWS – So, parents would be told their daughter is going to have an abortion, but unlike every other medical procedure – would not have to give their consent beforehand.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

With immense joy and gratitude, I would like to thank His Excellency, Most Reverend Erik T. Pohlmeier, Bishop of St. Augustine for installing me as the "Tenth Pastor" of the Church of the Holy Spirit. It is by God's grace and the life given by my Late parents, the love of my ten siblings and the unwavering support and prayer of the countless faithful people that I encountered had sustained me as a priest for twenty-four years.

As a Pastor, I have three – fold duty to fulfill in my ministry that is; always be a loving father, a gentle shepherd, and a wise teacher of the faithful. (1) a "loving father" who leads a parish in prayer and Sacrament, (2) a "gentle Shepard" who directs and guides a parish, (3) a "wise teacher" who strives to pass on the faith and the Church's Teachings. All of this is to lead each of us to Christ. As a Pastor, I will continue to ponder prayerfully here and a Sacred Duty to fulfill of what has been mentioned above. I would humbly ask everyone to continue to pray for me, so that I may be a faithful and holy pastor who can truly lead all of you to Christ, as myself pray everyday to be faithful to my call as a Priest and comer closer to God.

I thank His Excellency, Most Reverend Erik T. Pohlmeier for trusting me and entrusting his faithful to my spiritual care.



I would also take this opportunity to thank my Provincial, Rev. Fr. Anthony Bonela, MSFS, the Provincial Superior of the USA Province for designating me to serve God's people here. Finally, I want to thank every one of you for your kindness and support in every step of my ministry here. Please do remember me in your prayers.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. John Peter Arul, MSFS

"Bloom where you are planted". Saint Francis de Sales (1567–1622)

PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness

so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,

Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment

so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word,

live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth

as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles

and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

AROUND OUR PARISH

Quilts for Vets Ministry

Honoring our Veterans—One Quilt at a Time

Created to honor Veterans for their selfless service, Quilts for Vets held their first patriotic quilt presentation in November 2017. Since then, 125 veterans and military personnel have been recognized and honored with quilts.

Each quilt is unique and handmade by a small dedicated group of parishioners in appreciation for all the sacrifices our vets and active duty service men and women make while serving. Every stitch is our "thank you" to those who keep us safe and protect the freedoms we enjoy today.

This year's celebration is November 10th. All veterans receive a complimentary lunch. Tickets for all other attendees is \$10.00.

For more information on the luncheon or if you have an interest in joining this Ministry, please contact

Maria: 904-626-1288 or via e-mail: mariakendrick51@gmail.com.

CUT OR TEAR ALONG THIS LINE

Quilts for Veterans Drawing



Veteran's Name _____

Military Branch _____

Era _____ Year(s) _____
*ex: WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Recent Campaigns,
Active, Reserve, etc.*

Phone Number (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

The 2024 Veterans Luncheon and quilt presentation will be held on Sunday, November 10th in the FLC after the 11:00 AM Mass. Deadline for registering: November 3rd. Please fill out this form to enter the drawing. Quilt for Vets members will be outside the Church the weekends of October 26 and November 2 to receive forms and answer questions. Forms can also be dropped off in the Church Office.

You can also contact Maria: 904-626-1288 or via e-mail: mariakendrick51@gmail.com.

Thank you for your dedication and service!



AROUND OUR PARISH

CCD FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING



Mark your calendars:
The mandatory 1st Reconciliation
Parent Meeting is on

**November 17, 2024 after the 11:00
Mass**

STEWARDSHIP FOOD FOR THOUGHT: THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



What percentage does
God ask of me as a
good steward? All of my
heart, all of my soul, all
of my mind, and all of
my strength!



THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Thank you for supporting our St. Vincent de Paul Society in their service to the needy and underprivileged of our area.

As we prepare to share our blessings and make food baskets for those in need in our local area, there are specific items we need.

WE CAN STILL USE MORE OF THESE ITEMS:

Dry Goods: Dried Milk, Dry Pasta, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Rice (1 or 2lbs), Mac & Cheese, Cereal

Canned: Vienna Sausage, Canned Salmon, Canned Fruit, Pork & Beans, Soup/Stews, Tuna, Canned Vegetables, Canned Pasta, Spam/Canned Meat, Spaghetti Sauce

More Holiday Specific: Canned Pumpkin, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Green Beans or Peas, Chick or Turkey Gravy, Boxed Stuffing

Please place donations in the large brown wooden box in the vestibule of the Church and please make sure the drawer door stays closed.

We will also distribute bags on Nov. 9 & 10 and will request those filled bags the following weekend.

Thank you!



Moving? Changed Contact info?

Please notify us of any changes of address or if you are moving out of the parish. You can also double check with us if your current information is accurate.

Please contact the church office @ (904) 641-7244

AROUND THE PARISH

The Holy Land Shepherds

The carving of the Olive Wood Tree has been inherited since the time of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was passed down from father to son for many generations including our family. More than 80% of the Christian community income comes from tourism and the olive wood trade. However, due to the ongoing war and the tremendous decrease in tourism the Christian community has suffered many hardships that led many Christian Families to leave their homes in search of work and safety.

Our mission is to support and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land by selling their beautiful olive wood artifacts here in the United States. We have been blessed and grateful to have had the opportunity to travel to different parishes all around the United States for the past 15 years to represent these less fortunate Christians. We are happy to announce that we will be visiting your parish on **November 9th & 10th**.

We encourage you to look over their beautiful hand carved items. will be accepting payments in cash, credit cards, and checks. May God bless you abundantly and safeguard you in all endeavors.

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GUIDELINES FOR USE OF THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

- 1) The following guidelines have been put in place to assist in planning all events to ensure our Family Life Center serves the needs of our parish. Please contact the office if need further help.
- 2) All use of the FLC must be scheduled in advance with the church office. In case of a conflicting date, the first request will be honored.
- 3) Request forms are available in the office and must be submitted/approved for each event except for recurring ministry/parish board meetings. These only require an initial request.
- 4) The church office will assign the event space in the FLC to ensure the most efficient use.
- 5) First scheduling priority: Parish functions as well as ministry meetings and events. This includes but is not limited to ministry and committee meetings, faith formation, youth ministry events, parish family nights, and funeral/wedding receptions for funerals/weddings held in Holy Spirit Church.
- 6) Second scheduling priority: Celebrations of milestone life events for parishioners, and family members of a registered parishioner living in the same household and/or dependent on the parishioner for support. Events include birthdays limited to years 1, 16, 18, 21, 50, 60, 70, and above, Baptism, First Communion, baby showers, wedding anniversaries 1, 25, 50 and over, and retirements.
- 7) Third Scheduling Priority: Non-profit and charitable groups associated with DOSA.
- 8) The Pastor will have final approval of all requests and based upon availability may be able to hold some events in the gym.
- 9) Events will be required to pay for certain fees, such as a cleaning fee and insurance. Details of all charges will be reviewed for each event by the church office.
- 10) No events/celebrations during Mass times.

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WHAT IS COLLECTION MONEY USED FOR?

Msgr. William J. King from Simply Catholic

There is a serious obligation for a pastor to report each year on how the offerings or tithings of parishioners and other donors have been used. The Code of Canon Law urges pastors and other administrators of the Church's goods to be "good householders," and lists some resulting obligations (see Canon 1284). Among these is the responsibility to "draw up a report of the administration at the end of each year." Transparency in financial administration and accountability to donors are important values in the administration of Church goods.

Canon 1287 requires that this annual report be given to the "local ordinary" (in most dioceses, the diocesan bishop) and also to the parishioners. This canon could not be more explicit about this: "Administrators are to render an account to the faithful concerning the goods offered by the faithful to the Church."

Expenses can vary according to the size of a parish, its ministries — whether it has a parish school, for instance — and location. That having been said, in almost every parish, as in most not-for-profit organizations, the largest single set of expenses is staff: wages and benefits for parish employees. Typically, the second largest set of expenses is funding for Catholic education: support for schools and programs of religious education for children and adults.

In many dioceses, a percentage of parish income is taxed by the diocese as a means of providing operating funds for the central offices and ministries of the bishop. Let's not forget that it also costs money to turn on the lights; to operate heating and air conditioning; to keep water flowing; to maintain the buildings, grounds, and parking lots; to insure the parish property, pay any state or local taxes that are assessed; and even to provide hosts and wine for Mass.

Many parishes also use a portion of the weekly tithing or offering for charitable assistance outside of the parish. This is sometimes called "tithing the tithe" and takes the form of direct assistance to a mission project, or to another parish in need, or to a Catholic social service agency, whether nearby or far away.

It is also good stewardship for a parish to maintain savings in case of unplanned events — a leaky roof or equipment failure, for instance. Many parishes, if possible, try to put a bit of money away each year in savings for this purpose.



AROUND OUR PARISH & SCHOOL

MASS LITURGIES FOR

THANKSGIVING

WEDNESDAY,
NOV. 27

7PM

(This Vigil Mass will use the Thanksgiving Day readings and prayers.)

THURSDAY,
NOV. 28

10AM

Mass for Thanksgiving Day



THERE WILL BE A FOOD BLESSING AT BOTH MASSES.

Individuals or families may bring food to be blessed for their Thanksgiving dinner

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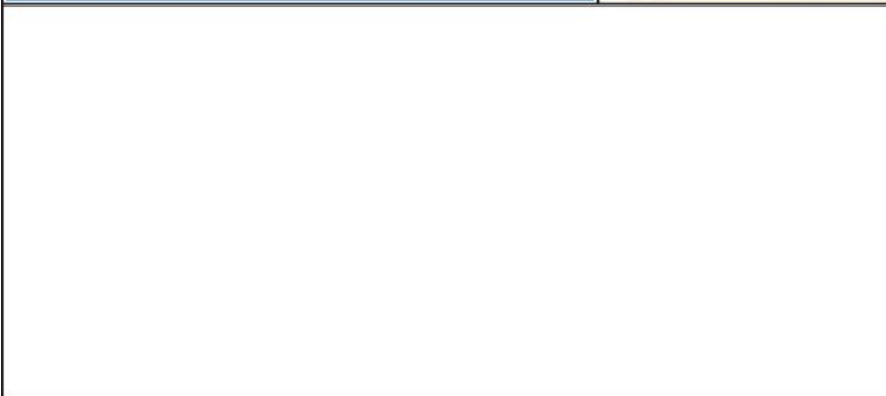
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