

THIRTIETH-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S CORNER

It seems that even for good Catholics, eternity is only an occasional thought. Perhaps it is inspired by the death of a loved one, the experience of sickness, or is simply the fruit of aging. What we are usually consumed by is our life in this world. God, on the other hand, though concerned about our life in this world, is mostly consumed by the reality of eternity for each one of us. St. Paul reminds us of this when he says, *“Each one of us shall give account of himself to God” (Romans 14:12); therefore, “If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied” (1 Corinthians 15:19).* It would be impossible then to understand St. Paul, and especially the Gospel, without this eternal perspective in mind. So it is worth asking yourself: *Is eternity something that I spend time meditating on? Do I allow the reality of eternity to form my thinking, influence my decisions, and even evangelize my emotions and feelings? Does the reality of eternity increase my desire for prayer and the willingness to grow in virtue?*

St. Augustine reminds us that, *“The sole purpose of life in time is to gain merit for life in eternity.”* Nonetheless, despite our best efforts, none of us can adequately prepare for eternity by ourselves. To do this, each one of us must allow Jesus to lead us beyond this world. In other words, we need to surrender our wills with a torrent of prayer and lift them before the mercy of God in humility and trust, for as a poet wrote:

*“We shall not cease from exploration,
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time”.*

Fr. Slawek

Our parish Advent retreat is coming soon.

Monday, December 9—Thursday, December 12

More details to follow.....

NOVEMBER 17, 2024



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 19

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Rolando Carmelo Nicolosi req. by Mr. & Mrs. E. DeLeon.

Wednesday, November 20

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Laurine Charron req. by R. E Catequista.

Thursday, November 21

9 a.m. Intentions of thanksgiving for the Santhipillai family req. by the Santhipillai family.

Friday, November 22

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Saturday, November 23

4:30p.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

Sunday, November 24

9 a.m. All Soul In Purgatory req. by Rita Makawana.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Silvestro De Laurentis req. by the De Laurentis family.

WHY REGISTER IN A PARISH?

A Catholic parish is the single most important part of our Catholic Church. This is where we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. This is where we publicly express our faith, joining together with others to give witness of our communion with God and with one another.

There are many reasons to register:

It is an official way to join a parish community. I also gives you a sense of belonging and identity in a parish community.

Provides the parish community with a way to welcome you.

In times of joy and in times of struggle, it is comforting to have the support of a faith family.

It is a commitment to practice your faith.

Gives a chance for you and your family to be counted and heard in the parish.

Being included in the demographics of the parish helps in the planning for the needs of the parish.

Gives the parish a way to connect with you.

In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or Holy Matrimony you will need to be a registered member.

For religious education instruction and Sacramental preparation, the families of those attending must also be registered parishioners.

To aid in the registration to the Catholic schools.

A way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish

Also, if you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you will also receive a year-end statement of your donations for income tax purposes.

Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a particular church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

If you were previously a minor registered under you parents and have now become the age of majority it is your responsibility to register at your parish.



COFFEE & TEA SOCIAL

Wednesday, November 20, 2024
After the 9 a.m. Mass in the Parish



ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated. Thank you.



Children's Liturgy will be during the 9 am mass.



**THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE**

Turning Concern into Action

Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.

St. Gregory Nazianzen

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!