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MASS SCHEDULE



SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

5:00PM- English

SUNDAY

9:00AM – English

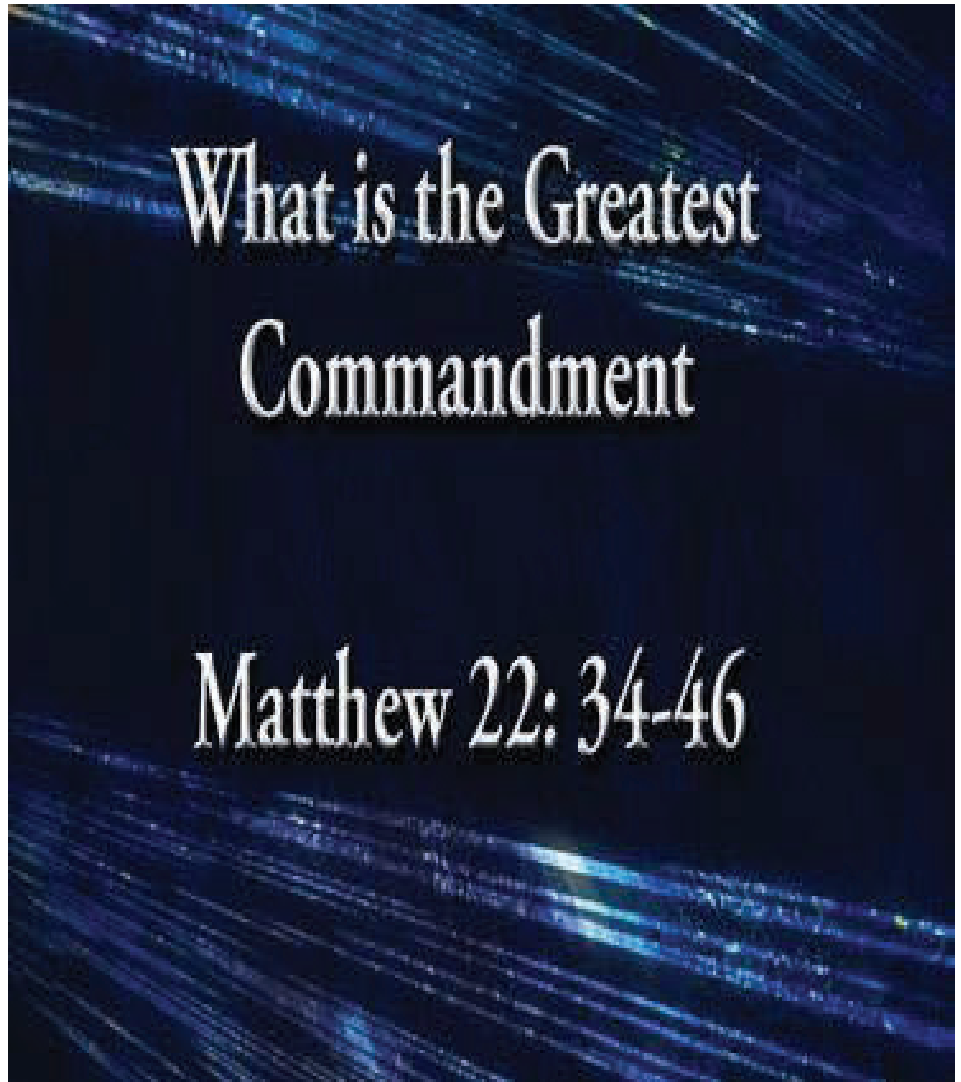
10:30AM – Polish

12:30PM – Spanish

WEEKDAY

Monday - Friday

9:00AM – English



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday: 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

OFFICES & MAILING ADDRESS

1232 George Street
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Saturday and Sunday: Closed

or by appointment

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATIONS

Saturday: 4:15 pm

By request: After Mass

Sunday - Saturday: Mornings

**Saturday – October 24... St. Anthony Mary Claret**

9:00AM...+Paula Maricela DeLeon Solicitado, por la hija
 5:00PM...+Frank Apisa, req. Pina and John Mastroianni

Sunday – October 25...30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Jim Rushforth, req. Zena Kazmierski
 10:30AM...+Tadeusz Deręgowski, od żony i dzieci
 Joanta Błażejowicz, 40 lat,
 od twojej kochanej teściowej
 12:30PM...+Eulalia Duque García,
 req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Monday – October 26... Weekday

9:00AM...+Robert Merkle (9th Anniv.,
 req. Wife Johanna

Tuesday – October 27... Weekday

9:00AM...+Richie and Louise Carmen,
 req. Stalenyj Family

Wednesday – October 28...Sts. Simon and Jude

9:00AM ...+Peter Scavuzzo, req. Johanna Merkle

Thursday – October 29... Weekday

9:00AM...+Joseph Horan, req. Doreen Kruse

Friday – October 30...Weekday

9:00AM ...+Robert Chanda, req. Hat Lady

Saturday – October 31... Weekday

9:00AM...+Carlo Riello, req. Antonia Riello
 5:00PM...+Patricia Frank, req. Barbara and Al St. Louis

Sunday – November 1...All Saints

9:00AM...+ Riello Family, req. Antonia Riello
 10:30AM...+All Souls
 12:30PM...+All Souls in Purgatory
 req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

THE TABERNACLE CANDLE will burn this week
 for our Parish Family.

THE BREAD AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER
 is in memory of **Michael Parise** at the request of
 Kathy Merklinger.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

For those whose health is challenged in any way
 especially for **Marian Parcinski, Giovani Todaro,**
Olga Skolka, Helga Gilligan, Zena Kazmierski,
Sherif R., Eric Johansen and Barbary Bylecki.

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the
 Faithful Departed especially **Colleen Joseph.**

ANNUAL²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

The Appeal is continuing. Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus. Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. Our parish goal this year is **\$29,654.60**, and we already collected **\$27,230.00!** Please make a gift online today:

**STEWARDSHIP****30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." – MATTHEW 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

Domingo 30º del Tiempo Ordinario

"Debes amar al Señor, Tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente." – MATEO 22:37

¿Pone otros "dioses" antes de Dios? ¿Es su amor por el dinero, el poder, el estatus, la comodidad o algunos de sus bienes personales más grande que su amor por Dios? ¿Reconoce que todo lo que es y todo lo que tiene es regalo de Dios? Poner a Dios de primero en todo ayuda a que no nos convirtamos en esclavos de nuestras posesiones y de nuestro orgullo.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26**

This passage from the book of Exodus enjoins all to adhere to specific religious and social laws. It urges all to act with justice and compassion towards others.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul praises the Thessalonians for receiving the word of God so eagerly and totally. Word of their faithfulness has spread throughout Macedonia and Greece; they have become a model for all Christians.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Matthew recounts the incident in which a lawyer, seeking to entrap Jesus, asks, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" With simplicity and authority, Jesus responds that the first commandment is to love God with one's entire being; the second is to love one's neighbor as oneself.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Pre-Caná - Friday nights at 8:00PM.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to visit the home bound once a month for communion.

Please contact Fr. Marcin or Fr. Benardo for more information.

**Calling All Women of Faith!****Parish Women's Faith and Fellowship Group.**

This ministry invites women of all ages and backgrounds to deepen their relationship with Christ, build meaningful connections with one another, and live out their faith through prayer, reflection, service, and fellowship.

Whether you are a mother, grandmother, student, professional, retiree, or simply seeking a place to belong, this group is for you. We welcome women wherever they are on their faith journey and believe that every woman has a unique gift to share in the life of the Church.

Why Are Women's Faith Groups So Important?

Women's faith groups provide sacred spaces where women can grow spiritually, share their joys and challenges, and find strength in community. In today's busy and often isolating world, women need places where they are seen, heard, and valued, not only for what they do, but for who they are as beloved daughters of God.

Faith groups offer encouragement, deepen understanding of our Catholic faith, and foster lasting friendships rooted in Christ's love. They help women discover new ways to pray, serve, and lead within their families, parish, and community. Together, we learn that we are not alone and that God works powerfully through the support, wisdom, and witness of others.

Women's groups are places of healing, purpose, and mission, where we listen to God and to one another as we discern how the Holy Spirit is calling us to grow and serve.

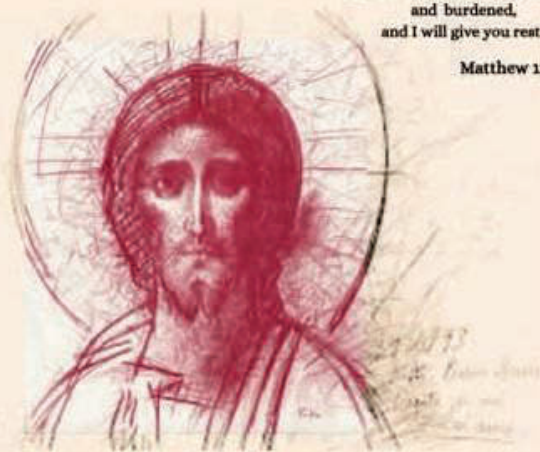
Join Us!

Next Meeting October, 27 5:00 PM - 7:00PM

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



STARTING OCTOBER 12th, 2026 at 8:00PM

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Liturgy of the Word

On Sundays we offer Liturgy of the Word at the 9AM Mass for children K-3 during the Homily and Intersessions in the church Chapel.

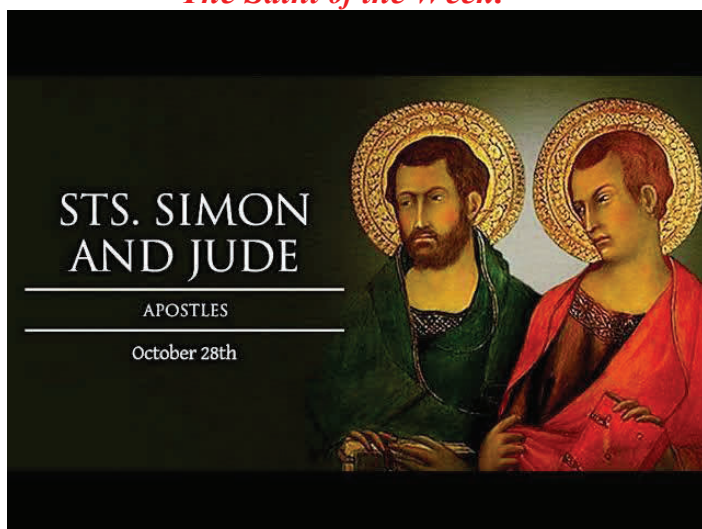
If you are willing to help as an assistant once a month, please contact Karole in the office.

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Prayers.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Thursdays after the Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:45AM

During the Month of October, the Rosary is prayed in the church at 1:00PM on Tuesdays.

The Saint of the Week:

Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the Letter of Jude. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to “Jude” in English.

Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called “the Zealot.” The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans—the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God.

No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and “collaborating” Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two “sons of thunder,” and a man named Judas Iscariot.

It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God’s creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create His divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us.

BestChurch Seniors Halloween Celebration

Happy Hauntings



Chair Exercise

Last week Chair Exercises with Patty Casterline began. We will continue this program on Tuesdays at 1:30PM for the next 3 weeks - it's never too late to join. The next class is Tuesday, October 27th in the Parish Office. This is open for anyone in the parish, and you are welcome to bring a friend.



New Roof in the School Building

Brothers and sisters, the work on the roof just finished!!! The total cost of the work was \$72,800. The Archdiocese supplemented us with \$50,000 and the total amount of the donations for the new roof was \$14,310. I would like to thank all of those who donated for the roof!!!

Collection for October 18

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**REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR AT 2:00AM SUNDAY MORNING.
IF YOU DON'T – YOU WILL BE TOO EARLY
FOR CHURCH**

From Fr. Marcín

Today's Gospel Reading reminds us that the whole of Divine Law can be summed up in our love for God and neighbor. Matthew the Evangelist recounts that several Pharisees colluded to put Jesus to the test. One of them, a doctor of the law, asked Him this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?" Jesus, quoting the Book of Deuteronomy, answered: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment." He could have stopped there, yet, Jesus adds something that was not asked by the doctor of the law. He says, in fact: "And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." In this case too, Jesus does not invent the second commandment, but takes it from the Book of Leviticus. The novelty is in his placing these two commandments together — love for God and love for neighbor — revealing that they are in fact inseparable and complementary, two sides of the same coin. You cannot love God without loving your neighbor, and you cannot love your neighbor without loving God.

In effect, the visible sign a Christian can show in order to witness to his love for God to the world and to others, to his family, is the love he bears for his brothers. The Commandment to love God and neighbor is the first, not because it is at the top of the list of Commandments. Jesus does not place it at the pinnacle but at the center, because it is from the heart that everything must go out and to which everything must return and refer.

In the Old Testament, the requirement to be holy, in the image of God who is holy, included the duty to care for the most vulnerable people, such as the stranger, the orphan and the widow. Jesus brings this Covenant law to fulfilment; He who unites in Himself, in His flesh, divinity and humanity, a single mystery of love.

Now, in the light of this Word of Jesus, love is the measure of faith, and faith is the soul of love. We can no longer separate a religious life, a pious life, from service to brothers and sisters, to the real brothers and sisters that we encounter. We can no longer divide prayer, the encounter with God in the Sacraments, from listening to the other, closeness to his life, especially to his wounds. Remember this: love is the measure of faith. My faith is as I love. And faith is the soul of love.

In the middle of the dense forest of rules and regulations — to the legalisms of past and present — Jesus makes an opening through which one can catch a glimpse of two faces: the face of the Father and the face of the brother. He does not give us two formulas or two precepts: there are no precepts nor formulas. He gives us two faces, actually only one real face, that of God reflected in many faces, because in the face of each brother, there is God's own image.

At the end, I am inviting you to the Catechesis/talks for the adults and youths on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00PM in the Gym.

Fr. Marcín

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