



WELCOME, AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY

Do you ever wonder why the priest at Mass seems to be the “center of attention”? To most of us that is natural. To celebrate the Mass as Jesus commissioned the Apostles to do, is what the priest is ordained (ordered) to do. Today the term is “presides”. The priest presides over the prayer of the people. The priest is the leader of prayer. He is called to do so, he is trained to do so, and he gives his life in doing so. Therefore, he sits in the “presider’s chair”, he leads the main prayers, especially the Eucharistic prayer; he invites others to share in significant parts of the Mass, such as readers, servers, Eucharistic Ministers. His leadership role is evidenced strongly as the priest invites the EM’s to the altar before distributing the Eucharist. The invitation is a practical as well as spiritual one: their participation as Ministers of the Eucharist facilitates the sharing of the One Cup and One Bread to so many; but it also honors the faith and dedication of those men and women commissioned by the Archbishop and the Pastor to this ministry. He shows his leadership role in the humble way of offering the plate of consecrated Hosts and cups of consecrated Wine to each EM. Actually, there are many people that the priest depends on for a worthy, smooth and joyful celebration of the Mass. They are invited for practical reasons as well as to respect the call various people respond to when volunteering for such roles as usher-greeters, sacristans, offertory procession participants, etc. Through his vocation, the priest continues the eternal Sacrifice and Supper of the Lord throughout history; through those who respond to their Baptism-Confirmation vocation and assist the Mass in various ways, that eternal offering is done reverently and smoothly. Thanks to all who lead and all who pray together so well in our weekly great offering of Holy Mass.

The word **EUCCHARIST** means “thanksgiving”. I am sure you notice the theme of thanksgiving that pervades the Mass and particularly the Eucharistic Prayer. We thank God for gathering us together, for hearing our prayers for those we remember at this Mass, for our church leaders, and especially for the **gift** of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior. We offer all prayer and thanksgiving to God through Him, for it is “through Him, with Him and in Him, that all glory and honor is given to God”. This week we remember in special ways our reasons for being thankful people. We are thankful to each other and to our God for so many good things in our lives as well as for the help we receive daily from our God and from others too that makes all things good, and for the help we receive when things are tough. **THANKSGIVING DAY** is Thursday. Join together at the **9:00 a.m. Mass** to begin our day of being aware of the people and things in our lives for which we are grateful, and to God the giver of all good things. That Mass is my prayer of thanksgiving to God for each of you. May God bless you always for your love and service to me and to our parish, and for the love and help you extend to so many others.

The Sunday after Thanksgiving is the feast of **Christ the King**, and the last Sunday of the Church year. Please remember to be ready for the annual **Campaign for Human Development** collection (information elsewhere in the bulletin). At the Masses that week, also pray with me a blessing over **new** Eucharistic Ministers and those who are **renewed** for three years in that ministry. —*Father Ralph*

Mass Intentions

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| Sat. | Nov. 17 | 5:00 pm | †Mack Millerbernd |
| Sun. | Nov. 18 | 10:00 am | People of the Parish |
| Hispanic | | 2:30 pm | People of the Community |
| | | 6:00 pm | †Elena Wierzba |
| Tues. | Nov. 20 | 5:30 pm | †Dick Pederson |
| Wed. | Nov. 21 | 9:30 am | Jason Hill |
| THANKSGIVING | | | |
| Thurs. | Nov. 22 | 9:00 am | For the Freedoms We Enjoy |
| Fri. | Nov. 23 | 8:00 am | †Souls in Purgatory |
| Sat. | Nov. 24 | 8:00 am | †George Roberts |
| | | 5:00 pm | †Barbara Coppenberger |
| Sun. | Nov. 25 | 10:00 am | †Jerry Mulvehill |
| Hispanic | | 2:30 pm | People of the Community |
| | | 6:00 pm | People of the Parish |

Perseverance is more prevailing than violence; and many things which cannot be overcome when they are together, yield themselves up when taken little by little. —Plutarch

Reading of the Week

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| Monday: | 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43 |
| Tuesday: | 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10 |
| Wednesday: | 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28 |
| Thursday: | 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44 <u>Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:</u> Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19 |
| Friday: | 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48 |
| Saturday: | 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40 |
| Sunday: | 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43 |

St. John's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL
HOPKINS



In Thanksgiving...

Each year it seems that the season of Thanksgiving gets lost in between the excitement of Halloween and the anticipation of Christmas. Such a beautiful season of gratitude should never get short changed. So lest it slip by without

a mention I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your incredible generosity to our school. We are deeply grateful to our parish families for your generous support of our children. It is a great privilege and joy for us to have the opportunity to share in their spiritual and academic formation. We will be thanking God for each of you as we count our blessings this Thanksgiving!

—Sr. Pat

Faith Formation

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**CHILDREN'S COLLECTION AMOUNT—\$49.03
FOR CROSS CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH**

CALL TO FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES IN DECEMBER

Families often want to do spiritual events for Christmas but time gets away from us. Plan now for

December Wednesday Night Faith Formation Families

1. Come as a Family as we go to Beverly Living Center during our regular class time, 6:30–7:30 pm, Wednesday, December 5th.
2. Attend the Parish Penance Service on December 12 as a Family 7:00 to 8:15 pm and Faith Formation 2nd graders have 1st Reconciliation Class
3. Attend a Family Movie night on December 19 beginning at 6:30 pm.

BUTTER BRAIDS ARE HERE THIS WEEKEND.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY EVENING. 7PM

Students need an adult to attend with them. We are working on a service project.

No Sunday school or Liturgy of Word on Sunday, November 25

No Faith Formation Wednesday, November 21

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Hopkins Catholic Youth Ministry

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SLEEP-OUT WAS A SUCCESS

The good news is that no one froze while sleeping out on Saturday. The great news is we had fun and became aware of the needs of the community around us. One student commented that she was unaware of the homeless right here in Hopkins until that night's presentations.

YOUTH GROUP AND YOUTH GROUP ADULT TEAM MEETINGS:

11/18 7:45-8:30pm Quest Team Meeting at St. Joseph's. This meeting is for all youth that have attended a Quest retreat and adults who want to assist.

YOUTH GROUP BAND:

11/18 7:15pm-7:45 pm Pick-up your music for Dec. 8th 4:30pm Mass and stay for the run through at St. Joseph's

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS:

11/12-11/19 Operation Christmas Child is a child-to-child project that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations. Call the Youth Office for details. Please bring your boxes to St. John's and leave them by the food shelf.

11/17 Leaf raking for H.O.M.E. We have a group that will going out into the neighborhoods through HOME for leaf raking. If you forgot to sign-up by November 1st, just give me a call or send me an email. **WE REALLY NEED PEOPLE TO DRIVE.**

We are still collecting empty *ink cartridges*, empty *laser cartridges* (not toner boxes for copy machines), and used *cell phones* to raise money to offset youth group costs for participants. These *items are recycled* for us by the Funding Factory.

Information

Christmas Poinsettia Sale



CHRISTMAS SHOP

at St. John's. We have gorgeous Christmas poinsettias for your home, as gifts for family members and friends, and your place of business. Poinsettias are available in two sizes: 6 1/2-inch and 8-inch pots.

These hearty and beautiful plants come in red, white, pink, red flecked with white, burgundy, pink with white, and peppermint.

You may order up to Monday, November 26th. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the foyer. **Delivery of poinsettias will be after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, December 1st, from 6–6:30 pm,**

and after the 10 am Mass on Sunday, December 2nd from 11–11:30 am in the Church Library.

Beautify your home and make this year, our 14th, a most successful fund-raiser.

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wednesday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Thursday: St. Cecilia; Thanksgiving Day
 Friday: St. Clement I; St. Columban;
 Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro
 Saturday: St. Andrew Dung-Lac and His Companions

Prayer Corner

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| Alex Bachnick | Ray Martineau |
| Bob Baltes | Rosalva Becerra Montoya |
| Anne Bisson | Marge Motzko |
| LeRoy Boklep | Fr. Samuel Mwaka |
| Paul Bolich | Marty Noll |
| Florence Bretson | Mary Ann Nordaune |
| Elise Christianson | Carol Olson |
| Bud Ess | *Agnes Onger |
| Dennis Faulkner | Dee Waldron Otto |
| Debbie Fest | *Mandy Quesnell |
| Gerald Forrette | Ray Restivo |
| *Mary Hazlett | Gladys Rottach |
| Wayne Hennen | Gen Sheats |
| *Gloria Herzog | Cindy Gragert Smith |
| Rose Holland | Sandy Sperrazza |
| Dorene Johnson | Irene Turmes |
| Steve Krank | Nick & Christine Turmes |
| Michelle Livingston | Terri Vimr |
| *Norma Mahal | Jim Walker |
| Joseph Mannelly | Peg Wilhoit |

**Former parishioners*



Calendar HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Monday, November 19

7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.—CR

7:30 PM AA—School Cafeteria

Tuesday, November 20

9:00 AM Anderson Group Bible Study—CL

2:00 PM Vocations Committee Mtg.—CR

6:00 PM Parish Nurse/West Pandemic Flu Committee Mtg.—SMR

7:00 PM Stewardship Meeting.—SMR

Wednesday, November 21

SCHOOL CLOSED: THANKSGIVING BREAK

10:00 AM Liturgy Committee Decorate for Thanksgiving—CH

7:00 PM Public Relations Committee Mtg.—SMR

Thursday, November 22

PARISH OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

THANKSGIVING MASS AT 9 AM

7:00 PM Hispanic Community Mtg.—CR

Friday, November 23

PARISH OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Saturday, November 24

8:30 AM Liturgy Decorate for Christ the King—CH

7:00 PM Hispanic Prayer Group—CR

Sunday, November 25

NO LITURGY OF THE WORD OR SUNDAY SCHOOL

OPPORTUNITY OUTREACH: CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

12:30 PM Hispanic Religious Ed—CR & School

Senior Gathering Friday, November 30

Please come for coffee and to listen to a speaker!

From the Parish Administrator...

Do you want to simplify your monthly giving? Hassle free automatic withdrawal is available through the parish office. No more envelopes! Let us know how much and once a month it is automatically transferred. Email or call Brook Sullivan with questions.

Parish Annual Fiscal Report—If you have not received a report via last week's bulletin please pick one up on the entry table in the church lobby. Or, give the office a call and we'll mail you one.

**PLEASE PICK UP DISHES IN KITCHEN
 BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH.
 REMAINDERS WILL BE DONATED TO GOODWILL.
 THANK YOU!**

SANTA MISA, DOMINGOS 2:30PM



PASTOR: REV. PADRE RALPH GOMAN
DIACONO: REV. JUAN R. DURAN
CELEBRANTE: REV. VICENTE MIRANDA
TRIGÉSIMO TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO
18 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2007

LA JUSTICIA SANADORA DE DIOS: Una antigua expresión sostiene que las piedras calentadas por el sol curan. Tal vez. Pero el profeta Malaquías explica que a aquellos que no encuentran un lugar para Dios en sus vidas sólo le esperan días oscuros, sin sol. El profeta nos dice que, a la inversa, el afecto y la luz de la justicia sanadora de Dios aguardan a aquellos que temen al Señor. Esa es una noción bastante consoladora –especialmente ahora durante los días breves, cada vez más breves, de noviembre. Es la piedra calentada por el sol, y mucho más.

Pablo, igualmente, nos habla de justicia pero señala que esta no es algo pasivo. Para ser tratados con justicia, debemos aportar nuestra parte. Si somos diligentes y perseveramos, seremos recompensados con y por los frutos de nuestra labor. Finalmente, Lucas también nos llama a perseverar –en la fe, esta vez– y nos dice que nuestras vidas estarán aseguradas en Dios no importa cómo nos traten nuestros enemigos.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Para ellos que temen al Señor, brillará el sol de justicia con sus rayos de salud (Malaquías 3:19-20a).

Salmo — El Señor llega para regir la tierra con justicia (Salmo 98 (97)).

Segunda lectura — Pablo habla de su trabajo duro entre los tesalonicenses (2 Tesalonicenses 3:7-12).

Evangelio — Jesús predice la destrucción de Jerusalén, la persecución y el odio hacia sus seguidores. Pero su perseverancia será su salvación (Lucas 21:5-19).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lc 18:35-43

Martes: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lc 19:1-10

Miércoles: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lc 19:11-28

Jueves: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lc 19:41-44

Día de Acción de Gracias — sugerencia:

Eclo 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lc 17:11-19

Viernes: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lc 19:45-48

Sábado: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lc 20:27-40

Domingo: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Sal 122 (121); Col 1:12-20; Lc 23:35-43



Domingo 25 de noviembre en la Misa de 3:00 p.m.
Las clases de bautismo serán el sábado 17 de octubre a las 5:00 p.m. en el Community Room, para más información llamar al (612) 719-2622.

Favor de no traer niños a las pláticas

Te invitamos al grupo de Oración este y todos los sábados a las 7:00 pm.

EN EL COMMUNITY ROOM

“Recuerda que la Oración es el poder del hombre y la debilidad de Dios”



TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En 1769 los franciscanos bajo la dirección de Fray Junípero Serra alzaron una cruz en Alta California, dedicando la primera misión en la zona al santo: Diego de Alcalá. Diego, cuya fiesta es el 13 de noviembre, fue un Franciscano del siglo XV. Este santo Español nunca fue sacerdote, prefiriendo servir a Dios como hermano lego (laico) ayudando a los pobres y cuidando a los enfermos.

Siempre fue un humilde servidor de los demás. Aun cuando lo hicieron guardián (líder franciscano) nunca dejó de servir a los pobres, los enfermos y a sus hermanos franciscanos. Su afán por dar a los pobres las cosas del convento lo llevaba a esconder sus donaciones en su manto. Una vez un hermano le preguntó que escondía y el mintiendo respondió: “rosas”. El hermano insistió verlas y en lugar de la comida que llevaba a los pobres, aparecieron rosas y más rosas. La santidad del patrón de San Diego, CA se apoya sobre tres pilares: 1) solidaridad con los más necesitados, 2) devoción a Cristo crucificado y 3) evangelizar en unión con la Iglesia.

POCO A POCO

La perseverancia prevalece más que la violencia; y muchas cosas que no pueden ser superadas cuando están juntas, ceden cuando se toman poco a poco.