

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Sacraments

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):
Saturdays 3:00 PM and by appointment.
BAPTISMS: To arrange and prepare for the celebration of Baptism, please call the Pastor to schedule an appointment. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sunday afternoon.
FUNERAL: Please call the parish as soon as possible to make arrangements for the Mass of Christian Burial.
VISITING THE SICK: If you or a family member are sick or in the hospital, please call the parish so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be celebrated in the parish before hospitalization. Please call also to arrange for a Eucharistic minister to bring Communion to the sick. If you would like to request prayers for someone who is sick, please call the parish so that the name may be placed in the bulletin.
MARRIAGES: Preparation must begin at least six months prior to the wedding. Please make arrangements with the parish before scheduling the reception.
ANNULMENTS/CONVALIDATION: Please arrange a meeting with the Pastor to begin the process of celebrating your marriage in the Church.
NEW PARISHIONERS: Catholics who would like to be registered as parishioners of Immaculate Conception and receive stewardship envelopes should call the parish secretary or fill out a form in the vestibule of the church.
RCIA: Adults who desire to explore the possibility of becoming a member of the Catholic Church should contact the RCIA (Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults) team. Preparation usually begins in September and Baptism or Reception is celebrated at the next Easter Vigil.
TUITION ASSISTANCE: Some financial aid for tuition assistance to Catholic schools is available to registered members of the parish. This is a one time grant of no more than \$1,000.00 to needy families to assist them during a time of financial crisis. Eligible families should write a letter to the Pastor who will evaluate the request with the Financial Advisory Committee.

To Whom Do We Go

Adult Formation: Lovenia Watson.....778-1977
Child Protection Coord: Andrea Toles.....(504)491-6556
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Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder428-5981
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Pantry/Food and Vouchers:774-3661
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Traditional Choir: Deadra James Mackie.....772-3401
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....(504)427-6459

This Week's Prayer

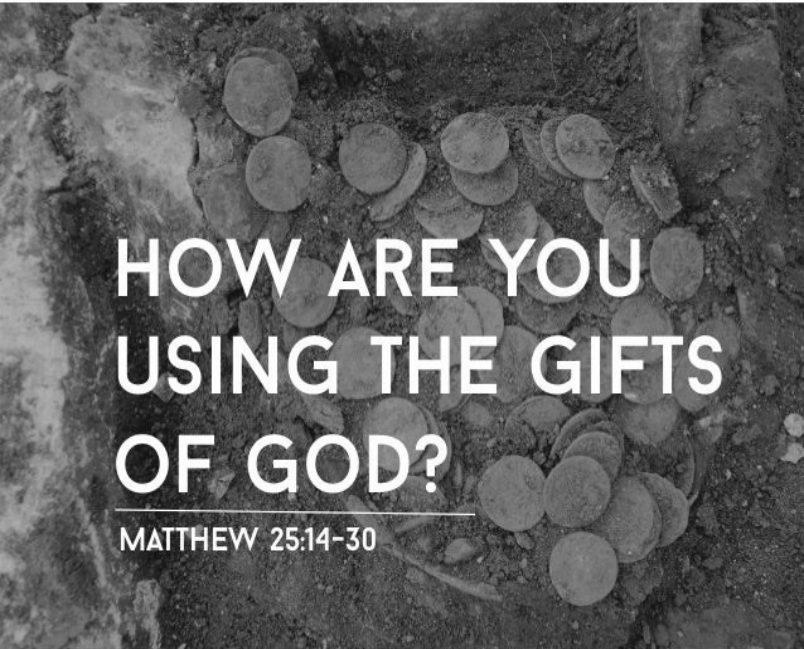
Thank you, Lord, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us. Amen.



The Parable of the Talents



November 19, 2023



For it is just like a man who was about to take a journey, and he called his servants together and entrusted them with his possessions. To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and then he went on his journey.
Matthew 25:14-15

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The meaning of the parable in today's gospel extends far beyond financial investments. God has given each person a wide variety of gifts, and he expects us to employ those gifts in his service. It is not acceptable merely to put those gifts on a closet shelf and ignore them. Like the three servants, we do not have gifts of the same degree. The return God expects of us is commensurate with the gifts we have been given. The servant who received one talent was not condemned for failing to reach the five-talent goal; he was condemned because he did nothing with what he was given. The gifts we receive from God include skills, abilities, family connections, social positions, education, experiences, and more. The point of the parable is that we are to use whatever we have been given for God's purposes.

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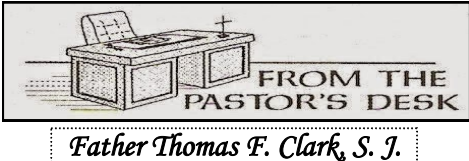
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serving the family of God and feeding the soul of the Community.

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ASSISTANT TO COORDINATOR: Stephanie Yearby(214) 881-5663
RCIA COORDINATOR: Cathy Glover(225) 772-6099
MLK/SU CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER:
Joyce Johnson - Wilfred Johnson(225) 775-8691



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel
Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:10 PM
Holy Day Masses:
Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM and 12:10 PM



THANKSGIVING DAY



We will celebrate Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 AM. There is no better way to start the holiday than to gather around the Table of the Lord before we gather around our family tables. We offer the sacrifice of Thanksgiving for all that God has done for us in Christ Jesus. There will be no 12:10 PM Mass on Thanksgiving.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving.



MEETINGS OF LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS



There will be a meeting of Lectors on Tuesday, November 28 at 6:30 PM in the church. There will be a meeting of Eucharistic Ministers on Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30 PM in the church.

MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR MLK



The monthly collection for the support of the ministries at MLK Catholic Student Center will take place next weekend, November 25-26. We appreciate your generous support of our ministry to SU students, faculty, staff, and administration.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT BEGINS ON DECEMBER 3



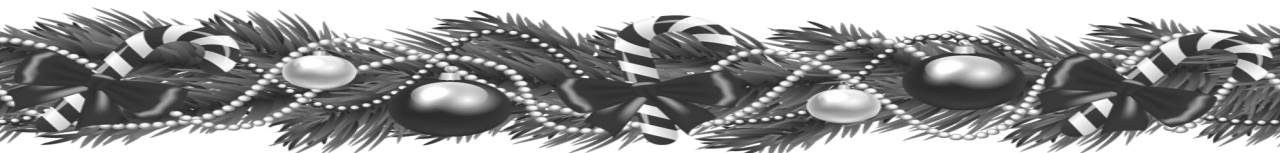
Advent

Next Sunday, November 26 is the Solemnity of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the church's liturgical year. The new church year begins with the First Sunday of Advent on December 3. Advent is a time of joyful waiting for the coming of the Lord. We await the celebration of his birth at Christmas, the ways he enters into our lives everyday, and his second coming in glory at the end of time. Advent is the beginning of Cycle B of the Lectionary in which the Gospel readings will be from Mark and John.

Starting December 1, read one chapter of Luke's Gospel each day of December until December 24. On Christmas Day you will know whose birthday it is and who it is that we celebrate.



Advent



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023

We are making a change in our Christmas Mass schedule this year. Therefore, we are giving notice of it way in advance so that everyone will know and can plan which Mass they will attend to celebrate the birth of the Lord. This year Christmas is on a Monday, so we have back-to-back holydays. We will adjust our schedule accordingly.

DECEMBER 23-24: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: VIGIL MASS AT 4 PM (SATURDAY)
SUNDAY MORNING ONE MASS AT 9:00 AM

DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS: 4:00 PM

DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE NIGHT IN CANDLELIGHT: 8:00 PM

DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS: 9:00 AM



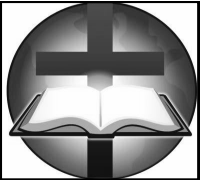
Happy Birthday

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| CARISSA | CROPPER | 11/19 |
| PAMELA | TAYLOR | 11/19 |
| MEAGAN | THIERRY | 11/19 |
| NICOLE | JOHNSON | 11/20 |
| SHARON | NIXON | 11/20 |
| JOY | THIERRY | 11/20 |
| AMBROSE | GRAY | 11/21 |
| RENA | PORTER | 11/21 |
| DAWN | RICHARD | 11/21 |
| DANEEN | WILLIAMS | 11/21 |
| JOIDAN | WILTZ | 11/21 |
| TAYLOR | BOUDREAUX | 11/22 |
| PAMELA | JOHNSON | 11/22 |
| CANDICE | NORTHERN | 11/22 |
| DANIEL | RICHARD, JR. | 11/22 |
| MELISSA | WIGGINS | 11/22 |
| JOSEPH | ALLISON | 11/23 |
| KOURTNEY | BUTLER | 11/23 |
| LINDA | BROWN | 11/23 |
| REGINA | WILSON | 11/23 |
| RYAN | KNIGHT | 11/24 |
| ANDRES | AUGUSTINE | 11/25 |
| JACQUE | HILL, JR. | 11/25 |
| REBECCA | JOHNSON | 11/25 |
| RAVEN | JONES | 11/25 |



FAMILY DINNER BLESSING

Father, we have gathered to share a meal in Your honor. Thank You for putting us together as a family, and thank You for this food. Bless it for our bodies to serve you, Lord. We thank you for all of the gifts you've given to those around this table. Help each member of our family use these gifts to your glory. Thank you and praise you for today and every day you give us. Amen.



Mass Readings

November 19th - November 26th

Sunday

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 128; 1 Thes 5:1-6

Gospel: Mt 25:14-30

Monday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Psalm 119

Gospel: Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

2 Mc 6:18-31; Psalm 3

Gospel Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Psalm 17

Gospel: Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

Thanksgiving Day

Sir 50:22-24; Psalm 145; 1 Cor 1:3-9

Gospel: Lk 17:11-19

Friday

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29

Gospel: Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

1 Mc 6:1-13; Psalm 9

Gospel: Lk 20:27-40

Sunday

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 23; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28

Gospel: Mt 25: 31-46

Forms for new parishioners or changes
are located in the vestibule of the church.

