

## POPE FRANCIS INVITES US TO PRAY FOR PEACE

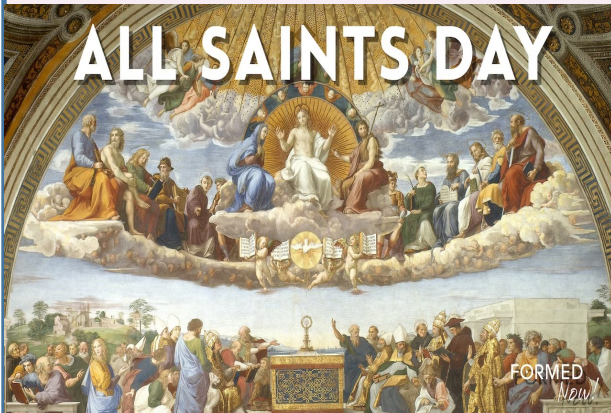
Peace is a precious gift,  
which must be promoted  
and protected...  
Never has the use of  
violence brought peace  
in its wake.  
War begets war,  
violence begets  
violence.

Pope Francis  
Reflecting on Syria, 9/1/13



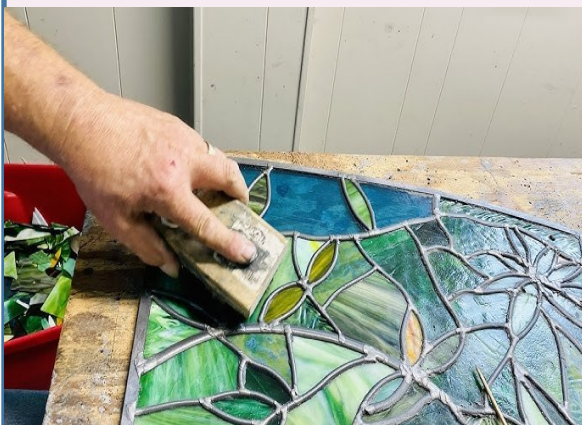
Pope Francis has asked all believers throughout the world, regardless of faith, and all those who have at heart the cause for peace in the world, to make today October 27th, a day of prayer and fasting for peace. A vigil prayer for peace will be held this evening at 6pm in St. Peter's Square, where the faithful may join the pope in "an hour of prayer in a spirit of penance to implore peace in our time, peace in this world," especially in wartorn places like Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Lebanon, Gaza-Palestine, etc. We will dedicate today's Eucharistic adoration to that cause. Come and join us.

## APPROACHING FEASTS OF ALL SAINTS/SOULS



As we approach the feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, we wish to bring to our attention the need for us to pray and offer Masses for the Faithful Departed. Kindly use the Mass offering envelopes at the back of the Church to book Mass(es) for loved ones who have departed. List all the names you are praying for on the envelop or use a separate sheet to do so and insert inside the envelop. We will have all the names at the altar all through November and offer Masses for them.

## STAINED-GLASS REPAIR WORK



The project to repair our stained-glass windows is in progress. The technicians are repairing cracks, strengthening the base and siding of each window, and will replace the outside plexiglass protection on the windows, to let in more light. Expect to see parts of the church cordoned off and some entrances, particularly the back west entrance, closed during this period. We are grateful to the Catholic Foundation for Eastern Oklahoma that provided the major fund, and donors from our parish who stepped in with their invaluable support.

## SATURDAY PRAYER MEETING

Join fellow parishioners for prayer meeting tomorrow Saturday, 28th October from 10am and noon. Learn also how to pray and how the Holy Spirit assists our prayers and helps us through the difficulties of the day.

PRAYER MEETING

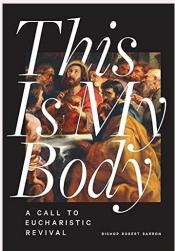
Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving. — Colossians 4:2

## GARAGE/BAKE SALES



The Knights of Columbus and the Lady's Guild of the parish will hold their annual Garage/Bake Sales on Friday/Saturday December 1st and 2nd at the basement of the parish hall beginning at 8:00am. Call Al Ross (405-245-3226) or Philip Stizza (918-429-3453) to drop off your donation items for the garage sale. Items for bake sale can be dropped off on November 30th between 3:00 and 7:00pm. Call Reta Descher (918-424-0492) or Regina Edwards (918-429-4976) to help with baked goods drop off.

## "THIS IS MY BODY" by Bishop Robert Barron



A generous parish family has purchased copies of the book, *This is My Body*, by Bishop Robert Barron to help us with our spiritual journey during this *Eucharistic Revival*. The book provides practical guides for us to enhance our devotion to the Eucharist as well as invite others to the Eucharistic banquet. Please feel free to take a copy at the back of the Church (one for each family). We pray God's blessings on this benefactor.

## WHY DO YOU NOT RECEIVE THE EUCHARISTIC?



Eucharistic Revival as currently espoused involves welcoming parishioners who for reason(s) of irregular marriage or other conditions are unable to partake of the Eucharistic. We encourage all who currently are not partaking of the Eucharist to visit with Fr. Jo to discuss ways to remedy the situation. No condition is irredeemable. You may be surprised how easily some of the situations can be resolved. If you know of anyone who has stopped coming to Mass due to inability to share in the Eucharist, please invite them to talk to the parish priest about that. No member of Christ's body should be deprived of this saving food.

## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, 2024



The National Eucharistic Congress taking place in Indianapolis, from July 17–21, 2024 will be a transformative moment for the Church in the USA. It will be the high point of the Eucharistic Revival. You can be part of this historic event, as Catholics from around the country gather for this weeklong grace-filled event. If you're interested in attending, call the office or talk to our parish point person, Kelly Drusen, for details.



## PARISH MISSION THESE COMING WEEKS



For three consecutive Thursdays: October 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, **Karlo Broussard**, apologist and speaker with *Catholic Answers*, is presenting a three-part series on the Eucharist entitled, *Face to Face with Jesus: The Catholic Doctrine of the Eucharist*. In this series of talks, Karlo provides the definitive answer to all those who doubt Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. He breaks down the common objections to the Catholic doctrine and builds a powerful case—from Scripture and the teaching and practices of the early Christians as well as the evidence for Eucharistic miracles—for taking Jesus at his word when he said: *"I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh"* (John 6:51). The first and second meetings last two Thursday were well attended. The final meeting next Thursday November 2 (All Souls Day) will start at 7:00pm instead of 6:30pm to allow everyone to attend the All Souls Mass.

## UPDATE ON HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE, October 2024



Due to the ongoing war in Israel and Palestine, we have put on hold plans for pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year, as we assess the security situation. We will be informed in due course about our next possible option: visit to another pilgrimage site, or entirely cancel the idea.