

November 2, 2008

All Souls



we share hope

Yesterday was
All Saints Day, when we
acknowledge the saints.

Today is All Souls Day, the day we hope and pray that everyone who has gone before us is or will be with God.

Catholics do a thing that others, including other Christians, find very strange: We talk to “the faithful departed.” There is a logic behind our practice.

When humans are particularly nervous, we ask for help. Sometimes we go directly to the person who can help us, and sometimes we ask others to intercede for us. Most people who believe in God pray, so we might ask, “Mom, I have a test tomorrow, will you pray for me?” (You can bet she is also praying as you drive out of town for spring break.)

Do we know *how* prayer works? No. Do we know it matters? Yes. Instead of asking our friends to pray for us, could we go directly to God? Of course. No doubt we do that anyway.

So why do we look to other people? Because we

are all in this together. We care about each other. Of course, Christ has the central place in our prayer life. He is our intercessor. He is also the one who taught us to pray with and for each other.

When we pray, we have a lot of company. Other types of Christians pray for each other. Folks from a lot of ancient faiths prayed for each other. So what makes Catholics different? *We talk to people who are dead.*

And here is why. *We don't think they're dead.* They were joined with Christ and with us when they were here. Are they any less concerned for us now? Of course not. So we ask them, saints and nonsaints alike, to intercede on our behalf with God.

Christ triumphed over death—his *and* ours. He is our hope. In the Body of Christ, we share hope.

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Today's Readings

Wis 3:1–9

Rom 5:5–11 or 6:3–9

Jn 6:37–40

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MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses are held at the Church on Bethel Road unless otherwise noted

Saturday 6:00 PM ♦ Confessions Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM (English) ♦ 12:30 PM (Spanish)
Holy Days 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM
Daily Mass 8:45 AM

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES AND VISITORS

Please complete a registration card at the Welcome Table in the church foyer and return it at your earliest convenience. Thank You!

MASS INTENTIONS

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|-----------|------------|----------|--------------------------|--|
| Saturday | November 1 | 6:00 PM | Faithful Departed | Solemnity of All Saints |
| Sunday | November 2 | 8:00 AM | Faithful Departed | The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed |
| | | 10:45 AM | Faithful Departed | The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed |
| | | 12:30 PM | Los Difuntos | La Conmemoración de Todo el Fiel Marchado |
| Monday | November 3 | 8:45 AM | Faithful Departed | Memorial of St. Martin de Porres, religious |
| Tuesday | November 4 | 8:45 AM | Communion Service | Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, bishop |
| Wednesday | November 5 | 8:45 AM | Faithful Departed | Weekday |
| Thursday | November 6 | 8:45 AM | Faithful Departed | Weekday |
| Friday | November 7 | 8:45 AM | Faithful Departed | Weekday |
| Saturday | November 8 | 6:00 PM | Faithful Departed | Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Sunday | November 9 | 8:00 AM | Faithful Departed | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome |
| | | 10:45 AM | Faithful Departed | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome |
| | | 12:30 PM | Los Difuntos | La Dedicación de la Basílica Lateran en Roma |

Marriage – six months notice required – please see Fr. Casey. **Aviso para el Matrimonio** – seis meses es necesaria
Baptism Instruction—English (1st Thursday of each month); Spanish (1st Monday of each month)
Quinceañera – three month notice required – girl must be attending CCD and Mass *regularly* – please see Fr. Casey
Prayer Chain Coordinators—Ann Allen (817-594-8637) Bette Binzer (817-599-0454) LaVerne Cardwell (817-594-3805)
Weekly Visitation of the Sick & Shut-Ins. Contact the church office to be on the schedule.
Census Information—Please notify the church office if you are new to our Parish, have a change of address or phone number, or move to another Parish.
Bulletin Notices are to be written or typed and in the office at least one week prior to event – notices may be e-mailed – deadline for bulletin is Noon on Tuesday – your cooperation is greatly appreciated – Thank You!

**REGULAR
COLLECTION
October 25-26
\$9,068.08**



*Flowers for the Altar this Weekend
Are A Gift From
The Ladies Altar Society
In Memory of the Faithful Departed*

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Are you a person of integrity? Do your words match your deeds?
Remember, those who are great are those who serve.
How do you serve others? (Matthew 23:1-12)

31° Domingo Ordinario
*En el Señor encontré mi paz. ¿Me está llamado el Señor a ser una
persona de paz? (Salmo 131)*

NOVEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS
November 1-2—Property Purchase
November 22-23—Campaign for Human Development

**WELCOME TO ALL, INCLUDING VISITORS AND
NEW PARISHIONERS.**

Please join us this Sunday between Masses for breakfast
in the parish hall, provided by the Altar Society.

PROPERTY PURCHASE INFORMATION
Cost of New Property—\$1,631,842.00
Monthly Interest Payment—\$9,700.00
Total Contributions to Date—\$55,849.59
Interest Paid to Date—40,129.00

**“Daylight Saving Time Ends”
Set Your Clocks Back One Hour
2 AM Sunday, November 2**

We urge all parishioners to be informed on key issues and to vote. So we pray: Lord help us understand the issues we face in our world today and how the Gospel helps us respond as faithful citizens in our community. Free us from blindness so that we see others as brothers and sisters, and discernment to choose leaders who are guided by your love.



“HELP WANTED”

Couples on Friday afternoon, 1-4 PM for Parker County Jail Ministry.

Wages: Countless Blessings and a good deposit in your Heavenly account.

Contact: Paul or Barb Claffey at 817-220-2681.

BIBLE STUDY. Elaine Hall Barclay and Cristina Guelda will continue the Bible Study in **Room 3 at 9:15 AM each Sundays.** *Newcomers are encouraged to join.*

NEW PARISHIONER POT LUCK. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 8, 3 PM.** Everyone is invited. Please come out and get to know the newest members of our parish family! For more information contact Jeanette Houle at 817-613-8008 or doschicas@att.net *See you Saturday the 8th!!*

HARVEST DINNER DANCE—Saturday, November 22 from 7 to Midnight. A Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner will be served. Dance to a DJ, participate in the Silent Auction, and join in the fun. This is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the America’s of St. Stephen. Tickets will be on sale for \$10.00 beginning November 2 between Masses or from any CDA member.

*The
Pumpkin Prayer*

*Dear God,
As I carve my pumpkin help
me say this prayer:*

*Open my mind so I can
learn about You;
(Cut the top of the pumpkin)*

*Take away all my sin and forgive
me for the wrong things I do.
(Clean out the inside)*

*Open my eyes so Your love I will see;
(Cut eyes shaped like hearts)*

*I’m sorry for turning up my
nose to all You’ve given me.
(Cut a nose in the shape of the cross)*

*Open my ears so Your word
I will hear;
(Cut ears shaped like the Bible)*

*Open my mouth so I can
tell others You’re near.
(Cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)*

*Let Your light shine in all
I say and do! Amen.
(Place a candle inside and light it)*



November 3-8 and 10-14. Santa’s Helpers/Salvation Army Angel Tree—Registration for those needing help at Manna, 129 E. Spring St., Weatherford TX.

A 2-Day Leadership Formation Training, Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15. Course Objectives: To energize participants with fresh insights and skills for ministry; to provide leaders with theological vision for comprehensive and creative ministry in the Church; to increase understanding of the dynamics of the family and the parish as growing, changing systems; to encourage awareness of the diversity present in family life today and identify strategies for effective multi-culture ministry. To register contact Jeanette Houle at 817-613-8008 or doschicas@att.net.

Msgr. Charles King, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Denton is leading a group to Spain and Portugal departing April 13 from Dallas/Fort Worth and returning April 27, 2009. The group will enjoy transportation in a private motor coach and the services of an English-speaking escort throughout the trip. For more information and a copy of the itinerary call Bob Wolfe at 817-788-9383.



TEEN CORNER

Youth Group: November 5 meeting will be at Mr. Andy Allen’s Prayer Garden. **Transportation on your own**—maps, directions, and permission forms will be handed out at Youth Group Meeting. *Watch your mail for our very first Youth Group Newsletter!*

All youth ages 13 and above are invited to participate in the **Youth Music Ministry.** Join us **Sundays at 6 PM.**

**WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS
(All activities held at Bethel Road)**

Sunday, November 2

- 9:15 AM Religious Education Classes (English)
- 9:15 AM Adult Catechism (Room 19)
- 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study (Room 3)
- 11:15 AM Religious Education Classes (Spanish)
- 12:00 PM Time, Talent & Treasure

Monday, November 3

- 9:30 AM Parish Pantry
 - 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study
 - 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #72
 - 7:00 PM RCIA
 - 7:00 PM Citizenship Classes
 - 7:00 PM Instrucción del Bautismo Española
- Copia de Nacimiento Certifica Requirió*

Tuesday, November 4

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Rm. 1 & 2)

Wednesday, November 5

- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:30 PM Choir Practice
- 6:45 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday, November 6

- 10:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 10:00 AM Quilting Group (Pro Shop)
- 7:00 PM English Baptism Instruction (Baptism Certificate. Required)
- 7:00 PM Grupo de Oracion

Friday, November 7

- 7:30 PM Adoration of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, November 8)

- 7:00 PM Cursillistas Ultreya—Spanish (Rm. 1 & 2)

Dear Padre

What does it mean to “offer up” something?

When things are bad, I have been told to “offer it up.” What does this mean? How can it help?

Samantha

Dear Samantha,

In his 2007 encyclical letter *Spe Salvi* (On Christian Hope), Pope Benedict XVI speaks of “‘offering up’ the minor daily hardships that continually strike at us like irritating ‘jabs,’ thereby giving them a meaning” (40). Meaning and purpose—that is the key point.

Take getting stuck in an endless traffic jam, for instance. What tends to drive you crazy is that it seems like total loss and pointlessness. When you offer that aggravation up, you accept it as an experience worthy of the human being you are. It will help you act like that human being if you plug the experience into the life, suffering,

and death of Jesus Christ. Or to say the same thing in the opposite direction, let Christ plug into your human existence and experience.

A traffic jam is a petty experience compared to a death bed, but the challenge is the same: to find meaning in union with the living person of Jesus. The death bed is the cross of Jesus. He shares this bed with the whole human race and with every human being, whether they realize this or not. You see, he is still saving the world—at this moment—by his union with suffering human beings like you. Now, ease up on blowing the horn!

John Hamrogue, C.Ss.R.



SHUTTERSTOCK

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| November 3 Weekday Phil 2:1–4 Lk 14:12–14 | November 4 Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop Phil 2:5–11 Lk 14:15–24 | November 5 Weekday Phil 2:12–18 Lk 14:25–33 | November 6 Weekday Phil 3:3–8a Lk 15:1–10 | November 7 Weekday Phil 3:17–4:1 Lk 16:1–8 | November 8 Weekday Phil 4:10–19 Lk 16:9–15 | November 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17 Jn 2:13–22 |

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