

November 9, 2008

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome



SHUTTERSTOCK / BAROQUE INTERIOR OF THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN LATERAN

Like other churches, the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome is built on the foundations—physical, historical, emotional and spiritual—of an earlier building. The Emperor Constantine commissioned the original church in the fourth century.

Today, this church is the pope's home parish. We're used to seeing him address the entire world from St. Peter's. But the Roman Pontifical Cathedral, the pope's home base as bishop of Rome, is St. John Lateran.

Pope Martin V is entombed in front of the main altar. Martin was elected to end the Great Western Schism. After a stay of about seventy years in Avignon, France, the papacy returned to Rome, to what was then (generously speaking) a backwater town. No glory there. A lot of ruins.

Not everyone in the Church's power structure was happy with the move back. The late fourteenth and early fifteenth centuries saw first two, then three men claim to be pope. The Council of Constance resolved the dilemma and elected Pope Martin.

St. John Lateran speaks power. The nave is flanked by statues of the apostles that are more than twice a normal person's height. The architecture expresses strength in stone, grandeur, and magnificent art.

I've taken photographs of the building. They don't capture the size of the place, but I can still feel it in my bones. In the nave I sensed the deep desire to speak of permanence and stability. But I felt keenly, too, the sense that stones can be pulled down and stained glass broken. Powerful buildings can say only so much.

And then my wife and I received the Eucharist at the Lateran Basilica. *That* reality helps me keep the place in perspective.

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Today's Readings

Ez 47:1–2,
8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11,
16–17

Jn 2:13–22

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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

Saturday	November 8	6:00 PM	Faithful Departed	<i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Sunday	November 9	8:00 AM	Faithful Departed	<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome</i>
		10:45 AM	Faithful Departed	<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome</i>
		12:30 PM	Los Difuntos	<i>La Dedicación de la Basilica Lateran en Roma</i>
Monday	November 10	8:45 AM	Faithful Departed	<i>Memorial of St. Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the church</i>
Tuesday	November 11	8:45 AM	Communion Service	<i>Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, bishop</i>
Wednesday	November 12	8:45 AM	Daisy Hartnett Ancelin, RIP	<i>Memorial of St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr</i>
Thursday	November 13	8:45 AM	Phil Nixon, RIP	<i>Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin</i>
Friday	November 14	8:45 AM	Lawrence Bierschenk	<i>Weekday</i>
Saturday	November 15	6:00 PM	Charles Ledbetter, RIP	<i>Memorial of St. Albert the Great, bishop and doctor of the church</i>
				<i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Sunday	November 16	8:00 AM	Dennis Mees, RIP	<i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		10:45 AM	Joan Wood	<i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		12:30 PM	Los Difuntos	<i>33° Domingo Ordinario</i>

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

November 1-2

\$12,212.00

SECOND COLLECTION

Land Purchase

\$3,600.00

Flowers for the Altar this Weekend

Are A Gift From

His Family

In Honor of Bob Phillips 80th Birthday

And

Jeff & Kathy Sears & Family

In Memory of Antonia Keeley

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Are your eyes open to the presence of God? Is your lamp lit? Are you prepared to sit, wait and welcome God in your midst?

(Matthew 25:1-13)

32° Domingo Ordinario

Aceite y tiempo: luz y paciencia—requerimientos para el discipulado. ¡Mantengan sus ojos abiertos! Con el tiempo verás a lo que estás

llamado/a a hacer.

(Mateo 25:1-13)

NOVEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 22-23—Campaign for Human Development

PROPERTY PURCHASE INFORMATION

Cost of New Property—\$1,631,842.00

Monthly Interest Payment—\$9,700.00

Total Contributions to Date—59,449.59

Interest Paid to Date—40,129.00

WELCOME TO ALL, INCLUDING VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS.

Please join us this Sunday between Masses for breakfast in the parish hall, provided by the Knights of Columbus.

THANK YOU to the **Ladies Quilting Group** for their generous donation of \$1,000.00 for the St. Stephen Land Purchase.

THANK YOU to Fr. Casey and all the Parishioners for a very warm welcome and response. Let us continue to pray and respond to the call of Religious Life and Priesthood. *Sr. Gabriel, SHSp.*

Monthly Vocational Discernment Program. The next discernment program will be held **Monday, November 10, from 6—9 PM.** No registration is required.

TWENTY TO THIRTY-SOMETHING BIBLE STUDY: Join us beginning **Monday, November 17 at 6:30pm** for a six-week study of Advent. "Advent is a time for new understanding, for putting different pieces of God's revelation together to see the divine plan more clearly." Contact Jeanette Houle at 817-613-8008 or doschicas@att.net for more information.

LUNCH BUNCH. Please join us on **Wednesday, November 12, 11:30 AM.** We will meet at Jorge's Mexican Food Restaurant located on Santa Fe. For further information contact Betty Binzer at 817-599-0454.

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.

REMINDER: Altar Society will be selling Christmas baskets and handmade mini capes in the Holy Spirit Center on December 6 after Mass and at the breakfast on December 7.

Basket preparation meetings will be held on **Saturday, November 15, and Saturday, November 22 at 3:30 PM** in the Holy Spirit Center. Call Bette Binzer at 817-599-0454 for information. *All profits will go toward the Land Purchase.*

November 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.

Msr. 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: Friday, November 14, will be a movie night. Please bring a snack to share. **Starts at 7 PM.**

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.**

"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.

NEW PARISHIONERS: To register, complete and return the Parish Registration Card available in the Church Foyer or complete and return the Parish Information Form below and a Registration Card will be mailed to you.

Parish Information Form

_____ **Change of name/address/phone #**

_____ **Send New Parishioner Registration Form**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Email _____

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

Sunday, 9

- 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)

Monday, November 10

- 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 Grupo de Oracion

Tuesday, November 11

- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Rm. 1 & 2)
- 6:30 PM Master Planning Meeting (Parish Hall)
- 7:15 PM Knights of Columbus (Rooms 1 & 2)

Wednesday, November 12

- 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch (Jorge's on Santa Fe)
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:30 PM Choir Practice
- 6:45 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday, November 13

- 10:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 10:00 AM Quilting Group (Pro Shop)
- 7:00 PM Grief Support

Saturday, November 15

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

Dear Padre

How important is Mass?

Q I organize migrant farm laborers. I have no time for Mass and neither do they, but I feel we're all keeping the Sabbath: I'm working very hard for a good cause, and they're trying desperately to feed their families. Isn't that more important than sitting in church for an hour every week?

Dear Busy,

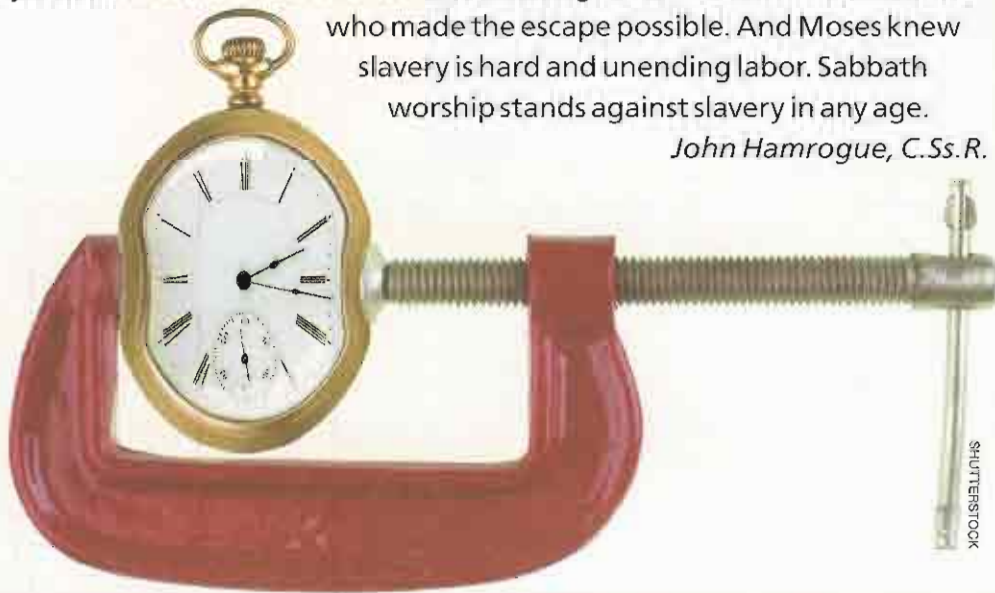
Worship is the most basic expression of human freedom and also its safeguard, and neither busyness nor an apparently better cause dispenses us from our obligation to attend weekly Mass.

It is true Jesus once said to a kindred spirit, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God" (Matthew 12:34). Indeed, God says through the prophet Isaiah that the sacrifice that pleases him is much like what you are trying to do for those farm laborers.

But Deuteronomy 5: 12 and 15 say, "Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you... Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day."

Moses led the people out of slavery. He was the union organizer, you might say. But he knew it was the Lord with his strong hand and outstretched arm who made the escape possible. And Moses knew slavery is hard and unending labor. Sabbath worship stands against slavery in any age.

John Hamrogue, C.Ss.R.



Monday

November 10

Saint Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church
Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

November 11

Saint Martin of Tours, bishop
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

November 12

Saint Josaphat, bishop and martyr
Ti 3:1-7
Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

November 13

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin
Phlm 7-20
Lk 17:20-25

Friday

November 14

Weekday
2 Jn 4-9
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday


November 15

Weekday
3 Jn 5-8
Lk 18:1-8

Sunday

November 16

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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