

Mary, Mother of Mankind Church

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November 21, 2021

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Holy Days: see bulletin

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am
(The Rosary is prayed
prior to Daily Mass)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm

Parish Office Hours

M-T-W-Th. 9:00 am-1:00pm

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**GIVE THANKS
TO THE
LORD
FOR HE IS
GOOD**

From Fr. Varghese's Desk



As the Thanksgiving Feast approaches, we are a grateful parish for all those who have been so good to us and so very generous with their time and talents. We are grateful to all who serve: Our hard-working Parish Staff and Office Volunteers, Teachers and Group leaders in our Religion Classes, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Ushers, Pastoral and Finance Council Members, Volunteers for our many events, Youth Group, Choir, our faithful Money Counters and our many benefactors and donors. And to all who are so good to their parish in many ways, we say – THANKS!

We joke about Thanksgiving Day as being a day of football, stuffed turkeys and stuffed people. It is also a holiday we can be justly proud of as Americans. It is a moment set aside for grateful recognition of God's important place in our lives. It is even more interesting in a country where we honor the most self-sufficient individual – the man or woman who can "do it all by themselves", like John Wayne did. How odd of us to stop congratulating ourselves for one day and turn to another, or rather "The Other" and recognize what He has done for us and what great gifts He has given to us.

It is also interesting that Thanksgiving Day has become not only a national holiday for Catholics but an unofficial Holy Day. But then again, it should not surprise us for the Mass is a very proper place for "giving thanks". The word "Eucharist", which is of Greek origin, means "thanksgiving". Our entire Mass is a prayer of thanks to the Lord for His goodness to us, so why not celebrate it around God's table before sitting around our tables at home. We are God's family and we have good reasons to give thanks. May your family holiday meal be truly joyful and filled with peace, the peace that comes first from the Lord's Table.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to express our gratitude by coming to the aid of our needy brothers and sisters in our community. There is still time to donate food certificates or monetary gifts for that purpose. You may drop them in the collection basket or stop by the rectory office. As I offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Thanksgiving morning be assured that you and those you love will be remembered in my prayers.

WE THANK YOU LORD.....

- For remembering and forgetting,**
- For patient friends and challengers,**
- For the hands of nurses and surgeons,**
- For love letters and Shakespeare,**
- For those who died in senseless wars,**
- For police officers, firefighters and candy strippers,**
- For priests and teachers and religious women and men**
who taught us how to recognize God's love,
- For our mothers and fathers, and the sisters and brothers**
We fought in love. For the children who have gone their
life's way,
- For poets and prophets and dreamers,**
- For those who ask "How?" and "Why?" and "Why not?"**
- For those who dare and those who guard,**
- For those who have forgiven us,**
And those we must forgive today.
- AMEN, AND A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!**
Have a Good Week and God Bless

Fr. Varghese



Saturday, November 20

4:00 pm Richard Raczkowski

Sunday, November 21 Our Lord Jesus Christ

8:00 am Richard Houle

Margie Nguyen

10:30 am Ursula Vasquez (6th year remembrance)

Catherine Robidoux

Monday, November 22 Saint Cecilia

8:00 am Domenic

Tuesday, November 23 Saint Clement I

8:00 am Josie Siegel (Healing)

Douglas Boyer

Wednesday, November 24 Saint Andrew Dung-Lac

8:00 am Joseph Berube

Teddy Fracassa

Thursday, November 25 Saint Catherine of Alexandria

8:00 am Clement Edozie

Catherine Robidoux

Saturday, November 27

4:00 pm Robert A. DiNitto (50 year anniversary)

Sunday, November 28, First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Salvatore Ruggieri

10:30 am Genaro & Marciana Saceda (remembrance)

Catherine Robidoux

*Sanctuary Candle, Altar
Candles & Altar Bread*

Candles will burn from 11/11 to 11/18

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:

Elsie Raposo

The Altar Candles will burn for:

Jose Ferreira

The Altar Bread is offered for:

Anthony Neri

(Cost of the Sanctuary Candle, pair of Altar Candles or Altar

Bread is \$10 for a living or deceased remembrance)

Please call the Rectory at 231-3542 to reserve yours

Monday from 1:00pm-4:00pm

Tuesday—Thursday from 9:00 am—1:00 pm

**Weekend of November 14, 2021
Offertory Reports**

Weekly Offering 11/14:

On-Line Giving 11/14

Helping Hand Fund 11/14:

Thank you for your support!

This week our second collection is for the Campaign for Human Development. Thank you for your generosity



In Observance of Thanksgiving, our parish office will be closed November 24th.



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Will be held Sunday Nov. 21. No classes on November 28th

MASS INTENTIONS

The 2022 Mass Book is open! You may book your masses during office hours on: Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am-1:00 PM. Weekends/Holy Days-\$25.00 Weekdays-\$10.00 Sanctuary Lamp/Altar Candles-\$10.00-one name Please note that there is a maximum number of masses booked per family to be fair to all of the parishioners wishing to book masses.



Bible Study will take place this Monday, November 22nd at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall



SUNDAY SMILE

(1) When my wife and I argue, we are like a band in concert: We start with some new stuff; and then we roll out our greatest hits.

(2) During our evening prayers, my five-year-old kept his unemployed uncle in his thoughts. "Please help Uncle Steve find a job that he is good at," he said, "like owning a cat."

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: How do I live out the commandments in my daily life?

Children: Can I see Christ by the way that I behave?



Annual Coat Drive

Please drop off your GOOD, USED COATS at the Church or Parish Office to be distributed to those in need.



ALTAR SERVERS

Calling any boy or girl who has made their First Communion through 12th grade to become an Altar Server. Both veteran and new Altar Servers alike will be trained in the coming weeks to reverently assist in the celebration of the Liturgy.



SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR

My thanks to everyone who made our Bazaar such a success: especially our excellent workers; to our sponsors; to the many parishioners & families who donated baskets, gift cards and to all the volunteers who came out in such numbers to help. While I don't have enough room to list every name, please know that God has seen all your good work and will reward your generosity and kindness!

SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR RAFFLE WINNERS:



CONGRATULATIONS!

\$1,000 John DelPadre

\$500 Karen Geremia

\$250 Donald Feragne

Parish Office Hours

Monday –Thursday 9:00 AM –1:00 PM

All parish offices will be closed on Fridays, Weekends and Holidays.

Please remember Mary, Mother of Mankind Church in your will or estate.



GRATEFUL for God's Providence
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As you may recall, our parish's goal is **\$353,427.00**. Per the latest update report, out of our more than 1100 registered families, **77 families** made one-time gifts or pledge that totaled **\$156,000.00**.

Please fill out your family's pledge card today and place it in the offering basket or hand it to our pastor! No down payment is necessary to make your pledge.

Pledge cards are available throughout the Church



Lectors WORKBOOKS:

Reader workbooks for the new Church year that begins in November are now available in the sacristy.

To submit a prayer request for our 'Prayer Chain' please contact Alexandra P. (300-2062) or Pauline N. (231-8012)



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