



Our Lady of Hope

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

NOVEMBER 14, 2021 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: Vigil 4pm
Sunday: 11am
Monday, Tuesday &
Friday 8am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 3pm or
anytime by appointment.

BAPTISM:

For information, please contact the Rectory at 440-232-8166 during office hours.

MARRIAGES:

Limited to registered parishioners only. Arrangements for date and time must be made six months in advance. Final preparations should be made five weeks before the wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

(PRIESTHOOD/DIACONATE): For information please contact the Diocese at 216-696-6525. .

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: Please call Rectory office.

REGISTRATION: If you are new in the parish, please register at the rectory or online at our website. If you moved out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

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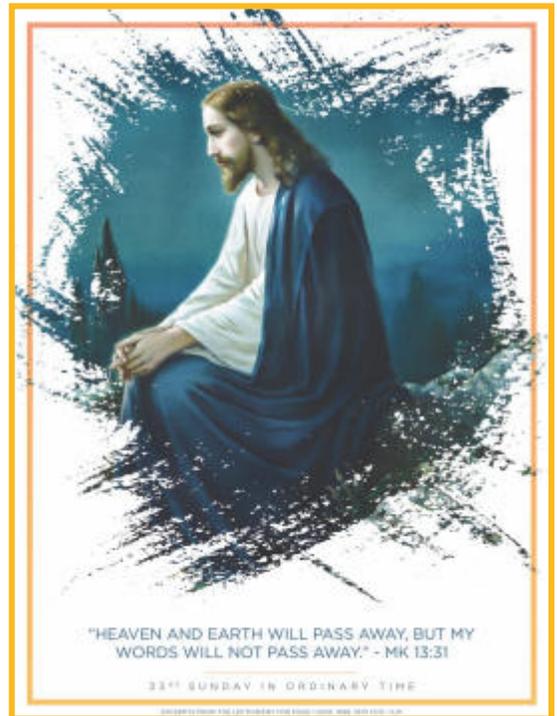
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Mondays & Fridays,
8:30am –12 noon and 12:30—2:30pm.
Tuesdays working from home.



“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” Take a moment to ponder these words from today’s Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It’s hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the “when” of death, the “what” of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord’s coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God’s eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Saturday, November 13

3:00 p.m. Confession
 4:00 p.m. Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Horvath Family

ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:

Sunday, November 14

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM—9:15 a.m. Andrew Zolata & Family
 OLH—11:00 a.m. Robert Koutnik

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Monday, November 15

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday, November 16

8:00 a.m. Sonia Mlakar
Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.

ST. MARY CHURCH:

Wednesday, November 17

8:00 a.m. Therese March

Thursday, November 18

8:00 a.m. Daniel Dudak

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Friday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Saturday, November 20

3:00 p.m. Confession
 4:00 p.m. Patricia Ann Cox

ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:

Sunday, November 21

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

SM—9:15 a.m. Edward Treat
 OLH—11:00 a.m. Anna Wargo



We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to the family & friends of the recently deceased —

Virginia Dvorak

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

2021 & 2022 MASS INTENTIONS

There are still many Mass intentions available in our 2021 Mass Book. We are taking Mass Intentions for the 2022 Mass Book. To book intentions for someone who is ill, deceased, etc., please call or stop in either parish office during office hours. The offering for a Mass intention is only \$10.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED . . .

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick in our parish and families, especially: Jim Waple, Virginia Vitale, Daniel Baran, Berta Uguccini, Carmen Whaley, Bernie Sylvester, Lil Kalal, Andy Mizsak, Matthew Reeve, Albert Finn, Ronald Richnavsky, Joe McElhone, Laverne Krempasky, Patricia Zak, Matthew J. Zamiska, Daisy Darus, Gerry Lantos, Louise Dragan, Ken Hudak, Maria Spears, Frank Richnavsky, Eileen Salupo, Jim Gersmeyer, Shirley Manning, Anthony Sava, Dolores Hustack, Thomas Wagner, Florence Cartellone, Rosalie Skocaj, Jim Tench, George Klem, Eleanor Phillips, Special Intention, Mary Ann Seebauer, Joanne Kamm, Clara Rizzo, Madeline Scarfo, Mary Ann Friedman, Lenore Nipper and all those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world...



The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. When we live in conformity to the Word, hearing Jesus' words and living them out, the future holds no fear for us.

As you give your monetary and food gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul know that you are hearing the words of Jesus and living them out.

Our Food Pantry will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th.

Our pantry is not only here for the surrounding community, but for our own parishioners. If you are in need, please call the parish and leave a message on our St. Vincent de Paul Society voicemail. All calls and information will remain confidential.

ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS

St. Joseph Sunday Missals are now available for purchase in the Our Lady of Hope Sacristy. The price is \$3.00.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

November 6 & 7, 2021

Weekly Collection \$3,419.00
 Envelopes used 104
 Comfort the Needy \$684.00
 Repairs & Maintenance \$653.00

Special Collections

CCHD-\$10; World Mission-\$20; Flowers & Decorations-\$25; All Saints Day-\$203.

MASS COUNT

OLH: 4pm—72; 11am—75; Total—147
 STM: 4pm—89; 9:15am—81; Total—170

Thank you for your generosity!!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

We are fast coming to the end of the liturgical year and ordinary time as next week we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, and then we are at the first Sunday of Advent. Both the first reading from Daniel and Mark's Gospel have some frightening imagery concerning the end of time. Daniel talks about a time unsurpassed in distress and those who are asleep in the dust of the Earth shall awake with some living forever and others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace (talking about Hell). Mark's Gospel talks about days of great tribulation when the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light. Stars will be falling from the sky and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then the Son of Man will come in the clouds with great power and glory, and he will send out angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

Mark's Gospel was probably written in Rome during a time of great persecution and shortly after the martyrdoms of Saints Peter and Paul around the year 64 A.D. The Roman and Jewish war was raging around Jerusalem, and both the city and the Temple would be destroyed in the year 70A.D. Chapter 13 from Mark's Gospel is often referred to as the "Little Apocalypse." Apocalyptic literature existed and still exists in cultures that have as part of their belief system that there will be a final showdown between good and evil. Today's first reading from the prophet Daniel is also considered apocalyptic literature. The word "apocalyptic" means "revelation" or an "unveiling." This type of literature gains our attention through frightening images and then turns to its true purpose of offering hope. Apocalyptic literature reveals hope as an antidote against the fear that comes when it is believed that the showdown between good and evil is upon us. The Jews for whom Mark wrote this Gospel believed that the showdown was on their doorstep, and they needed hope to counteract their fears. Many people today still try to predict the end of the world, and all of these predictions have come and gone and the Earth is still spinning. May we constantly and faithfully prepare for the day the Lord calls us home, whenever that might be.

Have a blessed week!
Father Joe



You can help a neighbor have a Thanksgiving Dinner for their family. Members of our St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to give Thanksgiving dinners to families in need again this year. We are asking for your help in providing a turkey or two. If you cannot do that, we would like to ask for gift cards or monetary gifts and we will do the shopping for the turkeys and the rest of the dinner foods. The gift cards or monetary gifts can be dropped in the collection basket or through the mail box at either parish office. Please make your check out to St. Vincent de Paul Society and mark the check and envelope "Turkey Dinner". **Drop-off for turkeys only: Food pantry at Our Lady of Hope this coming Monday, November 15th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**



Next weekend we will begin our Christmas Sharing Tree project. Many families are continuing to struggle this year and would appreciate help with Christmas gifts for their children. There will be a tree in the Narthex which will be decorated with bows containing the names of children who are in need of a gift. If you are able to help, please take a bow, purchase the gift, wrap, attach the bow (with name tag) securely to the gift, and return by the 11:00 Mass on **December 5, 2021**. We are also collecting **new** hats, gloves, mittens, and socks for adults and children as well as new, or gently used, coats and jackets in adult sizes. If you would prefer not to shop but would like to participate, there will be a donation box located in the Narthex. Donations can also be sent to the rectory, labeled "Christmas gifts attention: Verna" or can be made online (please mark the donation for "Christmas gifts"). Thank you for your gen-

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The weekend of November 20 & 21, 2021 is the collection in support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd. An envelope is included in your November/December packet.

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