

# OCTOBER 31, 2021

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

SACRED HEART PARISH (SH); SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH (SSCM)

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### MONDAY, November 1

*All Saints Day*

**8:00 a.m.** SSCM, Eucharist

**6:00 p.m.** SH, Eucharist

### TUESDAY, November 2

*The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*

*(All Souls' Day, Día de los Muertos)*

**9:00 a.m.** CCF Building, Room 5, Word Among Us  
Bible Study. To join or for more information, contact  
Evelyn Miller, 361-217-0342.

**10:00 a.m.** CCF Building, Quilting Circle

**Noon** SH, Eucharist

**12:45 p.m.** SH Cemetery, Blessings at the Graves

**6:00 p.m.** SH Cemetery, Blessings at the Graves

### WEDNESDAY, November 3

**6:00 - 6:30 p.m.** SH, Sacrament of Penance  
(confessions / confesiones)

### THURSDAY, November 4

*Saints Charles Borromeo, bishop; memorial*

**6:30 - 7:30 a.m.** SH Parish Hall, Men's Group

### FRIDAY, November 5

### SATURDAY, November 6

*Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**5:00 p.m.** SH, Sunday Eucharist

### SUNDAY, November 7

**8:00 a.m.** SSCM, Sunday Eucharist

**9:30 a.m.** SH, Sunday Eucharist

**4:00 p.m.** SSCM Cemetery, Blessings at the Graves

### FOR THE WEEK

#### Scripture Readings

**Monday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 1Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12

**Tuesday:** Wis 3:1-9 Rom 5:5-11 Jn 6:37-40

**Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10 Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Rom 14:7-12 Lk 15:1-10

**Friday:** Rom 15:14-21 Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Lk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** 1Kgs 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44

#### Remember in your prayers

#### the following Catholic clergy:

Pope Francis, Bishop Brendan Cahill, Bishop Emeritus David E. Fellhauer, Rev. Clement Quainoo, Rev. James Ramsey, Rev. Michael Rother and Deacon Patrick Kubala.

#### Mass Intentions

+Charles Syrinek, +Allen Daehne, +Martha & Daniel Freytag; Parishioners of Saints Cyril & Methodius and Sacred Heart; +Elizabeth Brosch

**LA SALETTE MISSION CENTER:** I received a check from the Propagation of Faith office of Victoria, Texas in the amount of \$832.00. We greatly appreciate the generosity of the people of Sacred Heart Parish and Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish in response to the mission appeal given by Father Robert Ippolito. His zeal is evident in the way he speaks of Christ's Mission in the world today, and of how that Mission is being fulfilled in the missionary activity of the La Salette Fathers and Brothers.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring this awareness of our Church's Mission to your parishes and to bring their love and support to the needy of the mission countries served by the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.  
- Rev. Thomas Vellappallil

#### **SAINT RELIC EXPOSITION AND VENERATION:**

Please visit the Sacred Heart Parish Hall after both the 5:00 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses, next Saturday evening November 6th and next Sunday morning November 7th for an opportunity to view and venerate relics of many of our Catholic saints. This event is hosted by Gary and Ginny Marek, who over the past several years have rescued these relics from various internet shops and sites across the world. Spend some time venerating relics of Saint Padre Pio, Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Saint John Neumann, Saint Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein), Saint John Bosco, Saint Bernadette, Saint Therese of Lisieux, and many other wonderful saints. Don't miss this opportunity for spiritual enrichment!

#### OUR OFFERING TO GOD

##### Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish

Last Sunday's Collection: \$598.00  
Online Giving through September 27, 2021: \$413.00  
Mission Sunday Collection: \$396.00

##### Sacred Heart Parish

Last Sunday's Collection: \$1,720.00  
Online Giving through September 27, 2021: \$582.00  
Mission Sunday Collection: \$111.00

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEACON

Is two better than ten? I don't know about you, but while growing up, I really didn't think much about the two great commandments that Jesus gives us in today's gospel. After all, why would I when the expectations of 'what not to do' are much more clear in the Ten Commandments given to Moses than the 'what to do' Jesus is revealing today. After all, isn't a sin actually doing something wrong? As long as I don't do anything wrong, I am good... right?

Growing up, the first word children seem to grasp is "NO!" They are constantly told what not to do for their own protection and in order to learn acceptable behaviors as they grow older. The idea of avoiding being punished for doing something wrong is one of the main drivers of a child's behavior. Therefore, we Children of God have the same attitude towards sin. We do not want to lose God's favor for something we do wrong.

Also, I think sometimes we try to use the Ten Commandments in our favor. We have all had those moments that we negotiate with ourselves concerning an action we want to do, but deep down sense that it is not something that is beneficial spiritually. In our mind, we narrowly define a commandment so as to exclude the thing we want to do, so that in theory, we sort of get away with it. But, isn't that the same way a child thinks?

The commandments Jesus speaks of are meant to be a new way of life for his followers. Jesus moves the discussion from avoidance of punishment to being in union with God. In many ways, Jesus is guiding our spiritual maturity to the next level much in the same way parents guide their children.

To love is a greater commandment, because in order to truly love requires commitment. Yes, we can give our resources in passing to any number of charities. But to love is to be connected, and that is the point of Jesus' last statement, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." In other words, the priorities of the person you love become your priorities. God's priorities become your priorities and direct your daily activities... God's work becomes your work.

Or as a great Jesuit priest Father Pedro Arrupe once said, "Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything."

In Christ, Deacon Tim

**ALL SOULS DAY** envelopes are at the main entrances of the churches. *Los Sobres para los Fieles Difuntos están en la entrada de las Iglesias.*

**THANKS** to Knights of Columbus 2574 for the donation to Saints Cyril & Methodius CCF.

**CAREGIVERS' RETREAT/WORKSHOP:** Amor Meus Spirituality Center at Incarnate Word Convent, 1101 N.E. Water Street, Victoria is hosting a caregivers' retreat / workshop, "The Gift You Give Yourself", Saturday, November 13, from 9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. To register or for more information, call 361-575-7111 or email [amorheuscenter@gmail.com](mailto:amorheuscenter@gmail.com).

**KJZT SOCIETY 20** will hold the Annual Meeting and Family Dinner, Sunday, November 24 at noon in the Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish Hall. Ham, turkey and dressing will be furnished. Each family is asked to bring a vegetable or dessert. All members and their families are invited.

**MEN'S GROUP** meets weekly on Thursdays, from 6:30 am until 7:30 am in the parish hall. Coffee provided. Any questions, contact Andrew Velasquez 361-798-6883 or Johnnie Hoffman 361-772-5049.

## DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL 2021

*As of October 6, 2021*

### Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish, Cistern

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| <b>Parish Assessment</b>              | <b>\$ 8,207.00</b> |
| <b>Parishioner Contributions</b>      | <b>\$ 4,435.00</b> |
| <b>Balance Owed February 28, 2022</b> | <b>\$ 3,772.00</b> |

*Praise to God for those who have given!*

### Sacred Heart Parish, Flatonja

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| <b>Parish Assessment</b>              | <b>\$22,105.00</b> |
| <b>Parishioner Contributions</b>      | <b>\$10,680.00</b> |
| <b>Balance Owed February 28, 2022</b> | <b>\$11,425.00</b> |

*Praise to God for those who have given!*

## PLEASE, PRAY FOR THE SICK.

Father Eddie Winkler, Moe Abdelbagi, Giselle Aguillon, Andrea & Jerry Alvarado, Agnes & Leonard Barta, Carol Barta, J. D. Bartek, Della Bartos, Bennie Beale, Elva & David Benavides, Donald Bennett, Angeline Boehnke, Tanya Brannies, Dawn Bratton, Ted Bratton, Dub Brazzel, Kenneth Brosch, Georgia Brunner, Ben Charba, Linda Clabourne, Jackie Coldewey, Analea Del Rio, John Demny, Emma Dunham, Emery Eldridge, Jena Ermis, Mason Ermis, E.J. Filip, Cathy Frazier, Doris & Lonnie Garbade, Landry Gipson, Nancy & William J. Gosch, Jill Borel Gough, Raymond Harbich, Lincoln Hardy, Roy Henderson, Lenore Hernandez, Leona Herzik, Estella & Ed Hughes, Joyce & Dale Hutcherson, Karen Janak, Charlie Jurak, Merlene Jurek, Sharyn Kahlden, Carolyn Kallus, Garrett Kallus, Daniel Kocian, Ronnie Koncaba, Nadine Krischke, Keith Le Pori, Georgie & Joe Lev, David Lev, Scott MacDonald, Cullen Machac, Myrtle Maeker, Maria Angelse Manzano & Family, Anthony Martin, Kim McCoy, Chuck Meyer, Margaret & Victor Molnoskey, E. Norma Montoya, Linda Munos, Janet, Danny & Darby Neiderhofer, Earline & Bennie Okruhlik, Evelyn Okruhlik, William Psencik, Almeda Poth, Samantha Ramirez, Kenny Ratliff, Norm Ratliff, Richard Ratliff, Mariana Reyes, Barbara Richter, Juanita Rosas, Mike Schulze, Brandon Smolik, Vivi Snow, Edward Stech, Skylar Stephens, Evelyn Syrinek, Janice Taubert, Victor Tichacek, Jacob Vargas, Bruce Vecera, Central Vecera, Felix Velasquez, Stella Velasquez, Dorothy Vinklarek, Julia Webster and Jeanette & Ervan Zouzalik.

### **CLASES DE INGLÉS / English as a Second Language**

*¿Necesitas aprender inglés? Hay clases en el edificio de CCF de la Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón los martes y jueves de 6:00 a 8:00 PM. Inviten a sus amigos y familiares, porque el inglés es muy importante para el trabajo y desarrollo en los Estados Unidos. Vengan; las clases son gratis y pueden empezar todos los martes y jueves.*

Class meets in the Sacred Heart CCF Building on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

**DRESSING FOR SALE:** Frozen uncooked and cooked dressing from the Fall Festival is for sale. Quart bags are \$7 and gallon bags are \$15. Contact the parish office to purchase, 865-3568.

**LECTORS:** 2022 lector workbooks are in the sacristy of our churches.