

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 10, 2019

The Importance of Integrity

The Pharisees were the religious leaders in Palestine at the time of Christ. They were the popular experts in theology and morality. They were like the Dr Phil or Dr Laura of Israel. And one of the doctrines they believed in and taught was the resurrection of the dead, just as we heard it proclaimed in the 1st Reading. The Sadducees, on the other hand, didn't believe in the Resurrection of the dead. They were the political leaders of Palestine at the time of Christ. They collaborated with the Romans and enjoyed all the pleasures that come with wealth and power. If they had believed in the Resurrection and judgment after death, they probably wouldn't have been so quick to make compromises with justice and truth just to keep a tight grip on their privileged but earthly position.

That makes us wonder: Did the Sadducees start living worldly, pleasure-centered lives because they had lost faith in the Resurrection, or did they lose faith in the Resurrection because they started living worldly, pleasure-centered lives? There is an old proverb that says if we don't live according to what we believe, we will soon believe according to how we live. This is a danger for us in the Church today, because the predominant way of life in our society is not Christian.

The Church's moral teachings are laughed at and even violently opposed. This makes it harder for us to live them out - no one likes to be laughed at, no one likes to be excluded from mainstream culture, criticized, labeled or hated. But if in the face of these challenges we lose courage and compromise, we could end up like the Sadducees, losing the very faith that gives meaning to our lives.

Fr. Blake Evans, Pastor



To: all who donated and volunteer their efforts for our Youth Faith and Fun Day. The participants had a safe and fun day at Nativity. **Next Youth Day will be on December 7.**

Santiago & Janine Bulnes of Ft. Worth Tex. visited us twice this summer, we received a donation from them of several thousand dollars for supporting our Church repairs and maintenance. May God bless them. Mrs. Bulnes is the photographer whose picture of Nativity featuring a mysterious Angel in the front on 13th Street circulated on the Internet. Please pray for them and their children.



Parish repairs: The parish is estimating current repairs for the following

1. AC for the Sanctuary and Sacristy
2. Front step repairs
3. Repaving of the Parking lot
4. Coordination with CPS for a playground on campus
5. Clearing of areas around the recently cleaned drain on the North Side of the Church

Note: More than \$160k of repairs and improvements were made to the school since Spring/Summer of 2019. The parish paid \$42,000 of those repairs

New Young Adult Group! Are you 18 and up? Out of college or in college. Join our new Young Adult Group at Nativity. Some serve as Lectors or Ushers others work with Youth. Fr. Evans will give regular spiritual advice and encouragement and offer prayer times and holy hours. Contact: Adaobi Ahantu ahanotuadaobi3@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed for Religious Education on Sundays and for monthly Youth Days. All must follow VIRTUS and Child Protection policies of the ADW.

Question of the week: How does the assurance of an afterlife change the way I live my life today?

Mass Intentions

November 9 - 16, 2019

Sat. 11/9	8:00 am	Holy Souls
	4:30 pm	+Harriet B. Carter
Sun. 11/10	8:00am	+Andrew Jackson
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	1:00pm	St. Expeditus intentions
Mon. 11/11	10:00	All Veterans
Tue. 11/12	12:00	Holy Souls
Wed. 11/13	12:00	Santiago & Janine Bulnes
Thu. 11/14	12:00	No mass
Fri. 11/15	12:00	+Flora E. Davis
Sat. 11/16	8:00 am	Holy Souls
	4:30 pm	People of the Parish

Please pray for the sick and home-bound of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ernestine Anderson, *Catherine Baum, *Jose Guadalupe Bonilla, *Ann Butler, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Eileen Carroll-Doshier, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Linda Foster, *Fr. Ricky Gancayo, *Charlie Gick, *Fr. Paul Grauls, SDB, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *James Humphries, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Manuel Juarez, *Busara Kennedy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Agnes Moore, *Larry Morris, *Iris Newman, *Gloria Payne, *Fr. Everett Pearson, *Michelle Perez, *James Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Fr. Vince Rigdon, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Robert Schaeffer, *Andre Sims, *Bonafacio Selayo, *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Suzie Thompson, *Auristela Toro, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams.



Nov. 11 Veterans Day. The Rectory will be closed. Please join us for 10:00 am Mass
The parish will remember all the USA Veterans Living and Deceased daily this month. Please pray for our wounded warriors and all the dead as well



You are invited to a special memorial Mass that will be held to honor the loving legacy of Bishop William Curlin (1927 – 2017). Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 6:30 pm at St. Ann's Church, 4001 Yuma Street, NW. 20016. (Reception after mass at the lower level of the church.



Color me valuable retreat for 6th graders- November 16 from 8am to 5:30pm. Nativity & Saint Gabriel are invited. Fun, lessons, games. Snacks & lunch included.

Catholic Daughters. Our Lady of the Americas, Court 2344, will meet on Sunday, November 17 All Catholic Daughters are encouraged to arrive promptly at 7:30 am. After Litany and Mass, the CDA Court will meet in the Music Room for regular meeting.

Parish Social – Community Sunday, November 17, after the 10:00 am mass at the Lounge. Hosted by “Nativity Young Adults Group”.

Bake Sale. Sponsored by Catholic Daughters. Please stop by the lounge after the 8am and 10am Masses on November 24. There will be lots of homemade goodies. The funds will support our Parish.

Thanksgiving Mass. November 28th at 10 am. We welcome Fr. Kevin Kennedy and St. Gabriel's parishioners.

