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My dear parishioners:

This coming Thursday the Church throughout the world celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints. It is a day set aside to consciously remember all the men, women and children who have gone before us and whose souls now reside with the Blessed Trinity, the Blessed Mother and the angels in the joy of eternal life. On this day we thank God for these people of faith and the example of love they have shown us with their earthly lives and ask their Intercession so that we can live our lives in such a way as to one day inherit the gift of eternal life.

All souls in heaven can rightly be called "saints" (from the Latin sanctus, meaning holy). Throughout the history of Christianity however, individual children, women and men have been given the title "Saint" by the Church in recognition that they lived their lives with heroic virtue and are true models of Christian life for all believers. It is through the canonization process that a soul is numbered among the "Company of the Saints".

The primitive Church believed that martyrs were perfect Christians and thus "saints" since they imitated Christ both in their lives and by their deaths. Because of their heroic faith, their eternal salvation was assured. After the period of extreme persecution ended (mid-fourth century) the honoring of the heroic faithful was extended to non-martyrs who lived their lives with heroic virtue (virgins, theologians, confessors, etc.). These saints were declared such by the acclamation of the people (vox populi) who knew them in life and honored them in death.

Between the sixth and tenth centuries the cult of saints grew so large that an ecclesial process needed to be established to ensure the suitability of those held to be saints. It became necessary for the local bishop to approve the cause of a saint before the person could be publicly venerated. It soon became apparent that the Church's highest authority, the pope, should be the one to approve the cause of saints (St. Peter was given the "keys" to the Kingdom), so in 1234 Pope Gregory IX instituted the definitive practice that the canonization process be handled through the Roman Curia and approved by the pope.

There are two main phases to the present-day canonization process: the diocesan phase and the Roman or apostolic phase. The diocesan phase does not begin until five years after the death of the person to ensure s/he remains in the hearts and minds of the faithful. The local bishop must accept the cause of the person and a "postulator" assigned. The postulator is the person who investigates the person's life, interviews those who knew the person and examines any writings. Ultimately the postulator puts together the "acts" of the cause, a document that demonstrates the facts of the person's heroically virtuous life. A "promoter for justice" is also appointed to ensure that the canonical process is done correctly. Once the local bishop has accepted the cause of the person s/he can be called a "servant of God".

The acts of the cause for canonization are sent to the Holy See's Congregation for the Cause of Saints, which begins the apostolic phase of the process. Once the Congregation confirms all norms were followed faithfully, it appoints a "relator" who studies the cause in detail. Once it is confirmed that the person lived a heroically virtuous life, the Congregation recommends to the pope the acceptance of the cause. Once accepted by the pope, the person is called a "venerable servant of God". This allows the cause to proceed to the level of beatification.

For the cause of a non-martyr one miracle is required for beatification and a second miracle is required for canonization. No

**October 27-November 4, 2018**  
**Readings and Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, October 27** 4:30pm—Bilingual Mass  
 Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9

**Sunday, October 28** 9:00am—Mass  
 Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52  
*Mass intention for the People of the Parish*

**Monday, October 29** 4:30pm—Mass  
 Eph 4:32--5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday, October 30** No Mass  
 Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday, October 31** 4:30pm—Mass  
 Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday, November 1** 8:30am—Mass  
 Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

**Friday, November 2** 9:30am—Communion Service  
 Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

**Saturday, November 3** 4:30pm—Bilingual Mass  
 Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cd/Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Sunday, November 4** 9:00am—Mass  
 Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34  
*Mass intention for the People of the Parish*

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)**

miracles are required for a martyr as their heroic life is proven by their death (though their martyrdom must be proved: their death was due to a hatred of the faith). A miracle ascribed to the venerable servant of God is a confirmation of their sanctity by divine assurance (God has used the person as an instrument of his healing love). The process of investigating a miracle begins at the diocesan level by a formal process during which all ordinary means of explanation must be eliminated. If the conclusion of the process is positive, it is sent to the Congregation for its scrupulous examination. A panel including medical experts and theologians examine each miracle. A positive judgment allows the cause to proceed to beatification. The pope approves the beatification of the Servant of God and formally who formally declares the person beatified during Mass and given the title "Blessed". Once a second miracle has been accepted through the same rigorous process as the first, the cause is approved and recommended to the pope for "canonization". Upon acceptance of the pope, the Blessed is canonized during a papal liturgy, at which time the title "Saint" is applied.

As you can see, the canonization of a saint is a long and arduous process. Through it the Church is able to provide us assurance of the sanctity of the lives of persons to whom we are to look as models of heroic virtue and to whom we seek intercession before God from their place in heaven. On the Solemnity of All Saints let us renew our devotion to these most holy people who have achieved what we desire, the gift of eternal life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Msgr. Frank H. Rossi  
 Pastor

Sun. Oct 28 <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation after Mass</i>	Mon. Oct 29 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. Oct 30 6:30pm—RCIA	Wed. Oct 31 <b>Halloween</b> 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir NO CCE	Thurs. Nov 1 ALL SAINTS DAY Holy Day of Obligation 4:30pm—Mass 7:00pm—Mass	Fri. Nov 2 ALL SOULS DAY 9:30am—Mass	Sat. Nov 3 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Fr. Dan Warden covering for Fr. Rossi						
Sun. Nov 4 <i>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation after Mass</i> Time Change "Fall Back"	Mon. Nov 5 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. Nov 6 10:00am—Senior Social 11:30am—Mass 12:00pm—Lunch 1:00pm—Altar Society 6:30pm—RCIA	Wed. Nov 7 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm CCE	Thurs. Nov 8 8:30am—Mass 9:00—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Nov 9 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Nov 10 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for: Nelda Leathem, Don Watt, Ed Sanderson; Shannon Smith, W.A. Banks, Susan Blackburn, Lena Mallet, Rhonda Cherry, Bryan Marshall, JoAn Gremillion, Carol Richoux, Callie Abbott, Irene Johnson, Ouida Gaspard, Trish Crossette, Amber Johnson; Kristi Rich, Phyllis Perkins, Dean Artigue, Christine Clack

Blessings Prayers: Ouida Gaspard

Repose of the soul: Evon Airhart, Susie Jamail Benes

*Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may list names in the Prayer book in the vestibule of the Church and your intention will be offered at daily Mass.*

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**Weekly Stewardship**

October 13 & 14 Weekly Offering	\$ 2,541.00
Average Weekly Cost	\$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit	\$ -611.00

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**16th Annual Harvest of Hope**

Tuesday, November 6th  
 Eleganté Hotel Grand Ballroom, Beaumont, TX  
 Cocktail Reception ~ 5:30 p.m.  
 Program and Dinner ~ 6:30 p.m.

Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas will honor The Bordages Family at its 16th Annual Harvest of Hope benefiting the social justice programming of Catholic Charities. The Bordages Family has a legacy of family, faith and service that is strongly woven into the history and tapestry of Southeast Texas.

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**Upcoming Events**

November 1: All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation  
 November 2: All Souls Day  
 November 6: Harvest of Hope, Beaumont, TX  
 Election Day  
 November 11: Veterans Day  
 November 17-18: Altar Society Casserole Sale  
 November 22: Thanksgiving Day