

Feast of All Saints

November 1, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 31st

8:30 am - St. John – Priest's Intention
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – *Confessions at St. John*
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – *Confessions at St. John*
4:00 pm - St. John – Sherry Boivin by Isabella Handy

Sunday, November 1st FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

7:30 am - 7:55 am – *Confessions at St. John*
8:00 am - St. John – Randy Mackay by Gram
9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – Mass for the Parishioners
11:30 am - Queen of Peace – Omer, Madeline & Philip (50th Ann) Matte by Sharon
Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

Monday, November 2nd All Souls' Day

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Gladys Cote by her sisters

Tuesday, November 3rd

8:30 am - St. John – Ed Hahr by his son Chris

Wednesday, November 4th

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – *Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John*
5:15pm - St. John – deceased members of St. J. K. of C.

Thursday, November 5th

8:30 am - St. John – deceased members of the Franciscan Order

Friday, November 6th

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – Living & Deceased members of the Fisher/Schoppe families by M/M Scott Schoppe

Saturday, November 7th

8:30 am - St. John – Priest's Intention
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – *Confessions at St. John*
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – *Confessions at St. John*
4:00 pm - St. John – Marion Handy by Isabelle

Sunday, November 8th

7:30 am - 7:55 am – *Confessions at St. John*
8:00 am - St. John – Jeannette Abbott by the family
9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – Lorraine Perkins by Mike & Annette Keach
11:30 am - Queen of Peace – Mass for the Parishioners
Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed
Please keep our parishioners in mind who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Pam Austin, Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, & Randy Thomas.

Nov. 8, 2020	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
LECTORS:	4pm S. Dugan 8:00am T. Lovett	9:30am S. Mason	11:30am D. Rivard

Feast of All Souls'

November is the month we especially remember our dearly departed. *All Souls* envelopes and the *Book of Remembrance* have been placed in all three of our Churches for the month. We encourage everyone to pray for their deceased family members and friends by including them in the *All Souls' Day* Mass Intentions and inscribing their names in the *Books of Remembrance*. There are envelopes included in your packets as well as in the back of each church in order to place the names you would like to be remembered on the Altar. Thank you.

PARISH EVENTS

Sun. Nov. 1st 6:00pm–7:30pm Confirmation Class @ Fr. Lively Center
 Mon. Nov. 2nd 5:30pm Parish Council Mfg/Zoom
 Tues. Nov. 3rd 6:45pm St. Vincent de Paul/Ctr
 Wed. Nov. 4th 6:00pm St. J. K. of C.
 Sat. Nov. 7th 5:00pm K. of C. Bingo/Fr. Lively Center

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650
Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$48,748.74.+
On-Line: YTD: \$25,094.25
Collections and Receipts: October 25, 2020
 Regular Offertory: \$2,400.00

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: nekatholic.com and click "Give Online" to sign up!

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, Corpus Christi Conference offers assistance in name of Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call: Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542 Ann Lovett: 751-8187; or the Rectory: 748-8129
 We will arrange a visit to see if we are able to serve you!

Good Shepherd Early Ed & Childcare Center

Good Shepherd Early Ed and Childcare Center is a year-round child care option offering a nurturing and faith-based program for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Openings are available. Call 751-8223

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

Christ Our Hope

Matthew 14:18-20: "...Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied..."

When raising big sums of money, it is natural for us to think "my small donation won't make a difference." However, as we see in Matthew 14 when Jesus feeds five thousand followers on just five loaves of bread and two fish, God can put small gifts to work and accomplish great things. There is never a gift that is too small. Never a gift that won't make a difference. Each received, regardless of the size, is reason for celebration. Each takes us a step closer toward campaign success. Please consider how you can make a difference for the Diocese and Corpus Christi Parish with your commitment to the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign.

November 3rd: Feast of St. Martin de Porres

"One day an aged beggar, covered with ulcers and almost naked, stretched out his hand, and Saint Martin, seeing the Divine Mendicant in him, took him to his own bed, paying no heed to the fact that he was not perfectly neat and clean. One of his brethren, considering he had gone too far in his charity, reproved him. Saint Martin replied: '*Compassion, my dear Brother, is preferable to cleanliness. Reflect that with a little soap I can easily clean my bed covers, but even with a torrent of tears I would never wash from my soul the stain that my harshness toward the unfortunate would create.*'"

A Message From Fr. Hahr

As we move into these uncertain winter months, please know that we at Corpus Christi Parish are here for you. Our community is still struggling with the effects of the pandemic, and we're missing many who are not able to attend Mass in person. If you've been away, I'd like to invite you to come back to Mass if you're able. A possible solution for those who are trying to avoid crowds might be to attend a week day Mass; currently we're averaging 20 people for most of the week day Masses and there's plenty of room to social distance together! If this is still too risky, perhaps you could make a visit to the church during the day. St. John's is normally open daily from 7am-6pm, and if you call ahead we can arrange for you to receive Holy Communion. I am also available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick. Another suggestion might be to utilize the online opportunities for communal prayer offered by the parish and the diocese. I especially recommend the content available on FORMED, which is free for our parish. (Please see the Bulletin published at nekatholic.com). We all need Christ's help, especially during these difficult times. Times of trial are special times through which we can grow closer to the Lord in holiness, but we need to meet every struggle with prayer and frequent reception of the Sacraments, which is to say, we meet them with Christ. Please feel free to call me with your spiritual needs; together we can, not just "get through this", but "grow through this", ever closer in a deeper friendship with Christ!

~ Fr. Hahr



Black priestly vestments signify mourning, but not simply mourning in general. Rather, black directs us in a particular way to mourn and pray for the dead. While white is a color of festivity and rejoicing, violet is the color which signifies penance and sorrow for sin. However, violet directs us more to mourning for our own sins, and to performing penance for our own wretchedness. Black, on the other hand, helps

to direct us to mourn not for ourselves but for the deceased. This is why black is so fitting for the funeral Mass (as well as *Requiems* and All Souls'): The color reminds us to pray for the dead. Consider the feasts of All Saints' and All Souls' days. On All Saints', the priest is directed to wear white vestments because the saints are already in heaven and enjoy the vision of God. They are perfectly happy and have no need of our prayers. All Souls', however, is the Mass offered for the holy souls in purgatory – it is offered as a prayer in their behalf, for the remission of the temporal punishment due for their sins.

November 1st: The Feast of All Saints

"These are they who are come out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and have made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Does it detract from the honor due to God to honor the Saints?

When we admire a magnificent painting, does this detract from the honor due to the artist? To the contrary, to admire a piece of artwork is a compliment to the artist whose skill brought it about. God is the one who makes Saints and raises them to the heights of holiness for which they are revered (as they would be the first to tell you), and so to honor the Saints is automatically to honor God, the Author of their sanctity. As Scripture attests, "we are God's handiwork." (Eph 2:10)

Holy Communion: Jesus is Mine

In Holy Communion Jesus gives Himself to me and becomes mine, all mine, in His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. ... With Communion, Jesus enters my heart and remains corporally present in me as long as the species (the appearance) of bread lasts; that is, for about 15 minutes. During this time, the Holy Fathers teach that the Angels surround me to continue to adore Jesus and love Him without interruption. "When Jesus is corporally present within us, the Angels surround us as a guard of love," wrote St. Bernard. St. Madeleine Sophie Barat defined Holy Communion as "Paradise on earth."

All the Saints have understood by experience the Divine marvel of the meeting and the union with Jesus in the Eucharist. They have understood that a devout Holy Communion means to be possessed by Him and to possess Him. "He who eats My flesh and drinks My Blood abides in Me and I in him" (John 6:57). One time St. Gemma Galgani wrote, "It is now night, tomorrow morning is approaching and then Jesus will possess me and I will possess Jesus." It is not possible to have a union of love more profound and more total: He in me and I in Him; the one in the other. What more could we want? "You envy," said St. John Chrysostom, "the opportunity of the woman who touched the vestments of Jesus, of the sinful woman who washed His feet with her tears, of the women of Galilee who had the happiness of following Him in His pilgrimages, of the Apostles and disciples who conversed with Him familiarly, of the people of the time who listened to the words of grace and salvation which came forth from His lips. You call happy those who saw Him ... But, come to the altar and you will see Him, you will touch Him, you will give to Him holy kisses, you will wash Him with your tears, you will carry Him within you like Mary Most Holy." For this reason the Saints have desired and longed for Holy Communion with ardent love; for example, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Paschal Baylon, St. Veronica, St. Gerard, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Dominic Savio, St. Gemma Galgani ... it is pointless to continue because one would really need to list all the Saints. ...

When Jesus is mine, the whole Church exalts, the Church in Heaven, in Purgatory and the Church on earth. Who can express the joy of the Angels and Saints at every Holy Communion devoutly received? A new current of love arrives in Paradise and it makes the blessed spirits vibrate every time that a creature unites himself to Jesus to possess Him and be possessed by Him. A Holy Communion is of much greater value than an ecstasy, a rapture or a vision. Holy Communion transports the whole of Paradise into my poor heart! For the Souls in Purgatory then, Holy Communion is the dearest personal gift which they can receive from us. Who can say how much Holy Communion is helpful in their liberation? One day St. Mary Magdalene of Pazzi's dead father appeared to her and he said that one hundred and seven Holy Communion were necessary for him to be able to leave Purgatory. In fact, at the last of the one hundred and seven Holy Communion offered for him, the Saint saw her father ascend into Heaven. St. Bonaventure made himself an apostle of this truth and he spoke of it in vibrant tones, "O Christian souls, do you wish to prove your true love towards your dead? Do you wish to send them the most precious help and golden key to Heaven? Receive Holy Communion often for the repose of their souls." ... in Holy Communion we unite ourselves not only to Jesus but also to all the members of the Mystical Body of Christ, especially to the souls most dear to Jesus and most dear to our heart. ... It is the true "feast of love," as St. Gemma Galgani said. And in this "feast of love" the soul in love can exult singing with St. John of the Cross, "Mine are the heavens and mine is the earth, mine are men, the Just are mine and sinners are mine. The Angels are mine, and also the Mother of God, all things are mine. God Himself is mine and for me because Christ is mine and all for me."