

# ALL SAINTS

November 1, 2020

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*Dear Parishioners,*

*Blessed are you. (Matthew 5:11)*

Stroll the halls of any maternity ward, and you'll see parents beaming with happiness over the birth of their child. You'll also hear them saying things like "I hope he grows up to be successful in life." "I'm going to make sure she has every opportunity I never had."

Here are a few things you probably won't hear them say: "I hope she finds her way to sadness." "I'm going to make sure he gets picked on in school." No one wants that for their children! But these are the very types of characteristics Jesus blesses in today's Gospel.

Now, Jesus doesn't want us to actively seek out persecution and sorrow. But he wants us to know that following him may lead to such challenges. That's because the way of discipleship is often at odds with the ways of the world:

- In a world marred by resentment and vengeance, Jesus wants us to forgive and turn the other cheek.
- In a world focused on money and power, Jesus wants us to live humbly and give generously.
- In a world wounded by wars and divisions, Jesus wants us to love our enemies and work for peace.

Every saint, both known and unknown, has experienced this tug-of-war between the world and the kingdom of God. And that's precisely why we celebrate them today: they "have survived the time of great distress" with their faith intact (Revelation 7:14). It's not just the saints. Every believer has their own times of "great distress" as well.

Isn't it helpful to know that you aren't alone in the struggle? All the saints are praying for you. The Holy Spirit is in you to empower and guide you. And you have your brothers and sisters in Christ. It truly is possible to "survive" even the greatest of temptations and take your place with all the saints in heaven.

*"Holy Spirit, give me the grace I need not only to survive but also to thrive as a disciple of Jesus!"*

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

### **All Souls Mass November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The Church of the Transfiguration will offer a liturgy for the repose of the souls of those from our church family who have gone home to the Lord **FROM NOVEMBER 2019 UNTIL OCTOBER 2020**. This special celebration will take place at 8AM and 10AM Masses. If you have grieved the death of a loved one during this time please call the rectory to add their name.

### **2020 Fish Fry and Raffle**

**Transfiguration Knights** will host a **Fish Fry and Raffle drawing** Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>... *(this is only for one day)*. Orders will be taken for pick-up from 2PM to 7PM under the canopy on church parking lot. Desserts will be sold by the Ladies Auxiliary.

The **2020 Fish Fry Raffle** drawing will be at 6:30 PM. Those of you who have not turned in your raffle tickets or need more tickets please call the rectory. Please send your money and stubs to the Rectory.

Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed!

Please Wear your Face Mask!

Please remember to keep 6' Social Distance!!!

### **Weekly Offering**

**for October 25, 2020**

\$2,628.00 Tithe and Offering

### **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**

Thursday, November 26, 2020

at 9:30AM

**Registration is required to reserve a seat.**

**Call the rectory 323.291.1136**

**or 310.961.7994**

### **Faithful Departed Masses**

During **November** our Masses will be offered for the Faithful Departed. This is an opportunity for us to remember in prayer those who preceded us in death. We ask that you use your envelopes to list the names of those you wish to be included in our All Souls Masses.

### **Thanksgiving Day Dinner**

The Knights of Peter Claver 220 will prepare their Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> for those who are unable to cook, or need a meal. **Please provide us with your name, address, phone number, and how many dinners by calling Jo Ann Levi in the rectory office at 323.291.1136.** Your meal will be delivered. Due to Covid 19, donations of food are **NOT** being accepted. Monetary gifts are appreciated. Please make checks out to Knights of Peter Claver.

### **Did you know?**

#### **Teens and alcohol: COVID temptations**

Families have been cooped up for months now during the COVID-19 pandemic, and studies have shown that many Americans are buying more beer and alcohol than usual to cope with related anxiety and stress. These same stresses may tempt teens and young adults to experiment with alcohol, especially if it is readily available. Talk to your children about the dangers of underage drinking, even if they plan to stay home. Model good behavior for your children, too; if you do drink alcohol, practice moderation and safe judgment. Consider locking your bar, or moving alcohol somewhere out of reach from your children. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

### **Thank you**

The beautiful **flowers** on the altar were donated by the **Roland Family** in loving memory of **Herbert Roland**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

### **Pray for the Sick**

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Percenia Beasley, Vivian Burgess, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Cynthia Fortier, Michael Frierson, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Vylfred Manor, Dorothy Okoye, Sally Price, Dorothy Pullian, Wiley Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Mike Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, and Alice Williams.