

CATHOLIC FUNERALS: A REFLECTION

Traditionally, in the month of November, Catholics remember their loved ones who have died and surround them with the prayer of the Church. Christian faith affirms that death is not the end. Life is changed, not ended. Through its funeral rites, the Church commends the dead to God's merciful love, and brings hope and consolation to the living. Christian hope faces the reality of death and the anguish of grief but trusts confidently that the power of death has been vanquished by Jesus, the Risen Lord.

As a Church family, we gather to pray for the deceased. We offer the support and consolation of our faith in the Resurrection to the family and loved ones of the departed brother or sister. The Church has a long tradition of celebrating the funeral rituals **in the parish church**. This begins with a *Prayer Vigil*, usually held at the funeral home. It continues with the celebration of the *Funeral Mass*, held in the parish church in the presence of the body. (When cremation happens *before* the funeral Mass, the urn with the ashes of the deceased is brought to the church.) The rite concludes with the procession to the cemetery for the rite of Christian burial.

Exceptionally, circumstances may require that the Catholic funeral service be held in a funeral home chapel. It is important to note that in this case, **only a liturgy of the Word** is conducted. There is no Mass or distribution of Holy Communion. Practicing Catholics, to whom the sacraments and belonging to their parish have been very important, usually desire the complete funeral rites of the church. If you have not already done so, please communicate to your loved ones your wishes. Include it in your will. If you have prearrangements with a funeral home, confirm that the "package" you have selected includes a funeral Mass in church, if that is your desire. At the time of the death of a loved one, the parish team is always willing to assist families in making these important decisions. Please contact us, so that we can help you in any way we can.

THE BAPTISIMAL LITURGY will be celebrated **this Sunday, Nov. 19 at 1:30**. Six children will receive the sacrament: Caden Bentley Charles, Liam Cedric Desroches, Isaiah Robert Dorais, Yohan Roland Gombé-Zoumbadrou, Julieta Mondragon Puello and Phoebe Marie Morisseau-Fratila. Parishioners are invited to attend.

VIDEO DIVINA

This year, Fr. Lloyd's film series looks at movies that courageously examine the multi-faceted experience of Love. Join him on **Friday, December 8 at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory to view the movie **Crash**. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! All are welcome!

Financial Reports for

September 2017

October 2017

General Operating Fund – FY 2017:	\$360,960.00	\$360,960.00
Monthly Revenue Goal:	\$ 30,830.00	\$ 30,830.00
Monthly Sunday Collection:	\$ 17,874.15	\$ 28,505.72
Monthly Online Collection:	\$ 714.12	\$ 545.24
Year to Date Revenue:	\$172,774.10	\$201,810.06
Year to Date Expenses:	\$175,633.78	\$200,519.63
Deficit/Surplus:	\$ (2,859.68)	\$ 1,290.43

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Saturday, November 18: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Rosa, Irma & Costanza Sparapani By Teresa Caucci
Deceased Members of Turini, Paoli
& Cataldi Families By Petrini Turini
Antonio Bei By Wife Gabriella Bei & Family

Sunday, November 19: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Vincenzo & Antonietta La Posta By Concetta Laposta
11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Deceased Members of the Sparapani Family,
Victorio Nesta, Antonio & Flavio Ricci, Deceased Members of the
Cullen Family, Doris Sanders, Brigida & Linda Riti

Monday, November 20: Weekday Mass

8:00 Pietro Mattei By Giuseppina & Family
Giuseppin, Guido & Corvaro By her Daughter & Sister
Adelina Guine By Arnaldo Guine

Tuesday, November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Pietro Mattei By Ignazio Mattei
Filomena Forlini By Maria Bruno de Ciccio
Lee Heung Sik Peter By Georgia, Stella & Rebecca Park

Wednesday, November 22: St. Cecilia

8:00 Anna & Lorenzo Forlini By Louise Forlini
Gerry Oliver By Lucy, Ken, Josee-Nadine,
Philippe & Simon
Lee Heung Sik Peter By Georgia, Stella & Rebecca Park

Thursday, November 23: St. Clement 1, Pope

8:00 Assunta & Nazzareno Santache By Maria Palucci & Family
Lorenzo & Maria Spurio By her Daughter-in-law
Filomena & Anida Forlini By Ilida Caucci

Friday, November 24: St. Andrew Dung-Lac

8:00 Lee Heung Sik Peter By Georgia, Stella & Rebecca Park

Saturday, November 25: St. Catherine of Alexandria

4:00 **In Loving Memory:** Angelo Caucci, Leonarda Terry Winslade,
Maria & Filippo Agnessi, Amerrica & Cataldo Palladini, Pietro
DiMeglio & Anne Marie Ringue

Sunday, November 26: Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Agnese & Guglielmo By Vivian & Joseph
Giuseppe Fiori By Ignazio Mattei
Estelle Quinn By Mary Quinn

11:00 Joseph Onesi By Ida Onesi & Family
Giacomo Fiori By Bernardina & Family
Fioravante Rotiroti By Rotiroti Family

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish. Collection for the weekend of November 4-5, 2017 totalled **\$3,713.80** and for the weekend of November 11-12, 2017 totalled **\$3,148.30**.

There will be **no Faith First or Little Gifts** on the weekend of November 25/26.

FAIR TRADE ON SALE THIS WEEKEND.

LOONIES AND SPARE CHANGE COLLECTED FOR ZAMORAN.

BAKE SALE FOR ZAMORAN

The Faith and Justice Committee will hold a **Bake Sale** the weekend of **November 25 & 26** after all the Masses. The proceeds will go towards providing Christmas baskets for each of the 126 families in Zamoran. Please support this cause by baking for us. There **are sign up sheets for bakers at the back of the church.**

ANNUAL TOY AND FOOD DRIVE

Our annual toy and food drive in support of the food pantry Christmas baskets will begin next weekend. Please take an "ornament" from our Christmas trees at the front entrance of the Church. Unwrapped toys and food must be received no later than December 10th. For further information, please contact Jennie Armstrong at the rectory.

ADVENT PRAYER BOOKLETS AND CANDLES

The Advent prayer booklets and candles are now available for you to purchase. The booklets are priced at \$2.00 each, and the candles are priced at \$5.00 for each set. You will find these items at the main entrance of the church. Please put your payment in the Payment Box.

A SPECIAL INVITATION

This weekend, **after the 4:00 pm and 11:00 am Masses**, a fund raising event for Mariana Sierra's mission with NET (National Evangelization Teams) Ministries for Youth is being held in the church hall. Taste the best of Mexican food.

ADVENT LITURGY SERVICE

An Advent Liturgy Service will be held on December 3rd at 7:00 pm. Coffee and cookies will be served after the Liturgy.

