



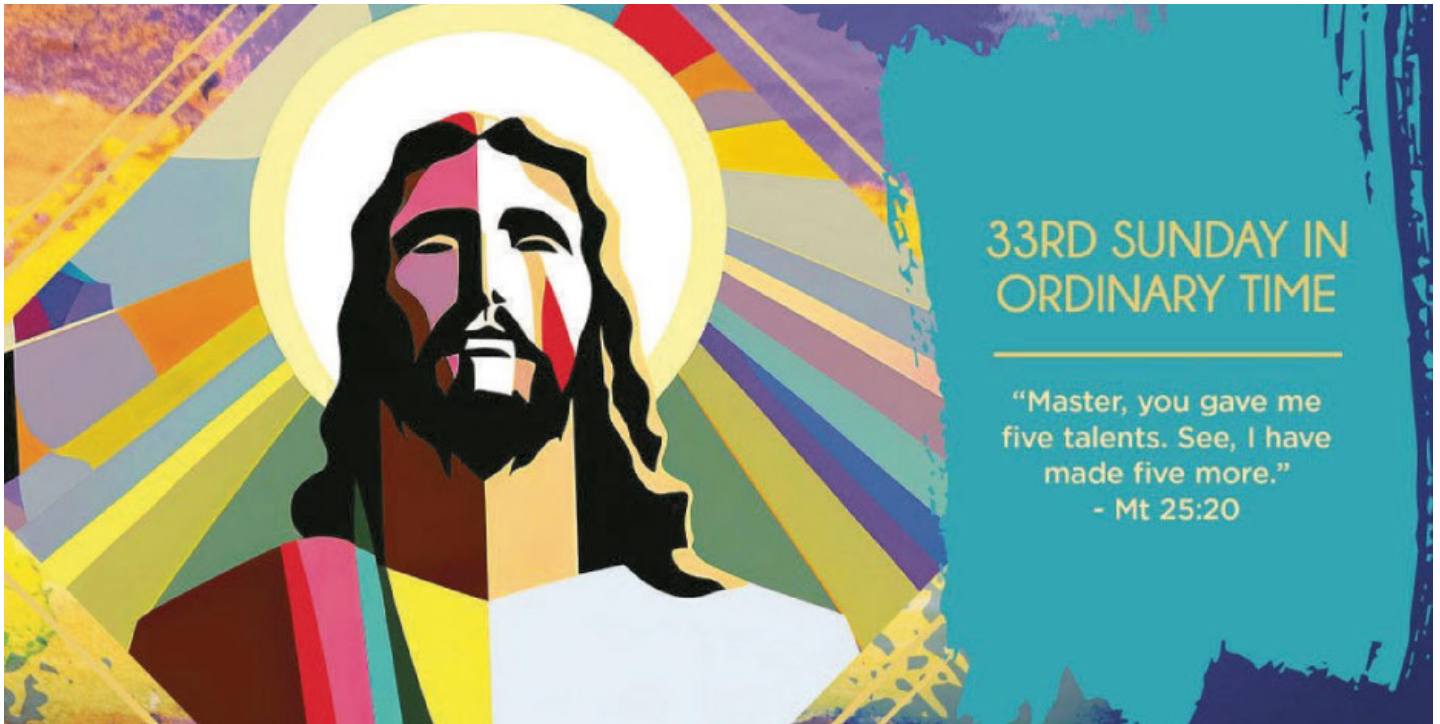
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### Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father,

On Thanksgiving Day and every day, let our hearts be filled to the brim with gratitude for all we've been blessed with on this earth. Whether we can tangibly count them or not, You remain a constant and loving Father. In times of pain and lack, we can be fully filled with the joy of Your love. Today, we pray for those enduring hardship, and through all of the giving souls in the world, pray their physical needs can be met, today, Father: that the hungry be fed, the lonely be visited, and the homeless find shelter. Adjust our perspective to see how we can help those in our communities less fortunate than us. And for those of us who dwell under a roof and eat at a table with family, we thank You, and acknowledge that every good gift comes from You. Increase our generosity, We raise our families to you that we remain always united in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Thanksgiving and Gratitude

This week we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is an opportunity to be together with our family members and show our gratitude to each other. Above all we are called to show our gratitude to God for our life and all that we have in our life. In the New Testament most of Jesus' ministry took place at table. He had meals with so many people. And it is ultimately during the final meal that Jesus leaves us with the most precious gift of the Eucharist. The word Eucharist actually means "Thanksgiving". True thanksgiving is not just a matter of words and warm sentiments. Gratitude for a gift means offering a gift in return. Jesus gave his whole, entire self to us—his body, blood, soul, divinity. The only adequate response would be to offer *ourselves*. Note what Paul says in his letter to the Romans: "I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" (Rom 12:1).

The courage to thank—that is, the courage to see the gifts and experiences of this world all together as a gift, changes not only the person who gains this insight. It changes the environment, the world, and those who surround that person. The more thankful a person is to God, the richer he or she is within. Thankful people store up in their grateful memory, all the good experiences of the past, just as the French proverb states: "Gratitude is the heart's memory". Let us give thanks for our beautiful family, our church family and other persons and things God has blessed us with.

For many people, the Thanksgiving holiday is a time to be grateful. Gratitude is an attitude. Giving thanks is an action. Gratitude appreciates the blessings in one's life, but on its own, it is insufficient. Christians are called to be doers of the word (***James 1:22***). We have to go beyond being grateful and be intentional about giving thanks. The Bible commands us to give thanks. "Give Thanks" appears in the Bible over 128 times in 62 verses. In the majority of these verses, "Give thanks" is imperative. As believers, we are to actively give thanks to God for who He is and the great things He has done.



### PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, SPAIN & LOURDES

St. Joseph Church is hosting an 11 day Marian Pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes from September 23-October 3, 2024. A meeting will be held on Monday, November 27th, at 6 p.m. in the church office meeting room. The cost of the trip is \$3,499, which includes hotels, bus, plane tickets, tours, breakfast & supper.

### YOUTH FORMATION

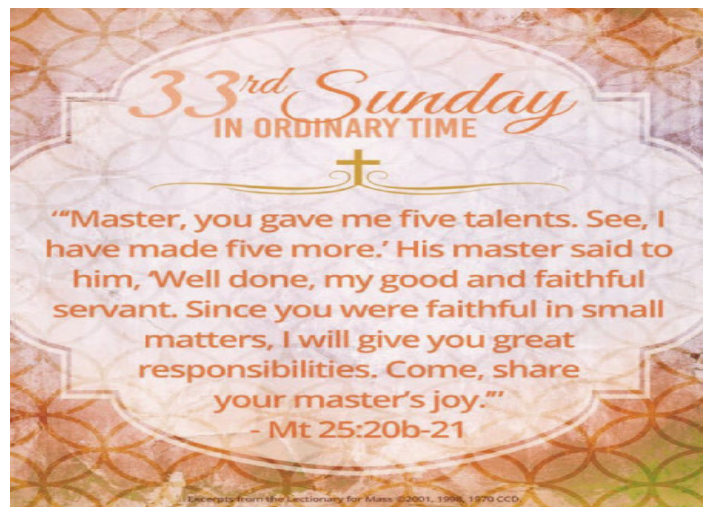
- ♦ Nov. 19th: Children's Liturgy—10 a.m.
- ♦ Nov. 19th: Christmas Play Practice—5:30-7:30 p.m.
- ♦ Nov. 22nd: Thanksgiving Mass & Play—6 p.m.

### THANKSGIVING MASS & PLAY

The Thanksgiving Mass & Play will be held on Wednesday, November 22nd, beginning at 6 p.m.

### CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd & Friday, November 24th, in observance of Thanksgiving.



### Memorial Mass Gathering



### In Our Parish This Week

#### Monday, November 20th:

- \* 8:30 a.m. Mass
- \* Cleaning Angels: Sheila's Group @ 9 a.m.

#### Tuesday, November 21st:

- \* No Mass

#### Wednesday, November 22nd:

- \* Mass—8:30 a.m.
- \* Thanksgiving Mass & Play—6 p.m.
- \* Thanksgiving Collection

#### Thursday, November 23rd:

- \* Office Closed
- \* No Mass

#### Friday, November 24th:

- \* Office Closed
- \* Mass—8:30 a.m.

#### Saturday, November 25th:

- \* Mass—4 p.m.
- \* Baptisms—5 p.m.

#### Sunday, November 26th:

- \* Mass—8 & 10 a.m.
- \* Children's Liturgy—10 a.m.
- \* Christmas Play Practice—5:30-7:30 p.m./Church

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 18th, Weekday, (The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul; St. Rose Philippine), (Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8); Sunday Vigil - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, (Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-15, 19-21) 4 p.m.** Danny Lirette, Jr.; Jonathon Theriot; Noel Curby Foret Jr; Fr. Gus & Josette Lapeyrouse & fly; Noble & Tod Thibodeaux; Rodney & Cecile Ledet; Patricia Ann Trahan & fly; Marie Eschete; Eugene "Skip" Pellegrin; Grace Chauvin; Earl Pellegrin, Jr. & Sr. & family; Gurvis "Go" Blanchard; Lawrence & Hilda Foret; Irene Martin; Julius "NuNu" Robichaux; Timmy Authement, Sr.; Leon "Ponoke" Champagne; Robert Lirette; Loran, Newell & Mildred Dummond; Iry, Sr. (33 yr. anniv.), Lydia, & Iry, Jr. Lapeyrouse

**Sunday, November 19th, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, (Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-15, 19-21) 8 a.m.** Jonathon Theriot; George Sevin; Linda C, Ira & Ouida Pete; Houston "Sou" & Helen Lirette & fly; Mary Beth D Price; Melvin "Micky" Duplantis, Sr; Chester, Thelma, Ricky, Laverne & Jessica Rousse & the Rousse fly; Philip Chauvin, Sr. & family; Bryan LeBoeuf; Ida & Roland Picou, Sr. & Jr.; Sue Sue, O'Neal & Tommy Foret; **10 a.m.** St Joseph Parish Family; Jonathon Theriot; Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene; Una Arcement; Druis, Ismay & Lisa Lirette; Felton Boudreaux; Jody Price; Norma Thurman; Veralyn Price; Warren Fanguy

**Monday, November 20th, Weekday, (1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43) 8:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, November 21st, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10) No Mass**

**Wednesday, November 22nd, St. Cecilia, (2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28) All Souls List 8:30 a.m.** Clyde & Dorothy Domangue and Liz & Randy; Brenda (anniv.), Sam, Jody & Kristi Lirette; Bryan LeBoeuf; Luby "Richard" Neal; Usey & Roberta Hebert; Julius "NuNu" Robichaux; Jesse & Pearl Lyons; Patsy Henry; Jonathon Theriot; Durlle Carlos; Evelyn Lirette; Mr. & Mrs. Julius Neil; Casey Blanchard; Lapeyrouse & Schmidt families; Grace Chauvin

**Thursday, November 23rd, Weekday, (St. Clement, I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro), (1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44) Thanksgiving Day, No Mass**

**Friday, November 24th, St. Andrew Dung-Lac, (!Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48) 8:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, November 25th, Weekday, (St. Catherine of Alexandria), (1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27) BVM; Sunday Vigil - 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time, (Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46) 4 p.m.** Danny Lirette, Jr.; Jonathon Theriot; Noel Curby Foret Jr; Fr. Gus & Josette Lapeyrouse & fly; Noble & Tod Thibodeaux; Rodney & Cecile Ledet; Patricia Ann Trahan & fly; Marie Eschete; Eugene "Skip" Pellegrin; Grace Chauvin; Earl Pellegrin, Jr. & Sr. & family; Gurvis "Go" Blanchard; Lawrence & Hilda Foret; Irene Martin; Julius "NuNu" Robichaux; Timmy Authement, Sr.; Courteaux Family; Edward & Edna Fanguy; Mr. & Mrs. Willard Fanguy; Claude & Della Fanguy; Clinton & Wilma Picou; Alex & Lydia Punch; Normand Smith, Sr.; Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Smith; Ora, Nolan & Darryl Portier; Leo & Joyce Martinez Allen & Winnie "MaeMae" LeBlanc; Allie & Trasimond Portier; Wilma & Andrew "Boy" LeBoeuf;

**Sunday, November 26th, 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time, (Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46) 8 a.m.** Jonathon Theriot; George Sevin; Linda C, Ira & Ouida Pete; Houston "Sou" & Helen Lirette & fly; Mary Beth D Price; Melvin "Micky" Duplantis, Sr; Chester, Thelma, Ricky, Laverne & Jessica Rousse & the Rousse fly; Philip Chauvin, Sr. & family; Bryan LeBoeuf; Normand Smith, Sr.; Ruth C. Authement; Bobble Thibodeaux; Velma Marie; Merline & Larry White, Jr.; **10 a.m.** St Joseph Parish Family; Jonathon Theriot; Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene; Una Arcement; Druis, Ismay & Lisa Lirette; Felton Boudreaux; Philip Duplantis & family; Brent Sevin and Becky & family; Jimmie & Veralyn Price; Jeffrey Unbehagen; Reis, Melva & Derrel Hebert; Donald John Tivet, Jr.; Gregory Lopez; Lillian Lapeyrouse; Dean Lapeyrouse



*Memorial  
Mass  
Gathering*



Dear God, we lift up,  
**Dean Lapeyrouse; Randy Fanguy**  
in prayer as we remember their life and the impact they had on those around them. Please bring comfort and peace to those who mourn their loss, and may they find hope in your loving presence and the promise of eternal life. Amen.

*"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4*



*Ladies  
Night Out*








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