



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

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Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

From the Pastor

I've completed our annual October headcount stats for the Archdiocese. As I'm sure you've noticed, we've grown. We now average 192 souls at Mass every Sunday, a decided jump from attendance average of 159 under fear of illness last year. Thank you for your faithfulness to our most important prayer of the holy Mass on the most important day of the week, our Sunday celebration of the Lord's Resurrection.

"Pray always."

November Masses for the Holy Souls

Participate in our daily prayer of holy Mass for the souls in purgatory during November by enrolling your deceased loved ones. Use the envelopes you will find in the pew pockets and drop them in the collection basket.

Our Lord promised St. Gertrude 1,000 souls would be released from Purgatory every time this prayer is said devoutly.

*"Eternal Father,
I offer you the most precious blood
of thy Divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the Masses said
throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,
for sinners everywhere,
for sinners in the Universal Church,
for those in my own home,
and in my family. Amen."*

Traditional Men's Confraternity

The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, a monthly men's fraternal opportunity informed by traditional Catholic spirituality, will meet the 2nd and 4th Saturdays monthly following 9 am Mass. Please let Jamie Scarlata know if you are interested. His email is always on the back of the bulletin.

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Military KIA

Dedication of the sanctuary lamp each week to honor or recognize the living or deceased. Offering \$25 and proceeds help defray the cost of candles.

The Sunday Holy Gospel

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Matt 24:15-35

At that time, Jesus said unto his disciples: When ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the Prophet, stand in the Holy Place, (whoso readeth, let him understand.) And so on.

Homily by St. Jerome, Priest at **Bethlehem**.
Bk. IV Comm. on Matth. XXIV

This injunction to whoso readeth, to understand, showeth that there is here something mysterious. In Daniel we read as followeth: "And in the midst of the week the sacrifice and the oblations shall be taken away and in the temple there shall be the abomination of desolation, even until the consummation of the time and a consummation shall be given to the desolation." **ix. 27**. It is of this same thing that the Apostle speaketh, when he saith that a man of iniquity, even an adversary, shall be exalted against whatsoever is called God, or is worshipped so that he shall even dare to stand in the temple of God, and to show himself as God whose coming shall, according to the working of Satan, destroy and banish away from God all who shall receive him.

The Kingship of Christ

In his Encyclical of December 11, 1925, Pope Pius XI denounced the great modern heresy of secularism. It refuses to recognize the rights of God and His Christ over persons and over society itself, as though God did not exist.

The Holy Father thus instituted the feast of Christ the King to be a public, social and official declaration of the royal rights of Jesus, as God the Creator, as The Word Incarnate, and as Redeemer. This feast makes these rights to be known and recognized, in a way most suitable to man and to society by the sublimest acts of religion, particularly by Holy Mass. In fact, the end of the Holy Sacrifice is the acknowledgment of God's complete dominion over us, and our complete dependence on Him. The Holy Father expressed his wish that this feast should be celebrated towards the end of the liturgical year, on the last Sunday of October, as the consummation of all the mysteries by which Jesus has established His royal powers and nearly on the eve of All Saints, where He already realizes them in part in being "the crown of all saints"; until He shall be the crown of all those on earth whom He saves by the application of the merits of His Passion in the Mass (Secret).

The end of the Eucharist, says the Catechism of the Council of Trent, is "to form one sole mystic body of all the faithful" and so to draw them in the worship which Christ, king-adorer, as priest and victim, rendered in a bloody manner on the cross and now renders, in an unbloody manner, on the stone altar of our churches and on the golden altar in heaven, to Christ, king-adored, as Son of God, and to His Father to whom He offers these souls.

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Stewardship

Last Sunday:

Offertory: \$1167.63
 Parish use/restricted:
 \$780.00
 Maintenance labor/supplies:
 \$350.00

-Thank you for your generosity

Pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound: Irving Chappellear, Dorothy Hume, Ray Stublarec, Neal Sullivan, Miles and Elizabeth Torreyson, Eleanor Vaughn, Daniel Rodriguez, Paul Custer, and Jerome and Jean Malsack.

Please call the rectory at 301-274-3416 or contact Father Cusick at cusickk@adw.org to arrange for him to visit any homebound, ill or hospitalized parishioners or family members.

Rite of Christian Initiation - Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for adults seeking to enter the Church are scheduled by our faith formation director Aaron Percich. Email him to start formation: aaron.percich@comcast.net. Pick up a copy of the weekly Wanderer Newspaper available in church and see the "B" section for a basic adult catechetical resource.

Children's Faith Formation

Our Church teaches that parents are the first teachers in the ways of Faith for all of our young people. No one has more power or responsibility before God for witnessing to our children of the fact of the Lord's Resurrection and His presence in our lives through the Church. Those parents who wish to augment home school with parish faith formation are asked to contact the parish office.

Families must be attending Sunday Mass throughout the year before children can receive first sacraments.

Holy Sweepers for the weeks of November 21 and 28

Sara Buck

Holy Sweepers are the families and individuals who graciously keep our church clean and tidy. They clean once a week, for a two week period, on a rotating basis. If you would like to be a Holy Sweeper, please email Caitlin Sanders at braun.cait@gmail.com.

Service on the Altar

Training for all current and prospective members of the Society of Saints Aloysius and Alphonsus (SSAA) altar boy society will be held on the first Saturday of each month after the 9:00 am Mass.

All interested boys and men are invited to please contact Jamieson Scarlata at 1619surfer@gmail.com

UPCOMING:

- ProLife prayers every second Saturday of the month, 10-11 am, at Waldorf Planned Parenthood, 3975 St. Charles Parkway, Gateway Plaza, 20602
- **December 12: Second Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious**

Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

Sunday	21 Nov	8:00 am	†Souls in Purgatory	Dominica XXIV/Ultima Post Pentecosten Feast of Christ the King
		9:00 am*	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	
		11:00 am	†Souls in Purgatory	
Monday	22 Nov	9:00 am	†Souls in Purgatory	S Cecilia
Tuesday	23 Nov	**	†Souls in Purgatory	S Clement I
Wednesday	24 Nov	6:00 pm	<i>Adoration/Confessions</i>	
		7:00 pm	†Souls in Purgatory	S John of the Cross
Thursday	25 Nov	9:00 am	†Souls in Purgatory	S Catherine of Alexandria
Friday	26 Nov	7:00 pm	†Souls in Purgatory	S Sylvester/S Leonard
Saturday	27 Nov	9:00 am	†Souls in Purgatory	OL of the Miraculous Medal
Sunday	28 Nov	8:00 am	†Souls in Purgatory	Dominica I Adventus
		9:00 am*	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	First Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am	†Souls in Purgatory	

* Mass in English **Father away - no public Mass

If you would like to have a Mass offered, you may email meitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com, stop by the parish office during regular business hours, drop a note in the collection basket or see Father after Mass. The customary offering for a Mass, per Archdiocesan guidelines, is \$10.00.

Staff

Bookkeeper: Mr. Dennis Haspert

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Mass and Sacrament Schedule

Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 8 am & 11 am

Weekdays: Mon 9 am, Wed 7 pm, Thurs-Sat 9 am

Holy Days: 8 am, 7 pm

English: Sundays 9 am, **Holy Days** 6 pm

Confessions offered prior to all weekend Masses

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment 6 months in advance. **Bulletin Deadline:** Two Thursdays prior to the date of publication. Send to braun.cait@gmail.com or call the rectory 301-274-3416. **New Parishioners: Welcome!** Please complete a registration form, available in the back of the church and also at <https://www.stfrancisbenedict.org/registration-form/>. You may email it, return it to Father, or drop it in the collection basket.