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Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30pm - Tue & Thurs 7:30am in the Chapel
Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil - 6:00pm; Sun. 8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00noon (Spanish)
Confessions: Sat. 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Church & 15 min before Weekday Masses in Church Office

Liturgies for the Week

Mon	Nov 19	5:30pm	+Frank Moeller
Tues	Nov 20	7:30am	+Norbert Tasler
Wed	Nov 21	5:30pm	+Amanda Meyer
Thur	Nov 22	8:00am	+Nora Schobel
Fri	Nov 23	5:30pm	+Frank and Ottilia Lesikar
Sat	Nov 24	6:00pm	+Charles Besch
Sun	Nov 25	8:00am	+Audrey Kouba
Sun	Nov 25	10:00am	+Lois Braden
Sun	Nov 25	12:00noon	Alejandro & Virginia Sanchez (39th Anniversary)

Ministers serving this weekend	
6pm	Z. Kuhn, K. Weishuhn, P. Meyer
C/L	R. Heffley
EM	E. Miksch, G. Elizondo, R. Heffley
8am	J. & J. Rau, S. Wolters
C/L	M. Stavinoha
EM	J. Barta, S. Rhodes, L. Novosad
10am	D. Schobel, A. Heffley, M. Ehlert
C/L	J. O'Leary
EM	J. O'Leary, N. Nelson, D. Dungen
12pm	S. Gonzales, L. Alvarez, M. Garcia
C/L	M. Ortiz
EM	P. & R. Tovar

Sunday, November 18, 2018
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Of that day or hour, no one knows" (Mark 13:32). When Jesus said that "no one knows" when the Second Coming would happen, was He saying that even He didn't know? It sure seems that way. Maybe He was reminding us that He had submitted to the limitations of being human, just like us. Yes, He was fully divine, but He was also fully human. And that entailed certain limitations. This is why Luke tells us that Jesus was always increasing in wisdom "before God and man" (Luke 2:52).

"De aquel día y hora, nadie sabe" (Marcos 13:32). ¿Cuando Jesús dijo que "nadie sabe" cuando ocurriría la segunda venida, estaba diciendo que aún no sabía? Pareció que de esa manera. Tal vez él se nos recuerda que él había sometido a las limitaciones del ser humano, al igual que nosotros. Sí, él era completamente divino, pero también era plenamente humano. Y que implica ciertas limitaciones. Por eso Lucas nos dice que Jesús fue siempre aumentando en sabiduría "antes de Dios y el hombre" (Lucas 2:52).

Hoy, sin embargo, Jesús sabe cuándo vendrá otra vez. El problema es que no sabemos! Repetidamente a lo largo de la historia, las personas han intentado predecir el fin del mundo. San Pablo pensaba que era a la vuelta de la esquina. St Hipólito de Roma y St Irenaeus de Lyon pensaban que ocurriría en el 500 D.C.. John Wesley, el primer Metodista, pensó el final llegaría en 1836. Muchos líderes cristianos, y no faltan los psíquicos--también han pesado. No en vano, muchas de estas personas entonces vuelve a calcular las fechas después de sus primeras predicciones no es true, sólo para que sus seguidores decepcionados otra vez.

Algunos creyentes son más cautelosos. Nos dicen que vamos a ver pistas específicas cuando el tiempo está cerca. Señalan ciertos signos--una guerra en Medio Oriente, una sequía en África, los terremotos en Perú o algún otro desastre. Cuando estos signos se producen, piensan que significa que Jesús está muy cercano. Aún así, ningún ser humano sabe cuando vendrá Jesús. Podría ser hoy. No puede ser por miles de años.

St Francis tuvo una toma diferente sobre el tema. Una vez, cuando estaba trabajando en el jardín, un fraile le preguntó, "qué ¿se haces ahora si supieras que Jesús volvía hoy?" Francisco respondió: "Yo sería mantener escardas mi jardín." Francisco sabía que estaba tratando su mejor estar listo, y no había nada más que podía hacer. El punto es que Jesús vendrá. Así que nuestra mejor respuesta es la misma que siempre ha sido: ¡preparate!

Today, however, Jesus knows when He will come again. The problem is, we still don't know! Repeatedly throughout history, people have tried to predict the end of the world. St. Paul thought it was just around the corner. St. Hippolytus of Rome and St. Irenaeus of Lyon thought it would happen in AD 500. John Wesley, the first Methodist, thought the end would come in 1836. Many Christian leaders--and no shortage of psychics--have also weighed in. Not surprisingly, many of these people then recalculated the dates after their first predictions didn't come true, only to have their followers disappointed again.

Some believers are more cautious. They tell us that we will see specific clues when the time is near. They point to certain signs--a war in the Middle East, a drought in Africa, earthquakes in Peru, or some other disaster. When those signs occur, they think it means that Jesus is very near. Still, no human being knows when Jesus will come. It could be today. It may not be for thousands of years.

St. Francis had a different take on the subject. Once, when he was working in the garden, a friar asked, "What would you be doing now if you knew that Jesus was coming back today?" Francis replied, "I would keep hoeing my garden." Francis knew he was trying his best to be ready, and there was nothing more he could do. The point is, Jesus *will* come. So our best answer is the same as it has always been: be ready!

*"Come, Lord Jesus!"
 (from "The Word Among Us")*

Calendar for the Week

Sun	Nov 18	Parish Breakfast hosted by KC's, after the 8:00am Mass in the Cafeteria Community Thanksgiving Service, 5:45pm at the Baptist Church
Mon - Fri		SAS--No School
Mon	Nov 19	Bible Study: the Bible and the Virgin Mary, 6:15pm in SAS Library
Tues	Nov 20	TLC Bingo, 3:00pm
Wed	Nov 21	No CCE or Youth Group
Thur	Nov 22	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!! Mass will be at 8:00am in the Church
Sun	Nov 25	Divine Mercy and Hour of Adoration, 3:00pm in Chapel

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 4370.00	Sunday Envelopes
\$ 988.00	Loose
\$ 626.00	Legacy Fund

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 25,172.00	Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 20.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 9050.00	For New A/C

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$32,274.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

"Thank you for your generosity!"

"Building on our Legacy, Building for Christ!"

Your donations are appreciated. If you'd like to make a donation to help us meet our goal, see Tracey in the Church Office. To date, we have received **\$2,864,688.02** in pledges, gifts and Memorials.

Everyone is invited to a **V Encuentro Reunion/Meeting** this Sunday, Nov. 18, from 12:30-5:30pm at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Edna. Bishop Cahill will share his experience of the National V Encuentro.

Todos están invitados a una reunión de V Encuentro reunión el domingo, 18 de noviembre, de 12:30-17:30 en la iglesia católica St. Agnes en Edna. Obispo Cahill compartirá su experiencia del Encuentro Nacional de V.

You are invited to the **Community Thanksgiving Service**, sponsored by the Columbus Ministerial Alliance, Sunday, Nov. 18, at 5:45pm at the First Baptist Church. This is an evangelical effort to build bridges between our local Christian faith communities. The offering will go to support the Columbus Food Pantry.

If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one,

please see Tracey in the Church Office.

Ministers To Serve November 24 & 25

11/24	6:00pm	AS	A. & L. Potter, J. Schindler	11/25	10:00am	AS	G. Theut, E. & J. Schobel
		C/L	Y. Wagner			C/L	L. Walla
		EM	Y. Wagner, C. & T. Potter			EM	R. & T. Theut, N. Nelson
		F.G.	D. Wagner, D. Rios			F.G.	B. Hartensteiner
11/25	8:00am	AS	S. & S. Korell, A. Cranek	11/25	12:00pm	AS	S. Gonzales, M. Garcia, K. Rubio
		C/L	J. Glueck			C/L	Ma. A. Sanchez
		EM	J. & S. Glueck, T. Wostarek			EM	A. & V. Sanchez
		F.G.	C. Moore				

EM to visit TLC 11/25, 9:30am: T. Wostarek, J. O'Leary

Please keep
Rusty Theut and
John Glueck
 in your prayers as they
 continue their journey in
 the Diaconate Program.

The Altar Society invites all parishioners to the **Annual Christmas Party** on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 1:30pm at Pilsners (you pay for your meal). Please RSVP by Nov. 30 to Sandra Frnka (732-9271) or Florence Holesovsky (732-2697).

Reminder: everyone that is a member of the parish is also a member of the Altar Society.

Our 2018 Diocesan Services Appeal Parish Goal is \$34,592. Please bring your pledges to the Church Office or send them to the Diocese of Victoria, Diocesan Service Appeal, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903. Make checks out to "Diocese of Victoria" and write "St. Anthony" in the memo line. Thank you for you generosity.

Please keep ***Adam Shimek***, grandson of
 Geraldine Streckfuss, and all Seminarians
 in your prayers.

Apostleship of the Sea: Beginning at Thanksgiving and through the Holidays, chaplains at the Port of Houston's Seafarer's Center deliver over 12,000 Christmas gift boxes to seamen who will not be with their families for Christmas. CDA members are now collecting shoe boxes and various non-perishable items to fill for delivery the second week of December. A list of suggested items, along with a basket for your generous donation, is at the back of church. You may also take your donations to the rectory.

*Thank you to everyone who helped with the
 Food Pantry this past week!!*

Attention Men of God! Men's prayer group is forming. Contact Jonathan Dooley (733-7740) or Rusty Theut (979-481-3306) for more details.