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RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH SUNDAY



THE GOOD SHEPHERD (Jn 10: 22-42)

Our hearts know and trust the God we have experienced most fully in Jesus Christ. That doesn't mean we don't struggle to understand. That doesn't mean we don't continue asking the tough questions. What it means is that in our hearts we trust; we in the promises of a God who came among us in Jesus Christ for the sole purpose of defeating sin and death. Because of God's work in Christ we are no longer slaves to sin and death. As counter-intuitive as it sounds, we know, we believe that through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God somehow, some way, defeated death. It's not that we don't still experience death, we are mortal after all. Rather it's that death is no longer the final word. There is life beyond death, Jesus calls it "eternal life." In a strange way we can say that in the resurrection of Jesus God redeemed death, He re-created death and made it into life. This is the heart hope we share with the grieving. We don't ever deny the pain and anger grieving people feel when they are forced to stand at the threshold of death. The emotions are real. But so is the promise, the promise of eternal life.

Jesus proclaims Himself a shepherd, a good shepherd, whose sheep know His voice. But upon closer examination we discover that the only reason the sheep know the good shepherd is because He knows them. Jesus initiates the relationship. Jesus knows His sheep. He knows you and He knows me — and that is why we are here today. And I believe with every fiber in my body that Jesus also knows those who died, He knows the maimed and hurt. He holds us all in the palm of His hand. It's a fascinating metaphor. We tend to hold the most precious things in our hands:

- We hold tightly the hands of children when crossing the street.
- Often when we pray we hold hands.
- When we pass the peace we grasp hands.
- When we have something valuable we hold it carefully — in our hands

Jesus says He's clutching us, His sheep, in His hand. He seeks to protect us, shelter us, safeguard us for eternal life. But that does not mean we are shielded from the trials and tribulations of living; we are not shielded from the world we live in, the very world God entered into in the person of Jesus Christ. No, we are called to live in this world as sheep of Jesus' flock. That means we look to God in times of great crisis, the very God who calls us to live into a hope that constantly reminds us that we are known, we are cherished, we are priceless, and we have been rescued for eternal life.

Knowing that we are known; believing that we are saved for eternal life — frees us to persevere in faith. We continue to ask the tough questions (most of which have to do with the reality of evil), but we find solace in knowing that we have been saved for eternal life; knowing that our existence in this world is temporary but our life in God is eternal. Knowing these things to be true is an act of faith and faith is what we have to offer the hurting and grieving. For many of us this can be a hard thing to do, because to enter into the suffering of others is to shoulder the burden, it is to be a co-sufferer after the example of Jesus Christ who suffered with and for sheep like you and me.

Now, please don't misunderstand. We're not saying that suffering is good. Rather, we are saying that suffering is a part of our existence and that through the redeeming power of love we do not suffer alone. We are held tightly in the hand of the Good Shepherd who has promised us that no one or no thing can ever snatch us away from the divine grasp.

CLERGY

Fr. Paul Damien, Pastor

**Fr. Jack Morrison
(retired)**

PARISH OFFICE

HOURS:

**Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday**

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LITURGY / MASS :

Tues - Fri: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

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PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Lucy Zahran or call church office to **join the prayer chain** or with **prayer requests**

“RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH”

Saturday Nov. 11- 5:00 PM: **Rocco Lupo** by Christian & Kelly Lupo (3) (Fr. Paul)
Rita Gusinski by Patti Reynolds & MJ Fredette & families (Fr. Jack)

Sunday Nov 12- 10:30 AM: **for the Vo Nguyen family** by Thanh & Han Vo

Tuesday	Nov 14	9:00 am	St. Philip, Ap	All Souls in Purgatory by the Sherman’s
Wednesday	Nov 15	9:00 am	Sts. Gurias, Samonas, and Habib the Deacon, M	For Minh Duc’s Birthday by Thanh & Han Vo
Thursday	Nov 16	9:00 am	St. Matthew the Evangelist, Ap	Healing Mass for everyone on the prayer chain by MJ Hahn
Friday	Nov 17	9:00 am	St. Gregory the Wonderworker, C	For the intentions of Kim Ngan Nguyen by Thanh & Han Vo

“ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH”

Saturday Nov. 18- 5:00 PM: for all intentions in the traveling Mary Rosary Bowl by MJ

Sunday Nov. 19- 10:30 AM: Maria Nhung Nguyen & Gay Hicks birthday by the Sherman’s

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sign up today, at the church entrance for a Holy Hour!



Every Thursday
9:30 am - 2:00pm
Rosary for Peace @ 9:30 am

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Place your donation of Peanut butter & jelly in the basket next to the Confessional.

Oct. Donations :
197 lbs.

READERS

11/11	Anne Williams	11/12	Ace Acevedo
11/18	MJ Hahn	11/19	Annika Nesbitt
11/25	Rick Criste	11/26	Wayne Nesbitt
12/2	Lynn Vaughan	12/3	Marie Catalana

SCRIPTURE

Renewal of the Church
Heb 9: 11-15/ Jn 10: 22-42

Announcement to Zechariah
Rom 4: 13-25/ Lk 1: 1-25

Announcement to the Virgin Mary
Gal 3: 15-22/ Lk 1: 26-38



To be listed as Reader, please text **Kim Phelan @ 352-317-8529** or email **consecrated2021@gmail.com** or the church office

GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

Offer the Incense, Candles and Wine for one month in memory/honor of someone for a \$25 donation.

November
In Thanksgiving

By Ingrid Franklin and Family



Collections	\$ 2297.00
Candles	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 15,000.00
October Deficit	\$ - 1766.50

****2024 weekly envelopes are ready for pickup in the church hall.****



We need your help cleaning the church on a weekly basis or every other week. Mr. Ray Miller who did volunteer for almost 30 years to do the job is retiring and we need new volunteers to take over. Please let "Abouna / priest" know if you can help.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

The Christmas Flower Donation envelopes are now available. Flowers could be in memory of deceased loved ones, or in honor of a loved one, or even in thanksgiving for special graces.

Custom Handmade Rosaries

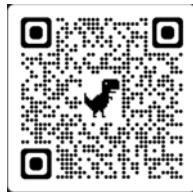


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Premade Rosaries, as well as a complete list of all available styles, are in the social hall by the Ladies Guild gift counter!
All proceeds benefit the Parish!



A Prayer for Veterans Day: Father, bless our veterans and all who serve our nation defending our freedom. For those who bravely gave their lives, grant them eternal rest. For those who are serving, give them courage. For those who served, we offer our gratitude.

ONLINE GIVING



VOCATION CHALICE

- 11/11: **Volunteer**
- 11/12: **Bert Andres**
- 11/18: **Volunteer**
- 11/19: **Marie Catalana**



If your family would like to volunteer to pray for Vocations to Religious Life , please text or email Kimberly P. @ (352)317-8529 or consecrated2021@gmail.com



THANKSGIVING FOOD CARDS:

The Knights of Columbus are collecting donations for Food Gift Cards. The Knights purchased \$35 cards from Carlie C's IGA. The Cards are distributed among the needy in the Parish, to Catholic Charities, and to Operation INASMUCH. Contact Chris Cooper (910-850-4841) or any of the Knights to make a donation. If you are writing a check make it payable to: **St. Michael's Church**

FROM THE LADIES GUILD



- Our next meeting is 12 November at Noon.
- If you would like to contribute to baking cookies for our cookie sale please use this link: <https://signup.com/go/xmyJRXW>
- If you would like to PURCHASE trays of cookies, use this link to PRE-ORDER. All sales are pre-order. They are excellent gifts and \$15 which is due at pick-up. Use this link: <https://signup.com/go/TxQdQGz>
- We are still looking for a Hostess for our traveling Blessed Mother Rosary for Nov. Please contact Melissa Dinse or MJ Hahn if interested. God Bless You



- **Please do not read the bulletin in the church.**
- **No walking back and forth** during Scripture & Gospel Readings, during the Consecration & Invocation of the Holy Spirit. Wait at the entrance until done then go back to your seat.
- **crossing of legs** is not allowed . This is not a prayerful position. Seated, standing and kneeling are the prayer positions.
- **the Sign of Peace** is not a kiss on the mouth . It comes from the Altar and is shared **by closed hands** among people. The kiss of Peace given on the cheeks is not recommended in our tradition.



We need to set a good example for our children and our guests. Thank You.



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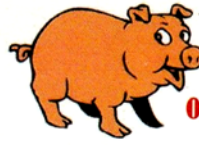


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within the Parish."* AD BY: **MJ**

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