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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

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#### Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

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### CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

### MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

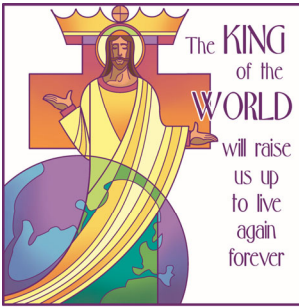
SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## ETERNAL LIFE



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What happens after we die? Most religions and philosophies provide some notion of this, but we are confounded by the mystery of it all. Today's readings give us a glimpse through the faith of martyrs and in the words of Jesus. In the Old Testament reading, the Maccabee brothers assert with total confidence that the God who gave them life would also raise them to eternal life. This was not universally accepted in ancient Israel. The Sadducees, who denied any resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus with a hypothetical riddle. Jesus, known for turning such things around, dismisses their unbelief, noting that even Moses knew that all are alive in God. Saint Paul tells the Thessalonians that we live in everlasting encouragement and hope, and Psalm 17 echoes this with words of faith that we will see God's face, waking in God's loving presence.

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Today's readings present us with extreme examples of faithfulness and reliance on the promise of eternal life. Most of us will never be tortured because of our Christian faith, although people are martyred every year because of their commitment to Christ. While we may never face bodily harm as Christians, there are consequences to living as a disciple. We might be ridiculed or harassed. We might find it necessary to call out injustice in the workplace or our local city, and such witness may cost us our jobs and friendships. What are we prepared to do as followers of our Lord? Today, we are encouraged to be strong in faith, secure in the belief that when we endure in Christ, we may look forward to life in eternity with God.

## THE APPLE OF GOD'S EYE

Any who have a relationship with a child—parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, special friends—know the power of love it is possible to feel for another. It is not that the child is incapable of doing wrong; we know they can and will. Rather, their mistakes do not change our love for them. In fact, the love makes us want what is best for them. Often, we can see their potential with greater perspective than they themselves can. They're the apple of our eye. We are the apple of God's eye, beloved children of our Lord. God knows (God really knows) that we can and will fail. We fall short of the potential that God is certain we have. Yet God does not cease to love us and to call us to live as God's own in the world.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever (2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14).

**Psalm** — Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full (Psalm 17).

**Second Reading** — May the Lord encourage and strengthen your hearts (2 Thessalonians 2:16 — 3:5).

**Gospel** — Those who are deemed worthy of the coming age can no longer die (Luke 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

## HIDDEN IN THE SHADOW OF GOD'S WINGS

Certain that we are held closely by God frees us to live the challenge of the gospel, to give our lives for the sake of others. We will be tempted to take the easy route and ignore the voice of the Lord, listening instead to the call of wealth, power, acceptance, status, and earthly security. Today's readings remind us that we can face temptation, secure that we are hidden in the shadow of God's wings, strengthened and guarded from evil by our Lord Jesus Christ. What challenging thing are you called to do today as a follower of Jesus? About what must you take a stand? What might be the consequences of discipleship at this time in your life? "May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and the endurance of Christ."

Spread the Word

I used to take Jesus' saying at the end of today's Gospel (Luke 20:38) as a proof that God was outside of time, not limited or fixed in time as we are. When he says that all are alive to God, I took it to mean that God is just as present to me in the twenty-first century as the LORD was to Abraham thousands of years before the time of Christ. But people in Jesus' era had no conception of time as a dimension. The phrase "God of the living" means that the dead are alive again in the Resurrection. Why was it easier for the Sadducees to imagine the impossible—a woman wondering who her spouse is in heaven—than to imagine the Resurrection?

Even today, some people find it easier to imagine a romantic vampire than to believe in someone rising from the dead. Think about how much money and effort go into advertising one of those vampire movies. Do we see many people put that kind of enthusiasm into their faith? Maybe that's why St. Paul prays for the word of God to "speed forward and be glorified." So how do we help the word to speed forward?

Let's take a hint from advertising. I get very annoyed with ads that go on and on about how good their product is and how you can get two for \$10 (plus \$15 postage and handling). I'm more likely to buy a product a friend shows me that will do something useful. Why not spread the word like that? Be "useful" for God. Offer to help someone carry in their groceries or fill out their income tax forms. Be generous with your time. Listen to someone's troubles, not with a bored look, but with concern and support. (Don't limit your generosity to friends only.) And if anyone asks why, you can tell them you are just grateful for what God has done for you. Many people out there are looking for a reason to believe in God. You could be that reason, but it won't be because you can debate the nature of time. People aren't looking to be bored by another commercial. They are looking for signs of God's love that will lead them to faith.

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The parish office will be closed on Friday, November 11, 2022 in observance of Veterans Day. There will be only be one bilingual mass that day at 9AM.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
OCTOBER 23, 2022

Tithing: \$7,886.01  
Children: \$0.00  
Total: \$7,886.01

READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
NOVEMBER 7, 2022

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6  
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10  
Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22  
Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25  
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37  
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8  
Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK  
NOVEMBER 7, 2022

**Monday**  
8:30am Josefina Rosa (D); Agustin Mata De La Rosa (D)  
Eddie Maldonado (D)  
12:00pm  
**Tuesday**  
8:30am Christopher Negrón (L); Edison Tapia (D)  
Peter Trang (D); Roberto Perez (D)  
12:00pm  
**Wednesday**  
8:30am Carmen Maldonado (L) - cumpleaños  
All Souls  
12:00pm  
**Thursday**  
8:30am Ana Felicita Hernandez - Conversión y liberación  
Thanksgiving  
12:00pm  
**Friday**  
9:00am Peace (family), Pedro Julio Ramirez, Juana Reyes, Julio Cesar Ramirez, Hector Julio Ramirez (D)  
**Saturday**  
7:45am Phero Thong & Magarita Han (D)  
7:00pm Margaret Grossenbacher (D)  
**Sunday**  
8:00am People of SNT  
8:30am Leonardo (Leo) Pichardo (D); Felicia Peña, Juan Pablo De La Cruz, Diogene De La Cruz, Andres Isabel Diaz Ortiz (D); Gilberto Odalíz De La Cruz (D)  
11:30am Peter, Phyllis, & Patrick Keon (D)  
1:30pm Gioanbaotixita Kinh va Maria Sau (D)

*We pray for the People of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.*

*We pray for the sick:  
We pray for the dead:*



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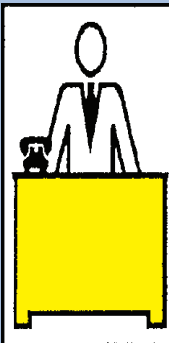
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