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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 13, 2022

From the Desk of the Pastor:

The Danish philosopher, Søren Kierkegaard, tells the parable of a theater where a variety show is proceeding. Each act is more fantastic than the last, and each is applauded by the audience. Suddenly the manager appears on the stage, apologizing for the interruption. He announces at the top of his voice that the theater is on fire, and begs his patrons to leave the theatre immediately, without causing a commotion. The spectators think that it is the most amusing turn of the evening and cheer thunderously. The manager again feverishly implores them to leave the burning building, and he is again applauded vigorously. At last he can do no more. The fire races through the whole building engulfing the fun-loving audience with it. "And so," concludes Kierkegaard, "will our age, I sometimes think, go down in fiery destruction to the applause of a crowded house of cheering spectators." Today's readings warn us about a similar fate if we are not well prepared when the "Day of the Lord" dawns quite unexpectedly, marking the end of the world. Malachi, in the first reading, foretells this Day, which will bring healing and reward for the just and punishment in fire for the "proud and all evil doers." Although St. Paul expected that Jesus would return during his lifetime, he cautions the Thessalonians, in the second reading, against idleness in anticipating the end of the world. Paul advises the Thessalonians that the best preparation for welcoming Jesus in his "Second Coming" is to keep working and doing one's duties faithfully, as he did. Today's Gospel passage underlines the truth that the date of the end of the world is uncertain. Signs and portents will precede the end, and the Christians will be called upon to testify before kings and governors. The Good News is that those who persevere in faithfulness to the Lord will save their souls and enter God's eternal kingdom. Christ's Second Coming is something to celebrate because he is going to present all creation to his Heavenly Father. Since Luke's community had experienced much persecution, today's Gospel would have given them a cheering reminder: "Don't give up because God is always with us!" Jesus' promise of the protective power of a providing God was meant to encourage His disciples to persevere in their Faith and its practice. Jesus later adds the signs for the coming destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the world to prepare His disciples and to remind them to rely upon him for Salvation, not their own power.

Life messages: 1) We must be prepared daily for our death and private judgment. We make this preparation by trying to do God's will every day, leading holy lives of selfless love, trust in God, mercy, compassion, and unconditional forgiveness. In order to do this, we must recharge our spiritual batteries every day by personal prayer, that is, by talking to God, and by listening to Him through reading the Bible. Daily examination of our conscience at bedtime and asking God's pardon and forgiveness for the sins of the day will also prepare us to face God any time to give Him an account of our lives. 2) We need to attain permanence in a passing world by leading exemplary lives. We must remember that our homes, our Churches, and even our own lives are temporary. Our greatness is judged by God, not on our worldly achievements, but on our fidelity to our Faith, and our practice of that Faith in loving service of others. How our faithfulness is expressed each day is the most important thing. We are to persevere in our Faith in spite of worldly temptations, attacks on our religion and moral values by the atheistic or agnostic media, threats of social isolation, and direct or indirect persecution because of our religious beliefs. Let us conclude this Church year by praying for the grace to endure patiently all our trials, for they are essential to our affirmation of Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass
Wednesday - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
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Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:00 p.m. English
7:00 p.m. Spanish

Masses at Wellspring

Monday - Friday, 6:45 a.m.; Sunday, 5:00 p.m.



Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Rosary

The Children's Rosary starts 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Altar Flowers

Flowers at the altar for the weekend Masses are provided by the Altar Society, and monetary donations are always appreciated. If you would like to donate funds for a special occasion, in honor/memory of, or just because you have a desire to help, please contact the church office.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community.....

Pray for Shirley Stenklyft, Danny Smith, Natalie Hayes, Pat LeBlanc, Marcela Montenegro, Steve Francis, Amalia Saucillo, Manuel Yañez, Kamicia Lunceford, Diana & Al Leonhardi, Lucile Cook, Jewel Sanchez, Mike Jackson, Shirley Long, and Bob Blankenship.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Nov 12	5:00 p.m.	Deceased Near & Dear Ones
Sun	Nov 13	10:00 a.m.	Deceased Near & Dear Ones
		12:30 p.m.	Priests of the Diocese of Tyler who celebrate ordination anniversaries in November
Tue	Nov 15	12:30 p.m.	Deceased Near & Dear Ones
Thu	Nov 17	5:00 p.m.	Deceased Near & Dear Ones
Fri	Nov 18	12:30 p.m.	Deceased Near & Dear Ones
Sat	Nov 19	5:00 p.m.	Deceased Near & Dear Ones

Parish Giving

November 6, 2022

1st Collection	\$2,789.50
2nd Collection	234.50
Children's Collection	52.51

2nd Collection	Nov 13	Emergency Fund
2nd Collection	Nov 20	Catholic Charities - Diocese of Tyler

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 61
11:00 a.m. Bilingual 200

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.

Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock

Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;
Alberto Robledo

Bookkeeper: Litlit Marcon

Office Assistant: Linda Rossler



He who lives but for God seeks only God. Since God is with him in adversity as well as in prosperity, he dwells in peace in the midst of tribulation.

St. Francis de Sales

The administration and pastoral care of Prince of Peace Parish is entrusted to the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (M.S.F.S.), also known as Fransalian Missionaries, an international religious order with headquarters in Rome and the Provincial House in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, visit www.fransaliansusa.com or www.wellspringcommunity.net.



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

News and Notes

46 Rosaries in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The 46-day Rosary for Our Lady of Guadalupe began on October 28 and ends on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are welcome to participate. The sign-up sheet is in the church foyer.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be held at 9:00 a.m.
There will be no Friday 12:30 p.m. weekday Mass.

E-Bulletin Sign-up with Our New Bulletin Publisher, Diocesan

If you want your Sunday bulletin emailed to you, go to www.DM.CHURCH/5627.
Instructions are also on the back page of your printed bulletin.

Needs for Our Food Pantry

The Helpers Food Pantry is running low on cooking oil, spaghetti sauce, corn meal, flour, sugar, canned meats, canned tuna, stews, chili, carrots, and peas. Please help keep our pantry full. We help families needing help with food. If you know of a family who needs food assistance, contact the church office.

Prince of Peace to Begin a New Youth Group

We all know that learning is life-long, and so is the need for life-long nourishment of our faith. For many years, Prince of Peace has not had a program for our teens and pre-teens that would promote faith-filled learning. That is about to change, as Prince of Peace will begin a new youth program for our middle and high school students. Once a month these students will learn more about their Catholic faith while they have fun. Parents, if your children are in middle or high school, please prayerfully consider enrolling them in this worthwhile program. Sign-up by using the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or by calling the church office. Those who sign-up will be notified of the meeting schedule. If you have questions, contact Father Luke or the church office.

Photographs for New Directory Drive

If you have not yet had your family photograph taken for the new directory, contact Melissa Briscoe at melissabriscoe5@gmail.com or (903) 954-0003 (by text) to schedule a day/time for a photo. Remember, even if you have taken pictures for the previous directory, you still need to take a photograph, since we cannot use them again because of the copyright. Thank you.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the victim assistance coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Feast Day - November 13

Maria Francesca Cabrini was born in Italy in 1850, tiny and frail and two months premature. Francesca attended a convent school operated by the Daughters of the Sacred Heart where she earned a teaching certificate upon graduation. Francesca wanted to join the sisters in the convent, but she was rejected because of poor health. She accepted a position in a diocesan girl's orphanage as a teacher and an administrator. While she was working at the orphanage, her desire to become a religious remained strong. In 1877, she and five other young women professed their religious vows. Francesca became Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini. When the orphanage closed, the bishop asked her to begin a new order, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. In 1889, Pope Leo XIII sent Mother Cabrini and six of her sisters as missionaries to New York City to care for the physical and spiritual needs of the Italian immigrants. Mother Cabrini's ministry followed the Italian immigrants wherever they settled. Within 35 years, Mother Cabrini founded 67 institutions, including

orphanages, schools, and hospitals all over the United States, in Europe, and in Central and South America. She became a United States citizen in 1909. In 1917, Mother Cabrini became ill and died in Chicago at the age of 67. She was canonized by Pope Pius XII on July 7, 1946, making her the first United States citizen to be canonized. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini is the patron saint of immigrants, hospital administrators, and orphans.

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