

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 15, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

There is an old story about two farmers visiting over a fence in early Spring. *"Jake,"* the first one said, *"What are you going to plant this year, corn?" "Nope,"* Jake replied, "*scared of the corn borer." "Well, what about potatoes?"* his neighbor asked. *"Nope, too much danger of potato bugs,"* announced Jake. The neighbor pressed on, *"Well, then, what are you going to plant?"* Jake answered, *"Nothing! I'm going to play it safe."* -- In today's Gospel Jesus tells the story of a lazy servant like Jake, who buried his talent instead of doing business with it.

The first reading suggests that we should be as diligent and industrious like a loyal and faithful wife, in the use of our God-given gifts and talents with "*the fear of the Lord."* Unlike the one-talent man, she takes her gifts and "*brings forth good, not evil*"; she "*reaches her hands to the poor and extends her arms to the needy.*" In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 128), the Psalmist echoes the concept of the blessedness of the faithful servant of the Lord. The Psalm affirms that the fear of the Lord is the key to human happiness and success. In the second reading, Paul advises us to keep awake and be sober, encouraging and building each other up as we wait for the *"Day of the Lord."* He challenges the Thessalonians to turn fear of the Lord into positive, constructive, and life-affirming action. Today's Gospel challenges us to ask the questions: Are we using our talents and gifts primarily to serve God? Are we doing everything we can to carry out God's will? The parable of the talents challenges us to do something positive, constructive, and life-affirming with our talents here and now.

Life messages:

1) We need to trust God enough to make use of the gifts and abilities we have been given. We may be especially talented in teaching children or cooking meals or repairing homes or programming computers. So, we should ask ourselves how we are using our particular gifts in the service of our Christian community and the wider society.

2**)** We need to make use of our talents in our parish**.** In addition to our homes and families, the best place to do this is in our parish. This means that we should be always willing to share our abilities in creative worship in the Church and in various ministries of our parish, such as Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, lector, usher, Sunday-school teacher, singer in the choir, volunteer, and member of one or more parish organizations and community outreach programs.

3) We need to "trade" with our talent of Christian Faith: All of us in the Church today have received at least one talent namely, the gift of Faith. Our responsibility is not just to preserve and "keep" the Faith, but to work with it. We need to promote and add value to Faith by living it out. The way to preserve the Faith, or any other talent that God has given us, is to put it to work and make it bear fruit.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

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

Sunday
Rosary at 9:25 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday (Spanish)
Rosary at 12 noon
Mass at 12:30 p.m.

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

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. & 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. in English
7:00 p.m. in Spanish

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 Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Organizations/Groups Monthly Meetings

Altar Society - 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm (Sept - May)
Knights of Columbus - 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Men's Group - 3rd Thursday at 6:45 p.m.
Women's Group - Last Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group - Every Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

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

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Rich Legler, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Matthew Williams, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions



Masses on November 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, & 21, 2026 will be offered for our deceased near and dear ones whose names appear in the Book of Remembrance placed before the altar. The Mass on November 15 will also be offered for Deacon Ruben Natera in honor of his 25th anniversary of ordination into the Diaconate.

Parish Giving

November 8, 2026

1st Collection	$3,701.11
2nd Collection	$ 332.00
3rd Collection	$ 559.00
Children's Collection	$ 65.56

Collections

2nd Collection	Nov 15	Catholic Campaign for Human Development
2nd Collection	Nov 22	Catholic Charities- Diocese of Tyler
3rd Collection	Nov 22	Lawncare/Maintenance

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 83
10:00 a.m. 166 and 12:30 p.m. 106

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura; Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

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.

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



When you come before the Lord, talk to Him if you can; if you can't, just stay there, let yourself be seen, and don't try too hard to do anything else!

St. Francis De Sales

News and Notes

November Masses

The Masses celebrated on November 2 through the end of this month will be offered for the souls of those whose names appear in the Book of Remembrance placed in front of the altar.

2026 Prince of Peace KofC Citizenship Essay Contest Awards

The Knights of Columbus at Prince of Peace are pleased to announce the winners of the 6th Annual Citizenship Essay Contest for students in grades 8 – 12 who attend Prince of Peace Catholic Church: **Gabriela Hernandez – 8th grade – 1st place; James Rivera – 8th grade – 2nd place; Cooper Vincent – 11th grade – 1st place; Natalie Howell – 12th grade – 1st place.** The essay theme this year was: "The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God." In 500-750 words, explain what this quote from former U.S. President and Knights of Columbus member John F. Kennedy's 1961 Inaugural address means and its importance for the flourishing of a nation. We are so proud of our young parishioners for their participation and willingness to express their thoughts about their Catholic faith and spiritual journey.

Christmas Carol Sign-up and Rehearsals

Those who haven't signed up for Christmas Carol may sign-up today and come for the rehearsal, following the rehearsal schedule. Those who are good at singing or who play any instrument, please sign-up. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Luke. The sign-up sheet and rehearsal schedule are in the church foyer. Please do it as soon as possible.

11 a.m. Bilingual Mass and Potluck on November 15

As Deacon Ruben Natera celebrates the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the Diaconate, our parish community will celebrate in his honor with a bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m. This Sunday, November 15. After the Mass we will gather in the parish hall for a potluck lunch.

Thanksgiving

There will be no Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, November 25.
Thanksgiving Day Mass, November 26, 2026, will be at 9:00 a.m.
The Church office will be closed Wednesday, November 25, through Friday, November 27.
There will be no Mass on Friday, November 28.

Christmas Wishes for Families Ready on November 21/22

The Christmas Wishes gift tags will be on display the weekend of November 21/22. Help families make Christmas more joyful by taking one or more tags, purchase the gift wish on the tag, wrap, gently attach the gift tag onto the wrapped gift, and bring the gift to the church or church office no later than December 11th.

Christmas Gathering Sunday, December 6, 2026

The parish Christmas gathering/dinner on Sunday, December 6, will follow an 11:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass.The parish will provide the food, so all you have to do is come and enjoy! In order to have enough food for everyone, there is a sign up sheet in the church foyer. Include the total number who will be attending from your family.

Altar Society

Creating Your Own Advent Wreath

The Altar Society is sponsoring a Create an Advent Wreath family event on Saturday, November 21, at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All supplies will be provided. We only ask that you call Shannon Lutmer at 903-944-9060 or sign up on the list in foyer. The number that can participate is limited to15 families.

Altar Society Advent and Christmas Fund Raiser

The Altar Society's Advent and Christmas Fund Raiser will be held on the weekend of November 28/29 after each Mass. Please help by donating good quality Christmas items and other items that would make nice Christmas gifts for the sale. Drop off your donations from October 1 through November 20: weekdays at the church office and weekends at the Gift Shop in the church. Include a suggested price for each donated item. Contact Mimi Plumb 903 316-3744 or Glenda Means 903 830-0926 with questions. We are grateful and thankful for your generosity.

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.

The Rosary is prayed before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass.

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner

Answers for November 1

Kids: a. 400
b. 6

Correctly answered by Zaya Monnen, Natalia Gutierrez, David and Victoria Gutierrez.

Adults: a. a. Naomi
b. Obed

Correctly answered by Eriselda Gutierrez, Maria Gutierrez, Glenda Means, Nazaria Coralde, Kevin Ramsy, Carolyn Barrett, Omar and Fatima Gutierrez, Theresa Cheatham, Linda and Leo Rossler, Mimi Plumb, Andrea Gustafson.

Congratulations for the 5 weeks' answers to Kevin Ramsy, Carolyn Barrett, Victoria Gutierrez and David Gutierrez.

Questions for November 15 (1 Samuel 6-10)

Kids: a. When Ark of the Lord was brought into the house of Abinadab, who was appointed as its guardian?

b. Who was chosen to be anointed as king of Israel after Samuel?

Adults: a. What guilt offerings the Philistines were asked to give for capturing and keeping the Ark of God?

b. Who was the seer Saul was seeking?

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