

24 November 2024

**THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**  
XXIV and Last Sunday after Pentecost (Traditional)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass  
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) & 11 AM

Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55 PM; Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM  
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

Mon. 25 Nov. St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr  
Patroness of Philosophers & Young girls  
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass  
For: Special Intention

Tue. 26 Nov. St. Leonard of Port Maurice/St. James Alberione  
8 AM For: Grace Digman (L.)  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. John Martin

Wed. 27 Nov. Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal  
7 PM For: Jessica Anderson (L.)  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Steven Anderson

Thu. 28 Nov. St. Theodora, Abbess/St. James of the Marches  
**THANKSGIVING DAY**  
9 AM For: All Souls' Intentions

Fri. 29 Nov. St. Saturninus, Priest, Martyr under Emperor Decius

No Mass

Sat. 30 Nov. St. Andrew the Apostle  
8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: Denise Mondi+  
Req: Frances Gawkins

Sun. 1 Dec. I Sunday of Advent (Both Calendars)  
8 AM For: Katherine Mazor+  
Req: Brendan Johnson

9:30 AM For: Melissa Pedroncelli+  
Req: Stephen Sanford

11 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

## **ADORATION OF CHRIST THE KING IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

To honor and worship our Eucharistic King on this Solemnity, we expose the Most Blessed Sacrament on the altar after 11 AM Mass. Our Divine Lord remains enthroned until 4 PM, when we celebrate the Office of Vespers, and conclude with Benediction. Please come to spend time with Our Lord to: adore Him, make amends for the neglect and irreverence toward Him in this Sacrament, and thank Him for His many mercies, blessings and graces.

### **NO RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS THIS TUE. EVE**

Class will resume next Tue. 3 Dec. at the usual times.

### **HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL**

Holy Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9 AM. Let us thank God for His great goodness and generosity to us.

### **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: SUNDAY 15 DEC. 5 PM**

Once again we will be thrilled to see our youth re-enact the Nativity of Our Lord at the Brabant (van Lieshout) Farm, with live animals. If you have not yet signed your children up to be in the Pageant, please do so today so that they are not left out.

### **ROSARY SOCIETY CRAFT SALE: NEXT WEEKEND**

The elves of the Rosary Society have been busy making crafts for your Christmas baskets. Also, a handmade quilt will be raffled (on display this weekend in the vestibule).

### **GRACE FORCE PRAYER BOOKS**

Some parishioners have asked if they could purchase a Grace Force Prayer Book, the ones that are in the pews in our church. Some have simply taken them out of the pews: there were 15 missing when I counted. So I have ordered more to replace the ones that are missing, and I have some for sale for Christmas gifts or your own personal use. They are \$17 each. Please speak to Father after Mass if you would like one.

### **THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on Sunday. The liturgical law in the Novus Ordo moves the Solemnity to Monday, 9 December. The Holy See has clarified that Catholics are obligated to attend the Holy Mass on that day (Monday 9 December).

In the traditional rite, the Feast is not transferred, but replaces the Sunday Mass (II Sunday of Advent). So, the 8 AM Mass on 8 December will be the Mass of the Immaculate Conception. On Mon. 9 December there will be an 8 AM Latin Mass, but it will not be the Mass of the Immaculate Conception. Confused yet? So am I!!!

### **HOPE APPEAL 2024 UPDATE**

This year's HOPE Appeal will be ending soon officially. Thus far, our parishioners have donated \$8,995 toward this year's assessment. This amount comes from only 45 of our parishioners! A couple of weeks ago, I was visited by the Diocesan Director of the HOPE Appeal who wondered why our response has been so poor! Please, if you have not yet made your donation to this year's drive, please do so before the end of the year. God bless you for your charity and generosity. There are envelopes available in the vestibule if you have misplaced yours.

## AS WE GIVE THANKS, LET US REMEMBER THOSE WHO SUFFER

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association was founded in 1926 by Pope Pius XI to assist the vulnerable communities in the unstable lands of the ancient Christian churches, including the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe. Following the initiation of hostilities by the Israeli army in 1948 against the Palestinians, Pope Pius XII founded the special Pontifical Mission to Palestine under the management of CNEWA in 1949.

Two regional directors of this Palestinian Mission testify to the vast ongoing destruction Israel is inflicting upon the peoples of Gaza, Lebanon, and the West Bank, leaving Christian communities decimated, along with their fellow Muslim countrymen. Speaking at a seminar on 5 November, sponsored by CNEWA, the two spokesmen Joseph Hazboun and Michel Constantin, spoke of the clear intent of Israel to make survival impossible in Gaza for the civilian population, and the effects of the Zionist state's ongoing assaults on the people of Lebanon. 90% of the population of Gaza has been displaced to "safe areas, which were not safe at all". A church was bombed in October which left 21 dead, and a Christian hospital was hit that left 400 dead. The Rosary Sisters school and the School of the Holy Family of the Latin Patriarchate were also targeted.

Seventy percent of the apartments of the Christian communities were destroyed. The number of deaths in Gaza has surpassed 42,000, half of them women and children. The number of injured is over 120,000, and this does not count those who are still under rubble with no way of being saved, said Hazboun. Euro-Med Monitor reports that Israel has killed 190 journalists, and 1,030 medical personnel, including 43 doctors, while injuring another 1,280 health care staffers. Now, we know that the Israeli government justifies what it is doing in response to the 2023 attack of Hamas which killed 1200 Israelis. Its stated goal is to wipe out Hamas and neutralize Hezbollah, which operates out of Lebanon.

Constantin reports that over 90% of the people of southern Lebanon have left the area, and are sheltering in Mount Lebanon, Beirut and North Lebanon. The Christian hub of Deir el Ahmar "remains safe", but has seen a wave of displacement that is far beyond the capacity of the people to receive, which includes around 20,00 people sharing the homes and schools of a town with an original population of 7,000 to 9,000 people.

Despite such war crimes, Constantin also thanked God for the "internal solidarity" among the diverse Lebanese, "because the hosting communities are non-Shiite. All Shiite areas in Lebanon are under attack and under heavy, heavy destruction. So the other religious groups, Christians, Sunnis, Druze have welcomed people in their homes, and refer to them as 'our guests', and not as 'displaced people'.

In Lebanon, 3,516 people have been killed since 7 October 2023, including more than 200 children, and no less than 14,929 have been injured.