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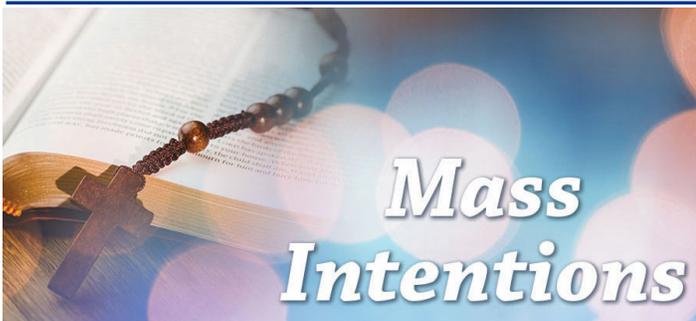
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Monday, October 26

8:15 am † Concordia Bercassio

Tuesday, October 27

8:15 am † Angelito Reyes

6:00 pm † Mary Barnard

Wednesday, October 28, Ss. Simon & Jude

8:15 am † Robert Spoljarick

Thursday, October 29

8:15 am † Francisca Martin

Friday, October 30

6:30 am President Donald Trump

8:15 am † Lynn Langenderfer

Saturday, October 31

8:15 am President Donald Trump

4:00 pm † Percy Seballos

Sunday, November 1, All Saints Day

7:00 am † John Beke & † Dee Johnson

8:30 am † Lawrence & † Gladys O'Donnell

10:30 am † Ryan Donos

5:00 pm Parishioners

Parish Contributions

October 11, 2020

Tithing*

Weekly Total.....	\$27,272.00
Weekly Budget.....	\$27,352.75
Weekly Surplus (Deficit).....	(\$80.75)
Fiscal Year-to-date Total	\$391,034.61
Fiscal Year-to-date Budget.....	\$381,463.50
Fiscal Year-to-date Surplus (Deficit)....	\$9,571.11

**Includes Sunday collections, Online Giving, and mid-week tithing.*

Other Contributions

Miscellaneous.....	\$155.00
Building Fund Collection.....	\$810.00
Building Fund Balance.....	\$85,038.77



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Thank you for your continued support & generosity!

Offering a Mass Intention

The custom of requesting a priest to offer the Mass for a specific intention, even when one cannot be physically present at the Mass, is a longstanding tradition in the Church. This is because the Church considers the Mass as the **greatest possible prayer of intercession**, insofar as it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father by making present the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection.

To request a Mass offering for the intentions of a living person or for the repose of the soul of a deceased person, please feel free to contact the Parish Office. For more information and to make the request electronically (with optional payment by credit card) please visit corpuschristiphx.org/mass-intention.

Stewardship of Treasure

- Jen Arnold, M.A. in Theology and Catechetics

As we conclude our discussion of Christian stewardship this week, we will take a brief look at our final gift to share, which is our treasure.

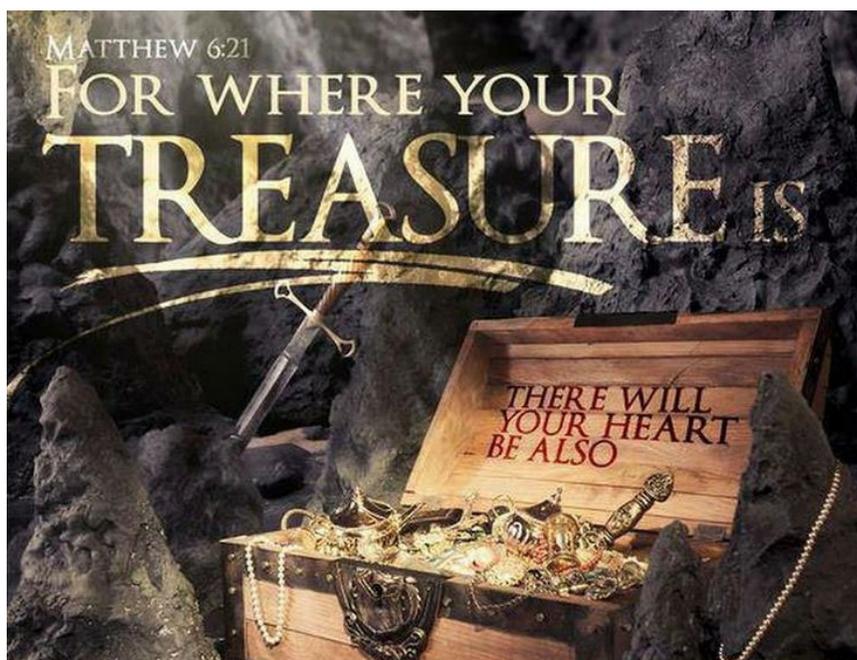
The mission of the Catholic Church and the reason for her existence is for the salvation of souls. As a member of the Catholic Church, you presumably believe in that mission and therefore have a share in it. On a smaller and more focused level, our parish shares in the same mission right here in our local community. We have ministries that provide opportunities for parishioners to grow in formation and discipleship. We have a beautiful Adoration chapel (hopefully soon to be open 24 hours again!) where everyone, not just parishioners, can go to seek refuge and solace with Jesus at the foot of the cross. We have a beautiful parish campus that our staff works hard to maintain as a beautiful, safe, and inviting environment for anyone to feel wanted and welcome. All of these things require our help through the gift of our tithing, not because we are obligated, but because we believe in the mission of our Church.

Of course, the last year has been a challenging one for many in terms of finances. There has been a terrible loss of income for so many people, both around the world and right here in our community. Now might be a difficult time to even consider increasing your tithing and that's ok. If you are in a position to prayerfully consider giving more, that's great. God knows your heart and he knows your situation, whatever it is. We are only called to do what we can, trusting that God will give us the grace and means to rise to the occasion.

Just as you have a family budget for your home, which is set by your

predicted monthly income, our parish also has a budget which allows for its mission of creating disciples to continually move forward. A predictable income helps to make that budget more successful, just as it helps with yours. What matters more than the amount you choose to give in your tithing is the consistency with which you give. So, if you tend to put whatever spare cash or change you have in your wallet at the time into the tithing basket, consider changing that to a set amount every week. If you occasionally attend Mass at another parish, or go on vacation, consider doubling up your tithing when you return the following week. Of course, there is always the online giving option if that is easiest for you.

It is difficult to talk about tithing without mentioning the poor widow who gave a small coin while the wealthy people around her were giving much more (Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4). Jesus tells His disciples that she gave more than the others. What this scripture tells us is that the gift of our treasure is less about how much you give and more about the faithfulness and love with which you give.



Relics

This week we have some exciting news to share! Recently, our parish's Order of the Secular Franciscans was gifted a relic of St. Clare of Assisi, follower of St. Francis of Assisi and founder of the Order of the Poor Clares. The relic was gifted to a professed member of our parish Fraternity when, providentially, the original plans for its display elsewhere fell through. On November 1, the relic will be installed near the stained-glass representation of St. Clare (by the St. Joseph statue in the back of the church).

You may be wondering, "What are relics and why does the Catholic Church venerate them?" Relics are sacramentals that connect us to the holy men and women who have come before us throughout Church history as we honor and imitate their heroic virtue. A first degree relic – which is how our St. Clare relic is classified – is a physical fragment of the saint's body. A second degree relic is a fragment of something the saint owned, such as an article of clothing or a book. Finally, a third degree relic is a piece of something the saint touched, like the kneeler they knelt on while attending Holy Mass.

The Church collects and authenticates relics before gifting and distributing them. They are typically accompanied by a certificate of authentication, which our relic has. They are carefully sealed in a container called a reliquary and marked with a seal so as not to lose or damage the delicate item. Our certificate of authentication indicates that our relic was selected from her ashes.

The veneration of relics is commonly misunderstood, either perceived as an inappropriate worship of matter, or as being a bit morbid. Neither is true. We know that God created the physical world and works through matter to bring about grace for us. For example, He works through physical water to bring about sanctifying grace in the Sacrament of Baptism and He works through bread, water, and wine to give us the grace we receive in the Eucharist. Similarly, if we are open and responsive in our faith, He can give us grace through our veneration of relics, while also reminding us that this person was an example of how to follow Christ. St Jerome tells us, "We do not worship relics, we do not adore them, for fear that we should bow down to the creature rather than to the creator. But we venerate the relics of the martyrs in order the better to adore Him whose martyrs they are." (*Ad Riparium*, i, P.L., XXII, 907). As for the morbidity factor,

from the beginning, Christians have not considered the use of relics to be morbid, but rather as a way of remaining connected to all of the members of the Mystical Body of Christ through time and space. For example, during the persecutions, Christians would go into the underground catacombs and celebrate the Holy Mass, using the tombs of martyrs as altars. To this day, it is customary to install relics in our Catholic Churches' altars to continue that tradition.

In addition to simply being part of our tradition, we have great scriptural evidence that relics have been used to bring about miracles and grace, of which these are a few examples:

- The corpse of a man was touched to the bones of the prophet Elisha after being tossed into Elisha's grave. The man came back to life and rose to his feet (2 Kings 13:20-21).
- A woman reached out and touched the hem of Jesus' cloak and was cured of her 12-year hemorrhage (Matthew 9:20-22).
- People brought the sick to the Apostles and laid them on cots and mats so that Peter's shadow could "touch" them and they would be healed (Acts 5:12-15).
- The handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched Paul's skin were brought to heal the sick. (Acts 19:11-12).

If you would like to see more relics, there is actually a reliquarium (a collection of relics) at St. Timothy's Church in Mesa. There you can see a whole collection of relics from a variety of saints, spend time in their presence, and experience the holiness of the space.

Prior to the installation of St. Clare's relic in our church, there will be a ceremony on **All Saints' Day, November 1st at 1pm**. Included in the ceremony will be prayer and a reading about St. Clare. There will be time for veneration of the relic, followed by a blessing of its permanent home and the installation. This is a very unique and blessed opportunity for us, so hopefully many of you are inspired to attend this event!





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St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

October 24th through November 8th

Our annual Fall Food Drive will be a little different this year. Non-perishable food items may be dropped off in the SVdP food boxes located in the vestibule and courtyard any day between Oct. 24th – Nov. 8th.

Monetary and gift card donations are always welcomed!

For your convenience, you can mail in your donation using the pre-addressed envelope or drop it off in the large white collection box located in the church vestibule.

For easier distribution, please keep gift cards to increments of **\$25 or less**.

Reminder:

~ Monetary donations qualify as a tax credit. ~

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Thank you for helping us help others in our local community!

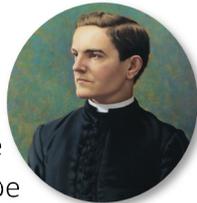
A generous person will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor.

~ Proverbs 22:9



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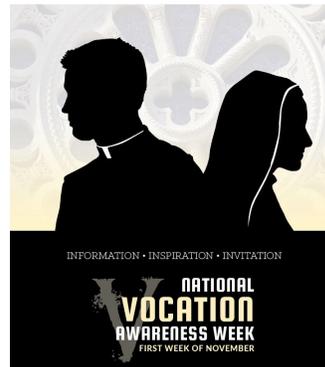
The Beatification of Father Michael J. McGivney



The beatification Mass of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, will be celebrated on **October 31** at 11:00 am EDT (**8:00 am local time**) in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut.

Though the coronavirus will limit attendance at the Mass and other related events, people across the world will be able to watch it live on several platforms. WETN, Catholic TV, and Salt + Light TV will broadcast it live. The Knights of Columbus website will also live-stream it with Spanish, French, and Polish interpretations available.

As the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney was a central figure in the growth of Catholicism in America, and he remains a model today. His examples of charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity continue to bear fruit and guide the Knights of Columbus worldwide.



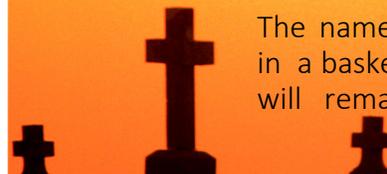
National Vocation Awareness Week Begins Next Sunday

Did you know that in our country, compared to 60 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 129,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has grown steadily. During Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that young people in today's society will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

All Souls' Novena

Instead of a *Book of All Souls*, like we have had in the past, this year, we ask that you enter the names of deceased loved ones via an online form at: <https://www.osvhub.com/corpus-christi-cath-church/forms/all-souls-day-novena>.

The names will then be placed in a basket in the sanctuary and will remain there throughout the novena.



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“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.”

- Philippians 4:6

Our prayer to God, through Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, is the foundation of our relationship with our Trinitarian God! We believe it is important to not only specify our prayers, but to also intercede in prayer for others!

To enter your prayer request, please visit our website (www.corpuschristiphx.org/prayers). The requests are compiled into an email and sent out every Friday afternoon to our Prayer Warriors via Flocknote.

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Baptisms

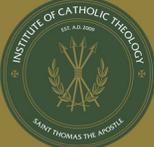
Kenzie Ann Mueller
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Richard Fate,
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Christina Loh,
June McNaught,
Ana Minelli, John Rajczyk,
Stephanie Siatta,
Sue Simeone,
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The Gospel of Life 51

Twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world (*Evangelium vitae* 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of *every* human person. This God-given dignity does not change with our stage of life, abilities, level of independence, or any other varying circumstance.

Rather, it is rooted in the permanent fact that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, created to share in the very life of God himself. The human person is a "manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory" (EV 34). And we must reflect this truth in how we act and how we treat one another.

The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40).

Jesus calls each of us to "care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible" (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and

the Gospel of life are a *single and indivisible* Gospel" (EV 2, emphasis added).

In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the "least of these" in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern.

As the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's prophetic encyclical, let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: *Do I talk about and act towards others as I would talk about and treat Jesus himself? Do I inform myself of the Church's teachings and engage in the civic arena as first a follower of Christ? Do I support and advocate for laws and policies that protect and defend human life? Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? Am I ready to support a loved one nearing death?*

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.

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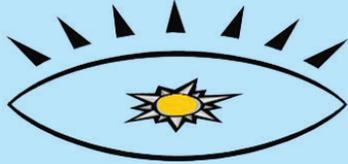
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Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

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Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Responsorial Psalm: (Psalm 18)

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow. and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Stewardship Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. We will be friendly, if I am. We will be holy, if I am.

Our pews will be filled, if I help fill them. We will do great work, if I work. We will be prayerful, if I pray. We will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. We will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in.

Our parish will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who help make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want our parish to be.

Amen.

