

## **Mass Intentions Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>**

Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> : 5 PM	Robert & Esther Donner † r.b. Shirley Snyder
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> : 7 PM	Andrew Kliethermes Jr. r.b. Jim & Liz Kliethermes
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> : 9:30 AM	Robert Cady † r.b. Dan & Lona Baldauf
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> : 12 PM	All Parishioners
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> : 9 AM	Frances T. McMahon † r.b. Jim & Liz Kliethermes
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> : 9 AM	Addison Waltjen (Bday) r.b. Dan & Lona Baldauf
Thur 20 <sup>th</sup> : 11:30 AM	
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> : 9 AM	Haley Gates (Bday) r.b. Dan & Lona Baldauf
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> : 5 PM	Marie Gates (Bday) r.b. Dan & Lona Baldauf
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> : 7PM	Human Development
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> : 9:30am	marriage of Dan & Molly DiCarlo r.b. Nick & Liz DiCarlo
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> : 12pm	For All Parishioners

**THANKSGIVING WEEK** Fr. Dubrouillet will be with family – the only extended opportunity for the year. Mass on Thanksgiving Day is available at:  
 Prince of Peace: 9am  
 Mary Magdalene at: 9:30am  
 St Rafka: TBA  
 St. Mary's: No Mass

**AS YOU REMEMBER** loved ones who have died, the best way to pray for them is to have a Mass offered for them – and it is fitting to have them offered on a birthday, wedding anniversary, or the anniversary of death.



## **Parish Offertory for November 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>**

5:00	7:00	9:30	12:00	Total
404	468	1694	996	3562

### *Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa*

67	35	266	355	823
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## **Immaculate Conception Masses**

### *\* HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION \**

Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

9 AM in English & 6 PM in Spanish

## **Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe:**

Friday, Dec 12, 7:00 PM

**Next 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** is for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*: November 23<sup>rd</sup>

**ADVENT** begins **November 30<sup>th</sup>** – time to find a set of candles for your wreath....

**GIVING TREE** – a few parishioners arrange the parish “giving tree”. Pick a gift tag with a gift you can provide. Wrap the gift with the tag on the outside. Return the gift to the tree by December 14<sup>th</sup>. This project benefits residents of “The Cottages of Brushy Creek”.

**LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING:** Tuesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in a parish classroom to discuss events through January 2015. For questions, please contact Donna Sesny at 292.1392. Please note that the Ladies Auxiliary is not affiliated either with Blessed Trinity Parish or the Diocese of Charleston.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** plates are available in the parish entrance. Please place \$10 donation in envelope provided which can then be put in the offering basket.

Last week we received \$1,224 to defray funeral and burial expenses for Fredy Emanuel. Thanks to the generosity of many people outside our parish, the cemetery and funeral home were able to provide the casket, funeral services, burial site, and burial at significant discounts. It is likely that we received enough money to provide also a grave marker. We will send any extra money to help other families with similar needs. Fredy Emanuel’s parents José and Deisy thank all who donated money, and those who came to the funeral.

Thanks to Giovanny Vásquez, the musician who came from St Mary’s. Special thanks to Jane Newton. She teaches English to parishioners, including Deisy. Jane was a great help coordinating the funeral arrangements.

Our parish’s response demonstrates that we share a profound respect for the dignity of human life, especially for the weak and the poor. Thank God for sharing His loving life with us, and for the opportunity to love those most in need.

Why does suffering exist in the world? IF God is all-powerful and all loving, how could evil and suffering exist? Philosophers have asked this question as long as we have been men and not animals. Many thought that suffering must be a punishment for sin. The “Book of Job” answers this question with the humble recognition that we, as smart as God made us, cannot understand all of God’s ways.

Jesus was completely innocent, and suffered a criminal’s death for our salvation.

This leads to the conclusion that God, in mysterious ways, can bring good out of suffering. Pope Saint John Paul II grew up as a first hand witness to the cruelty of Germany’s Nazis and the Soviet Union’s Communists. He pondered what good might come from the suffering that we endure today. He wrote that God allows suffering today so that we have the opportunity to love others, and in this we introduce others to God who is Love. Even in the concentration camps some prisoners gave of themselves to care for others – and one priest exchanged his life for that of a fellow prisoner – we know this priest as St Maximilian Maria Kolbe.

Mother Theresa went to serve Jesus in the poorest of the poor – many people came to see Jesus and died in loving hands because of her service. Suffering provided the opportunity for this encounter.

In every corner of the world we find opportunities to love because we encounter suffering. Your opportunity to love will be clear when you care for those who suffer. Why would we do this? God commands us, and God blesses us. This is the way Jesus teaches us to act and live out the Faith He shares.

This week Cardinal Sarah spoke about the greatest need of those who suffer. Beyond the need for food, shelter, medicine, and even companionship we have the need to know and love God. When we provide food, shelter, or medical care, we have the opportunity to be companions on a journey to introduce God to those in need. Even if we cannot provide things to others, we can be companions to others, and we can introduce them to God.