

MASS INTENTIONS NOV. 22ND-30TH

Sat, 22 nd 5 PM	Marie Gates (Bday) r.b. Dan & Lona Baldauf
Sat, 22 nd 7 PM	Human Development
Sun, 23 rd 9:30 AM	Dan & Molly DiCarlo's Wedding Anniversary r.b. the kids
Sun, 23 rd 12 PM	For All Parishioners
Mon, 24 th 9 AM	Walter Mapes (Bday) r.b. Dan & Lona Baldauf

Tues. 25th – Friday. 28th: No Masses

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat, 29 th 5 PM	Barbara Wasmer † r.b. Patricia Ziegler
Sat, 29 th 7 PM	Frances E. McMahan † r.b. J&L K
Sun, 30 th 9:30 AM	Arthur & Mary Donner † r.b. Shirley Snyder
Sun, 30 th 12 PM	For All Parishioners

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

** HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION **

Masses: Monday, Dec. 8th

9 am (English) & 6 pm (Spanish)

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE EVENTS

Friday, December 12th

Traditional Dance: 6:30 pm

Rosary follows, around 6:50 pm

Mass follows, about 7:15 pm

Note: Parishioners planning this year's celebration chose to omit the procession to increase safety.

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.

THANKSGIVING DAY: Thanksgiving Day is not a holy day of obligation, and is the only holiday that Fr. Dubrouillet can spend with his family. Mass is available at the following parishes:

Prince of Peace: 9am

St. Mary Magdalene: 9:30am

St. Rafka: 10am

St. Mary's: No Mass

Parish Offertory for November 15-16

5:00	7:00	9:30	12:00	Total
386	414	1,374	874	3,048

Next 2nd collection: Dec 14

Retirement Fund for Religious

GIVING TREE REMINDER – 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 14th. This project benefits residents of “The Cottages of Brushy Creek”.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS – 9:00 AM

During recent months we moved the Mass on 1st Fridays to 7:00 pm. I was hoping that more people would attend – this was not the case. So, the Mass for 1st Fridays will be like other Fridays – 9:00 am.

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.

Marriage is not well understood. The “Liturgicon” is a very old book that provides advice to priests for the instructions and homilies for assorted times of life. The following instruction on marriage has been used at many weddings, and contains wonderful teachings about God's plan for men and women in marriage.

As you know, you are about to enter into a union which is most sacred and most serious, a union which was established by God himself. In this way, God sanctified human love and enabled man and woman to help each other live as children of God, by sharing a common life under his fatherly care.

Because God himself is thus its author, marriage is of its very nature a holy institution, requiring of those who enter into it a complete and unreserved giving of self. This union then is most serious, because it will bind you together for life in a relationship so close and so intimate that it will profoundly influence your whole future. That future – with its hopes and its disappointments, its successes and its failures, its pleasures and its pains, its joys and its sorrows – is hidden from your eyes. You know well that these elements are mingled in every life and are to be expected in your own. And so, not knowing what is before you, you take each other for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death.

These words, then, are most serious. It is a beautiful tribute to your undoubted faith in each other, that recognizing their full import, you are nevertheless so willing and so ready to pronounce them. And because these words involve such solemn obligations, it

is most fitting that you rest the security of your wedded life on the great principle of self-sacrifice.

And so today you begin your married life by the voluntary and complete surrender of your individual lives in the interest of that deeper and wider life which you two are to have in common. Henceforth you belong entirely to each other; you will be one in mind, one in heart, and one in affections. And whatever sacrifices you may hereafter be required to make to preserve this common life, always make them generously. There will be problems which might be difficult, but genuine love can make them easy, and perfect love can make them a joy. We are willing to give in proportion as we love. And when love is perfect, the sacrifice is complete. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, and the Son so loved us that he gave himself for our salvation. “Greater love than this no one has, that one lay down his life for his friends.” In marriage, God calls each of you to this degree of love – and God will help.

No greater blessing can come to your married life than pure conjugal love, always loyal and true to the end, always open to God's gift of life. May this love, then, with which you join your hands and hearts today, never fail, but grow deeper and stronger as the years go on. And if true love and the unselfish spirit of perfect sacrifice guide all your actions, you two can expect the greatest measure of earthly happiness that may be allotted on this earth. The rest is in the hands of God. Nor will God be wanting to your needs; he will pledge you the lifelong support of his graces in the holy sacrament which you are now going to receive.