

Pastor's Message



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel reading revolves around the question: "Which commandment of the Law is the greatest?" Jesus' answer "Love God with your whole mind, your whole heart, and your whole soul, and love your neighbor as yourself" was not new to the Pharisees and the Jews. Actually they recited this commandment almost every day.



So neither commandment is original to Jesus and there is nothing new about putting them together; what

is new is that Jesus presents them as dependent on each other. According to Jesus they are inseparable one from the other. We cannot love God and hate our neighbor.

From our own experience we can see that it is easy to love God for God is up there in his heaven and doesn't seem to bother us much. We can formulate an idea of him and love that idea. However, it is difficult to love not an idea but a person next to us. It is much harder to love a person who fails to meet up with our expectations, one who challenges our thinking, our lifestyles and our daily attitudes.

Here, the definition of "our neighbor" is widened by Jesus to include everyone. Our neighbor includes the people next door but it also includes our own family and all the people with whom we are acquainted. Jesus even goes further to include our enemies, our opponents. He includes people at the furthest corner of the globe, people from our cities, people whose culture and way of life are quite alien to us. Among our neighbors are the unborn, the elderly, the homeless, the drug addict, and the mentally ill.

Yes, Christianity is not an easy way; it is a challenge for all of us to be like Jesus, to love God and our neighbor. Christianity is indeed an ongoing process of becoming like Jesus. Everyday we take steps to becoming a Christian by striving to serve God through loving our neighbor.

We pray today that we might love God with our soul, and then we are able to bring God's love to those around us.

May God bless us all!

— Fr. Joe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Sunday, November 01, we celebrate the feast of All Saints. Monday November 02 is All Souls' Day; there will be three Masses to pray for the Faithful departed in our community: 7:00am, 12:00 Noon and 7:00pm (Spanish). All Masses will be held in the parish center. Please come to pray for those have gone before us.

2. November is the month to pray for all souls. Envelops in loving memory of your loved ones are available for you. Please call the church office if you wish to have Mass intentions.

3. The RCIA classes have begun. There is still time for you to register. Please remember, the RCIA class in Spanish will begin at 9:30am on Sunday so that the candidates can attend the Spanish Mass at 11:00am.

4. If you need to go to confession, please call and make an appointment with Fr. Joe. Confessions will be heard in the church sanctuary.

5. DePaul Academy is hiring a BK licensed teacher for their Pre-K program, starting immediately. If you are interested in finding out more information about this position, please contact Sister Elsa Thomas at 336-687-7005.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Table with 4 columns: Date, Day, Time, Intention. Rows include 10/24 Saturday 5:00 pm (SI) For the Bay's Family, 10/25 Sunday 9:30am (SI) In Thanksgiving to God from The Bi Linh Family, 10/26 Monday No Mass, 10/27 Tuesday 7:00 am + Giuse Chuc Nguyen, 10/28 Wednesday 7:00 am + Dominico Haile, 10/29 Thursday 7:00 am + August & Lucille Lautz, 10/30 Friday 7:00 am + Gerry Sudimack

NEXT WEEKEND

Table with 4 columns: Date, Day, Time, Intention. Rows include 10/31 Saturday 5:00 pm + Eugene F. Rosenski, 11/01 Sunday 9:30am + Frank Deal Jr., 11:00am + Armando Garcia Morales

(+) Deceased

(SI) Special Intention

Brothers and Sisters,

As recommended by NC State executive orders, and to help slow the spread of Covid-19, we urge you to wear a face mask whenever you come together to worship the Lord. Let us care for each other. Let us do the best to ensure the safety of others. We still have three outdoor Masse over the week-end:

- *Saturday Vigil at 5:00pm (English)
*Sunday at 9:30am (English)
*Sunday at 11:00am (Spanish)

Please bring your own chairs or we can provide chairs for you. It is time for us to come together to give thanks and praise to the Lord!

God bless! Fr. Joe

Let us pray for doctors, nurses, firefighters, police, soldiers health care workers. And from our parish: Tracy Barber, Louis Keefe, Linda McKinney, Gladys Ozor, Hector Sanchez, Maria Selam, Dulce Moreno, Charles Keefe, Jose Guzman, Willy Lilly, Felicia Murphy,



Linda Styron, Marianne Smith, Therese French-Rice, Fr. Martin Carter, Charles Ramsey, Jorge Lagueruel, Georgia Tassopoulos, Joseph Carter, Taber Johnson, Alana Moser, Nancy Nwokolo.

Why is St Jude the patron of lost causes? People were possibly reluctant to pray to St. Jude (Judas) due to the name in common with the Iscariot. To promote remembrance the Church bestowed the patronage of lost causes. (Sts Simon & Jude, Oct. 28th)

— UPCOMING —

Table with 2 columns: Date, Event. Rows include October 31 All Hallow's Eve, November 01 All Saints Day, November 01 Fall back! Daylight Savings Time ends, November 02 All Souls Day, November 03 Election Day, November 05 Fr. Jeffrey Kirby @ St. Pius X, November 6-8 Worldwide Marriage Encounter, November 11 Veteran's Day, November 21 Together in Holiness Conference, November 22 Feast of Christ the King, November 26 Thanksgiving

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Table with 2 columns: Collection Name, Amount. Rows include Regular Collection: \$ 1,926.00, Second Collection for Mission: \$370.00, Columbarium: \$ 1,500.00, Priest Retirement: \$ 50.00, TOTAL: \$ 3,846.00, THANK YOU !!!!!

Scripture Readings—Week of October 25th

Mon: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 &6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17
Tues: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21
Weds: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
Thurs: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/ Lk 13:31-35
Fri: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6
Sat: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sun: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2-4ab, 5-6 / Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment."

Does your marriage honor God? Bring your marriage to its fullest on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Nov. 6-8, 2020 in Atlantic Beach, NC or a Virtual Weekend the same weekend. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https:// NCMarriageDiscovery.org or contact at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-3152144.

NEWS—Live & Online Events

Our parish Food Pantry needs a good used refrigerator. If you have one, please donate it to church. Thank you!



Food Bank items needed:

Cereal/oatmeal, mac & cheese, pasta, canned beans, 1lb bags of rice, ramen noodles, canned fruit, canned pasta sauce, canned vegetables, canned meat, peanut butter, canned soup, saltine crackers

Reminder: Please check the dates on the items. No outdated food can be passed out. No glass containers or fresh food.

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SEND A VET TO D.C. and WIN A TRIP TO PINEHURST!

Raffle Tickets are \$25 and all the proceeds got to Honor Flight. Raffle ends on October 31st. To purchase tickets or for more info contact Michael at 336-517-7301, purchase by Venmo: @AOH-NACARADIVISION-1 Sponsored by Guilford County Acient Order of Hibernians.

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Professional Mental Health Counseling



Catholic Charities is pleased to provide counseling for couples & adults. Services are available in Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Charlotte & Asheville (bi-lingual). If we can help, please call us at (336) 714-3204. More information at https://ccdoc.org/en/services/counseling. Peace is just a phone call away.