

Church of the Ascension

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Masses

Saturday

8:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m.
*7:00 p.m. (live-streamed)

Sunday

8:30 a.m.
*9:00 a.m.
*11:00 a.m.
*not public liturgies

Weekday

M—F 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

By appointment

Marriage

Arrangements made SIX MONTHS in advance. Please telephone the parish office to make an appointment with the pastor.

Baptism

Baptisms are held the First Sunday of each month at 12 noon. (Preparation seminar is required). Please contact the parish office at least ONE month in advance.

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Office Hours: *Our office is currently not open to the public, yet we monitor phone calls and voice messages, especially Mon.—Thur. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

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MASSES HAVE MOVED TO WORNER HALL

Welcome: We extend our hearts and hands in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If any of the following in the ☐ apply to you, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

☐ New Parishioner ☐ New Address ☐ New Phone

Send Envelopes ☐ Weekly, ☐ Not Required/Automatic
Payment, ☐ Moving/remove from mailing list

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

WHY ST. JOHN LATERAN, NOT ST. PETER'S BASILICA, IS 'MOTHER OF ALL CHURCHES IN THE WORLD'

The Lateran has been associated with the papacy for centuries longer than the Vatican has — a fact often emphasized by Pope Francis. Pope Francis has made a subtle change in the past year which emphasizes the truth of the feast we marked on Nov. 9 — namely that St. John Lateran, not St. Peter's in the Vatican, is the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome..

After the first centuries of persecution by state power, the Church gained the freedom to organize her life in the fourth century. From that time onward for a millennium, the Bishop of Rome had his residence at the "Lateran Palace" and his cathedral church was part of that complex.

After the Avignon exile in the 14th century, when the pope returned to Rome he did not live at the Lateran, which had been damaged by two fires in the interim. He eventually settled at the Vatican, where the pope has lived ever since. However, despite the grandeur of the new St. Peter's, built in the 16th century, the pope never shifted his cathedral, which remains his cathedral church. Hence it is called an "archbasilica," while St. Peter's is a mere "basilica."

Over time, the Lateran became associated with the Holy Father as bishop of Rome and the Vatican with the Holy Father as universal pastor of the Church, or Supreme Pontiff. However, given that the Holy Father is the universal pastor because he is Bishop of Rome, the latter holds precedence, even though, while distinct, the two are inseparable.

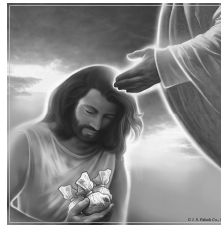
Pope Francis has chosen to emphasize the role of bishop of Rome from the beginning, repeatedly using that title in his first addresses after his election in March 2013. Now, over the last year, the Holy Father has introduced another subtle change which gives priority to his role as Bishop of Rome. What's new is that Pope Francis is now signing documents from the Lateran, instead of from the Vatican.

The Lateran decision — implemented quietly without an official announcement of any change — is Pope Francis's way of emphasizing the roots of his universal office, rather than the simple fact of it. More than his predecessors, Pope Francis is quite deliberate about where his official documents are signed.

The signature style on a papal document does not change its importance or its content. But teaching documents are meant to teach. The details of the papal signature are meant, Pope Francis intends, to teach something about the nature of his office as Bishop of Rome.

—excerpt from commentary by Father Raymond J. de Souza in "National Catholic Register," Nov. 9, 2020

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 15, 2020



Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.

— Matthew 25:14-30

CHANGE OUR LIVES

The letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent, and that devoting time or attention to anything else was foolish.

As time progressed, this fervor subsided a bit. Today we may wonder, when we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we should take them to heart, if we really believe that Christ still may come upon us as a "thief at night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Does this mean that we are to stop our long-range goal-setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund?

Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus.

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ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE (1769-1852) November 18

Pope Benedict once declared himself struck by how remarkably diverse our American saints are—some native born: Mother Seton, Katherine Drexel, Kateri Tekakwitha; most, like many Catholics today, immigrants: Padre Serra, Bishop Neumann, Mother Cabrini, Rose Philippine Duchesne.

When the French Revolution that dispersed her convent ended, Rose joined the Religious of the Sacred Heart, volunteering for their United States mission, opening the first free school west of the Mississippi. Only after lengthy service as Superior did Rose—now seventy-one—realize her life's dream, undertaking a mission among the Potawatomi Indians. When some worried about her advanced age and failing health, the Jesuit mission leader overruled them: "She must come! She may not be able to do much work, but she'll bring the mission success by praying for us!"

Frustrated by her inability to learn their languages, Rose nevertheless "spoke" to the Native Americans by her prayerful presence before the tabernacle. "Quah-kah-kanum-ad," they named her, "Woman-Who-Prays-Always"—their way of bestowing the title the Church would later make official: saint!

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

INDOOR MASSES AT ASCENSION

As the weather has changed and our county is easing restrictions, it's time for our community to celebrate **liturgies indoors**. Our Parish Reopening Task Force believes that the **optimal place for safe indoor worship** during this phase is **Worner Hall**.

Pre-register on [EventBrite](#), or call Lea Hering at 408-499-0831. Face coverings and 6-foot distancing are *required*. Bring your own hand sanitizer (chairs will be provided).

O my God, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve to be served, to give without counting the cost, to fight without fear of being wounded, to work without seeking rest, and to spend myself without expecting any reward, but the knowledge that I am doing your holy will. Amen.

— St. Ignatius of Loyola

ALL HAVE PURPOSE

God has created me to do Him some definite service.
He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.

I have my mission.

I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught.
—St. John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** **St. Margaret of Scotland** (11th cent. Scottish queen; patroness of Scotland)
- St. Gertrude** (13th cent. German nun & mystic; patroness of West Indies)
- Tuesday:** **St. Elizabeth of Hungary** (13th century Hungarian princess & religious; patroness of brides, hospitals, nurses, dying children)
- Wednesday:** **Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul** (built by Emperor Constantine in the 4th century to honor the saints believed to be buried there)
- St. Rose Philippine Duchesne** (19th cent. French nun & educator in U.S.; patroness of perseverance amid adversity)
- Saturday:** **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (based on apocryphal writings that narrate that Joachim and Anne, in thanksgiving for the gift of their daughter, brought her, when still a child, to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her to God.)

THANK YOU

Nov. 01, 2020	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$5,400	N/A
COLLECTED WESHARE	\$2,331 \$636	N/A
TOTAL	\$2,967	N/A



Having only modest talent is no excuse for not using it.
Think what the morning would be like if only talented birds sang!
— Anonymous

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28, or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
- Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday:** Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Nov 14 Sat 8:30 a.m. The Diem Family
5 p.m. Paul Lenarduzzi +
*7 p.m. Hung & Nhai Tran +
- Nov 15 Sun 8:30 a.m. Virginia Duzowski +
*9 a.m. All Parishioners
*11 a.m. Chuck & Peggy Schoppe
- Nov 16 Mon 8 a.m. Joseph Stolz +
- Nov 17 Tue 8 a.m. Lucia Maria D'Silva +
- Nov 18 Wed 8 a.m. Cornelio Padilla, Junior +
- Nov 19 Thu 8 a.m. Lich Tran +
- Nov 20 Fri 8 a.m. Mark Anthony Baylon +
- Nov 21 Sat 8:30 a.m. Father Antonio Festin +
5 p.m. Maxine Stice +
*7 p.m. Frank & Kenneth Martin +
- Nov 22 Sun 8:30 a.m. Marcella Shusis +
*9 a.m. All Parishioners
*11 a.m. The Nora Family

***Saturday 7 pm (live-stream) & Sunday 9 & 11 am Masses are not public liturgies.**

EVENTS

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



PUBLISHING DEADLINES

This is a reminder that if you have information that needs to be placed in the bulletin for the end of November, the month of December, and beginning of January, please email me the information as soon as possible. Because of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holiday closings, bulletins will have to be prepared many more weeks in advance than usual.

Thank you for your attention to the deadlines.
—Mary Park, Bulletin Editor

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

National Vocation Awareness Week was celebrated in our country November 1-7, 2020. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

I would like to thank you for your prayers and support for vocations over the years, and they have borne fruits. Please continue with your prayers for and your encouraging words to our young people as they discern their future.

Please also pray for our eight seminarians: Tony Famave, Manuel Barrios, Joseph Nguyen, Robert Lamorena, Ryan Mau, Duy Nguyen, Thanh Ho and Pedro Jose Jimenez. If you would like to hear each seminarian's personal story, they have recorded a short video about themselves which can be found on the diocesan website (dsj.org/vocations).

—Fr. Andrew, Vocations Director

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