

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

08: Joseph Afram
10: Edwin Yahir Alvarado
12: Frank Dennany
12: Yun Hi Davis
13: Millie Budney
15: Nat Garcia
15: Les Leslie
15: Jodi Aerts
19: Christ Afram
22: Michael Afram
24: Nurium Garcia Alvarado

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

06: Don & Maureen Smith
12: Ray & Bev Moyer
17: John & Sheila Seaquist
25: Arnie & Kay Johannes



Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

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| Dylan Anderson | John Evans | Kimberly Martin | Bernadette Servis |
| Sid Barr | Linda Gardner | Willard Mock | Ray Servis |
| Robert Berry | Elizabeth Gillam | Greg Moore | Jane Sliwinski |
| Patricia Bonnewitz | Lynn Goss | Jane Moreton | Don Smith |
| Gloria Bowden | Mary Graf | Beverly Moyer | Margaret Smith |
| Kellsei Boyce | Kathleen Hamilton | Chris Moyer | Maureen Smith |
| Millie Budney | Jeanne Harper | Ray Moyer | Chere Tew |
| Sandra Burke | James Heady | Don Notestein | Jim Tew |
| Julie Byron | Pablo Ignacio | Patsy Notestein | Fred Toth |
| Deacon John Carey | Patrick Ignacio | Angel Ortiz | Amy Tracy |
| Riordan Cavoris | Meja Irvin | George Perry | Emilia Walker |
| Suzi Crawford | Leslie Jarrett | Gary Peters | Charles Watson |
| Justin Curtis | Maggie Kreiser | Laurie Peters | Danielle Weedon |
| Trish Decresce | Fran Lecco | Frank Powell | Laura Williams |
| Alessia Destefano | Paul Lent | Nelson Sanchez | Louise Williams |
| Carol Donato | Patel Mahenra | Princess Sanchez | Michael Williams |
| Islea Duncan | Carolyn Martin | John Seaquist | Betty Jo Wolfrum |

The Financial Corner

Collections: November 1&2 (All Saints \$75.00 and All Souls \$1262.00):
Attendees: November 2: 74

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More ways to help with the Palestinian Relief Effort:
Catholic Relief Services: <https://www.crs.org/donate>
Catholic Near East Welfare Association: <https://cnewa.org/>



Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



November 9, 2025
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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Holy Eucharist
Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Thursday: 12:15 PM

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact
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A Reflection by B. Sidney Smith

Scouring the Temple

When it comes to the question, "What Would Jesus Do?", there was a humorous meme a bit ago, saw it on Facebook, noting that whipping people and flipping tables are among the options. Today's reading from the Gospel of John is not, of course, a call to violence against others. It is much more serious than that.

We live in a time of money-changers. "The chief business of the American people is business," said President Coolidge a century ago. Then as now stock markets were booming and unending economic expansion seemed the natural order. This attitude is now so deeply ingrained in the culture, so internalized by Americans themselves, that every aspect of life has become a commodity, something to be bought or sold.

For example, in the 1960s most college students, when surveyed, claimed they attended college to become more knowledgeable and more wise; they aimed to become scientists, writers, historians, artists, educators, or leaders. Polls today show students overwhelmingly value college solely as a means to a high-paying job. The most popular major is business administration.

Our politicians unashamedly serve the interests of big business owners ahead of any commitment to the public welfare, to sustainability, or even to the rule of law. Thus education, healthcare, public works, public offices, our personal information, even human beings—all are commodities to be bought and sold, like so many oxen, sheep, or doves.

G.K. Chesterton noted—years before Coolidge touted business as the animating soul of America—that Christianity even when watered down is hot enough to boil all modern society to rags. This is because Christianity knows about the Temple.

In the Old Testament the Temple was a sacred place where God's presence dwelt among his people, but it was set apart from the business of ordinary life, accessible only to those ordained and purified. The prophet Ezekiel foreshadowed a reimagining of the Temple as something both more transcendent and more imminent, a mystical portal out of which flowed like water God's life-giving power onto the Earth, renewing it, making it fresh and clean, filling it with all good things.

After scouring the Temple in Jerusalem of its money-changers and sellers, Jesus intimates that He, Himself, in His very body and in His divinity, is this Temple, the real Temple, the Temple that cannot be destroyed except it be raised again in glory. So it was.

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But it doesn't end there. For the body of Jesus that is the real Temple of God remains on Earth. We are now the Temple, and Christ is the cornerstone. The purpose of the Temple has not changed. It remains a sacred place where God dwells, and through which, out of which, God's light is to shine upon the world, renewing it and making it holy. St. Paul asks us point-blank, "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

Which begs the question: Are we perhaps in need of a little scouring? Light cannot shine through a dirty lens. To be Christ's body, it seems to me, is to be in tension with a dominant value system that subordinates the dignity of the human person to monetary profit and worldly ambition, and thoughtlessly sacrifices human society, and the natural world on which it depends, to the greed of money-changers.

We are called to ask, what would Jesus do.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Tuesday, Nov. 11: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (7:30 pm)

Saturday, Nov. 15: Mac's Kitchen

Saturday, Nov. 15: OCIA (10:45 am)

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Finance Council Meeting (6:00 pm)

Saturday, Nov. 22: OCIA (10:45 am)

Sunday, Nov. 23: Rite of Acceptance of Acceptance (OCIA) during mass

Sunday, Nov. 30: First Sunday of Advent (This is the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. We enter Cycle A.)

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MASONRY WORK AVAILABLE

The Valasco Family is lining up customers for those who need masonry work. Services are available for residential or commercial remodeling. They are brick layers, stone masons and block masons. Call for a free estimate at either 434-382-7119 or 434-258-2743 if they can be of assistance.