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Feast of Christ the King

November 21, 2021



To all who join us for this celebration of the **Feast of Christ the King**, we welcome you as we welcome Christ himself. Whether you are a regular parishioner, an occasional visitor or one who is worshipping with our community for the first time, please know that you are always welcome at Our Lady of the Valley and St. Raphael churches.

Clergy

Father Edward J. Kaminski, CSC, pastor
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Deacon Bill Swanson
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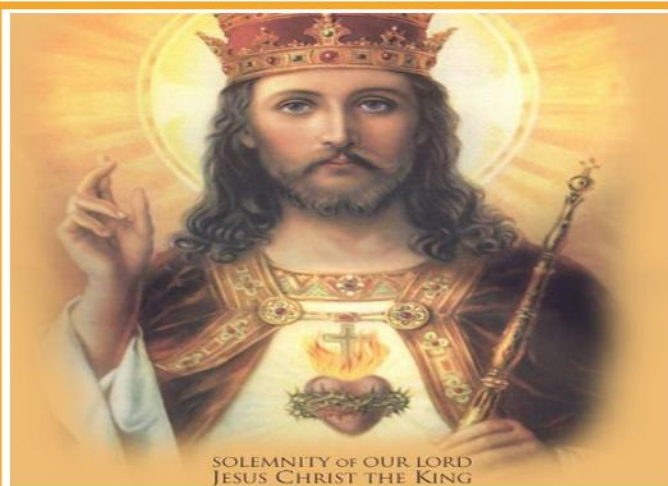
Father Duane Balcerski, CSC, Weekend Ministry

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4:00 pm, Our Lady of the Valley
Sunday, 8:00 am, 12:00 pm St. Raphael
Sunday, 10:00 am, Our Lady of the Valley
Sunday, 5:00 pm, Filipino Our Lady of the Valley

Weekday Masses

Monday, 9:00 am, Our Lady of the Valley
Tuesday, 9:00 am, St. Raphael
Wednesday, 9:00 am, Our Lady of the Valley
Thursday, 9:00 am, St. Raphael
Friday, 9:00 am, Our Lady of the Valley



“Love God with all your being, and love others as I have loved you.” His love is selfless, compassionate, forgiving, and unconditional. He is a King with a saving and liberating mission: freeing us from all types of bondage, enabling us to live peacefully and happily on earth, and promising us an inheritance in the eternal life of heaven.

An attitude of gratitude

This final week of the church's year frequently encompasses the American holiday of Thanksgiving. This is one of those years. Gratitude is a worthy disposition with which to bring the Year of Grace 2021 to an end and begin a new Year of Grace with the arrival of the Advent next weekend.

Since March 2020 when the dark pall of Covid-19 descended upon our global community and the normal ebb and flow of daily life became anything but normal, there has been a lot to complain about. Throughout these difficult days much of our American citizenry has not been shy about voicing their dissatisfaction about virtually everything thanks to the unchecked access to social media.

Regardless how you feel about the efficacy of the available vaccines, the science shows they have made a difference. While we are not totally out of the woods with regard to this Covid thing, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. The availability of a vaccine for children has made that light a little brighter. I would like to suggest that this season of gratitude which encompasses the proverbial holidays provides an appropriate time to make an attitudinal shift in the uncivil discourse that has tarnished the unity of our nation. It is time to replace the acrimony with human decency and an attitude of gratitude.

President Abraham Lincoln issued his 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation, "In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity." His invitation to the nation to mark a day of national Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of November was a step toward healing the great divide and restoring harmony. Lincoln called upon "Almighty God," to whom our thanksgiving is directed, "to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union."

A year later (1864) Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation once again established the last Thursday of November, "as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the Universe." He further urged that the citizens of this nation "do reverently humble themselves in the dust and from thence offer up penitent and fervent prayers and supplications to the Great Disposer of Events for a return of the inestimable blessings of peace, union, and harmony throughout the land." Not only must we be a people of gratitude, said Lincoln, but that we need to acknowledge that we, who have been complicit with division, are also the agents of restored unity.

It seems the nation Lincoln was addressing was a lot like us today. As godless as some say this nation has become, we still pledge our allegiance as "one nation under God."

If we believe what we say in that pledge then Lincoln's recommendation that we find the ability to be grateful when we humble ourselves as a people "under" the "beneficent Creator and Ruler of the Universe" needs to be a part of that healing remedy.

In the midst of domestic and global strife; I contend that our combined parish family of Our Lady of the Valley and St. Raphael has been a model of harmony and collaboration over the course of some difficult days. Even while dealing with the Covid concerns of the rest of the world, in the past year we had the added stress of rebuilding parish life in the midst of four months of church remodel at St. Raphael. During that time the OLV community graciously took in the St. Raphael community. That's what family does!

Just as our nation has plenty of work to do, "to form a more perfect union" (Preamble, US Constitution), so do we as a combined parish family. Gratefully, our parishes are well ahead of our nation in that quest for "a more perfect union;" like the one Jesus envisioned for the church on the night before he died when he prayed, "that they may all be one" (Jn. 17:21). As we approach another Thanksgiving Day, we may not have attained our goal of perfect unity, but we are a very positive work in progress. In itself, that is cause for thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Day is the beginning of what has collectively become known as "the holiday season" that encompasses a variety of holidays and holy days for us as a Catholic faith community. Our inter-parish Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 am this Thursday at St. Raphael Church has become a personal highlight for me with our family gathered around the family Eucharistic table. This Thanksgiving marks the seventeenth Thanksgiving Day Mass I am privileged to celebrate with our combined parish family. Whether you are able to attend that Mass or not, you are the source of my thanksgiving. As well, your support of the charitable outreach of our local St. Vincent de Paul conferences at that Mass through your monetary gift or gifts of non-perishable foods is itself an act of gratitude for God's blessings upon us. In turn, our gift of grateful thanksgiving becomes a blessing for people in need in our neighborhood.

To all our parish families and our exceptional team of clergy and lay parish staff, thank you! May our attitude of gratitude continue to be the source of blessing that sustains us.

Fr. Ed Kaminski, CSC
Pastor

Preserve union, peace, and charity as the most precious of all possessions and the essential condition of all your happiness.

Letters, *Blessed Basil Moreau, CSC*

MASS INTENTIONS - SCHEDULE

Monday, Nov. 22 Our Lady of the Valley	St. Cecilia 9:00 am Int. of David Littrell
Tuesday, Nov. 23 St. Raphael	St. Clement I 9:00 am † John Parks
Wednesday, Nov. 24 Our Lady of the Valley	St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc 9:00 am Int. of Theresa Le
Thursday, Nov. 25 St. Raphael	St. Catherine 9:00 am † Lourdes A. Torre
Friday, Nov. 26 Our Lady of the Valley	9:00 am Int. of Aquino Family
Saturday, Nov. 27 Our Lady of the Valley	Vigil First Sunday of Advent 4:00 pm Leo & Pat Shanahan 65th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, Nov. 28 St. Raphael	First Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Parishioners STR/OLV
Our Lady of the Valley	10:00 am † Ronald Konecki
St. Raphael	12:00 pm † Maureen Slickers
Our Lady of the Valley	5:00 pm † Olbe Family

Readings for the Week of November 21, 2021

Monday	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Sir. 50:22-24; Ps 138:1-5; Col 3:12-17; Lk 17:11-19.
Friday	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

The Sanctuary Lamp at Our Lady of the Valley Chapel is burning this week in loving memory of **Robert Jennings** as requested by Leah Johnson.

“That they may all be one.”
- John 17:21

“For this I was born
and for this I came
into the world, to
testify to the truth.”

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

Psalm — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

Second Reading — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

Gospel — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).



In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday the parish offices will close at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, November 24 and reopen on Monday, November 29.

***Celebrate Together!
Seventeenth Annual
Our Lady of the Valley / St. Raphael***

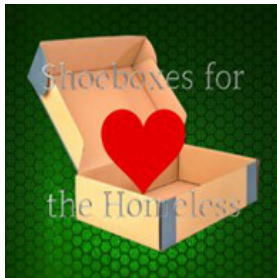
***Thanksgiving Day Family Mass
Thursday, November 25, 9:00 am
St. Raphael Church***

**Your gifts of cash and non-perishable food items
will support the on-going
work of our two St. Vincent de Paul conferences.**



SHOEBOXES FOR THE HOMELESS

Your help is needed to make this a better Christmas for those less fortunate. The next two weekends, December 4/5 and December 11/12, **Our Lady of the Valley Women's Club** and **St. Raphael's Women's Guild**, will be collecting Shoeboxes for the Homeless men and women at Andre House. Collection boxes will be in the vestibules of both parishes throughout both weekends.



Gift boxes should be wrapped and labeled for a "man" or "woman" and include personal toiletries such as deodorant, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair brushes, combs, shampoo, conditioner, disposable razors, shaving cream, chap stick, hand cream, Q-tips, sunscreen, band-aids, shoelaces, nail clippers, cough drops, washcloths and white socks. Gloves, hats, scarves, flashlight, batteries and larger size zip-top plastic bags are useful items also. Monetary donations will be given to Andre House to use as they see fit.

***Pre-Order your Breakfast Burritos
OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY WOMEN'S
CLUB*** will be selling regular and green chili break-



fast burritos for \$3.00 next Sunday, December 5, in the Social Room after 10:00 am Mass.

**Contact Louise Precosky
(602-373-1144) to place pre-
orders of 4 or more by
Wednesday, December 1.**

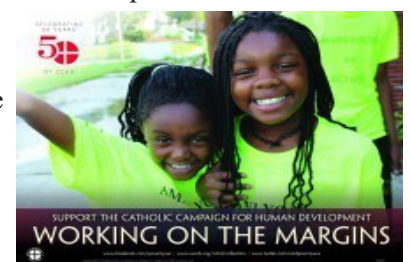
**Our Lady of the Valley Women's Club
ADVENT WREATH and
CANDLE SALE**

This is the last weekend we will be selling Advent wreaths and candles outside the entrance of the church after 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday and after 10:00 am Mass on Sunday. A box of candles is \$5.00 per box. We are limited on supplies for Advent wreaths.



**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
WORKING ON THE MARGINS**

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd. Place your CCHD gift in the collection with your regular offering.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for Cindy Ward, David Gregory, Desiree Yarborough, Cara Smith and family, Arlene Snofsky, Patrick & Norma Stewart, Dee MacMaster, Paul & Susan Mehle, Michael & Sydney Trojanek, Nina Kondos, Jake Leonhardt, Regina Flint, Bill & Marty Watson, Pat Chrisman, Terry Marcoline, Jodie Davis, Robert Lopez, and all those in need of our prayers.
Anyone from either parish wishing to place someone on the prayer list may do so **if they have their permission.**

Email Marilyn: ms-churchlady@hotmail.com

Seasons of Celebration

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil Mass, Tuesday, December 7, 6:30 pm
St. Raphael Church
Wednesday, December 8
9:00 am & 6:30 pm Mass
Our Lady of the Valley Church

Advent Reconciliation

Monday, December 13, 6:30-8:00 pm
Our Lady of the Valley Church
(No service; several priests)

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Christmas Masses

Friday, December 24

4:00 pm, Our Lady of the Valley
4:30 pm, St. Raphael
7:00 pm, Filipino Mass, Our Lady of the Valley

Mass at Night

10:00 pm, St. Raphael

Saturday, December 25

8:00 am, St. Raphael
10:00 am, Our Lady of the Valley

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 26
No vigil Mass; Regular Sunday Masses

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (Not a day of obligation this year)

Vigil Mass, Friday, December 31, 4:00 pm
Our Lady of the Valley Church

Solemnity of the Epiphany

(No vigil Mass)

Sunday, January 2, 2022
8:00 am, St. Raphael
10:00 am, Our Lady of the Valley
Noon, St. Raphael
5:00 pm, Filipino Mass, Our Lady of the Valley

Sunday Offering Week 19, 2020-2021
November 6-7, 2021

Our Lady of the Valley

Cash/Check Collections: \$3,782
Filipino Collection: no report
WeShare Online: \$4,643
Total Collections: \$ 8,425

Amount Needed To Meet Weekly
Expenses: \$9,719

St. Raphael

Cash/Check Collections: \$4,193
WeShare Online: \$2,918
Total Collections: \$7,111

Amount Needed to Meet Weekly Expenses: \$8,644



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(The Lord Keeps
His Promises)***



**Tuesday, December 14,
6:00 PM
via Facebook live**





‘Tis the Season!

Come and do your Christmas shopping at the Annual Art/Craft/
Bake Sale!

Goodies galore will be available in Hibner Hall on
December 3, 4 & 5

from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm (2:00 pm on Sunday)

Donations of craft or baked goodies can be brought to the Hall beginning on
December 1 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

See you at the sale!

Sponsored by the St. Raphael Women's Guild and
the Parish Painting Group

*Special Feature: Pancake Breakfast after the 8:00 am Mass sponsored by
the St. Raphael Men's Club.*

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