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9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

Monday and Friday — 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

Tuesday and Thursday — 5:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph

Wednesday — 6:45 a.m. at Saint Joseph

First Saturday — 8:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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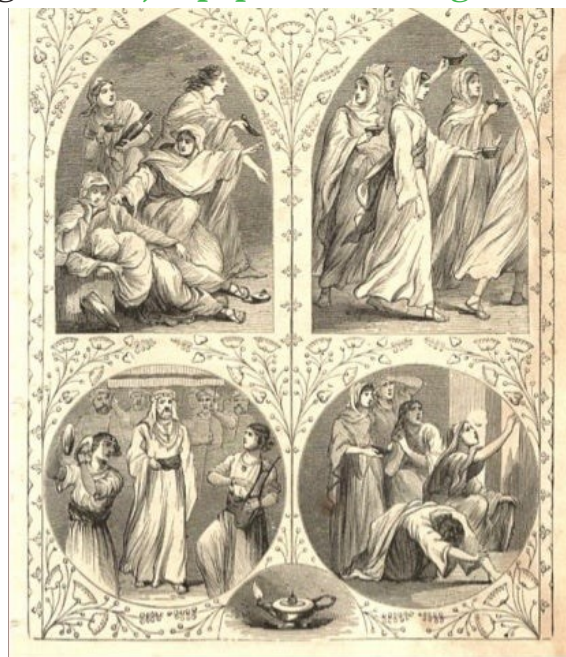
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Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are Yours.

### Please pray for our Priests, Seminarians and Deacons

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these special men. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

November 12	Rev. Michael Richard, JCL./John Michael Fruge, Jr. Dcn. Malcolm Melancon
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### MINISTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
November 18 4:00 p.m.	Earl Price	Linda Landry	Volunteers
November 19 7:00 a.m.	Russell Steiner	Isela Kerne	Volunteers
10:30 a.m.	Mike Ackal	Raymond Bergeron	Volunteers
Thanksgiving Day November 23	Betty Guidry	Debbie Oubre	Volunteers

### Please pray for our parish family members who are sick:

Stuart Sandoz, Duffy Domingue, Eric Clements, Trevor Louviere, Austin Willett, Willey Poirrier, Butch White, Lydia May, Rowena Borel, Patricia Freyou, Lecia Broussard, Chad Borel, Ashley Hebert, Stephen Dugas, Jade Delcambre, Pat Villermin, Ira Bourque, Brennan Wingfield, Betty Suire, Joe Judice, Mike Habetz, Jamie Brady, Nona

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Hebert, Jory L. Bernard, Annette Dugas, Kayla Barras Veronie, Jamie Ransonet, Robert LeBlanc, Sr., Randy Dugas, Rudy Delcambre, Ted Habetz, Clarence Theriot, Junelle Jefferies, Robin Neuville, Fred Thibodeaux, Lucy Bernard, Leif Melancon, Charlie Berard, Allen Gondron, Brad Clifton, Rodney Prioux, Holly LeBlanc, Carl LeBlanc.

**November 5, 2023**

<b>Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes</b>	\$ 4,739.00
<b>Regular Sunday Offering Loose</b>	\$ 2,951.00
<b>Regular Collection Total</b>	\$ 7,690.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$ 7,385.00
<b>Difference</b>	+ \$ 305.00
<b>All Saints</b>	\$ 2,454.00
<b>All Souls</b>	\$ 367.00
<b>Present Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$ 141,994.61</b>
<b>Donation Against Loan Balance</b>	\$ 40.00
<b>Insurance Balance 2023-2024</b>	<b>\$ 36,552.00</b>
<b>Insurance Collection</b>	\$ 230.00

**Altar Flowers were donated in memory of**

Dr. Harold and Kathleen Heitkamp

**The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for**

For the Community

**The Vocation Chalice is in**

The Adoration Chapel

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in your home please call the rectory office at 229-4254*

**The Bi-Monthly Statue is in the home of**

Parishioners

**Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for:** Vance Breaux Sr., Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Deyna Champagne, Harold Champagne, Chad Romero, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Steve and Donna Berard Special Intention, Domingue Family, Lynn and Theresa Delcambre Ancestors and Descendants.

### **Mass Intentions — 11/11 — 11/17**

**Saturday 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. StJo —** Robert Lee Prados, Lucille Breaux Prados, Nola Champagne, Ancestors and Descendants, Clyde Hebert, Lucille Landry Hebert, Audrie Delahoussaye, Ancestors and Descendants, Elivage Prados, Mathilda Prados, Becky Doucet, Ancestors and Descendants, Rachel Ransonet Romero, Jimmy Clifton, Brad Clifton (Rec.), Dr. Harold and Kathleen Heitkamp, Walter and Doris M. Judice, Rusty Ruiz, Allen Gondron, Dupoy and Lasseigne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Ronald Albert, Robert Judice, Sr. Family, Antoine “Boy” LeBlanc Family, Johnny and Rose Albert, Lynn and Theresa Delcambre Family, Ancestors and Descendants, Sidney, Margaret, Craig Breaux, Pauline Guidry, Jeremy Savoy, Family, Clyde Hebert, Lucille Landry Hebert, Billie J. Bodin, Lawrence Melancon, Felicie Gaudet, Dr. James Russell Romeo, Robert Judice, Sr., Joe Escagne, Sam and Glo Delcambre and Family, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Roslie LeJeune, John Lacour, Special Intention, Gloria Albert (Special Intention), Ronald Albert, Ossie Romero, Jr., Daisy and Perlice Armentor, Billy Degeyter, Chester “Butch” Gonsoulin and Parents, Mutchie Ransonet, Sady and Daisy Ransonet, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Nola Champagne, Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Landry and Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Harold Champagne, Cal and Margie Berard, Audrey Crochet, Paul Crochet Family, Jordan Prince and Special Intention, Vance Breaux Sr., Sally Domingue, Cabrol and Domingue Family, Dr. John Rellus Hebert, Perry J. Judice, Lorrain Breaux Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Albert Rodriguez, Clarence and Hilda Landry, Otto, Sr. and Laurence Girouard, Terradot Family, Theresa Girouard Allen, Melvin Dugas, Roy Sr. and Gladys Berard, Lloyd and Anne Broussard, Simon and Felicie Granger, Forbus and Myrtle Mestayer, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Kim Decuir, Leed and Mabel Gondron, Forgotten Souls in Purgatory, Henry and Renella Pelafigue and Josh, Virginia

Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Cloures Dugas, Mr. and Mrs. John Prados, Sr., John Michael Steiner, Jay Gonsoulin Family, Paul Sonnier Family and Clyde Warfel Family, Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry, Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Joe and Rita Habetz, Mary Kay Habetz, Tom Voorhies, Tommy Breaux, Jennings Fournet, Maude Granger and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger, Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip Schneider, Lolly Harbin, Lovell Romero, Tim Edler, Hubert and Lily Mae Richard, Ancestor and Descendants, Anna Mae Judice, Ronald “Ron” Judice, Carl Wayne Judice, Alton and Deanna Gondron, Pamela Bonin, Ovey LeBlanc, Gerard Gondron, Larry Crochet, Matthew Thibeaux, Louis Thibeaux Family, Edmond Lancon Family, Viator and Judice Fly, Loto Louviere, Jr., Gam Gondron Family, Keri Bonin Boutte, Bonin and Boutte Family, Clyde Dressel, Judy Judice, Beauregard Judice, Gondron and Deville Family Ancestors and Descendants, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Wayne Guillory and Mathilde Romero, Horace and Sylvia Thibodeaux, Pliny and Carolyn Breaux Walet, Cathy Defelice, Tracey Defelice Guilbeau, Sandra Angelle and Glenn Angelle, Angelle Family, Wade & Lou Dupre, Aline Smith, Derrick Taylor, Nellie Hebert Arceneaux, Sara Escamilla, Trenace Songe, Myra Starr, Brian Robichaux, Jane Watkins, Claire Landry, Lee Villarrubia, Milton Martinez, Bishop Warren Boudreaux, Bishop Joseph Latino, Msgr. John Newfield, Msgr. Francis Amedee, Msgr. Andrew Frey, Rev. Albert Richardson, Msgr. Richard Soseman, Fr. Varin Slacke OFM, Deacon Mel Marts, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Clotilde Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet, Francis Crochet.

**Sunday 7:00 a.m. StJo —** *Pro Populo* Saint Joseph & Our Lady of Victory

**Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV —** Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Adeline and James Hebert, Chelsie Breaux, Carroll Boutte, Doris Boutte, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Brian Derouen.

**Tuesday 5:30 p.m. StJo —** Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Special Intention, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Jason Suarez Family, Cameron Barrilleaux Family, Destani Armstong Family.

**Wednesday 6:45 a.m. StJo —** Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne, Families Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, John Michael Steiner, Andrew “Toupee” Bonin, Francis Crochet, Jacque Braquet, Michael and Roy Thibodeaux.

**Thursday 5:30 p.m. StJo —** Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Matt Thibeaux, Nicholas LeBlanc, Jr. Family, Michael and Terry, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants.

**Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV —** Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Judice and Walet Families, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants.



## November's Eternal Motivations

by John M. Grondelski

November 1 was the Solemnity of All Saints. And it also launched the month of November, which, in Catholic tradition, is devoted to prayers for the departed and thoughts about our own mortality. As the Church's liturgical year draws to a close, readings at Mass assume a decidedly eschatological tone: death, judgment, Hell, Heaven.

We start on a positive note. All Saints Day celebrates those who got it right! It fetes those whose lives attained what they were supposed to: beatitude. Obstacles and sufferings notwithstanding, with the help of God's grace, their lives were successes in the only true meaning of that word.

The Gospel for All Saints Day is Matthew 5:1-12, the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount. This year, the Gospel for Christ the King, the last Sunday of the liturgical year (November 26) is Matthew 25:31-46. It features Christ's Second Coming as judge of the living and the dead, the sheep and goats divided according to the Beatitudes.

November is, therefore, marked by an elevated moral vision. That shouldn't be surprising, because Judaism and Christianity were distinct vis-à-vis other religions in the ancient world precisely because of their moral focus: our relationship with the Deity is moral, based on true love (which keeps the Commandments). Compared to man, the gods of pagan religions were stronger but not better. For example, many ancient texts speak of a primordial flood, but only the Biblical account attributes its cause to God's judgment upon "how great the wickedness of man was on earth, and how every desire that their heart conceived was always nothing but evil." (Genesis 6:5; cf. 6:7-9, 11-13; 7:1).

Throughout November, Catholics are also exhorted to be sober and vigilant, ready for the end because, "it is appointed for man once to die, and after death, the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27-28) in which God will "repay each one, according to his deeds." (Romans 2:6)

Catholic theology has always emphasized that the motivations behind how we mind our eternal welfare must be supernatural: they must be somehow connected to God. Because our fundamental problem is sin, Catholic theology traditionally divided those motivations into two types: attrition and contrition. In attrition, we regret sin and seek God primarily from a perspective of fear for our fate: eternal loss of God is, obviously, existential failure, while eternal Beatitude is existential fulfillment. In contrition, we regret sin and seek God primarily from a perspective of love for God: sin is ingratitude to God, Whom one "should (and wants to) love above all things."

Attrition is an early stage of contrition: while focused on the self, it nevertheless recognizes that the self needs and wants God. Joined to the Sacrament of Penance, attrition is sufficient supernatural motivation to forgive sins. Perfect contrition, a gift of God's grace, itself forgives sin, but since such a person wants to do God's Will (and God's Will as to the "normal" way for forgiving sins is the Sacrament of Penance that He instituted), it also is properly joined to Confession.

The most realistic spiritual writers over the ages have recognized that most of us are at the attrition level. And because that is typically the case, many non-Catholic thinkers have criticized Christian ethics for what they call "self-interest." Karl Marx uses that argument to ground his theory of "alienation": what's wrong with the proletariat is their "false consciousness," their deferral of justice now in the name of pie-in-the-sky-after-you-die. But the most powerful critic of spiritual "self-interest," with arguably the most lasting impact, was

Immanuel Kant. His entire ethic is based on the exclusion of self-interest from moral consideration.

In a too-neglected early work, **The Ethics Primer**, Karol Wojtyła (later, Pope Saint John Paul II) refuted that Kantian claim. Self-interest need not be "heteronomous," because self-interest and one's objective good can be one and the same. The desire for being saved and my salvation are not opposed to each other.

So, given this moral perspective and the nudge towards aspiring towards higher levels of love, towards purer love of God rather than fear of His judgments, what motivations might influence our considerations about how we are readying ourselves to stand before God's judgment seat. Many — perhaps most of us — might be driven by fear with a dash of hope (and let's hope not presumption) to "get off" by the skin of our spiritual teeth.

I've found a nobler inspiration in the thought of Saint Josemaría Escrivá, the founder of Opus Dei. In **The Way**, a collection of pithy observations designed to foster meditation, Escrivá writes this way about judgment: "Does your soul not burn with the desire to make your Father God happy when He has to judge you?"

Jesus taught us to call God "our Father." A healthy human experience of fatherhood is grounded in filial respect: "I want to make my father proud of me." A child who comes from a loving home thinks about how he can enhance that happiness, his parents' happiness.

As a Polish priest once put it, "a saint is someone unafraid of his biography." In thinking about our judgment, rather than asking "what am I going to do with this overweight spiritual baggage?" can we aspire to say, "when God looks at my life, will He be able to say, 'that's my son!' 'that's my daughter!'"



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### PRAYERS FOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

O Lord, Who art ever merciful and bounteous with Thy gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in Purgatory. Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of Thy loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfill their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold Thee face to face in Thy glory. May they soon be united with Thee and hear those blessed words which will call them to their heavenly home: "Come, blessed of My Father, take possession of the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."



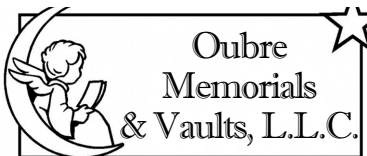
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