November 4, 2018  
31st. Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1  
Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying:  "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life.

Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!

Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

Reading 2  
Hebrews 7:23-28

Brothers and sisters:  
The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens.

He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself.

For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

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I know last year we simply wrote checks St. Mary's and marked it for Food Drive or Oblates. This caused Ministry, Disaster Recovery, etc.) by marking the memo on the check.

I would like to dedicate this year's Oblate Mission Collection to Victorious Missionaries. You may also provide items that are not on a tag and we will distribute those accordingly. If you would like to provide additional support to St. Joseph and St. Stevens Social Outreach you may also write a check directly to them. You can place the check in the collection basket by November 18th

2nd Charity Outreach Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate

The Oblates of Mary Immaculate have missions all around the world. One of the Oblate missions is to provide the Gospel to young adults and encourage them to be leaders in their faith. That is how I ended up at Rice University! The Oblates provide me all my living expenses and we would like to show our appreciation to Oblates and support their ongoing missions. To support the Oblate Mission this year during our charity outreach you can write a check to the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (Federal Tax ID 52-2133729) and Fr. Ray will present them with checks the week of December 10th. Checks can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the CSC at 1703 Bolsover St. by December 9th. One of the Missions that Fr. Ray supports is Victorious Missionaries. The Oblates founded this spiritual support group for people with disabilities or who were chronically ill. Its purpose was to encourage those with disabilities to reach out to others with disabilities, sharing their gifts of prayer and the Gospel. This group offers spiritual support via retreats, letters, small group meetings, and phone calls.

Their Mission: We, the members of the Victorious Missionaries, commit and dedicate ourselves to offer to God and to each other our giftedness, our visions, and our dreams. We will create and foster an atmosphere where all members are encouraged and empowered to come to a deeper understanding of the call to live out of our Gospel Values and bring God's message of love to all people.

I would like to dedicate this year’s Oblate Mission Collection to Victorious Missionaries. You may also mark the check for a different Mission (i.e. Mission to Young Adults, Native Americans, US Border Ministry, Disaster Recovery, etc.) by marking the memo on the check.

I know last year we simply wrote checks St. Mary’s and marked it for Food Drive or Oblates. This caused some confusion with accounting, thus the shift in process this year. Thank you all for your presence, participation and support here at St. Mary’s!

Peace,
Fr. Ray
Community and Student Announcement

Mass Intentions - Each Mass is offered for a particular intention. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a loved one (living or deceased). The suggested donation is $5 per Mass but it is not required for an intention to be said. The donations for Mass intentions go directly to the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate at the end of each fiscal quarter.

Mass Intentions Schedule
Sunday, November 4, 2018
10:00 am Mass – for Rosemary Lewis
12:00 pm Mass – for All Souls
4:30 pm Mass – Open

We now offer Perpetual Mass Enrollment Cards through the Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate. Please see Fr. Ray for cards. There is a sample on the Bulletin Board in the Center.

Invitation

You are invited to the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, TX 77002 for the following Mass that will be offered for the various service professions.

Red Mass: November 12 – 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
Cardinal DiNardo – Celebrant/Homilist
For all the legal professions.

Dinner following in the Cathedral Center
Bishop Daniel Flores, Dinner speaker.

Dinner reservations contact Kelly Brant at kbrant@hoganfirm.com or 713-222-8800

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thanksgiving Food Drive Needs!

We now have only today, Sunday, November 4th, and next Sunday, November 11th, left. Food deliveries will be made on Sunday, November 18th.

As soon as possible please deposit your food/grocery items in the Student Center. If you were/are able to take a tag from the peg board outside the church, please return the tag with your item(s). This enables us to know that these items have been purchased for the families. READ THE BACK OF THE BULLETIN FOR DETAILS!

Thanks to Liuda Flores, there is now a sign-up sheet in the Student Center for those interested in being:

1. Sorters - Will sort through the donated items so they can be easily distributed into boxes for the individual families to whom we are giving this year.
2. Packers - Will pack the food for the individual families into boxes and then participate in loading the cars with those boxes.
3. Drivers - Will drive the food to the designated single family (1 of the 8 families we are giving to).
4. Driver Assistants - Will assist in loading the car in which they are traveling and unload it when they reach the family location.

Should you want to find out more about an activity, please see Bob Heyl, Tamara Ortiz Perez, or the specific activity leader listed below:

1. Sorters: Mark Virovatz
2. Packers: Mark Virovatz
3. Drivers: Camille Jenman
4. Children's Group: Edith Napoleon

This year there is no shopping team to buy food items, but donations of additional food items and $25 gift cards are always welcome.

As always, thank you for your active participation in the great work that all of you are doing.

The Bulletin and Charity Drive information can also be found online at catholics.rice.ed

Liturgy Collection for Sunday, October 28, 2018 - $2,145. Thank you