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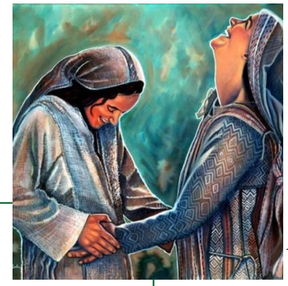
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15th, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Ann Tay Lecci
(Req. by Jeno Lecci and Family)

TUESDAY - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
12:05 PM - Leroy Pfeil
(Req. by daughter Barb & son-in-law Rupe)

WEDNESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
NO MASS

THURSDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
NO MASS

FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Richard Pinkerton
(Req. by Rose Pinkerton)

SATURDAY - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 PM - Richard Magro
(Req. by Debbie & Dave Magro)

SUNDAY - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
9:00 AM - Pro Populo

SANCTUARY CANDLE
For the Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Fr. John
Req. by Anonymous



The daily readings may be found at either USCCB.ORG or with the daily readings listed in the back of the missalette.

Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

IN LOVING MEMORY: The Sanctuary Lamp is available for your intentions by calling the parish office. Please attempt to request your intentions as early as possible. A $10 donation is suggested.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Confessions are heard from 6:30 until 7:00 PM on Wednesday Evenings. ***CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD FROM 3:00 PM until 3:40 PM THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH.*** **Confession may ALWAYS be arranged with Fr. John personally by calling the rectory office. Please avail yourselves to this life-giving sacrament!**

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Scheduled no less than **nine months** prior to the date of marriage. Four preparation sessions with the pastor, as well as all diocesan requirements, must be met. **All Catholic candidates for Marriage must be registered, practicing members of a parish at least 6 months prior to scheduling the wedding. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

INFANT BAPTISM: Baptisms are generally celebrated during one of the Sunday Liturgies. Pre-baptismal instructions must be completed by the parents at least 3 weeks prior to the celebration of the sacrament. Catholic godparents must obtain a letter of eligibility from their pastors four weeks in advance. Baptisms are never celebrated during the Season of Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Celebrated after any Sunday Mass as requested and as a parish during the Easter Season.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Wednesday and Friday following Mass.

MEMBERSHIP: Forms are located on the back page of the bulletin (or on the parish website) to be filled out and sent to the parish. Registrations are also welcome by phone.

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Collection - November 8, 2026

Loose Money	$287.00
Envelopes	$3281.00
Votive Candles	$40.00
St. Peregrine	$50.00
Apartment Rental - Nov	$625.00
Parking Lot Rent	$460.00
Total -	**$4779.00**
Second Collection -	**$865.00**

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Let us continue to pray for the members of our parish community who serve in the military, as well as for the sick, elderly and homebound members of our parish especially:

Anonymous Petitioners, Pat Balagusz, John Bair, Patty Bender, Ralph Blair, David Clark, Ronald Cleaver, Dolores Danner, Dorothy Fisher, Barbara Fox, Paul Harnish, Catherine Heinlein, Mary Carol Hill and children, Donna Johnson, Gianna Kniss, Karen Kohan, Marylee Konicky, Madeleine Krueger, Dick Krumenacker, Gaile Krumenacker, Victoria Leflie, Michael Letzo, Joanne Macri, Patricia Mainhart, Eric Mangiafico, Marianne Mangiafico, Pat Meagher, Deb McCaffrey, Myla Minner, Pauline Molchany, Jake Morisi, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Jean Petroro, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rovan, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Ken Turner, Megan Varmecky, Carrie Young

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Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of November 16th to November 22nd:



Roy Horner, Jr. — **Kaitlin O'Donnell**
Mickie Mills — **Larry Golish**
Terrence Werner — **Katrin O'Donnell**
Sidney Horner

For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part

Angel Tree 2026 - We are once again planning an Angel Tree. This is an opportunity to share our blessings with those who struggle to provide their children with gifts for Christmas. We will formally begin the project after the Turkey Raffle Fundraiser. If there are any parishioners who would like to submit the name of a needy child on the tree, please call the rectory office as soon as possible. Young children should aways be blessed with a happy and merry Christmas, so please consider this fine project. More details to follow.



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FOSTER YOUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE: We always pray the rosary Saturday evening at approximately 3:30 PM prior to Mass as well as every Tuesday at 6:00 PM. On Wednesdays, Mass is celebrated at 5:30 PM followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6:30 PM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament also occurs on Friday following the 12:05 PM Mass until 1:30 PM. We also pray the litany of St. Joseph since Wednesday is dedicated to the foster father of Jesus as the patron of the Universal Church.



Remember the perpetual parish intention for the rosary is for Fr. John's health, however, all personal intentions for the Rosary and adoration are your own. A VISITATION WITH OUR LORD PRESENT IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS NEARLY A PERFECT FORM OF PRAYER AND IT CAN MOVE YOU TO BELIEVE THAT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!!

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The 2027 Yearly Calendars of Prizes are now available! The 2027 Yearly Calendars have now arrived and are available for purchase in the main vestibule of the Church. This is potentially our largest fundraiser of the year. Please help us with this project by purchasing a calendar.They make wonderful Christmas gifts. Thank you.



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Save the Dates to Decorate - On Saturday, November 28th, we will be decorating for the Advent season and put new missalettes in the pews. We will be boxing up the old missalettes as well. In the month of December, there are a few dates we would need help with decorating and setting up for Christmas. For the week of December 13th, we need some individuals who are able to help set up the large trees in the sanctuary. We realistically only need about 2 - 3 people for this. If there is anyone who would like to help out, we would really appreciate it. Please call the rectory if you are able to assist with this task. The date in which the trees will go up will be determined at a later date. On Monday, December 21st, we will be decorating for the Christmas season. We appreciate any and all help we can for getting ready for the Advent and Christmas season.



From Pontiff to Pew:

During the Pope's Apostolic Journey to Uruguay, Argentina and Peru, Pope Leo XIV held Holy Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of Florida, National Shrine of Our Lady of the Thirty-Three in Uruguay. Here it his homily in its entirety:

Dear brothers and sisters of this land of Uruguay,

With great enthusiasm, I am here with you today next to Our Lady of the Thirty-Three. I come as a pilgrim to share in the faith and the tenderness with which the Uruguayan people have looked at the Mother of God for generations. I say to those who have come from different places, to those who have been making the pilgrimage here for years, and to those who are visiting for the first time today: I embrace all of you with affection and entrust you to Mary's protection.

Today, the word of God presents us with two women who lived in very different times and upon whom almost the same blessing is bestowed. To Judith, after the liberation of her people, it was said: "O daughter, you are blessed by the Most High God above all other women on earth" (Jud 13:18). Many centuries later, Elizabeth welcomes Mary into her home and exclaims: "Blessed are you among women" (Lk 1:42).

This connection was recognized very early on by Christian tradition. In Judith, it saw a woman who did not allow herself to be overcome by fear at a difficult time for her people. Through prayer and fasting, she made a decision that led her to risk her own life (cf. Jud 8-10). When victory came, Judith did not take credit for it, for she knew full well who had saved Israel, and said: "Begin a song to my God with tambourines, sing to my Lord with cymbals" (Jud 16:1). That is why the words with which her people welcomed her are so majestic: "You are the glory of Jerusalem, you are the great boast of Israel, you are the great pride of our nation!" (Jud 15:9). The people celebrated what God had done for them through Judith.

Hearing these words today before the Patroness of this country has a special resonance. This small image is linked to a decisive moment in Uruguay's history. In 1825, those who were fighting for the freedom of this land also turned to Mary, to place the beginning of their efforts under her protection. That gesture reminds us that the history of peoples, too, cannot be fully understood without reference to God. Thus, from the earliest days of the nation's founding, Uruguay has been intimately linked to a Mother. Since that time, generations have come and gone, circumstances have changed, including the relationship of many Uruguayans to the faith. Yet she has remained here. While Mary accompanied the history of this people, at the same time in so many homes other women preserved the faith and passed it on to their children.

I think of the mothers who placed the first words of prayer on their children's lips, who took them to be baptized, who prepared them to receive the sacraments, and who taught them to live out Christian charity. I think of the grandmothers who kept an altar at home, who prayed for the living and the deceased and who made God present in the ordinary events of life. Even in the early days of the Church we find something similar. Timothy's faith was rooted in two women, with the Apostle fondly recalling Timothy's grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. In them, "sincere faith" had first taken root, which Paul also recognized in Timothy (cf. 2 Tim 1:5). Scripture tells us little about those two women. We know, however, that Timothy, who would become a close collaborator of Saint Paul, was formed by that faith learned at home (cf. Acts 16:1-3).

This land also has women's names inscribed in its history of faith. Among them is Saint María Francisca Rubatto, who chose to remain among you and serve those most in need here. There are also the Blessed Martyrs Dolores and Consuelo Aguiar-Mella, two sisters born in Montevideo. Their lives were very different, but in all three we find supreme examples of faithfulness.

Yet most of this history of faith in the country was never written down in books. It was quietly passed down from generation to generation within families. When we wonder and ask where our faith comes from, the name of a specific woman often comes to mind: a mother, a grandmother, a godmother, a religious sister or a catechist. We may not remember every word they said to us, but we do remember how they prayed, how they spoke of the Lord and with what conviction they lived out what they taught us.

Today I would like to thank all of those women. Thank you for having believed and for having kept open a path to God in so many families. Some were able to do so supported by a long-standing family tradition; others had to sustain that faith with greater effort, perhaps without always finding understanding or support within their own homes. I know that many of you carry a very specific sorrow. You taught your children to pray, and today they no longer do so. You used to attend Mass together, and it has been years since they entered a church. You spoke to your grandchildren about God, and now you do not know if those words left a mark. Sometimes you wonder if you did something wrong or if it was all futile. Allow me to recall Saint Monica here, who knew that pain well. She prayed for years for a son who seemed to be drifting further and further from God, but she never stopped trusting in his grace. Therefore, do not consider what you have sown to be lost. The Lord himself taught us that the seed can grow without the sower knowing how (cf. Mk 4:27).

Mothers and grandmothers: never tire of passing on the faith! Preach with your lives as well as with your words. Insist on prayer, love, and hope; insist on them in season and out of season (cf. 2 Tim 4:2). Do so with patience, without harshness or discouragement. Even if your loved ones seem far from God, continue to place them before him. Do not stop blessing them, accompanying them, and simply reminding them of what they once received. There are doors that you cannot open, but God can.

I would also like to address the men — fathers and grandfathers. Your children and grandchildren need to see that the faith occupies a genuine place in the lives of the men in your family.

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