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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 22nd, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
NO MASS

TUESDAY - Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM - Leroy Pfeil
(Req. by daughter Barb & son-in-law Rupe)
Rescheduled from 11-17-26
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY - Thanksgiving Day
9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received During 2026

FRIDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05 PM - Alice A Podrebarac
(Req. by John & Patti Papcun)
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY - Vigil of 1st Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM - Basil Balagusz
(Req. by Family)

SUNDAY - 1st Sunday of Advent
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.

Please note: The parish offices will be closed on both Thursday, November 26th (Thanksgiving Day) and Friday, November 27th.

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.

$$$ INCOME $$$

Collection - November 15, 2026

Loose Money	$253.00
Envelopes	$2884.00
All Saints Day	$25.00
World Mission Sunday	$10.00
Catholic Charities	$70.00
All Souls Day	$45.00
Parking Lot Rent	$105.00
Total -	**$3392.00**

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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 23rd to November 29th:



Marian Cyburt **Daelan Krise**
Nicolett Stofko **Justin Horner**

George Mikesic

TURKEY RAFFLE: Once again, our annual Turkey Raffle was a huge sucess. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who helped made this event happen. Our parishioners were instrumental and supportive by generously donating gifts of money, gift cards and items for the basket of cheer, door prizes, baskets and lottery tickets. We also are grateful to those parishioners who gave generously to the fourth and final scheduled second collection of the calendar year.

A simple thank you does not suffice to express our gratitude to all the volunteers who invested so much time and talent to organize and work this event. Your complete dedication to every aspect of this event is appreciated more than you know. Special thanks to Fr. John for his support and guidance.

WINNERS OF PARISH BASKETS

Basket of Cheer
Doug Dietz

Neighborhood Basket
Nancy Koontz

Lottery Tree
Stacy Dabbs

Martella's Basket
Mary Billotte

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Angel Tree 2025 - 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. The tags for the gifts will be hanging on the tree in the back of the vestibule around Thanksgiving. Young children should aways be blessed with a happy and merry Christmas, so please consider this fine project. **PLEASE BE SURE TO RETURN YOUR ANGEL TREE GIFTS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 13TH BEFORE OR AFTER MASS!**



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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!!!



From Pontiff to Pew:

During this past **Sunday's Angelus** in Peru, Pope Leo XIV of- fered the following reflection in its entirety:

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

It is a great joy for me to be here today, surrounded by your affection and lively faith that beats within this beautiful community, alongside our sick and elderly brothers and sisters, and the priests and consecrated men and women. I also remember with special affection and gratitude Archbishop Richard Alarcón, whom we entrust to Mary's loving intercession. At the same time, I am delighted to welcome the new Archbishop of Cusco, effective from 30 October this year, Monsignor Lizardo Estrada.

This morning, here we contemplate this beautiful image of the Lord of the Earthquakes, the Taytacha, Patron of the city of Cusco.

Today's liturgy offers us a beautiful and at the same time very demanding passage from the Gospel of Saint Matthew: the parable of the talents (cf. Mt 25:14-30). Those ancient coins represent everything the Lord has given us freely, including our life, faith and vocation. Yet if we want to summarize this in a single word, they symbolize his love, which he gives us so that we may make it grow in our lives and share it with others.

My thoughts are with you, dear brothers and sisters who are suffering in body and soul because of illness. In the eyes of the world — shaped by a throwaway culture and material productivity — illness is seen as a misfortune that diminishes a person's worth. What a great lie! In the light of the Gospel, when lived with faith and united to the mystery of Christ's Passion, illness is a path to growing in his love and sharing it. You are at the heart of the Church, for your suffering, when offered with love for the salvation of souls, for vocations and for peace, becomes a source of spiritual strength. Your weakness is transformed into divine strength that multiplies the gifts of love and redemption. You have been witnesses to the self-offering made by Archbishop Richard, who united his life to the Lord's Cross.

I now address you, beloved sons and daughters consecrated to the Lord, priests, men and women religious, who have left everything behind to follow in the footsteps of the Master. We have been entrusted with the "talents" of the word of God, the sacraments, the pastoral care of the people of God and the beauty of the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. What an immense responsibility we carry in our hands of clay! Let us not be afraid to give our lives, to wear ourselves out for Christ. In this way, we will become visible signs of God's mercy. This is the best way to foster vocations.

Dear brothers and sisters, our eyes now turn to the blessed image of the Lord of the Earthquakes. In the year 1650, when the earth shook, sowing destruction and panic among your ancestors, it was enough for the sacred image to be carried out into the streets for the aftershocks to cease and peace to reign once more. Since then, the people of Cusco and all of Peru have known that in the Taytacha they have a safe haven from any storm, an unshakable anchor amid the tremors of history.

As a visible sign of my communion with your community, I would like to offer a special act of devotion today. With filial love, I am going to offer a Shroud to be placed over this image of the Lord Jesus. It is meant to be the Pope's caress for a people who know how to suffer with dignity and with Christian hope. As you behold the Lord of the Earthquakes clothed in this Shroud, remember that the universal Church is with you.

Now we turn with filial trust to the Virgin Mary. From her we learn not to be afraid, not to bury the grace we have received. With hearts full of gratitude, we recite the Angelus, entrusting to her in a special way the health of the sick and the holiness of priests and consecrated persons. May God bless you, and may the Lord of the Earthquakes always keep your lives in peace!

In his weekly **Wednesday Audience**, Pope Leo talked about his Apostolic Journey to Uruguay, Argentina and Peru. Here it is in its entirety:

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

I returned to Rome yesterday morning from my long and beautiful Apostolic Journey to Uruguay, Argentina and Peru. Peru, as you know, is the country where I lived for many years, as a missionary and then as a bishop. Argentina is the homeland of Pope Francis, and I wished to visit it, to meet the people whom he loved so dearly. Uruguay is a nation where Catholics are a minority, and it is significant that my itinerary began right there.

The motto of the pastoral visit to Uruguay was "I bring you news of great joy" (Lk 2:10). These are the words with which, in the Gospel of Luke, the angel brings the news of the birth of Jesus Christ to the shepherds in Bethlehem. And in effect, I went to that Country in order to proclaim Him, the Lord, God made man, who bestows fullness of life in truth and in love. I am very pleased because I found a warm and heartfelt welcome amongst the Uruguayan people, so that I was able to remind everyone how important faith in God is and how valuable human life is; and how faith helps us to face the trials of life and to be builders of peace.

In Argentina, the motto was Welcome, everyone. Go and proclaim! These words echo the magisterium of Pope Francis, a son of that great South American country.

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Advent Prayer Partners

This will be our fifth year to engage in our Advent Prayer Partner Project. To participate, all that you need to do is place your name on one of the slips found in the main vestibule of the Church and place it in the container that is also found there. You will be matched with a prayer partner for whom you will be asked to pray throughout the season of Advent. This spiritual exercise helps us to both engage in something extra in this season of eager expectation and to build community among the members of our parish community. If you were unable to place your name in the contain this weekend, you can always call the rectory to be added to the list.