

A still life arrangement of pumpkins and gourds on a stone ledge. In the center is a large, light-colored pumpkin with a green stem. To its left is a smaller, dark green and yellow striped gourd. To its right is a cluster of orange pumpkins. The arrangement is surrounded by autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red, along with small red berries. The background is a stone wall.

HE WHO *sacrifices*
THANK OFFERINGS
HONORS ME, AND HE
PREPARES THE WAY SO
THAT I MAY SHOW HIM

THE
salvation
OF
God

PSALM 50:23

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 20

8:30 am Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Peace
10:30 am † Esther Mikna

Monday, November 21

8:15 am † Walter Klein

Tuesday, November 22

8:15 am † Dorothy Pietrzak

Wednesday, November 23

8:15 am † Orson De Mott

Thursday, November 24 - THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 am Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Peace

Friday, November 25

8:15 am † Michael White

Saturday, November 26

3-3:45 pm Confession
4:00 pm † Albin Gierok

Sunday, November 27

8:30 am † Rita Czarniak
10:30 am Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Peace

ADVENT RETREAT DAY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

A Spiritual Reflection on Our Favorite Christmas Movies

Do you remember watching *It's a Wonderful Life* or the ever-popular *Christmas Story* as a kid each year (and perhaps now as young adults, too)? In the midst of this hectic and busy holiday season, take a much-needed break with those very same films.

Using the lens of our favorite Christmas movies, join retreat leaders Paul & Sarah Jarzembowski as they take young adults (collegiate, 20s & 30s) on a nostalgic journey into the Advent season with prayer, conversation, and reflection.

The day will also include lunch and opportunities for quiet prayer on Saturday, December 3 from 10am until 4pm at the Archbishop Cousins Center, 3501 South Lake Drive. A registration flyer can be found at www.johnpaul2center.org.

Reasons to Give Thanks

A coma and cancer are no reason to give thanks, but from these life-altering challenges, the Torres family of Racine has found a glimmer of hope. Make that a legion of living angels. Read about these "angels" who have stepped in to help this family after a severe beating left the father in a coma, followed with a cancer diagnosis for their preschool-age daughter, in the November 24 issue of your Catholic Herald, call (414) 769-3500 or visit www.chnonline.org.

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REFLECTIONS OF TODAY'S GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:31 - 46

"Inherit the kingdom prepared for you."

You know the line: There are two kinds of people...Well, the Christian punch line is, yes, there are sheep and there are goats. You and I may appear more or less the same at first glance. But inside one of us may be a sheep destined for God's pasture, and in the other, a goat with a lot to answer for. I would hate to be divided from you. I would hate to be snatched up to a great place, knowing you are in an eternally worse one. I would hate it even more, to be honest, if it ends up the other way around! But how can we know if we will be together or apart, in a wonderful or abysmal state?

Jesus is not going to leave us hanging on this one. It is too important to gamble on, so he gives us the criteria right here, a role play for the exit interview. These are, in fact, the final exam questions in advance, so we can cram to our heart's desire. The answers are simple, as it turns out: compassion and justice. If we are just and compassionate with one another, we will all be revealed to be sheep. But if we take a look at the world, we know that we are not all sheep.

Group work is preferable on this final exam, so let's be church and share what we know. We can resolve to be people of compassion and justice. At the close of another church year, we do not know how near the day and the hour might be.

Questions for Reflection

What powers or authorities shepherd you? How do you assess their responsibility?

Does God being "all in all" comfort you or frighten you? What do we gain, and lose, in this union?

Read through Matthew's depiction of the judgment of souls. If the exam were today, how well would you do?

Action Response

The end of the year is a time to tie up loose ends. The sacrament of reconciliation is a good place for binding and loosing. Pull yourself together and set yourself free.



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Fellowship Group will have their Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, **December 10**, at **Southwoods of Cudahy** (5404 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Cudahy).. Cocktails available at 11:00am with Lunch to follow at Noon.

This afternoon will be filled with fun, good company, excellent food, door prizes and raffles. Everyone in the parish is invited to join in the Christmas spirit.

Please call Eileen for reservations at 645-4764. Make all checks payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Deadline for reservations is November 21



NOTES FROM RYAN.....

This is Part 2 of a series of articles relating to the 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal and our Sacred Liturgy by Fr. Roman Rances, Spiritual Director of Pope Paul VI Minor Seminary in the Philippines.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Now is our time to discover the beauty of the Eucharist and the wisdom to know the real meaning of God’s presence in the Eucharist. What is the etymology of the Eucharist? It comes from Old French "eucariste," from Late Latin "eucharitia," from "eucharistos," which means grateful, thankful. Basically the Eucharist is thanksgiving and praising. We thank and praise God because through the Eucharist we are able to commemorate the Last Supper of His Only Begotten Son by the consecration of bread and wine. If we are thirsting for God, the Eucharist is the perfect venue for us. The Psalmist, in one of our responsorial psalms, perfectly expresses this “thirst”,

Thus I will bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with a richness of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

There are four actions that take place during the Liturgy of the Eucharist:

- Taken: the bread and wine are placed on the Altar.
- Blessed: the Eucharistic prayer is prayed.
- Broken: the consecrated bread is broken.
- Given: Communion is distributed and received by the people of God.

The Last Supper and subsequent celebrations of the Eucharist took place within a Jewish context. The Jews, historically conscious of God’s good deeds, had a special way of “remembering.” Unfortunately, in English there is not a really good way to convey this concept. “Remembering” was not merely a calling to mind “in the head” but more a sense of making “present once again” the saving deeds of God, and giving thanks again and again for God’s continuing activity in the lives of his beloved people. Keeping this in mind will help us focus on the most precious gift we receive in the Eucharist — not just a symbol or memory, but the very Body and Blood of the Risen Christ.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

It begins with a dialogue between the priest and the people. Afterward, the priest prays the Preface, and all proclaim “Holy, Holy, Holy”. The Eucharistic Prayer concludes when the priest

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SCHOOL UPDATE



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Preparations are being made for our annual celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe which will take place at the 4pm Mass on Saturday, **December 10th**. Watch for more information in future bulletins.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Be sure to circle **December 11th** on your calendar so as not to miss our annual Breakfast with Santa. Plan on spending time with that jolly old elf while enjoying a delicious breakfast presented by our Home & School members.

GIFT TAGS ON ADVENT TREE

Our annual Advent Giving Tree, complete with gift tags awaits the “Santas” of OLQP to:

- Pick a tag from the Advent Tree
- Purchase the gift indicated on the tag
- Return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached
- Place the gift under the tree

The tree will be up until December 11th. Please join our faith community in making Christmas something special for those who are less fortunate.



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leads the doxology, and all reply, “Amen”. When we start using the revised English translation of the Mass, you will notice a few changes to these texts.

Your opening dialogue with the priest will have a few alterations. It begins when he says, “The Lord be with you”. You have already heard this greeting or one like it after the Sign of the Cross at the beginning of Mass. Then, just before the Gospel, the priest or deacon addresses you with these words again. By the time the Preface comes, you know that your response will be different from the one you have been making in the previous translation.

Your reply is, “And with your spirit”. The next part of the dialogue has not changed at all. The priest says, “Lift up your hearts,” and you answer, “We lift them up to the Lord”.

Then the priest says, “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God”. Those words are the same as the ones you have been hearing. But your response will be different. You have been saying, “it is right to give him thanks and praise,” but now you will respond, “It is right and just”. This is much closer to Latin – just a declarative statement without explanation.