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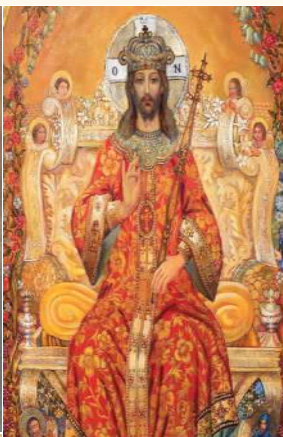
When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: **"Do not follow them"** (Luke 21:8). In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop. — *Father John Muir*

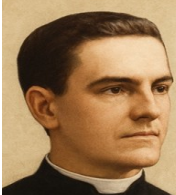
*Mass and Procession
in Honor of the Holy Spirit
Tuesday, November 18th at
8:30a.m.*

Jesus said to St. Mary of Jesus Crucified: *"I ardently hope that priests celebrate a Mass every month in honor of the Holy Spirit. Whoever offers it or hears it, will be honored by the Holy Spirit Himself; he will have light, he will have peace. He will heal the sick, wake those who sleep..."* (Saint Mary of Jesus Crucified)



CHRIST THE KING
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PROCESSION

**Sunday
November 23rd
after the
9:00a.m. Mass**



**BLESSED MICHAEL J.
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The Knights of Columbus invite you **Saturday, November 22nd, at 5:00p.m. Mass**, where our parish will host a **First-Class Relic of Blessed Michael McGivney**, founder of the Knights of Columbus.

After Mass, you'll have the opportunity to **venerate the relic, receive a blessing, and offer prayer intentions**. Prayer cards will be provided, and you are welcome to bring any small religious item to touch the relic.

All are invited to take part in this special moment of grace and prayer.

**Thanksgiving
Day
Mass**

**Thanksgiving Day Mass
November 27th at 10:00a.m.**

This will be a multilingual Mass. Every family is invited to bring an item from home that will be a part of their Thanksgiving celebration and have it blessed.

Fr. Joseph Magdaong
Pastor

Fr. Ali Kanissius
Associate Pastor

Armando & Irene Estrada
Deacon Couple

Alicia Vazquez
Office Manager

Dale Ann Torbey
Business Manager

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:00 PM (English)

Sunday

7:00 AM (English)

9:00 AM (Spanish)

11:00 AM (Indonesian)

1:00 PM (English)

Monday—Saturday

8:30 AM (English)

Perpetual Help Novena Mass

6:00 PM (English)

Friday

6:00 PM (Bilingual)

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

No Appointment needed

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Friday
9am—6pm
(closed 1pm—2pm
for lunch)**

Please call the parish office
for assistance or to schedule
an appointment.

"We are a diverse faith community that strives to conform ourselves into the image of Christ in and through the power of the Holy Spirit, and nourished by The Word, Sacraments and Tradition to give glory to God and to be a light unto the nations."

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

La perseverancia, ¿qué significa esta palabra tan importante? Es mantenernos firmes en nuestros

planes y buenos propósitos. Perseverar en los estudios, en el trabajo y en las relaciones familiares requiere entusiasmo y energía cada día. Nada es fácil, y hoy Jesús nos invita a no tener miedo ante las adversidades y catástrofes que vemos actualmente, sino a superar las pruebas con fe y confianza en un Dios que no defrauda: *"Con todo, ni un cabello de su cabeza se perderá"*. Y agrega otra frase que nos invita a despertar del letargo espiritual: *"Manténganse firmes y se salvarán"* (Lucas 21:18-19).

La liturgia de hoy nos ayuda a reflexionar sobre las muchas traiciones, hambres y guerras que azotan a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en el mundo. Sin embargo, a pesar de todo eso, caminamos con esperanza. Nada ni nadie puede arrebatararnos la seguridad de que Dios está caminando a nuestro lado. Pero no debemos dejarnos engañar dejando pasar el tiempo sin hacer nada por nuestro bien y el de los demás. *"El engaño es creernos dueños del tiempo. El tiempo no es nuestro. Del tiempo existe solo un soberano: Jesucristo. No os dejéis engañar en la confusión. El cristiano se mueve por este camino del momento, con la oración y el discernimiento. Pero deja el tiempo a la esperanza. El cristiano sabe esperar al Señor en cada momento; pero espera en el Señor al final de los tiempos"* (Papa Francisco).

Misa y Procesión en Honor al Espíritu Santo martes 18 de noviembre a las 8:30a.m.

Jesús le dijo a Santa María de Jesús Crucificado: *"Deseo ardientemente que los sacerdotes celebren cada mes una Misa en honor al Espíritu Santo. Sea quien sea el que la ofrezca el que la escuche, será honrado por el propio Espíritu Santo; tendrá luz, tendrá paz. Curará los enfermos, despertará a aquellos que duermen..."* (Santa María de Jesús Crucificado)



PROCESIÓN EUCARÍSTICA DE CRISTO REY

domingo
23 de noviembre
después de la Misa de
las 9:00a.m.



Luz del Espíritu Santo
Grupo de Oración

Predicador
Jorge Mejia
miercoles 19 de noviembre
las 6:00p.m.

Presencial en Salon 6

Zoom
ID 829 4029 7572

MISA DE ACCION DE GRACIAS

jueves, 27 de noviembre a las
10:00a.m.

Esta será una misa multilingüe.
Todas las familias están invitadas a traer
un artículo decasa que será parte de su
Celebración de Acción de Gracias para que
sea bendecida.



8 de diciembre

INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

8:30 AM Misa (Ingles)

7:00 pm Misa (Bilingue)



Sabe usted?

Distinguir entre realidad y ficción en los secuestros

Durante las fiestas, mucha gente viaja para visitar a sus familiares. Es importante estar preparado para cualquier peligro que pueda surgir durante un viaje, incluido el tráfico de personas y saber la realidad sobre los secuestros y el tráfico de personas. Según el Centro Nacional para Niños Desaparecidos y Explotados, cada año unos 100 niños son secuestrados por desconocidos en todo el país. Aunque la mayoría de los secuestros involucran a alguien que la víctima conoce e incluso en quien confía, el "peligro de los extraños" sigue existiendo. Debemos estar siempre atentos y proteger a nuestros niños y jóvenes dondequiera que estén. Para más información lea el artículo de VIRTUS® "Know the Facts: Abductions and Human Trafficking" (Conozca los hechos: secuestros y trata de personas) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Wednesday, November 5th \$77.00
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Our parish is a 501C non-profit organization. Your donation will enable us to minister, complete special projects, strengthen our operational budget and enhance our faith community, enriching the lives of the members of the Catholic Faith. Please consider our parish as a recipient of your valuable year-end donation.

Please visit www.ststephenmpk.org to make an online gift. You may also send in a check directly to the parish office.

Thank you again for your continued generosity and we wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season.



DID YOU KNOW?

Sorting fact vs. fiction on abductions

During the holidays, many people travel to see family. It's important to be prepared for any dangers of traveling, including human trafficking — and to know the facts about abductions and trafficking. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), about 100 children per year are abducted by strangers across the nation. Although most abductions involve someone the victim knows and even trusts, “stranger danger” still exists. Always be careful in protecting our children and young people wherever they are. For more facts, read the VIRTUS® article “Know the Facts: Abductions and Human Trafficking” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

5:00 pm Linda Cruz (D)
 Yolanda Martinez (D)
 Romeo Abad (D)
 Jared Refuerzo - Happy Birthday!!!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

7:00 am Leona & Magdalino Parrocho (D)
 Eladia Castillo (D)
 9:00 am Ricardo Serrano (D)
 Nancy Saavedra (D)
 Brenda Martinez (D)
 Melida Villegas (D)
 1:00 pm Ramon Ramirez (D)
 Maria Astorga (D)
 Belen Astorga (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

8:30 am Maria Aurora Del Rosario (D)
 Eldwin Del Rosario (D)
 Ramon & Reynaldo Castillo (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

8:30 am Anita Sanchez Hall (D)
 Ray Casteñeda (D)
 Peggy Carino (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025

8:30 am Esteban Samatra (D)
 Martin Samatra (D)
 Marciana Alejo (D)
 6:00 pm Fr. Christ Ponnet (D)
 Fr. Arnold (D)
 Fr. Zuniga (D)
 Fr. Valentine (D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

8:30 am Benigno Oliveros (D)
 Juana Oliveros (D)
 Romana S. Yana (D)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025

8:30 am Severiano V. Araos Jr. (D)
 Oscar Villamor Refuerzo (D)
 Luisa Bajar Morado (D)
 6:00 pm Alfonso B. Sabaoan (D)
 Juliet S. Sabaoan (D)
 Cristina B. Sabaoan (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

8:30 am Arturo B. Morado Sr. (D)
 Aida Marrero Martinez (D)
 Artemio A Morado (D)

Please Pray For... Lung - Tam Family, Rosalie Pinto, Augie & Annamae Koch, Jesusita Serrano, Alicia Valdez, Armando Romo, Dolores Munoz, Alicia Islas, Denise Gonzales, Laura Sesti, Guadalupe Ayala, Rigoberto Alvarenga, Helen Rivera, Margarita Aude-lo, Amelia Barraza, Alicia Nunez, Carlos Espinoza Ornelas, Vikky Rogers, Michael Anthony Barraza, Tina Ran, Leo Sanchez

To insure that the prayer list is accurate, please contact the parish office on a monthly bases if you would like for your name to remain on the list.

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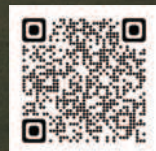
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