Thirty-Second Sunday
Sunday November 8, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are coming close to the end of the liturgical year of the Church, and the Church presents to each of us a question to help us examine our life through today's Gospel. The question is: At *"the hour"* when the Lord comes, how would my soul be?

Would my soul be like the lamps of the five wise virgins or the five foolish virgins? Does the lamp of my soul have enough *"oil"* to light or is it out? How can I keep the lamp of my soul burning brightly? What can I do to supply enough *"oil"* for the lamp of my soul to be ready for the Lord's coming?

Every one of us wants to know when the Lord is coming? Today? Tomorrow? The year 2026? If the lamp of our soul is consistently burning brightly; if we *"stay awake;"* and if we are ready, then there is nothing to worry about when the Lord comes. So, no matter when, where, how and what time the Lord comes, we will be ready to follow Him to His wedding feast.

We do not have to wait until Advent or Lent to go to confession to clean our souls. We do not have to wait for Christmas or Easter to clean the lamps of our souls and fill them up with *"oil."* We have to be ready; we have to be awake because we *"know neither the day nor the hour."*

How is the *"flame"* of your lamp? Are you trying to keep it burning brightly? Or are you just trying to keep it *"alive?"* Actually, we have to keep the flame of our faith and soul burning brightly so that others might see it also and praise God.

The Church can show you where and how to have enough *"oil"* for your soul and faith: the Holy Mass, the sacraments, the devotions, acts of charity - physically and spiritually - (helping, forgiving, correcting, praying for, visiting and so forth), but the Church cannot *"pour"* the *"oil"* into the lamp of your souls if you do not want it, disdain it, and make no effort.

Some think that they will amend their life when the time comes or they still have time! *"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."* How will your soul be when the Lord comes?

Peace in Christ, Father Tien

P.S. – Remember to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Offer your Holy Masses for them, your sacrifices and also your good works!



Please remember to keep Saint Francis Parish in your will.



Many people are not aware that the Holy Souls in Purgatory suffer terribly – far worse than any of us, here on earth, could ever possibly imagine.

In fact, the Blessed Virgin Mary told the visionaries in Medjugorje, "The Holy Souls in Purgatory suffer the same torments as the souls damned to hell."

And because they are now in the afterlife, they no longer possess the same gift of free will that we are blessed with. Therefore, they depend entirely upon us to help them. And although they suffer in such dire agony, they do so with a willing heart, because they know, in time, they will be released and taken into Heaven, unlike the lost souls eternally damned to hell.

The length of time spent there, varies from person to person, for some it is short; from others, it could be centuries. However, we can help by praying for their release.

St. Gertrude the Great is invoked for souls in purgatory and for living sinners. Our Lord told St. Gertrude that the following prayer would release 1,000 souls from Purgatory each time it is said. The prayer was extended to include living sinners as well.



Prayer: Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen

Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.
Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass and benediction at 11:00am.
Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass; Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.



The Sanctuary Lamp this week is for the intentions of Charlene Galbrecht.

Donations made easy! Here is our QR Code that you can scan with your phone.

There will be a second collection Today for Catholic Relief Services.

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Wednesday, Nov. 11th for Veteran's Day. There will still be daily Mass that day.





The Food Pantry is Preparing for the Thanksgiving Distribution. Please help us by donating money or buying any of the following items: Turkeys, Turkey Breast, Whole Chickens, Cream Soups, Broth, and Mac-n-cheese.

Meat Collection Dates:

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.: ***Thursday*** 10/29, 11/5, 11/12
3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.: ***Saturday*** 11/14
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.: ***Monday*** 11/16

Please bring meat downstairs to Family Life Center.

When making a Food Donations to the Food Pantry, **PLEASE** verify that there are no items beyond the expiration date.
Thank you for your continued support!



Adult Education

Catholic Adult Education on Monday night **Nov. 9 at 7** PM is **The Indispensable Men-Paul**; Paul- prophetic, missionary, and teacher. A 'zealot' for Christ after being a zealot against Christians. The truth of the resurrection was his testimony. Come join your fellow parishioners in the spirit of fellowship. Snacks provided. We meet in the Family Life Center downstairs.
Deacon David & The Education team

The Ladies' Guild monthly meeting is this Monday, November 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Library.
All women of the Parish are invited to attend!

Ladies Guild

Second Annual Smoky Mountain Vicariate Youth



Bowling Night!! Middle School and High School Youth are invited to come to **Galaxy Lanes** in **Sylva, NC** on **Sunday, Nov 8th 4-6pm** for **2 hours** of Bowling, Slices of pizza and a soda! **$20** per Person.
((Permission Slip is needed)) Questions contact Julie Tastinger.

Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:



Angel Avila, Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriquez and Elizabeth Scoon, Stephanie Ortiz-Ruiz



Pray for everyone who seeks healing: Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jiglau, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Connie Blackburn, Sharon Beals, Josephine Jennings, Dominga Feria Lopez, Bill Garbinski, Nick Birchard, Mary Ann Janda, Josiah Mihok, Robert Horgan, Wayne Smith

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, November 7

9:00 A.M. ✝Harriet Augustynowicz
by Matt & Lisa Michalik

4:00 P.M. Andy & Tony Houston
✝Lee Zenoniani by Joe & Edwina Raffa

Sunday, November 8
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. ✝Sipriano Ramos, ✝Catalina Diaz

11:30 A.M. ✝Ismael Trujillo Nuñez, ✝Alfonso Trujillo
✝Guillermina Nuñez
Misericordia Group Intentions

Monday, November 9
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9:00 A.M. ✝Maria Cruz, ✝Aristeo Cruz

Tuesday, November 10
Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Wednesday, November 11
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

5:30 P.M. ✝Apollo Patricio Cordero,
✝Apolonio Ogarrio
Gerardo Martinez, Francisco Martinez

Thursday, November 12
Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

9:00 A.M. ✝Christine Soule O'Loughlin

Friday, November 13
Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

9:00 A.M. ✝Joaquina Trujillo, ✝Robertino Muñiz,
✝Petra Calvillo,

Saturday, November 14

4:00 P.M. ✝Maria Cruz, ✝Aristeo Cruz
✝Marvin Richards by The Food Pantry

Sunday, November 15
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. ✝Elizabeth Tauzin by Glenn Deimel
✝Sipriano Ramos, ✝Catalina Diaz

11:30 A.M. ✝Luis Muñiz, ✝Pablo Muñiz,
✝Leonardo Camacho-Torres,
✝Alejandra Ortega