

COMING EVENTS

Novena November 17th thru 25th.

Pilgrimage Sunday November 19

Mass at 11:00 AM

Rosary and Novena Prayers before Mass

Mass Times at St. Wenceslaus Home of the National Shrine of the Infant Jesus

Saturday Night Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday 11:00 AM

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

Holy Hour 9:30 to 10:30AM

First Friday and First Saturday Mass 9:00AM Holy Hour 9:30 to 10:30 AM

Gift Shop hours are Tues-Fri 10am to 3pm

Sunday Shrine open till 2:00PM

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THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

November 2023

THE MORE YOU HONOR ME
THE MORE I WILL BLESS YOU



On the first of November we celebrated the feast of All Saints and we remembered with joy and thankfulness all those who have gone before us and who are now enjoying eternal happiness face to face with God. On the second of November, we are celebrating All Souls' Day, also known as the **"Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed."** praying for the beloved departed is an ancient custom among the Christians.

Saints, they remind us of who we are and who we can be. An old saying puts it this way: **"Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future."** That is one of the messages of this feast day. No matter where we come from, what we have been, what we have done, we can all still be saints. Jesus taught us a sure way to become a saint is to live according to his Beatitudes. We use the Beatitudes as the standard to compare three ways of life: of Jesus, of the saints, and of the world. The vocation to become a saint is for everyone. The Beatitudes is the way to perfection. We must try to live all the Beatitudes.

From yesterday each one of us has today moved one day closer to death. It's our common destiny. it is not accidental the Church reminds all the faithful that November is the month of all souls, and invites us to meditate about the rapid passing of life and the death. Looking out of a

window, we recognize right away the change of weather: green leaves have changed to yellow some already fell from trees, been torn down or blown away by the wind. Entering a car which was bought new some years ago, now became old, was repaired so many times, and then it will end up in a cars' junk yard. Looking into our own body, it used to be young, firm, healthy, quick to move for some years ago; now was completely changed. The whole body must be warmed up every morning before it can stand up and move around; our health will be gradually decreased until a day, people will carry us to a cemetery. The Church grants plenary indulgence for souls suffering in purgatory every day from Nov. 1 to Nov. 8, by prayers of those who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray there for the departed. On other days of the year, the indulgence is only partial.

To acquire a plenary indulgence, the following three conditions to be met in addition: confession, Holy Communion, and a prayer for the intention of the Holy Father. The plenary (full) indulgence for a soul in purgatory means that the soul is cleansed from all temporal punishment due to its sin on earth. There is no better spiritual gift you can offer to your departed family member than to acquire a plenary indulgence for them in November.

Also pray the Rosary for souls in purgatory to multiply the graces of forgiveness through the intercession of the Holy Mother Mary. As I have explained in the previous newsletter, we are offering an opportunity to the members of our church to remember your deceased family and/or friends in a special way by sponsoring a paver brick or a tree. The paver bricks will be added to the existing ones in Mary's garden. The trees will be planted on the church's grounds so that you can see them each time you come to church for Mass or other occasions. Please call the office for more information (405-567-3080). We are continuing our efforts to bring more faithful to the First Friday devotion (in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus) and First Saturday devotion (in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary), which include: Holy Eucharist at 9am followed immediately by Holy Hours with joint Rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet, consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Benediction and anointing with holy oils for bodily and spiritual healing. I encourage you to create a mailing/ texting list on your phone to remind other parishioners of these community in deeds and actions. May God reward you for your efforts and sacrifices.

How do we live a life of doing the will of our heavenly Father? The answer is The Beatitudes, where Jesus gives His followers a direction to a happy eternity. The Beatitudes show to us a way of life, inviting us to identify with the poor, those who mourn, the meek, and those who hunger and thirst. They challenge us to be men and women who are pure in heart, and to become the peacemakers with one another, in our families and in the community. Today we are invited to walk the path of the saints, the way of the Beatitudes. The way is narrow and the road less travelled. Jesus called us to holiness and to have the reward of the heavenly Kingdom. We must know for sure the purpose of life is to inherit the eternal life from God. In order to reach this goal, we must firmly believe in one thing and live according to other things. **The danger for those who want to enjoy both this life and the life to come is that they could loose both.**

***Holy Mary Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen***

I look forward to seeing you at the daily Mass and Saturday Sunday Mass, for confessions and other parish activities.

Thank you for your prayers and faithfulness in witnessing to Christ in your family and professional circles. Be assured of my daily prayers for you and your families as well.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Christopher Hai Tran, Rector



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