

## COMING EVENTS

Novena October 17th thru 25th.

Pilgrimage Sunday October 22nd

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

This newsletter is published monthly to promote the devotion to the Infant Jesus of Prague at the National Shrine in Oklahoma USA.

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## THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

### October 2023

THE MORE YOU HONOR ME  
THE MORE I WILL BLESS YOU



By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7).

October is called the month of Holy Rosary, the memorial month of Jesus, the Incarnated Son, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, his mother. The lives of the two most important persons in God's plan of salvation. It's time for us to come closer to our Holy Mother Mary to thank her for her motherly protection and intercessions. Mary leads us to Jesus and the Rosary is the best spiritual gift we can offer to our families.

Our Mother Mary has repeatedly told us in her apparitions that the Rosary is a great weapon against Satan. Father Gabriele Amorth, the chief exorcist of the diocese of Rome; he said that once when he was expelling a demon the demon said to him: **“every Hail Mary is another blow on my head. If Christians knew the power of the Rosary my power would be finished.”** In the year 2002 Our Holy Father Pope Saint John Paul II wrote a beautiful letter on the Rosary (Rosarium Virginis Mariae) encouraging us to pray the Rosary again. Take up the Rosary again if we have ignored it. Let Mary take us to Jesus.

On May 13th, 1917, Mary herself appeared to Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta, and spoke to the children about many things, even answering their questions about friends who had died. Our Lady told them she would continue to visit them on the 13th of each month until October, and she instructed the children to, **“say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of the war [WWI].”** In June, Mary taught the children what we now call the **“ the Fatima Prayer”** and told them to add it the end of each decade of the Rosary: **“Oh, my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.”**

For the past three months we have been renewing the image of our Shrine with various gardening and landscaping projects. On the feast day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sept. 14) we have planted red roses in the cross-shaped flower bed at the statue of the Infant Jesus as well as in Mary's garden on the south side of the church. I desire to continue these renewal activities which will make our Shrine a welcoming place for pilgrims and help us bring Catholics back to church.

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Therefore, I encourage you to actively participate in these efforts by sponsoring a **paver brick** or a tree in memory of your deceased family members and/or friends. The paver bricks will be added to the existing ones in Mary's garden, while the trees will be planted on the church's grounds so that you can always feel closely connected with your loved ones each time you visit the church.

The bricks will sell for \$100 each, while the tree price range is \$200-\$300 depending on the tree variety. Please call the office for more details (405-567-3080).

Your contribution to these efforts to commemorate your loved ones and to support the church is extremely important for the development of our parish and the Shrine.

The Lord has been blessing us greatly in many ways. We can truly rejoice in the happy and joyful atmosphere at the Shrine and spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit. Since the beginning of my appointment as your pastor in Prague, We have observed rising numbers of pilgrims.

Within this short time, we have already witnessed the power of the Holy Spirit working among us and bringing seven Confirmation candidates at St. Michael's Church in Meeker and three RCIA candidates at St. Wenceslaus Church in Prague. It is a beautiful sign of growth of our parishes, and we pray in thanksgiving to God for His blessings and graces. This is also a reassurance and a proof for us that the Holy Eucharist and the Holy Hour work miracles in

our communities bringing people back and closer to Christ. Please join us for daily Mass and Holy Hour and for the First Saturday devotion at 9am to be a part of this wonderful spiritual renewal of our community and to receive blessings for your personal and professional life.

I thank you all for your continued support and donations which enable us to keep the Shrine a beautiful and prayerful place for pilgrims and the faithful of our local community. I always offer you and your families to God with my prayers during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

In the Holy Rosary month, we should spend more time to pray with the Rosary and to meditate about God's love for us through the mystery of the Incarnation. Imitating the Blessed Virgin Mary, we should obey and co-operate with God to bring his salvation, first for us then for people around us and all nations.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Christopher Hai Tran, Rector



## ALL SOULS' REMEMBRANCE MASS DURING NOVEMBER 2023

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