

**A Letter from Our Pastor:**

This weekend we unveil the 'Donor Plaque,' a sign of gratitude from the parish for the financial gifts that made the enclosure of the front porch possible. Included in this is the renovation of our restrooms, an additional meeting space, and an update to the church front. What started six years ago is now complete. It was not easy and it was not cheap, 1.4 M. But so many of you came through with sacrificial gifts both large and small. With Thanksgiving upon us, it is only appropriate that I, and the whole parish express our gratitude.

In a similar vein, both last weekend's and this weekend's bulletins contain our parish annual financial report. It breaks down the costs and expenses of the church and school for the past fiscal year. The bottom line for the church is that our expenses were greater than our income this past year. This left us with a shortfall of \$92K. This is of course, unsustainable. Not indicated on the report however, is a generous gift from a parishioner that bridges that gap. Legacy gifts given by individuals in their later years, as well as bequests to the parish, are surprisingly critical to our financial stability. This month as we pray for the faithful departed in our daily Mass intentions, I am mindfully grateful for those who have remembered Lourdes in their wills. Of course, such unexpected gifts cannot be presumed. The goal is that the general running of the parish can be sustained by the weekly contributions collected on Sunday, and from weekday offerings placed in the contribution boxes. Your financial participation covers the salaries of both the priests, our small staff, and the musicians. Additionally, it covers the costs of supplies and upkeep such as electricity, heating/AC, water, trash pickup, etc... Think of your own household bill, but supersized. If you ever wonder, "Does Lourdes really need my financial assistance?" I assure you, and even plead, yes we do.

The new plaque lists many of you who dug deeper for this special project which will be a lasting legacy for years to come. I am so grateful. Now that it is completed, I ask that you consider upgrading your weekly giving, perhaps by 10%, to cover the not-so-special but necessary work of the daily running of our parish. I do this with true gratitude for you, and appreciation for the many ways you sacrifice and serve to build up the Kingdom of God.

- Msgr. Edward Filardi

**Masses for the Week**

<b>Monday, November 19th</b> (G. reading: Lk. 18: 35-43)		
7:00 AM	+ Onyioza Maris Asuku	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	Holy Souls	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Ada & Benjamin Germain	Msgr. Filardi
<b>Tuesday, November 20th</b> (G. reading: Lk. 19: 1-10 )		
7:00 AM	Holy Souls	Msgr. Filardi
8:00 AM	+ Al & Margaret Delacroix	Msgr. Filardi
12 NOON	Int. Valerie Denis	Fr. Barbieri
<b>Wednesday, November 21st</b> (G. reading: Lk. 19: 11-28)		
7:00 AM	+ Veronica Leon	Fr. Barbieri
8:00 AM	+ Carol Sheridan	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	Holy Souls	Msgr. Filardi
<b>Thursday, November 22nd</b> (G. reading: Lk. 19: 41-44)		
8:00 AM	+ Elizabeth Black	Msgr. Filardi
10:00AM	Holy Souls	Fr. Barbieri
<b>Friday, November 23rd</b> (Gospel reading: Lk. 19: 45-48)		
7:00 AM	NO MASS	
8:00 AM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Fr. Barbieri
12 NOON	+ Francis & Mary Maher	Msgr. Filardi
<b>Saturday, November 24th</b> (G. reading: Lk. 20: 27-40)		
8:00 AM	Holy Souls	
11:00-11:55 AM	Confessions	
12 NOON	+ Carmen Cainas	Msgr. Filardi
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	
5:00 PM	+ Joseph Can Ngoc Pham	Fr. Barbieri
<b>Sunday, November 25th</b> (G. reading: Jn. 18: 33b-37)		
7:30 AM	Priest's Intentions	
9:00 AM	Priest's Intentions	
10:30 AM	People of the Parish	
12 NOON	Priest's Intentions	
1:30 PM	Priest's Intentions	

The Priests' schedule is subject to change without notice. Because of printing deadlines, Mass intentions requested less than two weeks ahead might not appear in the bulletin. Masses are offered for the names/intentions written in the parish intention book. The graces of each Mass are applied to the persons listed in the book regardless of whether they appear in the bulletin or are mentioned during the Mass.

**Thanksgiving Schedule:**

**Masses on Thanksgiving Day will be at 8:00am and 10:00am only. On Friday, November 23rd, there will be NO 7:00am Mass or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. In addition, the Rectory office will close at 1:00pm on Wednesday, November 21st and will re-open on Monday, November 26th at 8:00am.**



**Please note that Saturday, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

**There will be a Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7th at 6:30pm. The Masses on December 8th will be at 8:00am and 12:00 Noon.**

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Office of Religious Education**  
301-654-5954

Websites like eHarmony, Match.com, and Catholic Match ask you hundreds of questions about your personality, likes and dislikes, etc. Yet the Old Testament Book of *Proverbs* reminds us of what is really important. "Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praise." The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. The writer upholds other traits, like being hardworking, and caring for the poor. But fearing the Lord is the ultimate quality for a spouse to possess.

A healthy, holy fear of the Lord is rooted in respect and love, not timidity and coercion. Respect and love come from our cry to God the Father as Abba, our dearest Father in Heaven. The respect is the familial respect a child has for a parent. The desire not to offend God comes from love; which sounds like a lot of work. Building relationships takes time and effort, and maintaining them properly takes even more time and effort!

What might help us to establish a healthy fear of the Lord? The last judgment when we will face the eschaton (the final event in the divine plan; end time) or the Parousia (Second Coming of Christ) at which time the sheep (those who have lived as the Lord has taught us) will be separated from the goats (those whose lives showed no respect for God, and His ways). Hopefully, when each of us stands before the judgment throne of God that He says to us, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. . .Come, share your master's joy." Take this to prayer.

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The night before the late Father William J. Silk passed into eternity, I asked him if he had any fear. Father answered, "Jessica, God is a just God." "God will give to me whatever I deserve."

Continue to pray for the Souls in Purgatory.

Wishing all a very Blessed Thanksgiving!



**All Souls:** Through the month of November, we will remember your deceased loved ones in our daily Masses and prayers. Please list the names of your beloved deceased in the monthly envelopes provided by your monthly mailings or at the entrances to the church so we can place their names on the altar and lift them in prayer to God. Please put these envelopes in the collection baskets.

**As We Move Into the Next Stage of the Season of Healing:**

We recognize that the healing continues for all survivors of abuse. Therefore, on **December 1st from 8:30am–5:30pm** the Archdiocese of Washington is offering a one day retreat for survivors. For more information, please contact Deborah McDonald at: [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org) or 301-853-4466.



On **Saturday, December 1st, 2018**, the Archdiocese of Washington will be celebrating the Annual Walk with Mary Pilgrimage and Liturgy commemorating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The celebration will begin at 11:30 with a procession from the Shrine of the Sacred Heart to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. There will be the parade of flags and the portrayal of San Juan Diego followed by Mass at the Shrine at 2:30pm. For more information please visit: [adw.org/events/walk-with-mary](http://adw.org/events/walk-with-mary).

**Advent Day Retreat December 1st:  
"Live with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity:"**

Please come to an Advent Day Retreat: "Live with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity" on **Saturday, December 1st**, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg. This day of recollection and prayer will be led by Father Ted Trinko, IVE, a priest from the contemplative branch of the Institute of the Incarnate Word who is currently serving at the Basilica and at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg. Beginning with Mass at 9:00am in the Basilica, the day will include two conferences by Father Ted on the life, spirituality and legacy of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, and before each one we will hear selected readings from the writings of the Saint herself. "You must build a little cell within your soul as I do. Remember that God is there and enter it from time to time; when you feel nervous or you're unhappy, quickly seek refuge there and tell the Master all about it." You will experience the prayer of recollection, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. The day ends at 4:00pm. The cost is \$5. Please come, bring your own lunch, and invite your family and friends to share this Advent Day Retreat. Organized by the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites, Frederick, Maryland. For more information call Ken Vaughan at 301-473-5112.

**Altar Flowers:**



If you would like to donate the Altar Flowers for a special intention, a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office or email: sgolden@lourdesbethesda.net or ctoms@lourdesbethesda.net. The donation for the flowers is \$150.00.

**Sick in Our Parish:**

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters, especially **Bob Stephan, Ryan Christian, Regina Ratino, and Cristina Ayala.**

**Ministry to the Elderly and Homebound:**

If a parishioner is ill or unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call our coordinator, Margaret Carroll at 301-325-6398.

**SOME's 2018 Trot for Hunger on  
Thursday, November 22nd:**

Taking place at the Freedom Plaza in Washington DC. SOME's Trot for Hunger is a time-honored tradition, bringing together up to 10,000 participants from across the country. Join us and help SOME provide critical services to thousands of men, women and children



struggling with poverty, hunger and homelessness in our nation's capital. 8:30am: Kids' 1 Mile Little Turkey Fun Run (\$15 for kids age 10 and under), 9:00am: 5k Timed Race (\$45), 9:15am: 5K Untimed Race (\$40). We hope you can join us! Register at: [some.org/trot](http://some.org/trot).

**Put Your Pro-life Beliefs Into Action:**

The Gabriel Project assists needy women and women in crisis pregnancies in Montgomery County. Women volunteers (**especially bilingual Spanish speaking women**) are needed to stay in touch with client mothers. This includes keeping in touch with them during their pregnancies, bringing them needed items such as diapers, baby clothes, etc. that are provided by the Gabriel Project, and praying for them. The average time commitment would be approximately 1 - 4 hours per month (or less). Men are also needed to pick up donations once or twice per month. Daily prayer supporters are also needed. Donations of diapers, formula, and baby clothes are also appreciated. For more information, please call or text Toni Wohleber at 240-882-9893, or e-mail Carmen Rojas at: [gccthompson@juno.com](mailto:gccthompson@juno.com).

**Finance & Administration:**

*"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)*



**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018  
Offertory: \$10,010**

**Second Collection for November 25, 2018: Christmas Flowers**

**Our November Poor Box will be going to the Assumption Outreach Center, providing Thanksgiving turkeys to families in need. Monetary or gift card donations are a great help. Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

**Please remember that using your weekly contribution envelopes or dropping your Faith Direct card into the collection basket, shows that you are attending Mass regularly, are an active parishioner, and are eligible for Godparent and Confirmation sponsorship certificates and other parish services.**

**The Our Lady of Lourdes Sunday Meal for the  
Poor and Homeless:**

Takes place every Sunday in the school cafeteria. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at: <http://vols.pt/3XNY26> or send an email to [OLOLHomelessDinner@gmail.com](mailto:OLOLHomelessDinner@gmail.com). Please bring food to the cafeteria from 4:15-4:45 on Sundays (use the blue door to the left of the school's main entrance).

Volunteers also operate a "clothes closet" where our guests can obtain donated clothing. (Please note we are only accepting men's clothing at this time.) Bring donations from 4:30 to 5:30 on Sundays, or contact Dan Keen at 301-564-0077 to arrange a pick-up at your home. Please, nothing stained or torn.

**Moving In, Out or Within the Parish?**

Please help us keep our records up-to-date by filling out this form and dropping it in the collection basket or rectory mail slot. Thank you.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

- I/we am/are new to the parish. Welcome!
- Change of address within the parish. Thank you!
- I/we am/are moving out of the parish. God be with you!

**“El cielo y la tierra pasaran, pero mis palabras no”**



Nosotros frecuentemente oímos la frase “el signo de los tiempos”. Este Evangelio es acerca de los signos del final de los tiempos. ¿Hay una cierta tensión entre la descripción de ciertos eventos (tomados en parte del libro de Daniel) y el último verso, el cual dice que “acerca del día y la hora... nadie lo sabe... solamente el Padre”?

Algunos cristianos han sido llevados por el mal camino, por estar obsesionados con variados tipos de signos, y profetizando el inminente fin del mundo. Puede ser más prudente esperar lo inesperado, y simplemente estar preparados para dar la bienvenida al Hijo del Hombre cuando sea que éste venga.

Y en el intertanto ser consolados por las palabras de Jesús: “El cielo y la tierra pasarán, pero mis palabras no pasarán.” Incluso en nuestras horas más difíciles, el Señor no nos abandona. Sus ojos siempre están puestos en nosotros para cuidarnos noche y día. En la lectura de hoy, Jesús habla de que debemos estar alertas porque no sabemos el día ni la hora en que seremos llamados a Él. **Pero si tomamos sus palabras con el corazón y permanecemos junto a Él mientras caminamos, no tenemos nada que temer.** Su regalo para nosotros es su Presencia con nosotros “hasta el fin de los días”.

Señor, a veces nuestras mentes se preguntan cómo será para nosotros el fin de esta vida. ¿Cómo sucederá, hay algo después de este mundo? Pero Tú nos has dicho que nos vas a preparar un lugar allí donde Tú estás... Señor, yo creo, ayúdame en mi incredulidad.

A medida que nos aproximamos al final del año litúrgico, las lecturas nos recuerdan este aspecto de las enseñanzas de Jesús: su insistencia en la urgencia de nuestra situación y la necesidad de decidir a la luz del juicio inminente. Él será el juez que vendrá con todo su poder y su gloria, cuando se pruebe que sus enseñanzas y sus seguidores están en lo correcto.

Jesús no dice estas cosas para asustarnos, sino para convencernos de la necesidad de, estar **estar vigilante preparados**. El día de su venida es el anuncio de la salvación y de la reivindicación de la rectitud, un día de gozo más que de temor. Aún así, necesitamos estar alertas para no ser pillados desprevenidos cuando venga ese día misterioso. Agradecemos a Jesús por estas palabras reconfortantes y pido la gracia de llevar una vida atenta en vez de superficial.

**Avisos:**

- **El domingo 25 de noviembre no tendremos curso de Catequesis, por el feriado de Acción de Gracias. ¡Bendecido día, de parte de toda nuestra Comunidad Hispana!**
- **El sábado 15 de Diciembre tendremos el Retiro de Adviento de 8:30 a 12:30, ¡vayamos preparando nuestra agenda para participar en este hermoso retiro!**
- **El Domingo 2 de Diciembre se iniciara un grupo para niños mayores de 8 años que no hayan recibido el Sacramento del Bautizo. Las clases serán los domingos de 11:45 a 1:15 y termina con la Misa en español. Mayor información: Lourdes Baeza 301-412-5259 y María Virginia Rodríguez 301-602-4626.**
- **Dios sigue llamando hoy a más hermanos cristianos para encomendarles la tarea de catequizar, es decir, anunciar con su vida a Cristo. Nuestra Comunidad Hispana abre las inscripciones para todos los que sientan el llamado a catequizar y compartir su experiencia de Fe. Mayor información: Lourdes Baeza 301-412-5259 y María Virginia Rodríguez 301-602-4626.**
- **Todos los domingos de 11:45am a 1:15pm en la cafetería de la escuela: tenemos charlas, temas diversos, oración, Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento y confesiones el 1er y 3er domingo del mes. Mayor información con el Padre Rafael Barbieri, José Miguel Mejía y Margarita Rodezno.**

**Por favor actualice su información - Recorte el siguiente formato de inscripción y entréguelo en la Misa junto con colecta. Recuerde que los datos que usted nos suministre son confidenciales.**

- Soy (somos) nuevo(s) en la Parroquia. **Queremos inscribimos.**
- Llevo (tenemos) ya tiempo asistiendo a esta parroquia y **queremos inscribimos.**
- Estoy (estamos) inscritos y **esta es la nueva dirección.**
- Ya no podré volver a esta parroquia. **Favor eliminar mi nombre de la lista.**

NOMBRE: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECION: \_\_\_\_\_ APTO: \_\_\_\_\_ CIUDAD: \_\_\_\_\_

CODIGO POSTAL: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEFONO: \_\_\_\_\_ CORREO ELECTRONICO: \_\_\_\_\_