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Mission Statement:

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

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November 9, 2025

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. (Ez 47:12)

Psalm:

The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High! (Ps 46)

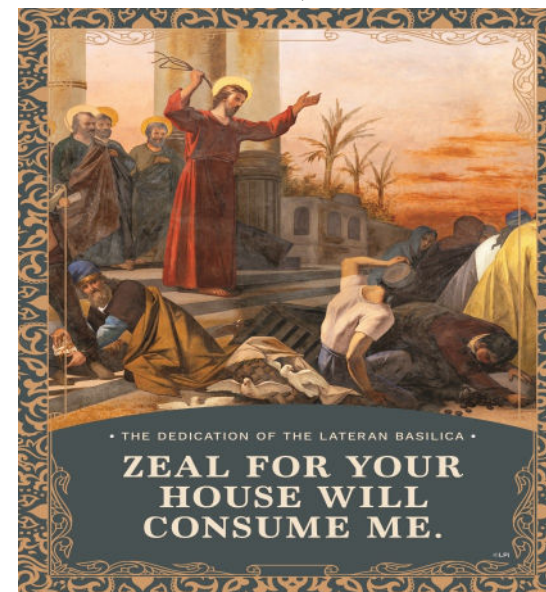
Second Reading:

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Cor 3:16)

Gospel:

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

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My Dear Parishioners:

Have you ever wanted to go back and see the home in which you lived as a child? Go back to the school in which you entered kindergarten or the first grade? Or maybe, with friends, go back to your old high school? Have you ever wanted to see the home you first lived in after you were married? All of us have probably taken ourselves back to those "firsts," to those significant places where we first began important phases in our lives.

Christians have, from the very beginning, made pilgrimages to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus Christ, to Nazareth, where Jesus, Mary, and Joseph lived during Christ's early years, and to Jerusalem where He was crucified, died, and was buried. All of us, in our personal lives, in our family lives, and in our spiritual lives have a desire to eventually return to those places where we had our "firsts."

Today, the Roman Catholic Church takes us back to Rome under the reign of the Emperor Constantine. On November 9, 324 A.D., Pope St. Sylvester consecrated the first public Christian church in the ancient City of Rome. It had been built on property given to the Church by Constantine and given the name "The Church of Saint Savior." Centuries later, in the eleventh century, its name was changed and it became known as the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

The consecration in the year 324 A.D of the Church of Saint Savior meant that Christians, once persecuted and hidden underground, were now preferred and allowed to be public. Christians and Christian worship were not only publicly tolerated but also placed in the heart of Rome's Imperial Establishment. The Church of Saint Savior, now known as St. John Lateran, was erected on a site owned by Constantine's wife at the top of the Lateran Hill, one of the seven significant hills of Rome. Its public consecration was a momentous event, to say the least.

Emperor Constantine was dealing with the question: Is my religion a "me and Jesus" religion, or is it a "we and Jesus" religion? That is the question we are also facing in our day. The catacombs of Rome, we must remember, were places in which the dead were buried. They were located outside Rome's city walls. It is not far fetched to say that there are powerful forces around us which would have everyone believe that the Catholic Church is dead and should be buried apart from where we really live our lives, where we are schooled, where we work, where we talk seriously about public policy and our commonly shared standards of behavior.

Please don't misunderstand me. I am not overly concerned with buildings. What I really value is the individual person and his or her personal conscience. Each and every human being needs to be respected and recognized as one of God's own children. If anything could sum up the major thrust of Pope John Paul II's pontificate it would be his absolute and resolute insistence on the sacred value of the unique human person.

Christian worship affirms that. At the same time it affirms that we all have value and worth because we belong to Jesus Christ in his Communion of Saints; we are members of his very own family. "Who is my mother?" he once asked. "And who are my brothers and sisters?" "Those"", he answered, "who give themselves in love to our Father in heaven, those who come to His house to give Him their lives, their hopes and their wills in order to reveal His kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven."

Today, we are remembering where and how Christianity first began interfacing with the dominant culture that surrounded it. Have times changed all that much? Have this world's attitudes toward Christianity changed all that much? It's good for us to go back to our beginnings and ask those questions of ourselves. Not to answer them is to place our souls in peril.

Let me shift now to consider temples. People of all faiths have their shrines and temples, places in which they have encountered their gods and goddesses. Apart from religious and spiritual temples we have temples of the Law. It is not by accident that our nation's Supreme Court building looks like a temple. Nor is it surprising that our nation's Capital building with its beautiful dome resembles Rome's St. Peter's Basilica with its magnificent dome. Temples are part of the fabric of our lives.

Abraham's grandson, Jacob (the son of Abraham's son Isaac) had an encounter with God as reported in the Book of Genesis, chapter 28. After that encounter with God Jacob built a shrine saying: "How awe-inspiring this place is! This is nothing less than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." (Genesis 28:17).

While it is true that God is everywhere and cannot be contained in any particular place, it is likewise true that there are special events and places in which we have encountered His special Presence and have experienced His presence, His power, and His love. This is the reason why we have our shrines and church buildings, those special places we call sanctuaries wherein we can come into conscious awareness of God's presence and love for us.

The church in which I was baptized, confirmed, and received my First Holy Communion is Saint Agnes. That special place holds in my mind memories, lovely memories of my innocent childhood when my faith was pure and simple. Interestingly enough, written on the wall of the sanctuary and surrounding the tabernacle containing the Blessed Sacrament, were Jacob's words: "This is nothing less than the house of God, this is the gate of heaven."

Having noted all these ideas we need to turn our attention to the most glorious of all God's gifts to us, namely that because of Jesus Christ raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are, each one of us, temples of God's Holy Spirit. In the third chapter of St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians he speaks to that fact several times. Said St. Paul, "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

In our daily spiritual reflections and thoughts, we should often recall that truth because it means that each one of you here is a walking, living tabernacle in which God's presence is taken by you into your surrounding world. Our church building provides us with a shelter and a privileged place in which we can come into an encounter with God. But the significant temple is you, for it is through you, with you, and in you that the Spirit-filled risen Christ is made present to others in the world that surrounds us and in the lives of the people whom we encounter.

It is good to give some attention today to the first public Christian church in the Roman Empire, but it is best to realize that because of that church, St. John Lateran, we are here in our parish church to be renewed as temples of the Living God through whom others can be touched by His presence, His power, and His love. May you bring Him into the lives of many who long to know Him and to be touched by Him.

I leave you now with a famous and now pertinent thought from St. Teresa of Avila: "Christ has no body on earth but yours; no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks with compassion on the world; yours are the feet with which He walks to do good; yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world. Christ has no body now on the earth but yours."

Blessings,

Fr. John

November Birthdays

11—Jeff Sanford
16—Joyce Moorman,
Greg Gough
19—Ron Moorman,
Barbara Bisel
20 – Linda Wahl
22—Trey Hatchett

Mass Intentions

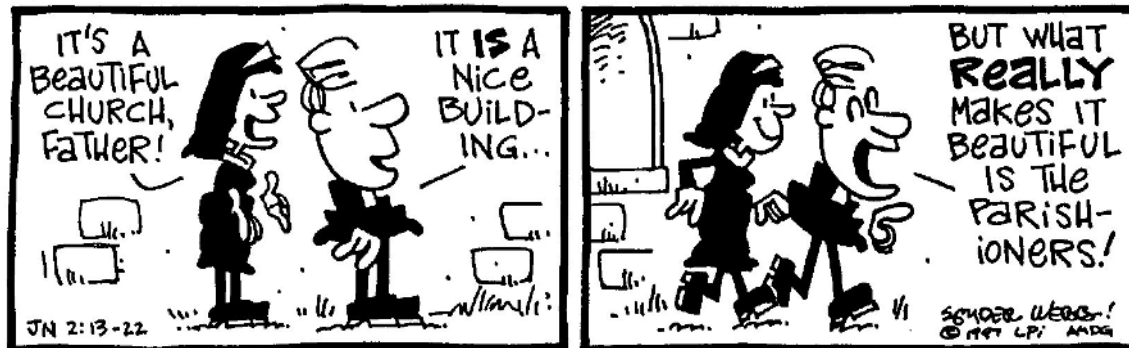
November 9--Jean Murphy
November 16--Dan Halbig
November 23--Larry Allen

Let us remember to pray for those who are dying and those who have recently died. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Joanne Kendall, Rollie Pike, Larry Leachman, Dorothy Simmons, Steve Coble, Teresa Luebert, Diane Selby, Kathi Skidd, Ray Higgs, Pam Wilson, Phil Armendarez, Cindy Heckmann, Judy Stinett, Shaun Winchell, China Dulin, Rachel Mattingly, Charlie Brown Sr, Steven Moorman, Philip Moorman, Jr., Ronnie Hollis, Chandra Hagan, Larry Clark, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Jordan Gertisen, Shelby Webster, Gary Moorman. **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**



DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN LATERAN



Coming Events



Blessed Sacrament Happenings

November 9 -- Religious Ed

November 13 -- Finance Meeting

November 23 -- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner



November 2--\$1,287.50

Budget--\$1,300.00

MTD Collection--\$1,287.50

MTD Budget--\$1,300.00

YTD Collection--\$34,512.09

YTD Budget--\$24,400.00

May each give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.

Thanks to everyone who practices stewardship on a regular basis. An active parishioner attends Mass regularly and practices stewardship (time, talent, treasure).

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, **"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22)**. His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

— Father John Muir

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
	Lectors
<u>November 9:</u>	Jacques Williams, Misty Sanford
<u>November 16:</u>	Wayne Stephens, Layson Brooks
<u>November 23:</u>	Barbara Bisel, Greg Gough
	Eucharistic Ministers
<u>November 9:</u>	Sr. Monica Seaton, Michelle Jones, Holly Hollis
<u>November 16:</u>	Greg and Denise Richardson
<u>November 23:</u>	Greg Gough Cindy Clark, Misty Sanford, Janet Clark
	Collection & Gifts
<u>November 9:</u>	Barbara Hammond, Wonet Taylor
<u>November 16:</u>	Jamie, Beau, Luke Bisel
<u>November 23:</u>	Burnell Hamilton, Steve Coble

Volunteers Needed:

We need volunteers to help make our annual thanksgiving community meal a success.

Please see the sign up sheet in the back of Church for sides, desserts, and drinks. We also need help with carving turkeys, serving, and clean up on Sunday November 23rd.

Thank you for your ministry of service to our parish and community!

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Did you know there are churches in Rome older than St. Peter's? St. John Lateran is one of four major basilicas in the Eternal City, and it is by far the oldest. The land was donated by an ancient Roman family to the Emperor Constantine, who in turn gave it to the Church. For hundreds of years, St. John Lateran was the "mother church." Popes lived on the grounds through the 14th century. The church itself suffered from pillaging by invaders, fires, and earthquakes. It has been restored and rebuilt five times since the 300s. On this feast, we remember more than a building. We celebrate the resiliency of our faith. Though trials may come in our parishes, personal lives, and the world, the Church endures through the grace of Jesus Christ.



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Readings for the Week	
Sunday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Monday:	Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Observances for the week of November 9

Monday:	St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
Wednesday:	St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday:	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Saturday:	St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

FIRST CANONIZED U.S. SAINT

“ I WILL GO ANYWHERE AND DO ANYTHING IN ORDER TO COMMUNICATE THE LOVE OF JESUS TO THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW HIM OR HAVE FORGOTTEN HIM. ”

-ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI-



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
(July 15, 1850 – December 22, 1917)

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was born in the village of Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Italy. Young Frances dreamed of being a missionary. She was educated to be a teacher by the Daughters of the Sacred Heart, but was refused entry to the order due to her poor health. Instead, she worked as a teacher and administrator at an orphanage in Cadogno, Italy, run by the Sisters of Providence. In September 1877, she made her vows there and took the religious habit, adding Xavier to her name in honor of St. Francis Xavier.

When the orphanage closed in 1880, she founded the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In 1887, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini sought an audience with Pope Leo XIII, to seek permission to go as missionaries to China. He famously told her to go “not to the East, but to the West,” and in 1889 she and six other sisters departed for New York, to serve Italian immigrants in the United States. However, anti-Italian and anti-immigrant attitudes were prevalent at the time, even in the Church. When she arrived, the archbishop advised her to go back to Italy. Undeterred, she provided education and healthcare within the Italian Catholic immigrant community.

At first, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini followed and served Italian immigrant populations, from New York to Chicago, and across the U.S., becoming a U.S. Citizen in 1909. Eventually she also founded institutions in Central and South America and Europe. Overall, she established 67 schools, hospitals, and orphanages. She was also known for her deep spirituality, often entering a trancelike state during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

She died in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. She was canonized in 1946 by Pope Pius XII, the first United States citizen to be canonized. She is the Universal Patron of Immigrants. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Pray for us!

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