

# **November Newsletter – 2017**

*Mass will return to the Cathedral November 3*

## **November Class Calendar**

8 – Regular Class

15- Regular Class

22-No Class – Thanksgiving Break

29-Regular Class

## **Reconciliation for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Mrs. Bradicich ( Music Room) – Wednesday, November 8

Mrs. Linaras ( Spanish Room) – Wednesday, November 15

Please have students here by 6:00 p.m. so they can be in Church by 6:15

## **Vocation Awareness Week – November 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>**

As a family consider what God may be calling you to as ministry. Perhaps the priesthood, a religious sister or in lay ministry? Calls to service should be considered and encouraged in the home. On Wednesday November 8 our classrooms will be discussing the need for us all to answers God's call.

## **Solemn Vespers**

*Sunday, November 5*

*4:00 – 4:30 p.m.*

Solemn Vespers will be prayed the first Sunday of each month in the Cathedral. This month the prayer and music will commemorates the anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral. An organ prelude will be played before the service begins. This is open to the entire parish and families are urged to attend. For those in the Confirmation program this will count toward the Spiritual Exercise Hours. An adult should attend with the young person.

## **Children's Liturgy**

Sundays at the 11:30 a.m. Mass a liturgy of the word is held for children 4 years old to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. This group breaks the Sunday readings down for children. Crafts and handouts are given. If you would like to help with this ministry please contact Bianca Horton at [bmaries14@yahoo.com](mailto:bmaries14@yahoo.com) or call the R.E. office.

**ADVENT BEGINS ON DECEMBER 3 – END DECEMBER 24**

## HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Our parish is seeking to help those in need during the Holiday season and we ask you to consider helping in this effort. We will be having a canned goods, staple items, grooming items and cleaning supplies. Baskets will be located in the back of church or may be brought to the CCD office. All items will be used in the Giving Tree Baskets.

The Giving Tree will be put up the weekend of November 18/19 in the Cathedral. The tags on the tree represent needs and wants of area families that were impacted by Hurricane Harvey or have pressing needs. Families were recommended by Victoria Independent School District and all have been screened for true need.

In some cases sizes of clothing were not available so gift cards ( in any amount) are needed for the child can try the clothes on. Food baskets are also needed – but if you choose to get a turkey or ham please call the office so we can get it and place it in the freezer, please don't leave them under the tree or take to the rectory. All items are due back in by Sunday, December 10. Please return to the church with the tag securely attached to the item. If you prefer a donation ( in any amount) can be sent to the rectory labeled Giving Tree. All money donated will be used to purchase items for those whose tag was not adopted. If you have any questions please call 575-8132.

### BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday November 14 is the last Baptism class for parents being held this year. ( No class in December). A least one parent and one God parent must attend a Baptism class. If your child in planning on making First Communion this year they MUST be baptized first. Once you have completed your class Baptisms will be scheduled. Please don't run out of time for this important Sacrament. Call 575-8132 for more information

### Spring Sacrament Dates

**Reconciliation** for all those making First Communion this year ( both 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and those in special Sacraments ) will be held in February. Please be working with them on their prayers.

### Confirmation Deadline – March 7

This includes all paperwork and requirements. This deadline WILL NOT BE EXTENDED so please check with your candidate or call the office.

**Confirmation** – April 15, 2018 at 2 p.m.

**First Communion** – Weekend of April 21/22