

PASTOR'S CORNER (with our business manager Amy Graves)

Just How are our new Icons being paid for?

As you all know, Fr. Jon Buffington has started writing the icons in our church. It's very exciting to look ahead and imagine how these icons will be transformed over the course of the months ahead!! Some questions have come up concerning the manner in which the icon project is being funded. I thought, therefore, that I would take a moment to spend some time doing so.

Last summer the parish committees approved this project in an effort to enhance St. Therese's liturgical environment. There has been a long history of committees looking into various projects to upgrade our sacred art and environment in the church, but the funds were simply not available. These hopes were able to become a reality after Pete and Dolly Mastrantonio left us a very generous bequest. This exciting project would not have been possible without their gift and we are deeply grateful. A small portion of the Mastrantonio bequest will be used to fund the icon project (less than 10% of the total bequest) and help turn our ambitious vision of an improved worship space into a happy reality.

Please understand that bequests received by the parish and school cannot be used for ongoing operations but must be allocated to capital improvement type of projects. For this reason alone, but also due to yearly budget constraints, your donations do not in any way fund the writing of these icons. We rely solely on our Parishioner donations to operate St. Therese Church, just as we rely on your donations and upon tuition revenue to operate the school. All of your donations go directly to paying for the expenses to operate our parish and school.

We work very hard to carefully spend the monies that you have entrusted to us and we are very grateful for your ongoing support. We are very fortunate that the generous bequests of Irene Grimsbo, the Mastrantonios, Marcel Staab and others have allowed us to build a new and improved handicapped parking area, improve sanctuary lighting, install a wonderful new sound system, upgrade our heating and cooling controls, and fund certain additions to the sacred architecture of the church worship space. None of these things could have been done without the help of these donor families.

Please feel free to call or stop by the Parish office anytime if you have any additional questions.

Fr. Stephen Geer

Amy Graves, Business Manager

Ordinary Time

Day	Date	Time	Observance	Mass Intention
VIGIL	Oct 28	5:00 pm	Vigil of the Sunday Mass	Betty Susnjara +
SUNDAY	Oct 29	9:00 am	The Most Holy Eucharist of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ	Joanna Kong +
		11:30 am	The Most Holy Eucharist of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ	Missa pro populo
Monday	Oct 30		No service	
Tuesday	Oct 31	8:30 am	Ferial weekday (All Hallows Eve)	Mary Holt +
			<u>Readings for All Saints:</u> Revelation 7.2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12a	
Wednesday	Nov 1	9:00 am	All Saints	Missa pro populo
Thursday	Nov 2	10:00 am	The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)	The Faithful Departed +
Friday	Nov 3	8:30 am	San Martin de Porres, Religious	Henry Cheiu Nguyen +
Saturday	Nov 4	8:30 am	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop	STWA
			<u>Readings for the Sunday Mass:</u> Malachi 1.14b – 2.2b, 8-10; Psalm 131; 1 Thessalonians 2.7b-9, 13; Matthew 23.1-12	
VIGIL		5:00 pm	Vigil of the Sunday Mass	Joanna Kong +
SUNDAY	Nov 5	9:00 am	The Most Holy Eucharist of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ	Mike Moore +
		11:30 am	The Most Holy Eucharist of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ	Missa pro populo