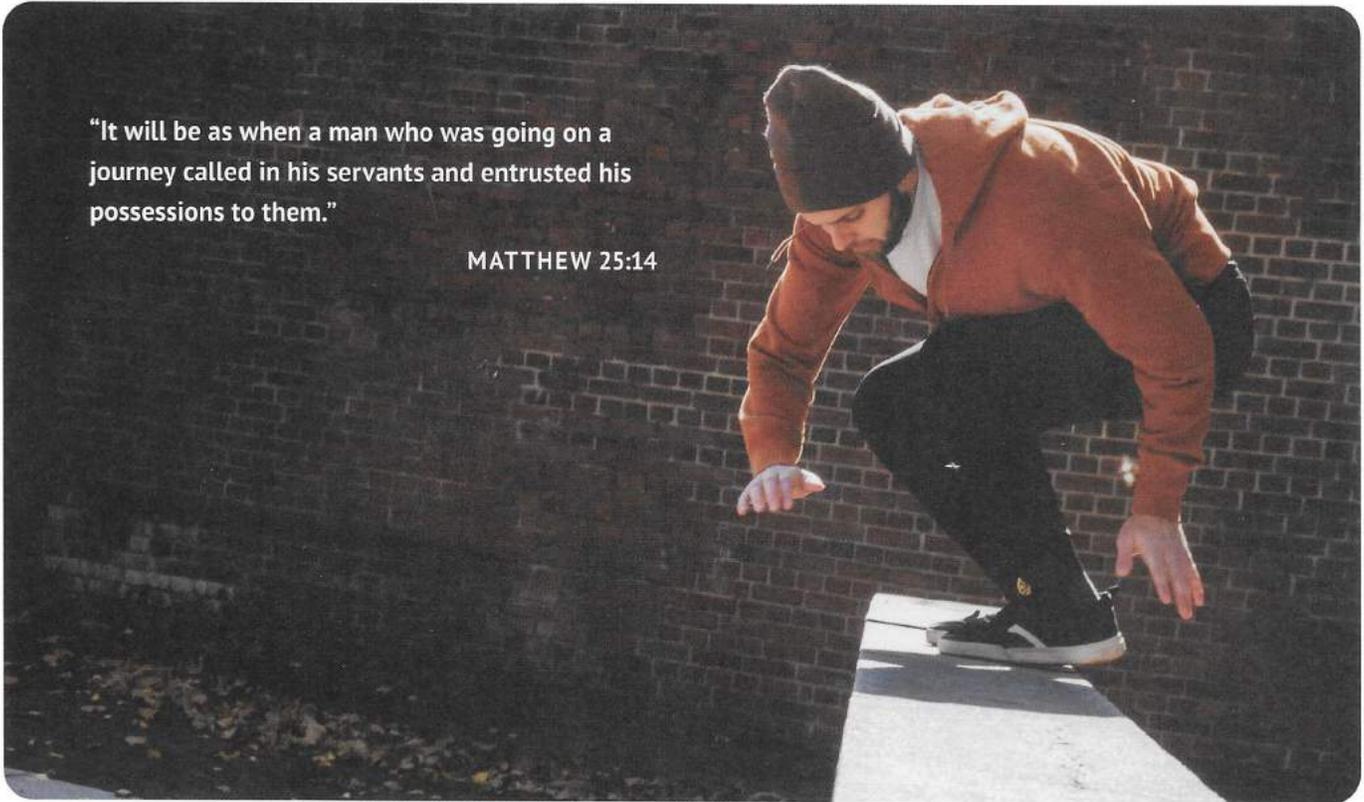




"It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them."

MATTHEW 25:14



The Edges: Where God Works

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Those who are willing to take great risks are often the ones who give birth to dreams of growth and new life. Often it is at the scary edge of life where such growth ultimately takes place. In 1776, those who sparked a revolution and risked their personal wealth founded a new nation. President Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, when many were urging him not to do so, thus opening the door of freedom to those who found it locked. In South Africa, Nelson Mandela risked speaking out against apartheid, was imprisoned for twenty-seven years, and was eventually freed to become the leader of a new South Africa.

So often those who risk to make life new are those who are living at the growing edge of God's reign, instruments of God bringing creation to new life.

In the parable in this week's Gospel, three individuals are entrusted with a treasure of great worth. The third person backs away from any risk, burying it because he is stifled by fear. God's dynamic presence, on the other hand, grows when individuals risk doing the right thing in spite of the consequences, when they are willing to speak an unpopular truth, when they take a stand for those on the edges of society, when they break down the barriers of racism and oppression. In the end, we need to listen less to our fears and more to our dreams. It's where God does God's best work: at the edges. ●

Reflect

When have you risked bringing about new life?

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 18- 6:00 PM

✠ Anthony Peretti by The Peretti Family

Sunday, November 19- 9:00 AM

✠ Aldo & Claire Lijoi by Vittoria Lijoi

Tuesday, November 21- Noon

✠ George Klein by Tom Behrmann

Wednesday, November 22- 9:00 AM

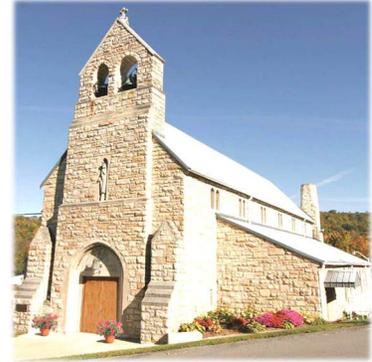
✠ Jim Gabbert by Deborah Garton & Fred Butler

Saturday, November 25 - 6:00 PM

✠ Eugene Cassell by The Peretti Family

Sunday, November 26 - 9:00 AM

✠ Deceased Members of Sacred Heart



Office Hours: 304-327-5623

Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Food Pantry Hours:

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 22: Vigil Thanksgiving Mass 6 PM

November 23: Thanksgiving Day

November 23-24: Parish Office Closed for Holiday

November 27: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 PM

December 1: First Friday Mass 6 PM

December 6: Advent Penance Service 6 PM

December 7: Immaculate Mary Vigil Mass 6 PM

December 8: Immaculate Mary Mass 12 Noon

December 9-10: 2nd Collection for Retired Religious

December 10: Cocoa & Cookies with St. Nicholas 10 AM

December 11: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 PM

December 12: St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting 11 AM

December 24: Children's Christmas Mass 4:00 PM

December 24: Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Friday's from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

December 15 - Princeton December 29 -Bluefield

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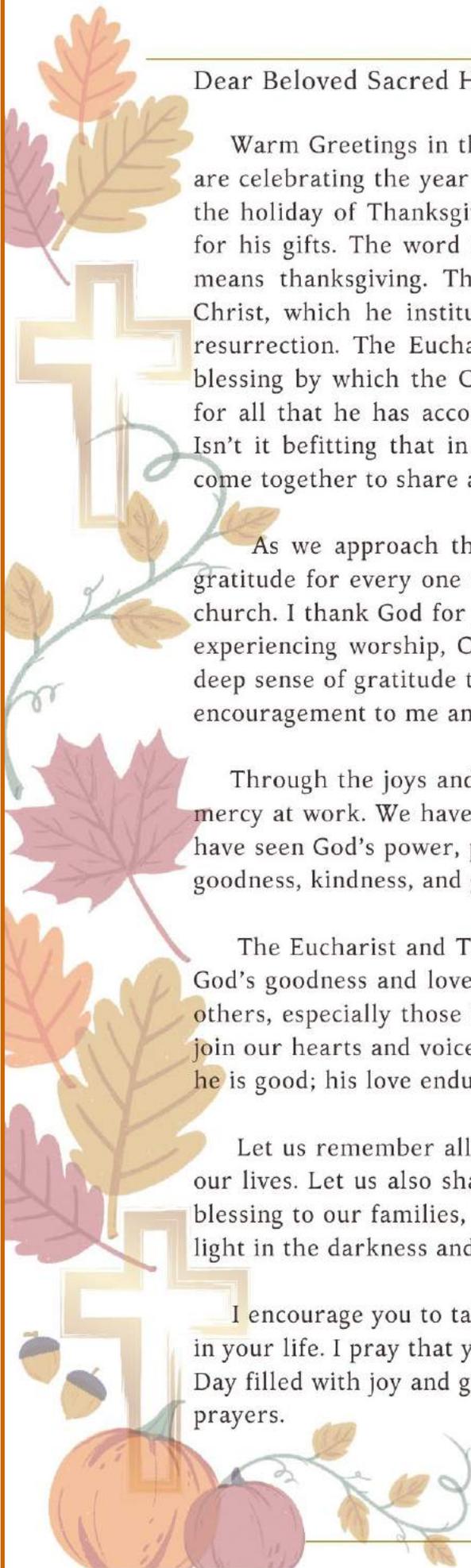
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THANKSGIVING

2023

Dear Beloved Sacred Heart Family,



Warm Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! This year we are celebrating the year of the Eucharistic Revival of the Parish. The Eucharist and the holiday of Thanksgiving have a common spiritual meaning of gratitude to God for his gifts. The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistein*, which means thanksgiving. The Eucharist is the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, which he instituted at the Last Supper as a memorial of his death and resurrection. The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all that he has accomplished through creation, redemption, and sanctification. Isn't it befitting that in celebrating both the Eucharist and Thanksgiving that we come together to share a meal?

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for every one of you. You are a precious gift from God to me and to this church. I thank God for your faith, your love, your service, and your generosity. By experiencing worship, Communion, and ministry together as a parish, we share a deep sense of gratitude to the Lord. Each of you has been a source of happiness and encouragement to me and to our parish.

Through the joys and hardships of this year, we have also seen God's grace and mercy at work. We have seen God's provision, protection, healing, and comfort. We have seen God's power, presence, peace, and hope. We have seen God's faithfulness, goodness, kindness, and generosity.

The Eucharist and Thanksgiving are both occasions to recognize and appreciate God's goodness and love for us. They are also opportunities to share our gifts with others, especially those in need. By celebrating the Eucharist and Thanksgiving, we join our hearts and voices with the psalmist who sang: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Let us remember all that God has done for us and praise him with our lips and our lives. Let us also share his love and grace with others who need it. Let us be a blessing to our families, our friends, our neighbors, and our community. Let us be a light in the darkness and a salt in the earth.

I encourage you to take time to give thanks to God for the harvest of blessings in your life. I pray that you and your loved ones will have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day filled with joy and gratitude. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

May God bless you abundantly!

Father Sebastian

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation 2023 - 2024

Theme for 2023

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will refresh you."

Matthew 11:28

The schedule through January 2024:

November 19 ~ **NO** faith formation for Confirmation Sunday

November 26 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 3 ~ Regular Session

December 10 ~ Faith Formation in the parish lounge – lesson on St. Nicholas

December 17 ~ Practice for Christmas Eve Children's Mass in the Church

December 24 ~ Children to participate at 4pm Christmas Eve Mass

December 31 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday

January 7 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday

January 14, 21, 28 ~ Faith Formation Regular Sessions

Please keep our Confirmation Group and others in prayer that they receive an abundance of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Rhys Aiello, Madison Rebeck, Sophia Tran, Keagan Wills, and Krystin Austin

Catechists ~ Ashley Rebeck, Sherry Ciccolini, and Julia Harrison

Youth Ministers ~ Wendi Aiello and Katie Kidd

Sponsors: Marilyn McCoy, Sherry Ciccolini, Ashley Rebeck, Karen Kidd, and Brandon Austin

RCIA



The next RCIA meeting is November 29 at 5pm in the school. To learn more, please contact Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office.

CRUSADERS YOUTH

Upcoming Events:

November 23rd: Youth ministry service activity. We will be helping the Knights of Columbus serve Thanksgiving dinner to the residents of the WV manor. We will meet at 9am in the parish lounge to help pack up and head to the WV Manor.

November 29th: Wednesday, November 29 at 5:30pm we will be packings for Blessings in a Backpack at the National Bank in Bluefield, VA. Please enter at the back of the building. Siblings and family members are welcome to join us.



Parents:

Please check your email for information regarding the MOUNT 2000 retreat. Please contact Wendi ASAP if your child is interested in attending.

Angel Tree

Angel Tree season has officially begun! If you would like to participate in Angel Tree this year, you may pick an Angel off the Tree in the back of the church. On the back of the angel will be an index card for you to fill out. Please drop the card in the basket on the table next to the tree.

Please take the angel home with you. It should be placed on your gift-wrapped present.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office or Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934.

FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.



Our Mother Mary

What is Mariology? Learn about this fascinating topic in this interview with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville.



Handbell Choir

Thank you to our Hand bell Choir for the beautiful performance last week. The next rehearsal is TBA. God Bless You!

Cocoa & Cookies with St. Nicholas

December 10th following Mass



Sacred Heart Catholic Church's very own Saint Nicholas is inviting ALL of our children and their parents for Cocoa and Cookies in the church lounge on Sunday, December 10, 2023 following 9am Mass.

Saint Nicholas will share his story and watch the children complete a Christmas Craft. Saint Nicholas would also like for the children to bring their Christmas letter for him.



SACRED HEART ORNAMENTS

Perfect for Christmas to hang on the tree! Buy one for yourself or as a gift to family members and friends! These beautiful ornaments are an exact replica of our Sanctuary Altar at Sacred Heart!

The ornaments will be selling for \$20.00 each.



We will be selling them at Mass or you may call Ann Robinson at (304) 887-2421, Theresa Bales at (304) 920-8104, or the parish office to place your order.

Thank you to our beloved Food Pantry Volunteers who give so much of their time to make our Thanksgiving and weekly food distributions so successful. Thanks to all those that contribute financially and with food and clothes items. May the Lord continue to bless the ministry!



| November Ministry Schedule | | | | | | | | |
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| Mass Date & Time | Sacristan | Rosary Leader | Altar Servers | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | Hospitality | Collection Counters (Sundays) | |
| 11/18 Sat 6 pm | Jean McCloud | Purita Buenafe | A. Peretti | Deborah Garton | 1.T. Berhmann 2.J. McCloud 3.P. Peretti | The Pascasio's | Delores Shumate Marilyn McCoy | |
| | | | E. Peretti | Maria Zalduondo | | | | |
| 11/19 Sun 9 am Confirm. Sunday | Mary Malamisura | Terry Lampert | See Worship Aid for Full List of Altar Servers | Wendi Aiello | 1.C. Saunders 2.T. Lampert | Steve Copolo | | |
| | | | | Ashely Rebuck | | | | |
| 11/22 6 pm Thanks giving Mass | Mary Malamisura | No Rosary | Mary Malamisura | Terry Lampert | 1.F. Moran 2.V. Hager 3.T. Hager | Bob Buzzo | | No Collection Taken |
| 11/25 Sat 6 pm | Theresa Lowery | Valerie Hager | Stephanie Copolo | Feleesha Moran | 1.V. Hager 2.T. Hager 3.L. Mariotti | John Monaco | | |
| | | | Melissa Copolo | | | | | |
| 11/26 Sun 9 am | Terry Lampert | Cherie Mulkey | Mary Malamisura | Ron Ciccolini | 1.M. Romeo 2.S. Romeo 3.T. Lampert | Rocky Malamisura | | |
| | | | | Bob Buzzo | | | | |



To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

On Behalf of the Staff of Sacred Heart Parish, The Parish Pastoral Council, And the Parish Finance Council, we want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! Your kindness and generosity are a blessing to Our Faith Community. With warmest regards for your love and support.




Thank You For Your Generous Donations

| Weekly Collection | weekend Nov 11-12 | YTD Actual | YTD Budget |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Envelopes | 5,021.00 | 197,545.90 | 212,000.00 |
| Maintenance | 85.00 | 2,410.00 | 7,500.00 |
| Loose Offertory | 250.00 | 18,882.60 | 16,750.00 |
| Total Contributions | \$ 5,356.00 | \$ 218,838.50 | \$ 236,250.00 |
| Votive Candles (Gross) | 50.00 | 610.00 | 500.00 |
| Food Pantry | 914.00 | 33,358.35 | 0.00 |
| Dioc: Archdiocese of Military Services | 467.00 | 592.00 | 0.00 |
| Attendance: | 6pm: 42 | 9am: 93 | |

Please Pray For:

Parishioners: George Aiello Sr, Jeanne Ameli, Peggy Austin, John Babbitt, Mary Jo Babbitt, Stephanie Blevins, Richard Canterbury, Loretta Carrigan, Sherry Ciccolini, Ron Ciccolini, Tony Colobro, Donella Crigger, Victoria Crofcheck, Teresa Derenge, Alex and Joanne Ercoline, Debbie Ameli Froy, Angie Genovesi, Katie & Ron Goodwin, James (Tom) Hager, Mary Claire Keenan, Susan Kerr, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tracy Lyon, Harold Mabardy, Sue Mazol, Mary McGonagle, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha & Patrick Moran, Shane Neal, Jacob Nester, Patricia Nester, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Pochick, Nancy & Dr. Anthony Rasi, Jerry Rasi, Kathy Richards, Rosalie Rocchetti, Sharon Rothausen, Rodney & Jami Rust, Mariam Salaita, Virginia Shumate, Wayne Shumate, Ann Switch, Laura Zande Taylor, Stella Mae Taylor, Joe Thomas, Jason and Clay Thomason, Theresa Thomason, Larry Zande Jr., Patricia & Larry Zande Sr., Kara Zande and Analeigh Dawn, Joan Zingale

Homebound Parishioners: Linda Angelelli, Joy Formica, Patsy Malamisura, Dolores Pritchett, Mitzi Romeo, Theresa Soulis

Friends & Family: Betty Akers, Andrew Arczynski, Sandy Arczynski, Jim Archer, Jeffery Arkland, Tim Arnold, Jack Asbury, Jonathon Bays, Robert Below, Maggie Blankenship, Cara Blankenship, Amanda Bolton, Vanessa Boyer, Teddy Bradshaw, Melissa Carnett, Zac Carter, Sandy Cassidy, Michelle Coker, Chuck Comer, Harold Cutlip, Lisa Dalton, Barry Dinger, Kim Duesing, Christina Easton, Mike Farmer, Cathy Feather, Tina Fitzgerald, Phil Gesotti, Larry Gilliam, Mary and Colin Gillespie, Vincent Godfrey, Dr. James Godwin, DDS, Skip Harless, Becky Harris, Gary Haynes, Owen Hime, Claire Holt, Alpha Jean Holly, Shannon Honaker, Madilyn Humphreys, Josh Husband, Trish Johnson, Cyndi Jones, Joseph Justin, Sherry Khatib, Sandy Kegley, Melonie Koch, Charlotte Kohlmeyer, Zoe Kotsko, Eddie Lanter, Dawn Lawless, Stan Lawson, Elaine Lilly, James & Pam Linkous, John Paul Lovell, Jaysen Marshall, Jacob and Tara Matney, Andy McKoy, Brandon McKoy, Linda Meadows, Chase Miller, Kim & Doug Miller, Scott Morris, Jacob Morton, Helen Mullins, Jane Murphy, Ane Montarroyos, Bobby Neal, Shane Neal, Steven Nelcher, Jonny Phillips, Annette Pike, Barbara Polatz, Thomas Presley Sr., William Ray, Brian Richard, Roy Rogers, Keving Roland, Mayra Rolon, Charles Rose, Barbara Sadler, Rick Saunders, Brittany Scott, Courtney Shade, Devin Shamro, Raymond Shumate, Leanna Smith, Bryan Staten, Adam Stuart, Laurie Stuart, Robert Shade, Ellie Spencer, Teresa Taylor, Jim Thompson, Evelyn Turnbough, Sarah Turner, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Jane Walthall, Charlotte Woolwine

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL



Church Goal:
\$25,340

Amount Raised:
\$67,409

266% of our Goal!

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED,

PLEASE CALL:

Parish Office (304) 327-5623
Princeton Office (304) 425-3664

In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying:

{Please consider, with Fr. Sebastian out of town, it will take longer to contact a priest. Please call the church office as soon as you can} The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

In case of Illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes & Hospitals: are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the parish office.



***Altar Flowers were Donated by the Family of Sacred Heart
In Honor of our Confirmation Mass 2023***

Dear Padre,

My grandmother says Catholics used to fast from midnight until they received Communion. When did the fasting time change to only one hour, and why?

The ancient discipline of fasting before Communion became a universal practice by the fifth century. Until 1953, those who would receive holy Communion refrained from consuming food, water, and medicine from midnight to the time of Communion. In 1953 and 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the fast from food to three hours and from water for one hour (*Christus Dominus* and *Sacram Communionem*).

In 1966, Pope St. Paul VI further reduced the fast to one hour and allowed water and medicine at any time (*Paenitemini*). In 1973, he reduced the fast for the sick and elderly to fifteen minutes before Communion when one hour is prohibitive (*Immensae Caritatis*).

The loosening of the restrictions was in no way intended to lessen the reverence for the holy Eucharist. The changes were made to allow as many Catholics as possible to receive the Eucharist, which can be difficult when priests are in short supply. For the same reason, *Immensae Caritatis* also allowed the practice of having extraordinary ministers give Communion. Despite the changes to the Communion fast, unity and uniformity have been maintained. And of course, Catholics are free to fast before Communion beyond the duration and degree currently prescribed. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today the Church tells us: "Use what God has given you and look at the poor." At times, we think that to be Christian means not to do harm. And not doing harm is good. But not doing good is not good. We must do good, come out of ourselves and look...at those who are more in need.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 15, 2020



MONDAY

November 20

Weekday

1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43, 54–57, 62–63
Lk 18:35–43

TUESDAY

November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Mc 6:18–31
Lk 19:1–10

WEDNESDAY

November 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

2 Mc 7:1, 20–31
Lk 19:11–28

THURSDAY

November 23

Weekday

1 Mc 2:15–29
Lk 19:41–44
Thanksgiving Day
Sir 50:22–24

FRIDAY

November 24

St. Andrew, Dŭng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59
Lk 19:45–48

SATURDAY

November 25

Weekday

1 Mc 6:1–13
Lk 20:27–40

SUNDAY

November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ez 34:11–12, 15–17
1 Cor 15:20–26, 28
Mt 25:31–46