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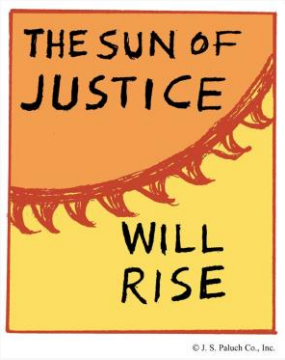

LIFE IS HARD, BUT HAVE NO FEAR

Today's readings take a fearless look at reality and reach a conclusion that we all know: life is hard. The prophet Malachi preaches fire and brimstone, warning us that evildoers will perish in flames. Saint Paul offers his own warning to the Thessalonians: keep busy, but never become a busybody. He reminds Christians that the apostles themselves worked in "toil and drudgery" as a model for how we ought to contribute to our community. The Gospel returns to the apocalyptic tone of Malachi, describing the utter chaos of the end-times. We will know the end is near when violence, catastrophe, and hatred dominate the earth. But we must not fear! God's saving plan brings peace to our hearts. Malachi speaks of the sun's "healing rays," and Jesus himself promises to protect every hair on our heads.

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REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Worlds do change. They come and they go. One day we simply stop climbing up on our mother's or father's lap. Or we quit reading comic books, or put away our Barbies®, or we begin to notice beauty. It happens more than once in a lifetime. We pass the exam and get our driver's license, and in a moment all of childhood's boundaries crumble. We graduate from school and our days become our own, sometimes frighteningly so. We move away from home and realize we can no longer return, not to the way it once was. And while we think all those moments are of our own doing, in truth they are not, none of them. They come upon us as does November out of autumn, and frequently just as bleak. The temples of our lives that we've adorned not only with precious stones but also with precious memories and treasured ways, are always being torn down without one stone left upon another. And no one ever asks our permission.

The new worlds we fear the most, however, are not the ones that change our outer landscapes so much as the ones that can reshape our inner landscapes. For believers, for those who live by the ways of Jesus, it is faith that offers us the willingness to trust and the courage to continue on. Jesus' vision can become the one still point in our ever-changing world, or the one source of life and love when all else is collapsing. —Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

"Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

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Living God's Word - Faith does not keep our worlds protected and whole. It does instill in us patient endurance by which, the Gospel reminds us, we will save our lives.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

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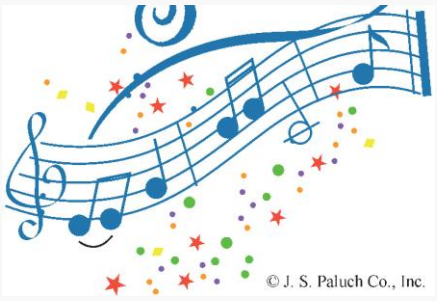
HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

Nov.22 – Jamaica Nov.29 Youth Group

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song.

— Psalm 98:5

Saturday, November 15th -
5:00PM-IHM– +Belinda Gomez, Tomas & Guadalupe Morales; +Alma & Frances Solano; thanksgiving for Samantha Solis' birthday

Sunday, November 16th -
8:00AM – Por Grupo Misionero que Dios les aumente la fe y en acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Cleme Hernandez, Juan Herrera, Norma Cano y Augustin Falana; Por la salud de Robert y Patty McBride
9:30AM – HF – For the People of Nolan County
11:00AM – For our seminarians Humberto Diaz, Martin Luna y Noah Hernandez; +Leticia Acopa

Tuesday, November 18th 9:00AM - HF
Special Intention

Wednesday, November 19th 6:00PM–IHM
+Jovita, Benjie, Daniel y Amanda Olguin; Jennifer y Roger Gomez

Thursday, November 20th 9:00AM HF
+Quintin Alvarez, Rita Romero, Beatriz Aguilera & Maria Aguilera Marques

Friday, November 21st 9:00AM– HF
Por nuestros seminaristas Noah Hernandez, Humberto Diaz y Martin Luna

Saturday, November 22nd -
5:00PM-IHM– +Maria Morales & Carlos C. Guerrero, Rodolfo Morales; +Ruben Gutierrez
For our seminarian, Martin Luna

Sunday, November 23rd -
"Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe"
8:00AM – +Martina Herrera; +Rodrigo DeLoera; +Marcelino y Esther Rodriguez
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

FUNDRAISER

El próximo domingo, 23 de noviembre, miembros de los ministerios de la iglesia estarán vendiendo Platos de Asado y Platos de Posole en el salón, de las 9:00am a los 2:00pm. Todos los fondos serán para le celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

2025 POSADA NOVENA FOR CHRISTMAS - If you would like to host a Posada, please sign up on the list at the church entrance. The Novena starts Tuesday, December 16th and ends in the church on Wednesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve.

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 8:30pm at IHM.

WHY AM I CATHOLIC? Deacon Bill's sharing session is every Tuesday at his home, @6pm. All are invited!

CCD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026
- Sunday classes - Pre-K to 6th Grade; 9:30-10:40am
- Wednesday Classes -7th to 11th Grades; 7:00-8:30pm

OCIA – Classes are held on Thursdays, 6:00pm at Holy Family Hall, 507 Crane St.

ULTREYA– meets Monday, November 17th, 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html

GRUPO MISIONERO meets on Thursdays, IHM hall, @7:00pm.

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – meets this Sunday, November 16th, 4:00pm, Holy Family Hall.

GUADALUPANA SOCIETY – is accepting new members. For more information please call (940) 256-3747, (325) 455-6311 or you may call the office – 235-3318.

COLLECTION DATA – 11/8-9/2025

ENVELOPES/CHECKS	$3522.00
LOOSE PLATE	1001.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	685.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	$5208.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES in the surrounding area beginning at 6:30pm

December 03	–	St. Vincent, Abilene
December 09	–	Holy Family, Abilene
December 10	–	St. Mary, Brownwood
December 11	–	St. Francis, Abilene
December 16	–	Sacred Heart, Abilene
December 17	–	Sacred Heart, Coleman
December 18	–	St. Ann, Colorado City
●December 19	**–**	**Holy Spirit, Sweetwater**

RESEMBLANCE
The dignity of resembling the Almighty is common to all people; we should then love them all as ourselves, as living images of the Deity. It is in this that we belong to God. *St. Francis de Sales*

Presentation
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

November 21

There was a religious custom among the Jews, in former times, of promising to dedicate children to God's service in the temple, even before the children were born. The child, before it's fifth year had passed, was taken to the temple at Jerusalem and committed to the care of the priest who offered it to the Lord, and, sometimes the child remained in the temple to be educated and trained to serve the sanctuary and sacred ministers by making vestments and ornaments, assisting at the services, and contributing to the worship of God in the various liturgical offices.

Tradition tells us that the Blessed Virgin Mary was vowed to God by her parents, St. Joachim and St. Ann, and taken by them to the temple when she was three years old. This offering and dedication of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the Lord, the Church commemorates by the feast of the Presentation on November 21. In some religious communities, the day is observed with special devotion as a patronal feast.

PRAYER: Today we celebrate the glorious memory of the most holy Virgin Mary. Grant, Lord, that through her intercession we, too may receive many graces from Your superabundant bounty. Amen