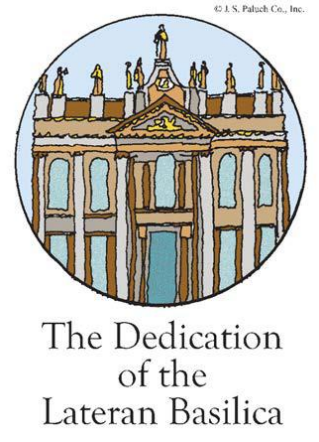
## November 9, 2025




### REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

We are not all we would like to be. We know that only too well. The seven capital sins are not just fantasies. We readily embody them: anger and pride and greed and lust and gluttony and envy and laziness. Our spirits bear the mark of Cain.

It's also true that we often want others to be what we ourselves cannot be, and so we look to the Church, except that the Church is us, and if we are sinful, so too is the Church. Our history as a community of believers says it all too clearly. We waged war with the Crusades. We reveled in the power of ruling over civil states. We became intolerant during the Inquisition. We were a storehouse of wealth. And most recently we were too proud to admit the sexual abuses taking place in our midst.

If we are the dwelling place of God, a temple made of living stones, then we are also in need of being swept clean just as Jesus once cleansed the temple in his day. We come to recognize that need. The good news is that the Church is being swept clean, in every age, because sin slips through in every age. And so the Church, that living temple, is constantly being made new, painful as it may be.

It would be wonderful if the Church were all that the gospel professes. The fact that it is not may be disappointing, but God's reign has not yet arrived—at least not fully. In the meantime, the Lord Jesus continues to cleanse us and renew us. And the marvel is that the river that flows from that temple of living stones is still bringing life to all it touches—in spite of our sinfulness.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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***Living God's Word***

Living with self-inflicted limitations is no easy task, personally or ecclesially. On the other hand, the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ renews the Church and helps us to build his kingdom as best we can.

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Dear parishioners of Sweetwater,

We had a great time with Fr. Josh in Rome and he was kind enough to bring us what you gave him in terms of donations. We are very grateful not only for this but also for your continued support in other ways, especially your prayers. May God bless you and your generosity.
You are in our prayers.

Deacon Mauricio Romero & Seminarian Noah Hernandez

Dominus benedicat tibi et custodiat te,
Rev. Mr. Mauricio Romero
Diocese of San Angelo

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the seventeenth century, English Catholics, many of them wealthy and well educated, looked to the American colonies as a place to regain a measure of religious freedom. In Ireland, the so-called penal laws were even harsher than in England, as a minority Parliament tried to force the conversion of the population by denying the majority political and economic power. Beginning in 1691, laws were passed that punished dissenters, principally Catholics, but also causing hardship for Jews, Quakers, and others. There were acts forbidding "mixed marriage" or sending children "beyond the seas" for schooling. Catholics were taxed at double the common rate, barred from the legal professions and from university, and not allowed to build churches or own a decent horse.

In 1793 the situation began to change, as it became clear that the economic persecution would not drive the majority away from Catholicism. Gradually, laws were repealed until by 1829 freedom was won, although Catholics at university were ineligible for honors, and until the 1920s when the Republic was formed, the Church of Ireland was the state church, funded by the taxes of all citizens.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6 |
| Tuesday: | Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; 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 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25 |
| Friday: | Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37 |
| Saturday: | Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8 |
| Sunday: | Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19 |

### HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

Nov.15 – Guadalupanas  Nov.22 – Jamaica

**Saturday, November 8th** -
**5:00PM-IHM**– +Jovita, Benjie, Daniel & Amanda Olguin; Jennifer & Roger Gomez; en acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Cleme, José y Yuvisela Hernandez; Cassandra y Deacon David Mendez

**Sunday, November 9th** -
***"The Dedication of the Latern Basilica"***
**8:00AM –** Por nuestros fieles difuntos +Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira
**11:00AM** – For the People of Nolan County

**Tuesday, November 11th 9:00AM - HF**
***"St. Martin of Tours, Bishop"***
For our departed brothers and sisters

**Wednesday, November 12th 6:00PM–IHM**
***"St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr"***
For our departed brothers and sisters

**Thursday, November 13th 9:00AM HF**
***"St. Frances Xavier"***
***"Cabrini, Virgin"***
+Ricardo Velez

**Friday, November 14th 9:00AM– HF**
+Ray T. Reyes

**Saturday, November 15th** -
***"St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church"***
**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
**9:30AM – HF –** For the People of Nolan County
**11:00AM** – For our seminarians Humberto Diaz, Martin Luna y Noah Hernandez; +Leticia Acopa

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**FOOD DRIVE**

The parish will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to one of our local food pantries. You can bring your donations to any of the Masses during the month of November. Let us share what we have with those in need.

*God Bless you – Thank you!*

**COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS**

La parroquia recolectará alimentos no-perecederos para donar a una de nuestras despensas de alimentos locales. Puede traer sus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas durante el mes de noviembre. Compartamos lo que tenemos con los necesitados. *Dios lo Bendiga- Gracias!*

**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 10th, 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 9th, 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.

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**COLLECTION DATA – 11/1-2/2025**

ENVELOPES/CHECKS……$4156.00
LOOSE PLATE……1375.79
CCD…….....1019.00
TOTAL COLLECTION……$6550.79

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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**WORD OF LIFE –** November 9th

"In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our own hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own."

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities
"Living Radical Solidarity"

**VETERANS DAY** – November 11th - We thank and honor our Veterans who have faithfully served our country.

# November 9

This is the oldest and ranks first among the four greater or patriarchal churches of Rome. It was originally the palace of Constantine, adapted and dedicated under the title "Our Savior" to serve as the church of the Pope. The present archbasilica was built later, on the site of the original church, and is known as St. John Lateran, having been dedicated to St. John the Baptist.

The other patriarchal basilicas of Rome are St. Peter's, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul's which is situated outside of the walls of the ancient city. These four basilicas represent the four great patriarchates, or ecclesiastical provinces, of the world. There are a number of churches in Rome and elsewhere which rank in honor as lesser basilicas, but do not possess the special privileges of the greater basilicas.

***Prayer: God, out of living and chosen stones You prepare an eternal dwelling for Yourself. Multiply in Your Church the spirit of grace which You have given her, so that Your people may ever grow into that building which is the heavenly Jerusalem. Amen***

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