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## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2006

*Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many.*

*Isaiah 53: 11b*

### **GOD'S WORK OF SALVATION**

God's work of salvation is the focus of this weekend's readings. From the prophetic event of Isaiah to Jesus' understanding of the human condition in Hebrews, concluding with Jesus paying our ransom in Mark, God is in control. There may be failings and misunderstandings along the way. We may move away from God, but at our conversion, God leads us back. Like James and John, we may let greed and power blur our vision of what Jesus wants us to know about the Kingdom; but tirelessly we are taught and re-taught what life in the Kingdom will be. Jesus has paid our ransom to ensure that we will share in the Kingdom.

It is not unusual to think of Jesus' ransom as a punishment that he endured. However, it is more accurate, and more like Jesus, for us to recognize ransom as God's gift to us.

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### **LA OBRA DIVINA DE SALVACIÓN**

La obra de Dios de la salvación es el enfoque de las lecturas este fin de semana. Desde el acontecer profético de Isaías hasta la visión de Jesús sobre la condición humana en Hebreos, y terminando con el rescate que paga Jesús por nosotros en San Marcos, Dios está al mando. Puede que ocurran caídas e incomprendiones por el camino. Puede que nos alejemos de Dios, pero Dios nos trae de vuelta a su lado mediante la conversión. Al igual que Santiago y Juan, a veces dejamos que la avaricia y el poder empañen nuestra visión de lo que Jesús nos quiere enseñar sobre el Reino; pero sin tregua nos enseña y nos repite cómo ha de ser la vida en el Reino. Jesús ha pagado por nuestro rescate para garantizar que compartamos el Reino con él.

No es raro que pensemos sobre el rescate que pagó Jesús en términos de un castigo que tuvo que sufrir. Sin embargo, es más acertado y más como Jesús, reconocer que el rescate es un regalo de Dios para nosotros.

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### **FROM THE PASTOR**

Greetings in the Lord,

As our Notre Dame Faith community hears and understands God's message and Gospel, we are challenged to service of others as true disciples of Christ. This past week our Hispanic Women's ACTS retreat group has been growing in Adoration, Community, Theology of God, and Service to one another and our faith community. We pray that in the weeks after this retreat they will find ministries in our Notre Dame such as Church, School, religious education, project HOPE, or other areas where they will experience the TIME to be humble servants of the Lord.

All members of the Notre Dame faith community will be able to expand the service role by contributing to the second collection to benefit "Habitat for Humanity." This building project helps those needy citizens of Kerr County with needed housing. We thank you for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike P



# THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

## Monday, October 23

John of Capistrano, priest  
 Eph 2: 1-10; Lk 12: 13-21  
 7:00 am In honor of Edward Gradoville  
 Marie Gradoville  
 For Health: Maria Novak  
 Cookie Hernandez

## Tuesday, October 24

Anthony Mary Claret, bp.  
 Eph 2: 12-22; Lk 12: 35-38  
 12:00 pm †Bob Beltrone  
 4th Degree Knights of Columbus

## Wednesday, October 25

Weekday  
 Eph 3: 2-12; Lk 12: 39-48  
 12:00 pm †Filomeno Trevino  
 St. Vincent de Paul Society

## Thursday, October 26

Weekday  
 Eph 3: 14-21; Lk 12: 49-53  
 8:05 am †Grace Bratzel  
 Nada Hyde, Ada Cade  
 & Marge Yarbrough

## Friday, October 27

Weekday  
 Eph 4: 1-6; Lk 12: 54-59  
 7:00 am †Albert Vasques  
 Araceli Torres

## Saturday, October 28

*Vigil: 30th Ordinary Sunday*  
 Jer 31: 7-9, Heb 5: 1-6; Mk 10: 46-52  
 5:00 pm †Ignacio Quiroz  
 Quiroz Family

## Sunday, October 29

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Jer 31: 7-9, Heb 5: 1-6; Mk 10: 46-52  
 8:00 am †Fred Cervantes  
 Cervantes Family  
 9:30 am †Miembros de ACTS  
 Lisa Calderon  
 11:00 am People of the Parish

## **Monday, October 23**

Adoration- 7:30 am- Cry Room  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena - 5:00 pm - Church  
 Boys Scouts- 6:30 pm - Social Center  
 Cub Scouts -6:30 pm - Social Center  
 Cursillos - 7:00 pm - Fireplace Room

## **Tuesday, October 24**

Good Shepherd- 8:30 am- Kemper Hall -Atrium  
 RCIA - 6:30 pm -Fireplace Room  
 RCIA- 6:30 pm-Kemper Hall Rms 204, 205 & 206  
 Christmas Choir- 7:00 pm- Church  
 Spanish Choir Practice - 7:15 pm-Kemper Hall-Rm 209

## **Wednesday, October 25**

Good Shepherd - 5:00 pm - Kemper Hall Atriums  
 Children's Faith Formation-5:15 pm- Social Center  
 Jr. High Youth Formation- 6:00 pm-Social Center

## **Thursday, October 26**

ACTS Gathering- 7:00 pm -Fireplace Room  
 Apogetics- 7:00 pm-Family Life Center

## **Friday, October 27**

Faith Sharing- 12:00 pm-Family Life Center

## **Saturday, October 28**

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament-11:30 am  
 Child Care - 4:45 pm - 6:00 pm - Nursery - Kemper Hall

## **Sunday, October 29**

Good Shepherd-9:00 am- Kemper Hall- Atriums  
 Child Care - 9:15 am - 12:00 pm - Nursery - Kemper Hall  
 High School Formation-5:00 pm -Gymnasium  
 Teen ACTS-12:00 pm-Kemper Hall Rm 205



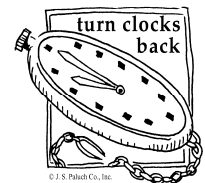
*The Sanctuary Lamp will  
 burn this week  
 in memory of  
 Ezequiel Davila, Sr.  
 by  
 Family*

## **Prayer Line**

Anyone desiring prayers through  
 the prayer line, please call  
 Mary Hauser at 792-4371,  
 or Lula Santa Maria at 257-4323

\*\*\*\*\*Reminder\*\*\*\*\*

Please remember to turn your  
 clocks back this coming  
**Saturday, October 28, 2006.**  
 Daylight savings time begins!





Altar Servers



Lectors



Extraordinary Mins.



Greeters



Bread Bakers

<b>Saturday, Oct 28</b>	MC-Andrea Wahrmund	Mary Ann Ronne-Lotz	C	A	Peter Casey
<b>5:00 pm.</b>	C-Christopher Wahrmund	Jacqueline Messina			
	CB-Jordan Kleypas				
	CB-Diana Wahrmund				
<b>Sunday, Oct 29</b>	MC-Hanna Schwarz	Jim Murphy	C	A	Consuelo Dominguez
<b>8:00 am</b>	C-Stephen Schwarz	Jacqui Magenheimer			
	CB- Christopher Schwarz				
	CB-Michael Schwarz				
<b>Sunday, Oct 29</b>	MC-Angie Garza	Maria Del Carmen Sanchez	A	B	Irma Aguirri
<b>9:30 am</b>	C-Daniel Gonzalez	Sabrina Soliz			
	CB-Jonathon Martinez				
	CB-Jacobb Vela				
<b>Sunday, Oct 29</b>	MC-Halie Domingue	Suzie Dietzel	C	A	Jackie Ashley
<b>11:00 am</b>	C-Cecilia Cervantes	Caroline Barker			
	CB-Nic Mosser				
	CB-Travis Erickson				



Pray for ...

Mary Jane Viebag, Harry Winslow, Jim Wren, Grace Kieberger, Benita Garcia, Frances Vlasek, Irene Peters, Desmond Jones, Gregoria Jureczki, Sharon Schieffen, Maria Murphy, Maria Nowak, Lupe Gonzales, San Juanita San Miguel, Michelle Mann, Mary Tinch, Erasto Ayala, John Aleman, Donnie Couch, Jeanette Bell, Jean Michel Duval, Henrietta and James Bennet, Dorothy Fitzsimmons, Lilia Pruneda, Veronica Jansen, Irwin Schilhab, Guadalupe Pena, Aladino Calderon, Eva Venegas, Lillian Dworaczyk, Robert L. Brantley, Ricardo Chapa, Susie Fenner, Matilda Newsom, Jesse Avila, Wilmer Carroll, Joanne Park, Angie Mowry, Carmen Pena, Pedro Rangel, Benito Perez, Victoria Tyburski, Coleman Nelson, Chris Dionne, Catalina & Eusevio Piedra, Thomas Murphy, Denise Wright, Alice Ferguson, Arturo Pruneda, Emelio Zamora, Lilia Castillo, John Carty, Mary Ann Vlasek, Richard Flores, Dr. Edward Prejean, Martha Shankle, Carolyn Huerta, Monica Chacon, Robert Porcher, Norman Jackson, Kathleen Buehrle, Concepcion Gonzales, Isabel Lopez, John L Rico, Rita Currier, Faye Gibson, Josephine Fritz, Arnulfo Valenzuela, Terry Trauth, Myles Spurlock, Walter Schattel, Jlona Fritz, Mercedes Rodriguez, Irene Trevino, Judy Meza, Mary Pruneda and all the sick of our parish family and friends.

## Weekly Collections

October 21 & 22, 2006

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$12,065.00
Loose Cash	<u>1,672.19</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,737.19</b>
Average this month	\$18,184.84
<b>Avg. Needed Each Week</b>	<b>\$18,400.00</b>
School	\$161.00
All Saints/ Souls	\$70.00
Note Balance as of September 30, 2006	<b>\$406,776.16</b>

Total donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for October 14 & 15, was \$2,804.91 The society thanks you again for your generosity.



# CAFE

Catholic Adult Faith Enrichment



**Sunday Nov. 5  
9:30 - 10:45 am  
School Library Kemper Hall**

## A Tour Through the Old Testament

1 and 2 Maccabees and the Book of Daniel 333 - 100 BC: A time of persecution and the rise of apocalyptic literature. Walking in fiery furnaces and befriending hungry lions may be incredible but teaches about God's saving mercies.

**Discussion questions are available in the Book Rack in the Narthex**

For more information please call Carol Aceti at 257-1432

## HOPE Ministry

Would you consider being Christ for those who are having a tough time getting through life? Parishioners and fallen away Catholics are experiencing unemployment, health problems, broken relationships and spiritual emptiness and don't see Christ's light at the end of the tunnel. A team can support, encourage, accompany and befriend persons and help them realize that God and Catholics at Notre Dame love them. They can have HOPE.



There will be a training meeting for HOPE Ministry on **Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006 at 3pm** in Kemper 204. We will learn how best to support and develop a plan with them to change their situation. If you have questions or you are interested and can not attend on Oct 24, call Carol Aceti, 257 -1432.

# Women of Notre Dame



## All Souls' Day Memorials

The Women of Notre Dame are accepting All Souls' Day memorials. This is a most fitting occasion to remember those who have gone before us. Masses will be said for your intentions. Your contributions are utilized by the Environment and Art Committee for decorations (including flowers) throughout the church.

**Envelopes are available in the Narthex.**

## Welcome...

You enter this church not as a stranger but as a guest of God. As a baptized person, you enter it as a son or daughter of the Father in Christ. This House of God is therefore your family home.

Come in then with humility of mind, joy of heart, and thanks on your lips. Acknowledge the Lord's presence in the tabernacle and adore him. Come in and pause in prayer in the midst of your busy life and its many worries. Be grateful to those who, for the glory of God and in honor of Notre Dame, built this place of worship with faith and sacrifice and sanctified it with their songs and prayers.

Anyone who wishes to practice the Catholic faith by attending this church may consider Notre Dame as his/her own parish, no matter where one lives. You simply need to register. Please indicate whether you are a new parishioner or have moved and are providing a new address. You may drop this slip in the collection basket during Mass.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# WORLD YOUTH DAY!

"Next weekend we will be honoring our young people at the 11:00 Mass as we celebrate World Youth Day, an annual celebration of youth begun by Pope John Paul II in 1985. Please join us in prayer and affirmation as we recognize the gifts of our youth and encourage their full and active participation in the life of our faith community. There will be a BBQ at 4pm on the 29<sup>th</sup> for the high school students in the parking lot near the Gym. Senior High Ministry will follow at 5pm.



# Muchas Gracias! Thank You!

I would like to say thank you to the Notre Dame Community for all of the prayers, comfort, support and money donations that were given to me. May God Bless each one of you!

Martina O Melendez

## Monday Mornings Bible Study

If you are interested in reviewing the scriptures for the following Sunday, we will meet at the Family Life Center from 10:30 am until 12:00 pm. For more information please call Yolanda Pickard at 895-3721.



Calling all Knights of Columbus Brothers and their families for a corporate communion at the 8:00 am Mass next **Sunday, October 29, 2006.**

## THANK YOU!!

Father Kemper Council 6409 of the Knights of Columbus and the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center would like to thank all who participated in last Sunday's blood drive. Twenty-nine persons volunteered and twenty-seven were able to donate. Your life-saving actions will create treasure for you in heaven.

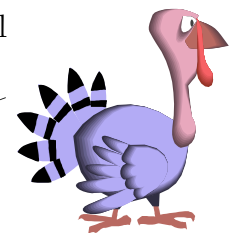


## FIRST ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

---If you, or someone you know, will be *alone this Thanksgiving*, this is a special invitation just for you. ---

The Calderon Family, together with help from the Notre Dame Parish Family, will serve a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 23, in the Social Center. If you plan to attend, please make your reservations by Friday, November 10, by calling the Pastoral Center.

To the parish family: you can help to feed the needy through donations of money and/or turkeys, canned cranberries, canned green beans, and desserts. Call for Lisa at the Pastoral Center if you can help, 257-5961.



## Notre Dame School Cash Cards

With the holidays just around the corner, remember to stock up on the perfect gift. Cash Cards are something for everyone. We have Cash Cards for Toys, Cosmetics, Sporting Goods, Plants, Clothing, Furniture, Books, CDs, etc. What a wonderful gift this would be for a loved one!!!

### **The Cash Cards are available at:**

School Office - Monday thru Friday 7:30 am -3:30 pm

**(During School Year)**

After each Mass on the weekends!

### Cash Corner

Total Sales Last Week **\$7,825.00**

Total profit for the Week **\$327.35**

Total school year to date profit is **\$4,952.80**

Total cost to those who purchased cards **\$0.00**

**Thank you so much for your support of  
our young scholars!**



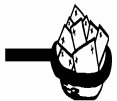
For World Mission Sunday...

Today, World Mission Sunday, with Catholics of the World, we are called to offer at this Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Propagation of Faith, to continue the mission of our Lord to help the poor and suffering experience the healing love and peace of Jesus.

- \$25 helps support a catechist for a month
- \$75 provides for the work of Sisters
- \$100 is a month's help for a mission parish
- As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions.

\*\*\*\*\***Second Collection**\*\*\*\*\*

**SUNDAY OFFERING** The Second Collection next **Sunday, October 28 & 29, 2006** will be for Habitat of Humanity. Please be generous!



**NOTRE DAME  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

*"Where Knowledge and Faith Meet"*

Notre Dame School is looking for a middle school girl's basketball coach. Season starts November 6, 2006. If you are interested please call Coach Keller at 257-6707.



### **Glen Rest Cemetery --All Souls Day--**

Each year on All Souls Day a Mass is celebrated at each of the cemeteries in town. Consideration is being given to adding Glen Rest Cemetery to the list if there is enough interest in doing so. If you have relatives buried at Glen Rest and would like a Mass celebrated there on or near All Souls Day, please call the Pastoral Center within the next week.

# The Women of Notre Dame



Present

## Cooking with Carole



Carole Curry, former owner of the Old Republic Inn,  
will share her cooking expertise and recipes.  
You will be served a four course meal- from her famous  
chicken tortilla soup to her popular desserts- all favorites.

Come for the fun; Enjoy a fantastic meal!!!

Location: Notre Dame Social Center

**Thursday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

Time: 5:30- ?

Cost of Tickets: \$20.00

Tickets will be available after each Mass

or call

Barbara at 792-3440 - Kathryn at 895-5376

**We need your images.....**

**IMAGES OF THE MADONNA & CHILD** from personal collections of parishioners of Notre Dame Church are being gathered NOW. PLEASE PARTICIPATE AND BRING **PHOTOS**: images of statues, paintings, pictures, tiles, plates, flags, banners and other works of art from your home or from special places (chapels, shrines, other churches in the vicinity other places on earth that are dear to your heart) to the Pastoral Center to the door with the slot on the WEST side (Washington Street Side) of the building. Please inform us of the name and origin (if you know) of your contribution. IMAGES THAT HAVE A © COPYRIGHT CANNOT BE USED. Everyone has favorite images of "the Madonna and Child"; please submit yours! If you need special assistance, please call Peggy Owens @ 830 377-9673. She can also come to your home to take photos.

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**Necesitamos sus fotos...**

**IMAGENES DE LA VIRGEN Y SU NIÑO** de colecciones personales de los parroquianos de nuestra Iglesia se están colectando ahora! POR FAVOR DE PARTICIPAR Y TRAIGA SUS **FOTOS**: imágenes de estatuas, figuras, pintas, dibujos, platos, banderas, textiles, y otras obras de arte de su casa o lugares especiales. Los puede traer a la oficina de la iglesia. Escriban el nombre y origen de sus imágenes **No podemos** usar imágenes que tienen "© Copyright". Todos tenemos imágenes favoritas de la Virgen y su niño, por favor contribuyen lo suyos! Si necesita asistencia especial llame a Peggy Owens @ 830 377-9673 por favor. Ella también puede visitar a su casa para hacer fotos.

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\* Sign up online at  
[ndparishkerrville.org](http://ndparishkerrville.org)  
Monday-Friday  
\* Sign up after Mass  
21-22 October  
28-29 October  
\* PHOTOS WILL BE  
TAKEN IN THE  
SOCIAL CENTER  
? 792-5227

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\* Inscríbese en línea a  
[ndparishkerrville.org](http://ndparishkerrville.org)  
el lunes - el viernes  
\* Inscríbese después  
de la Misa  
21-22 de octubre  
28-29 de octubre  
\* Las FOTOS se  
TOMARAN EN  
EL CENTRO SOCIAL  
? 377-9412

**Parish Retreat at Laity Lodge**

There are a few spaces left on our parish retreat at Laity Lodge on **Nov 3-5, 2006**. Fr. John Keller, our retreat leader, has chosen as his topic: Life and Death and Life. At this time of the church year, we reflect on death and eternal life; and, through this lens, we look again at our lives now, today. Call the Pastoral Center to register this week.

**A couple of reminders:** If you have registered and paid your deposit, the balance of your registration fee must be in to Bill Collins at the Pastoral Center by **Friday, October 27**. Secondly, all retreatants are asked to bring their Bibles and notepaper. Join with other members of Notre Dame for a weekend of spiritual renewal.

**MUCHAS GRACIAS!!!**

Un saludo de agradecimiento de parte del movimiento de Cursillos de esta localidad a nuestro pastor y a todas las personas que nos dieron su apoyo en nuestro Retiro Espiritual y a la vez quisiéramos agradecer al **Señor y Señora Rogelio Galván** por la donación de la Virgen que fue un buen ayuda para nuestra ministerio. La Ganadora fue **Marta Ayala** de la Iglesia de San Lorenzo de San Antonio.

Gracias,

Norma y Jose Luis Sanchez  
 Maria Y Guillermo Jaimes



R.C.I.A., the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process by which non-baptized adults receive formation in the Catholic faith. The R.C.I.A is also for baptized Catholics who wish to complete their sacraments of initiation (First Eucharist). If you or anyone you know wishes to know more about this process or is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church, please call Dora Bill at 896-4267.

October 2006

"People helping People"

Vol. 10, issue 1

*The task of the Christian community is to promote Jesus' message in a society that idolizes individual wants.*

**St. Vincent de Paul**

1145 Broadway Kerrville, Texas  
 Come by and visit the SVDP operation at 1145 Broadway. Take a tour and see a growing, living ministry.  
**896-6898 MWF 10 am to 4 pm**

**September Activity**  
 \* **Provided 4588 meals**  
 \* **Provided \$11,276 in Financial Assistance**  
 \* **Over 1551 volunteer hours.**

We want to take this opportunity to thank the **Black Jack Ranch** (George Gillespie Limited Family Partnership) and **Milton Bernhard Meat Processing** for the generous donation of a beef to be used in our food pantry. This beef donation is always welcome, but more so at this time. We were low on our beef supply and this was a life saver. Thanks again to both parties.

We have problems getting certain items from the San Antonio Food Bank. Some of these items are **non-perishables** such as pork and beans, various pastas, tomato sauce. We would accept any of these items for our food pantry.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!  
 NO EXPERIENCE  
 NECESSARY!**

We have done preliminary planning for the **Notre Dame Family Giving Tree** program during Christmas time. We have resolved that:

1. gifts bought under the Giving Tree Program will be limited to children twelve years and under,
2. applications will be taken on days/times that the SVdP Food Pantry is open between November 6-18. We will finalize plans in the next few weeks.

*What we want for our children is their happiness and their love.  
 We can understand a God who wants the same thing for us.*

**"HELP US HELP OTHERS"**

# STEWARDSHIP

## - *A Way of Life* -

“Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.”

(Matthew 6:20-21)



When we commit ourselves to practicing stewardship, we begin to give not from what is “left over”, but from our “first fruits.” This concept is based on an understanding that all we have is really God’s anyway, and we are just returning to Him a portion of the first fruits in recognition of this fact.

What will you offer back to God through your gift of TIME ...  
First Fruits or Leftovers?

-----How are you responding to your baptismal call to set aside TIME?-----

**Take the Time Inventory/ Challenge**  
(inventory: what am I doing now?/ challenge: what *could* I be doing?)  
Begin with 6 a.m. and end at 11 p.m. Have you scheduled some time this week for God’s work? Next week? If not, is it time to schedule it??? Block it???

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

*The phrase “one another” or “each other” is used more than 50 times in the New Testament. We are commanded to love each other, pray for each other, encourage one another, admonish each other, greet each other, serve each other, teach each other, accept one another, honor each other, bear each other’s burdens, forgive each other, sing to each other, submit to each other and be devoted to each other. All of these commands are responsibilities of the body of believers.*

*“From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required...” (Luke 12:48)*

## Solemnity

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A solemnity is a day of greatest significance on the Roman Catholic Church calendar. We commonly call almost any special day a “feastday,” but “feast” is only one category of celebration. A solemnity is more important than a feast.

Solemnities resemble Sundays. However, not all solemnities are days of obligation. Catholics begin observing a solemnity on the evening before its date. We hear three Scripture readings at Mass. We recite the Creed. We include the Glory to God, even if the solemnity occurs during Advent and Lent, the seasons when this hymn is omitted from the Sunday Mass. On solemnities flowers may adorn the altar and the organ may play solo music, even during Lent, when these practices are otherwise forbidden. If an event such as a wedding takes place at Mass on a solemnity, the prayers and readings of the solemnity are used.

Solemnities include some events and titles associated with Jesus (Christmas, Epiphany, Sacred Heart, Christ the King), Mary (Immaculate Conception, Annunciation, Mother of God, Assumption), key biblical saints (Joseph, John the Baptist, Peter, Paul), and other days of religious significance (All Saints, Most Holy Trinity, Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ). Locally, solemnities include the patronal day of the city or state; the anniversary of the church’s dedication; the day of the church’s title; and the day of the title, founder, or patron of a religious order or congregation.

The solemnities of Christmas and Easter extend for eight days with some modified celebration each day. If a solemnity conflicts with a Sunday or another solemnity, it either replaces the Sunday or is transferred to the first available date.

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## Feast

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A feast is a day of special significance on the Roman Catholic Church calendar. Precisely, a “feast” does not rank as high as a “solemnity,” but it does rank above a “memorial.” In everyday speech we use the word to cover almost any special day, such as “the feast of St. Valentine” or “the feast of St. Patrick.” But the official calendar does not include these in its special category of “feasts.”

Feasts include some special events in the lives of Jesus and Mary (Birth of Mary, Visitation, Holy Innocents, Presentation, Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration); days associated with apostles, evangelists, and archangels; and days of historical significance honoring the deacon and martyr Lawrence, the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome (John Lateran), and the first display of the relics of the cross (Triumph of the Holy Cross). In the United States, the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe is observed as a feast.

Locally, feasts are observed for the principal patron of the diocese, the anniversary of the cathedral’s dedication, the patron of a region or wider territory, and other days proper to an individual church or religious order. So, for example, if your cathedral is named for St. Patrick, March 17 is observed as a solemnity there and as a feast in the parish churches of the diocese. But it is an optional memorial in other dioceses.

Mass on a feastday includes the Glory to God and special readings from the lectionary. When certain feasts fall on a Sunday (Presentation, Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration, John Lateran, Triumph of the Cross), they replace the Sunday liturgy. Otherwise, feasts are never anticipated at Mass the night before.

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# Trunk-O-Ween

Is

# Coming!!!

Join us on the eve of Oct. 31

Decorate your tailgate or car trunk, wear your favorite costume (no scary costumes please), bring your lawn chair, your bag of candy and let's have some fun!

Together we can make this Halloween a safe & fun experience for the children of our parish and community.

Arrival for decorated vehicles: 5:30-6:00  
(Gym parking lot) Trick or Treating: 6-8pm

Call 896-4233 x 232 for more information.

Don't stay home this Halloween...

join your fellow Notre Dame Parishioners in  
the parking lot... Don't forget the candy!



Trick or Treating-Free trick or treat bag-Games