

Pastoral Message for November 5, 2017
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Baptism,

I am deeply grateful to Dr. Tim Dueppen, our Music Director, and Lamar's University's Trumpet, Tuba, & Trombone Euphonium ensembles for stirring our souls with beautiful inspirational music at last Friday evening's splendid *Soul of the City* Brass Concert.

Our *Festival of Ministries* is this weekend after all Masses. Christ calls every parishioner to become more deeply involved in our parish community through making a generous offering of their time and talents in ministry and in the sacrificial giving of their treasures. We encourage every parishioner and especially newcomers to visit each ministry table in our Center, learn how to become more involved in a parish ministry, as you enjoy delicious chili, and share good fellowship with members of our faith community. There will be one \$50 gift card drawing after each Mass, so be sure to enter your name at the door of our Center. You must be present to win!



During the month of November, we pray for the eternal rest of our beloved dead. We also pray for the souls whose lives and love are being perfected and purified in purgatory. May we especially remember in our prayers the souls of all those who no longer have living friends or family members to pray for them. I encourage you to pray every day for the poor souls in purgatory.

Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching, and we turn our attention to gathering basic items for the poor in our wider community. Our Youth Group is collecting toiletries for Some Other Place. Canned goods and nonperishable food items are also being collected so that those less fortunate in our area may enjoy a nice Thanksgiving meal. You may place your donations in the baskets near our doors or bring them to our parish office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Monetary donations for turkeys for needy families can be placed in an envelope marked "THANKSGIVING TURKEYS" and placed in any of our Cathedral Basilica collection baskets.

Love and prayers,

Msgr. Jerry