

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Saint Lawrence Church

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## MUSINGS

*By Father Lee Chase*

Over the last few weeks, you may have noticed that we introduced the ringing of the bells when the presider stretches out his hands over the gifts on the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer. There is a reason for this, of course. When the presider prays for God to send down the Holy Spirit to sanctify the gifts of bread and wine, that is called the “Epicicles.” It marks the beginning of the Consecration of the Elements of Bread and Wine into the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. The mystery of the consecration is given further solemnity at the ringing of the bells during the elevation of the host and chalice. Finally, the Sacrifice of Consecration is completed when the presider finishes his own communion by drinking from the chalice. That is why the bells are rung at that moment, signaling to you that it is time to prepare to come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.

I want to take a moment to thank all of our liturgical volunteers: the musicians, the readers, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the ushers, the altar servers, the folks who help to decorate the church. I also want to encourage you – please volunteer for one of these ministries. We need you. The sign of a vibrant and alive parish is the strength of our volunteers!

Thanksgiving is coming soon. We will celebrate Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. I would like to invite you to that Mass and to bring one food item from your table to that Mass that we will bless at that Mass.

Christmas will be here before you know it. We will celebrate Mass on Christmas Eve at 4 and 9 p.m. Christmas Day Masses are at 8 and 10 a.m. On Christmas Eve, the choir will offer a Concert of Carols beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Please note: our Parish Office hours are typically 9 a.m. to Noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The lunch hour is from 12 noon to 1. The Parish Office is closed for national holidays and other days. Watch the bulletin for those notices. Please try to remember these hours when you are coming to the office. Our Office Manager, Wendy Speciale, is always gracious – but it’s important for her to have a lunch hour!

In just a few weeks, we hope, we will be placing a new statue in the Main Entrance of the Church. A parishioner has graciously donated to us a new statue of Jesus the Good Shepherd. That statue will be placed where the current statue of St. Lawrence is, by the Vigil Candles. You will be able to light your candle to the Lord. The statue of St. Lawrence will come into the Church over by the choir/music area. The donor wishes to remain anonymous but gives us this statue for the intention that the Lord sends to us shepherds to guide us a church, for vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood. We are most grateful!



This week the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Statue Lamp will be lit for  
**The Urbinelli Family**  
From: **Patricia Urbinelli**

## *THIS WEEK'S PRAYER*

### *Monday, November 17*

*Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*

8:30 a.m. Mass for Members of the Pfeifer & Liskiewicz Families  
By Dick & Jane Pfeifer

### *Tuesday, November 18*

*Weekday*

8:30 a.m. Mass for Andrew Trafficante by Monica, Mike, Thomas & William  
Shannon

### *Wednesday, November 19*

*Weekday*

8:30 a.m. Mass for Lou Ferrari by Danny & Tracy Hernandez

### *Thursday, November 20*

*Weekday*

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

### *Friday, November 21*

*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30 a.m. Mass for Dorothy Amerose by Grandchildren

### *Saturday, November 22*

*Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

4:00 p.m. Mass for Elaine Spahn by Renee, her daughter

### *Sunday, November 23*

## *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe*

8:00 a.m. Mass for Michael Hendrix by Mom & Dad

10:00 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

## **Readings for the week of November 17, 2025**

Monday, November 17:	1 Mc 1 :10-15,41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday, November 18:	2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday, November 19:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday, November 20:	1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
Friday, November 21:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday, November 22:	1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
Sunday, November 23:	2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 22:35-43

# STEWARDSHIP

*We are a Stewardship Parish committed to giving our time, talent, and resources for others!*

<p><b>Attendance November 8 &amp; 9, 2025</b> Total –1018</p>
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Fund	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	24,341.38	14,423.00	9,918.38
General Maintenance	565.00	865.00	(300.00)
School Support	312.00	442.00	(130.00)

## Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm  
 Sunday 8:00 am  
 10:00 am

Mon - Wed, Fri 8:30 am  
 Thu Communion Service 8:30 am.

Holy Days of Obligation  
 Please see bulletin or website calendar.

## Confessions

Saturday 3:00 pm

## Anointing of the Sick

Please call us if you or a family member wish to be anointed.

## Baptism

Parents should contact the Parish Office at the rectory as soon as they know they are expecting.

## Marriage

Engaged couples should contact us at least **one year** in advance of their desired date.

## Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
 9 a.m. - Noon, 1 pm - 4 pm  
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## *WHAT'S NOW – THIS WEEK AT ST. LAWRENCE*

<p><b><i>Monday, November 17</i></b>          CYO Cheer Practice – Deacon Hall          CYO Basketball Practice – School          Human Development Mtg. – Deacon Hall          Bible Study – Deacon Hall</p>	<p>4:00pm          5:30pm          6:30pm          6:30pm</p>
<p><b><i>Tuesday, November 18</i></b>          CYO Basketball Practice - School          Faithful Voices – Church</p>	<p>5:30pm          7:00 pm</p>
<p><b><i>Wednesday, November 19</i></b>          Brownies – Deacon Hall          CYO Basketball Practice – School          Diocesan CYO Basketball Coaches Mtg. – Deacon Hall          Song Prayers – Church</p>	<p>3:30pm          5:30pm          7:00pm          7:15 pm</p>
<p><b><i>Thursday, November 20</i></b>          ROC Mtg. – Deacon Hall          CYO Basketball Practice - School</p>	<p>5:30 pm          5:30pm</p>
<p><b><i>Friday, November 21</i></b></p>	
<p><b><i>Saturday, November 22</i></b>          Confirmation Year 2 Retreat – Deacon Hall</p>	<p>9:00 am – 5:00 pm</p>
<p><b><i>Sunday, November 23</i></b>          Spotlight Mass Snacks – Deacon Hall</p>	<p>11:00 am</p>

St. Leo's Church in Hilton is having a Christmas Pie sale. The pies are coming from Special Touch Bakery. \$23 for the cannoli and chocolate cream pies and all the rest are \$17. Same prices as last year. If you would like a pie, please call the parish office 392-2710. All orders must be pre ordered and paid by November 30th. Sorry no extra pies will be available to purchase on the day of delivery. We will have a drive-thru on December 15th from 4:30-6:30.

Thank-you,  
 Laurie & Charles Cordaro

## Roc Catholics Northwest Update

Have you wondered how our 7 parishes are working together since the Pastoral Planning Task Force sent its recommendation to Bishop Matano? Collaboration is alive and well! A Steering Committee coordinates collaboration among the parishes. Its members are our two Deans (Fr. Lee Chase and Fr. William Coffas), our Pastoral Administrator (Dcn. Frank Pettrone) and representatives from the Evangelization Committee (Marianne Katz), Vocations Committee (Dcn. Edward Giblin) and the Roc Catholics Northwest website (Dcn. David Squilla). You'll soon get a flyer of Advent events created by the Evangelization Committee; our Vocations Committee will sponsor the next diocesan Fisher Dinner for young men exploring the priesthood with food prepared by the Holy Cross Knights of Columbus. You can find minutes from all these committees on the Roc Catholics Northwest website: [ROC Catholics Northwest](#) or <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org> or use the QR code.



### St. Margaret of Scotland

Next Sunday, November 16, is the feast day of Margaret of Scotland, who was queen of Scotland during the 11th century. King Malcolm had a great love for his wife, and he grew in virtue by following her lead. As royalty, they worked to found churches, serve the poor, and increase the integrity of those in power. Margaret was a mother to 8 children and worked tirelessly to help dozens of orphans. She had an extreme devotion to prayer and lived a reverent life. **She is the patron saint of parents of large families, parents who have lost a child, queens, and widows.** While she was very wealthy and powerful, she used her status to serve the least among us and to worship God through her actions. What a wonderful example of servant leadership! St. Margaret of Scotland, pray for us!

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## Praying with the Pope

Each month, the Pope has certain intentions for which we are invited to pray as part of his worldwide prayer network. In November, we are called to pray for the prevention of suicide.

### For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

## Calling Priests Father

### Question:

Why do Catholics call priests Father?

### Answer:

One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.

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