

ST. A'S NEWS

Remember in prayer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER HAPPY BIRTHDAY greetings to:

1 Jacob Hurley
3 Scott Kulka
14 Dawn Costa
15 Buck Tarbell, Susan Stateczny
17 Cassandra Tarbell
18 Lorri Kulka
24 Nancy Hall
25 Leo Gruber

O God, our times are in your hand:
Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year.
Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Thank You!

Also a big Thank You to all those who help to bring you information on our Facebook page, New Website, and the Newsletter.

The Bible Project

-Outreach-

◆ The results of the ERD collection are in and we collected \$290! A big thank you to everyone who contributed. We will be adding \$200 to that for a final amount of \$490.

◆ If you signed up for Christmas gift tags, they will be available starting November 15th. Kiwanis will be picking up the gifts from us on December 6th. Place gifts in a gift bag, unwrapped, with the tag attached. Thank you.

◆ **Social Knitworking/Makers:** Tuesday November 3 at 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Thursday November 19 10:00 am to noon. For more information contact Pam Ostrander.

◆ **Friendship Quilt Group:** Meeting 1pm Monday, November 16 for more information contact Karen Bond.

-News of Note-

◆ QiGong classes will continue Tuesday afternoons at 1:30. The cost is \$10 per class. QiGong is a great way to relax and increase balance and movement.

◆ The 2027 pledge drive is ongoing. Forms will be available at each service or via email/snail mail upon request. Please return your completed forms to the church no later than November 22, 2026. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

◆ [Click here to find out what is going on at the Cathedral.](#)

-A View From the Pew-

November has a way of turning our thoughts toward Thanksgiving. We start thinking about family, favorite recipes, full tables, and the age-old question of how one little turkey can require so many dishes!

But somewhere between the mashed potatoes and the pumpkin pie, there's a beautiful reminder waiting for us: gratitude.

It's easy to be thankful for the big things in life, but what about the everyday things? The friend who checks in, the laughter that comes when we need it most, the helping hand we didn't expect, or the people who make an ordinary day feel special.

We may not have everything we'd wish for, and life certainly doesn't always follow the recipe we'd planned. But there is often something good tucked into even the busiest, messiest days.

Perhaps this November, we can make a little more room for thankfulness — not just on Thanksgiving Day, but in the days before and after it, too. A kind word, a heartfelt thank-you, or a moment spent appreciating someone can be a wonderful way to share the blessings we've been given.

After all, gratitude doesn't need a holiday or a perfectly set table. It just needs a moment for us to notice what truly matters.

May your Thanksgiving be filled with good food, familiar faces, happy memories, and laughter that lasts long after the dishes are done.

May you find plenty to be thankful for, even in the little things, and may you never underestimate how much a little kindness can mean to someone else.

And if the turkey is a little dry, the rolls get a bit too brown, may you find something to laugh about anyway!

Wishing you a November filled with grateful hearts, warm gatherings, and blessings both big and small.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! May we always have something to be thankful for, someone to share it with, and a little extra room for pie.

Cyndi Altman



The Lectionary

Sunday November 1

[Revelation 7:9-17](#)

[Psalm 34:1-10, 22](#)

[1 John 3:1-3](#)

[Matthew 5:1-12](#)

Sunday November

[Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25](#)

[Psalm 78:1-7](#)

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)

[Matthew 25:1-13](#)

Sunday November 15

[Judges 4:1-7](#)

[Psalm 123](#)

[1 Thessalonians 5:1-11](#)

[Matthew 25:14-30](#)

Sunday November 22

Last Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King Sunday

[Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24](#)

[Psalm 100](#)

[Ephesians 1:15-23](#)

[Matthew 25:31-46](#)

First Sunday of Advent

November 29

[Isaiah 64:1-9](#)

[1 Corinthians 1:3-9](#)

[Mark 13:24-37](#)

[Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18](#)

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Let Us Pray:

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with *thy* most gracious favor, and further us with *thy* continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in *thee*, we may glorify *thy* holy Name, and finally, by *thy* mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

-A Good Read-



Celtic Advent: 40 days of devotions to Christmas

By [David Cole](#)

This inspirational book takes the reader through Advent to the celebration of Christmas through the eyes and beliefs of Celtic Christianity. Starting in November and reflecting on Jesus' coming at his birth as well as into our lives by the Holy Spirit and at the world's end, the author offers a unique approach to the season to help you gain a new sense of wonder in the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

[Thriftbooks](#)

[Better World Books](#)

-Vicar's Note-

The church year as well as the calendar year is nearing the end and instead of slowing down, the pace of activities will be picking up. Halloween is past, Thanksgiving is coming up and we will be entering Advent in a few weeks. Of course, that means Christmas will be right around the corner. A sense of busyness can take over if we let it but if we take our time to live through the season we can find a peace in the rhythm of the this time of year.

I believe we all sense the changes in the season because the days are getting shorter and we need to grab a jacket before we head out the door. Yes the weather is different and yes some of our activities are different, but there is something deeper happening in our lives. Our souls are longing for something and that something is a closer relationship with God.

If we stop for a few moments and reflect on where we have been, I believe we will come to realize that there are parts of our lives we have neglected or at least not paid as much attention to as we should. The busyness of our summer schedule has been replaced with the busyness of the fall schedule soon to be replaced with the busyness of the holiday season and so forth. The demands on our time increase and there is a sense of urgency to just about everything we are dealing with and we can become distant from God.

This fall lets try to break that cycle of busyness and preoccupation with intentionally finding time to spend in prayer and reflection. I know it is tempting to say I don't have time but if we are honest there is time. There is time when we are driving between events. There is time when we are doing our chores. There is time when we are resting from a busy day and there is time in the mornings before we start our day. The amount of time spent on prayer and reflection is not the issue, but rather that we take some time to pray and reflect. For it is in these moments as brief as they are we find our way back to God and feel His presence in our lives. It is then we come to fully realize what is truly important and replace the cycle of busyness with a fuller and deeper relationship with God. Peace, Fr. Dave +