

# Dear Padre,

*In the liturgy, how do a solemnity, a feast day, and a memorial differ?*

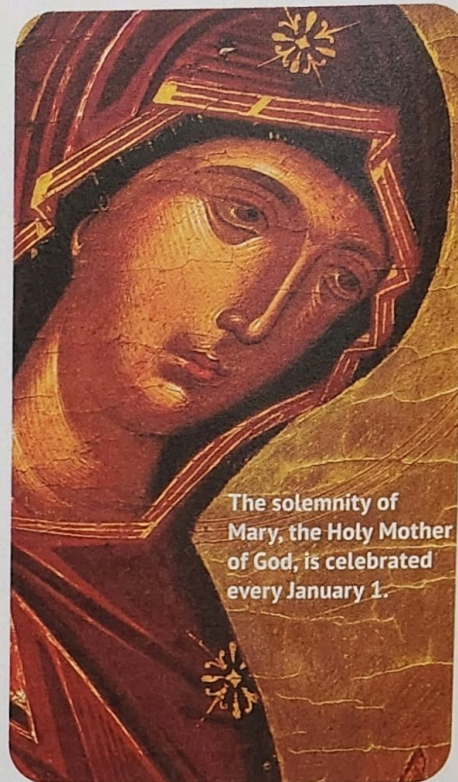
Celebrations in the Church calendar are named according to their rank or importance. Solemnity is the highest rank. The next rank is feast, celebrating an event in the life of Christ, Mary, the apostles, martyrs, and a few other important saints.

Solemnities are usually celebrated by the whole Church, but celebrations may be made solemnities for local churches. For instance, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a solemnity in Mexico and a feast in the United States.

A memorial commemorates the day a saint died. An obligatory memorial is celebrated by every church in a diocese or country. The memorial of Redemptorist St. John Neumann, for example, is obligatory in the United States because of his historical contribution to the American Church as the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. It's also obligatory in Redemptorist churches around the world.

Optional memorials are saints' days an individual priest can celebrate Monday through Saturday if he chooses. For example, Jesuit St. Robert Bellarmine's memorial is obligatory in Jesuit churches or in churches named for him, but it's optional everywhere else.

During Ordinary Time, solemnities that fall on Sunday are celebrated, but feasts and memorials that fall on Sunday are not. During Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, some solemnities that fall on Sunday are transferred to a weekday because of the importance of these seasons. ●



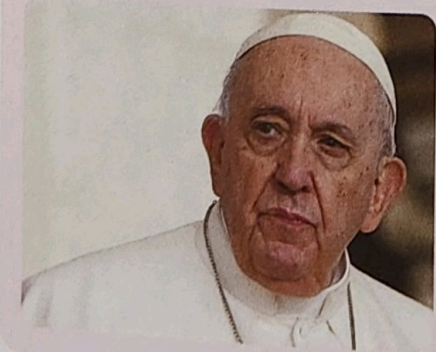
The solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is celebrated every January 1.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 27 Weekday	November 28 Weekday	November 29 Weekday	November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle	December 1 Weekday	December 2 Weekday	December 3 First Sunday of Advent
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4	Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19	Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22	Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33	Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*[Jesus] tells us that the good we do to one of our least brothers and sisters —whether hungry or thirsty, a stranger, in need, sick, or in prison—we do to him (see Matthew 25:37-40). In this way, the Lord gives us his “gift list” for the eternal wedding feast he will share with us in heaven.*

HOMILY, ST. PETER'S BASILICA, NOVEMBER 22, 2020





**"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."**

**MATTHEW 25:40**



## Pay Attention to Your Instincts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Invite Marty into your home and the first thing he'll ask is whether or not you have any cats. Marty is allergic to cats, big time, even if they have been quarantined to another room. His eyes turn red. He sneezes. He begins to cough and wheeze like an old-time Model T. Cats are his nemesis. It is ironic that Marty has befriended a stray cat from his neighborhood. Though he never pets the kitty or allows him into his home, each day he feeds him and puts milk out for him on the deck outside his living room. And if the cat fails to come around, he worries about him.

There is something instinctive in us that moves us to care for the underdog, even if it's a cat. The Sunday Gospel this week suggests that the innate desire to care for the weakest among us is a Godly instinct. It's where we meet God, and we need to pay attention to it simply because it's how we come to a sense of God in our lives.

We all search for meaning, looking for it every day in the hidden corners of our lives and in the open daytimes of our busyness. Sometimes we find it, and sometimes we limp back home at the end of the day. More often than not it's when our day has been brushed with the color of caring for someone else that we feel good about that day. It's a Godly instinct that's not to be ignored. ●

### Reflect

***Has your instinct to care for the underdog ever not made sense to others?***





Last weekend collection

\$7,156

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### Advent reconciliation Service

Monday december 18, 6:00 pm  
Holy Apostles Catholic Church

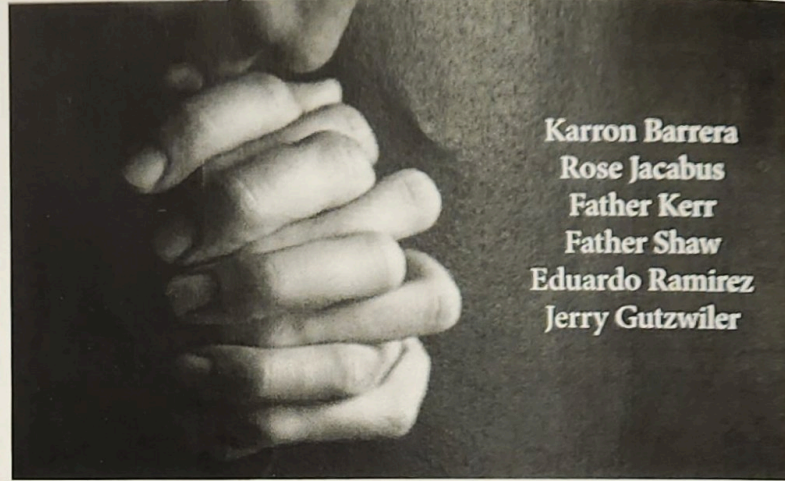
Tuesday December 19, 6:00 pm  
Our Lady of the Assumption(cashmere)

Wednesday December 20, 6:00 pm  
St Joseph (wenatchee)

### Novena in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe

From Sunday Dec 3 ,2023 to  
Monday Dec 11, Daily novena  
5:30 pm at the Church

# Pray for the sick



Karron Barrera  
Rose Jacobus  
Father Kerr  
Father Shaw  
Eduardo Ramirez  
Jerry Gutzwiler

Celebrating Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am English Mass

5:00 pm English Mass

7:00 pm Spanish Mass



December 12, 2023 Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe

4:00 am : Mananitas and morning Mass  
Spanish

9:00 am English Mass

6:00 Pm Spanish Mass

## Giving Tree

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! THE ANNUAL GIVING TREE GOES UP ON NOVEMBER 25TH. THERE WILL BE CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AGES 1-12. THERE IS A GREATER NEED FOR OLDER KIDS.

ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR CASH GIFTS FOR KIDS IN COLOMBIA AND FOR SEMINARIANS. PLEASE REMEMBER TO PUT THESE ENVELOPES IN THE COLLECTION BASKET. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. THIS IS OUR SPECIAL ANNUAL PROJECT. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.



*Thank You*

*For Your Help With the*

*Thanksgiving Baskets*

to all those who donated money and food, especially the confirmation kids! You did an awesome job!

