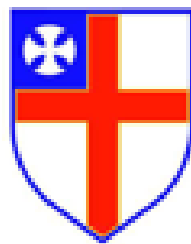




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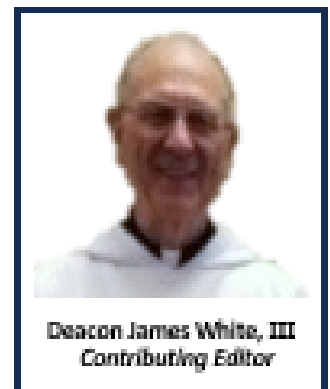
THE BREASTPLATE

October 2025

HAPPY HALLOWE'EN



Happy Hallowe'en" sounds like a strange greeting to start a church newsletter article, but Halloween has a distinctly Christian origin. "Halloween," the word, is a contraction of "All Hallows Eve." Originally, All Hallows Eve was the first day of a three-day recognition of all the saints who had gone to their



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reward. It was a day of repentance and fasting as Christians prepared for All Saints Day on November 1.

The Church in different countries created individual ways to celebrate All Hallows Eve. Many Modern American Halloween customs come from Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. There was widespread belief in pagan religions that the dead came back to earth on one day or night to visit and, if necessary, finish business. Measures were taken to keep these disturbed souls from doing harm. Bonfires were built to frighten the spirits, and people wore disguises so they would not be recognized by the spirit of one they had offended. Later, the custom of dressing as an evil Spirit evolved, and jack-o-lanterns were carved to light their way. With the Church's All Saints Day emphasis on the good who had died, it is not a

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REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday - 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, 8:30 am
Men's Breakfast
Sunny Street Café
6021 Walker Blvd, NRH

Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Evening Prayer & Bible Study

Thursday, 10:00 am
Morning Prayer

Friday 10:00 am
Morning Prayer
First Friday - Rosary
Ladies Lunch follows



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tremendous reach to see how the day before might become focused on the evil.

One custom that originated from the Church was baking “soul cakes.” These small cakes were in honor of, and represented prayers for the departed saints. In parts of Europe, poor children would go from house to house begging for soul cakes and promising to pray for the saint in return. This may be the origin of Trick-or-Treating. The traditional practice of celebrating with apples, pumpkins, nuts, and fall vegetables is partially a result of All Hallows Eve being a day of fasting when Christians were not supposed to eat meat.

In Western Christian Theology, All Saints Day commemorates those who have gone on before us into Heaven. It is a national holiday in many historically Catholic countries. We celebrate All Saints Day in the fundamental belief that there is a prayerful spiritual communion between the members of the church who are still here in the world and those who have died and are in Heaven. Have fun on Halloween, but remember, All Saints Eve is still a day of fasting and repentance in preparation for All Saints Day.



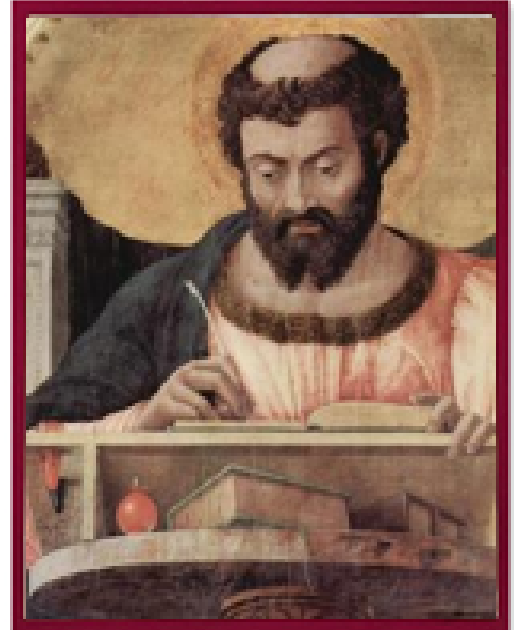
We most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those, who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.



FIXED HOLY DAYS IN OCTOBER

The Feast of St. Luke The Evangelist October 18

It is widely accepted that Luke wrote the Gospel that bears his name and the book of Acts. Luke was from Antioch, was Greek, and was a Physician. He is called The Evangelist because he traveled with the Apostle Paul. His knowledge of Greek culture and language was undoubtedly helpful to Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles. He likely used his medical skills to help alleviate Paul's mysterious illness. Luke never knew Jesus, but his authority comes from his close association with Paul. Paul mentions Luke by name in Colossians, Timothy, and Philemon. Luke was likely with Paul in Rome when Paul was martyred. No one is certain what happened to Luke after that. Probably, he returned to Greece, where he finished his Gospel and wrote Acts. Although the early church celebrated Luke as a martyr, later research questions that conclusion.



The Feast of Saints Simon and Jude October 28

Unlike Luke, both of these men were Apostles. The Simon we celebrate here is not Simon Peter but the Apostle nicknamed Simon the Zealot. There is no clear explanation in the Bible of why he was called the Zealot. In his Gospel, John tells us that Jude was the brother of James the Greater and was at the Last Supper. He was also likely the writer of the Epistle of Jude. Tradition holds that these two became missionaries to Persia. While this may well be true, the evidence is sketchy at best.



HERE ARE FUN THINGS TO ADD TO YOUR FALL BUCKET LIST

See the Fall Foliage No need to book a flight to New England to admire the leaves changing colors—there are amazing spots to see fall foliage in Texas! From the popular Lost Maples State Natural Area to the underrated Guadalupe Mountains National Park, there's something for everyone. Pack a picnic lunch for a day trip of colorful views

Visit a Pumpkin Patch in The Metroplex A pumpkin patch is a perfect place to embrace your inner child this fall! You can grab a few to carve, make a pie, or roast the seeds. Or just see who can find the biggest one in the patch—whoever loses has to buy a round of hot cider!

Join the Fun at Big Tex: The State Fair of Texas It's not a proper fall in Texas without at least one visit to Big Tex, the State Fair of Texas! There's so much to do, see, and eat that you could spend an entire week (although I'm not sure I would recommend *that*). This year it's open from September 30th to October 23rd.

Cheer Your Team On at a Texas Football Game In Texas, football is not just a game... It's a way of life! Fridays are for high school games, Saturdays are college game day (Hook 'Em! Horns!!), and of course, Sundays are for the NFL. Either way, catching a football game is always one of the best things to do in Texas during the Fall!!

Check Out a Texas Fall Fest

Texas is **HUGE**, it's no wonder there are a ton of different festivals happening all over Texas every weekend in the fall! Here are some crowd favorites worthy of a visit:

- ✓ **The Texas Renaissance Festival** on weekends from October 11th through November 30th and Thanksgiving Friday, dress up in your 16th-century best and then head over to the nation's largest Renaissance festival an hour outside of Houston! You can watch live shows, take part in reenactments, or just snack on a turkey leg (or two)!
- ✓ **Autumn at the Dallas Arboretum** from September 22nd-November 1st: Dallas' best fall festival centers around a pumpkin village made of over 100,000 pumpkins! Plus, incredible fall flowers, live music, and cooking classes!
- ✓ **Food and Wine Festivals** in San Antonio from October 27th-30th, 2022, or Austin from November 4th-6th, 2022: for a more upscale weekend of fun, check out a local food and wine festival! You can try homegrown fall produce, meet local chefs, or indulge in some world-class wine!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

It is October. Fall will settle in across our country this month. Summer is gone, and we are not quite into the holiday season. The whole of the northern half of the earth stops for a moment and takes a breath while Mother Nature changes into her most beautiful clothes. Stopping for a few moments is a good thing.

We tend to pack our lives so full that we get overloaded. There are so many things to do and so many people who need to be taken care of that sometimes we forget about ourselves. Do you remember the second commandment in the Summary of the Law that we read each Sunday?

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” The part we need to remember is *“as thyself.”* God commands that we should love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. The clear implication is that we should love ourselves very much. If you love yourself, you will take care of yourself. If you do not take care of yourself, your ability to take care of others will break down. Take a few minutes this month to stop and take care of yourself. Think about what is important to you. Look at what you need.

God says..... It's OK!





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October parish happenings

Sunday	10:00 AM	Mass and Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast, Sunny Street Café
	6:30 PM	Evening Prayer, Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer
Friday	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer
First Friday, October 3	10:00 AM	Rosary
" " "	12:00 PM	Ladies Lunch
First Saturday, October 4	10:00 AM	Long-Range Planning Committee

OCTOBER BLESSINGS

*We pray that our Lord watches over you
and blesses you on your Special Day.*



October 18	JOYCE and BRIAN DUMBLE	Anniversary
October 21	Dcn BOB JONES	Birthday
October 21	VICTORIA WARNKY	Birthday
October 22	RHONDA CUSTOR	Birthday

The invitation features several red Christmas ornaments with white floral and geometric patterns hanging from the top. Pine branches with green needles and brown pinecones are positioned on the left and right sides of the text.

*It's
Our Annual
Christmas*

PARTY

INVITATION

YOU are EXPRESSLY INVITED
TO OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
PARTY ON
DECEMBER

SATURDAY **13** AT 2 PM

2025

AT CATFISH & COMPANY
900 W AIRPORT FWY STE 110
HURST, TX 76054



Help us spread joy this season! Please ensure all Shoebox Gifts reach St. Patrick by November 16. *Your contributions DO make a difference!*

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it **FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED**—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

A "WOW" ITEM

- Small backpack or purse
- Doll
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Jewelry making or hobby kit
- Large toy



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, and erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawing bag



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Costume jewelry
- Hair accessories
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games



TOYS

- Small ball
- Building blocks or LEGO® sets
- Slinky® or yo-yo
- Plastic animals
- Magnets
- Finger puppets
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures



DO NOT INCLUDE

- Soap
- Food, candy, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids
- Medication
- Money
- Breakable items
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knives, saws, or razor blades

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- Hobby kit
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy



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Softly the leaves of memory fall

Gently we gather and treasure them all

A thought, a prayer, is all we can give

These you will have, for as long as we live

Anon



DUTIES FOR OCTOBER 2025

DATE	DEACON	LAY MINISTER	FLOWERS	COFFEE
OCT 5	Jones	White	Dykes	Cope
OCT 12	White	Warnky+	Dumble	Clift
OCT 19	Jones	Monk	White	Custor
OCT 26	White	Jones	Custor	White

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 2025

Oct 5	16 th SUNDAY <i>after</i> TRINITY	Oct 12	17 th SUNDAY <i>after</i> TRINITY
	Isaiah 12 Psalms 116 Ephesians 3:13 St. Luke 7:11		Jeremiah 13:15-21 Psalms 25 Ephesians 4:1 St. Luke 14:1
Oct 19	18 th SUNDAY <i>after</i> TRINITY	Oct 26	19 th SUNDAY <i>after</i> TRINITY
	Amos 8:4-12 Psalms 62, 63 I Corinthians 1:4 St. Matthew 22-34		Job 24:1-17 Psalms 72 Ephesians 4:17-32 St. Matthew 9:1-8

Ladies, You are invited...

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VIRTUAL ZOOM GATHERINGS

THIRD SATURDAY EVERY MONTH

10:30 AM CT

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