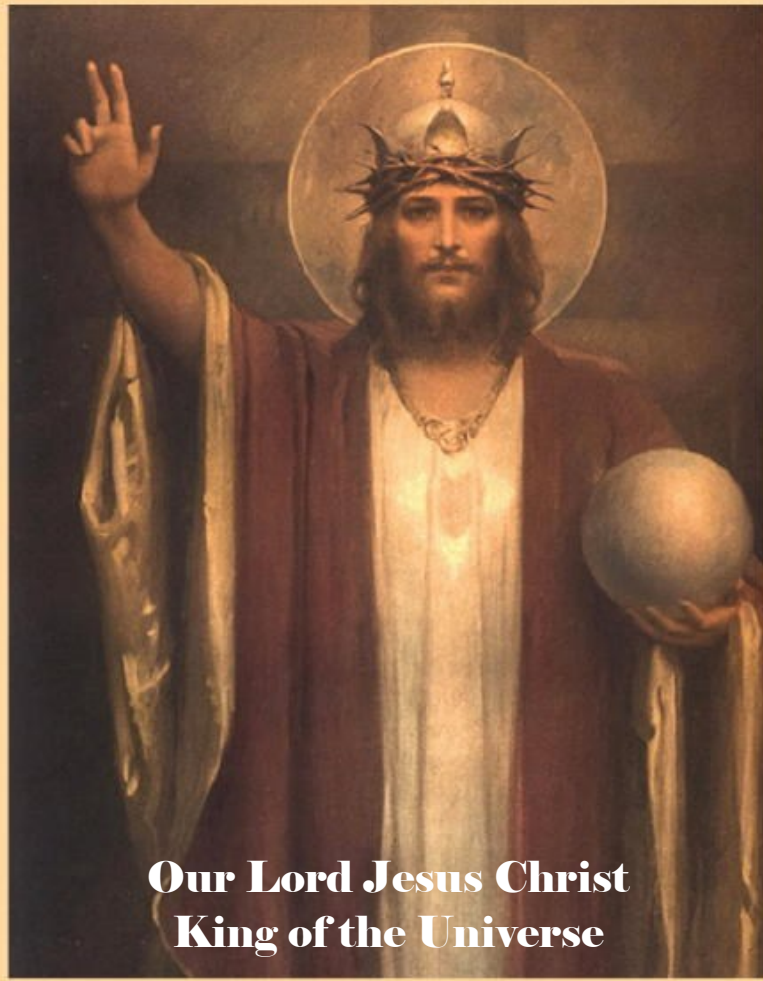


# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



**Our Lord Jesus Christ  
King of the Universe**

Readings for the week of November 22, 2020

- Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
- Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/  
Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev  
19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a  
[Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/  
Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/  
Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

## Mass Schedule

- Monday, November 23rd** **St. Clement I,**  
No Mass **Miguel Agustín Pro**  
**St. Columban, Abbot**
- Tuesday, November 24th** **St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc**  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Tom & Carolyn Triggs
- Wednesday, November 25th** **St. Catherine**  
Mass 8:15 am  
Abigail & Keith Gutierrez SP.I.
- Thursday, November 26th** **Thanksgiving Day**  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Mila Jose
- Friday, November 27th**  
No Mass
- Saturday, November 28th**  
Confessions 4:15- 4:50 pm  
Mass 5:15 am  
† Charlie Ray
- Sunday, November 29th** **1st Sunday of Advent**  
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am  
Mass 8:00 am  
Our Parish Family
- Confessions 9:30 -10:20 am  
Mass 10:30 am  
† Coralie & Lewis Vanvliet



*Be not afraid!*  
John Paul II



### A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father in Heaven,  
Creator of all and source of all goodness and love,  
please look kindly upon us  
and receive our heartfelt gratitude  
in this time of giving thanks.  
Thank you for all the graces and blessings  
You have bestowed upon us,  
spiritual and temporal:  
our faith and religious heritage,  
our food and shelter, our health,  
the loves we have for one another,  
our family and friends.  
Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity,  
please grant us continued graces and blessing  
throughout the coming year.  
This we ask in the Name of Jesus,  
Your Son and our Brother.  
Amen.

**From your pastor . . .**

I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving Day. It may be difficult to find good reasons to be thankful this year with so much that has happened that has not been good. However, when we look deeper in our life, hopefully we have experienced a deeper faith and trust in God that often accompanies difficult moments in our lives. If we have grown closer to Jesus Christ during this time, then we have the greatest reason to be thankful.

I have been asked by a number of people if I am going to say anything from the pulpit regarding the alleged remarks that Pope Francis made during a television documentary a number of weeks ago that seemingly included his support for the legal recognition of civil unions for couples with same-sex attraction. I have purposely refrained from doing so from the pulpit due to the complexity of the matter and not having all the facts of what transpired during this documentary interview. I decided that I would dedicate some space in this column to discuss it rather than speak about it from the pulpit where sometimes what I have said is different than how it is understood. Putting it in written form allows a person to re-read it. This helps especially when the issue is complicated.

The Pope's remarks made headlines on October 21 during the premier of the documentary "Francesco" at the Rome Film Festival. In the documentary, the Pope said about people with same-sex attractions, "What we have to create is a civil union law. That way they are legally covered." He also went on to state that "homosexuals have the right to have a family."

The documentary was directed by Evgeny Afineevsky, a Russian film maker who had been given access to the Vatican media archives. Supposedly the documentary (which I have not seen) presents the Pope speaking in present time about this matter. The truth is that it was something he had said in an interview to a reporter, Valentina Alazraki from Televisa (Mexico) filmed and recorded a year earlier. It had been filmed by the official Vatican media, which edited these comments out of the interview. These comments made by the Pope were in answer to a question that Alazraki had asked him about his time as Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, when the issue of same-sex marriages was being debated nationally. However, while the video of this part of the interview had been edited out it still existed within the archives where it was found by Afineevsky who spliced it into the documentary "Francesco" making it look like it was something that the Pope was saying in present time.

While the Pope did say what is attributed to him, it was a private comment made as he was explaining the situation in Argentina, where he was indicating that he would support legislation supporting legal unions but would not support legislation for same-sex marriages. In the end, the Argentina Congress and president approved same-sex marriages. One way to understand this is that the Pope was trying to prevent a greater evil by agreeing to a lesser evil. In the end the whole thing failed.

I hope what I just wrote is understandable. Perhaps now you can understand why I was reluctant to attempt to explain this in a sermon. I also wish to add a disclaimer by saying I am not certain that I have described accurately everything that transpired in this manner.

What I would like to now share is what Cardinal Raymond L. Burke, a former parishioner of our parish and who presently serves in the Vatican wrote in response to this situation. It is a substantial response that has some length to it. I will use the remainder of this column as well as the next column to present the Cardinal's response. His words will appear in *italics*.

*"The worldwide communications media have reported with strong emphasis, as a change of course, the news that Pope Francis has declared that persons in the homosexual condition, as children of God, "have a right to have a family" and that "no one should be thrown out or be made unhappy because of it." Moreover, they write that he has declared: "What we have to create is a civil union. In this way they will be legally covered. I have defended this." The declarations were made in an interview with Evgeny Afineevsky, director of a documentary, "Francesco, premiered on October 21, 2020 on the occasion of the Rome Film Festival (Fest del Film di Roma).*

*Such declarations generate great bewilderment and cause confusion and error among Catholic faithful, inasmuch as they are contrary to the teaching of Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and of the recent Magisterium by which the Church guards, protects and interprets the whole deposit of faith contained in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. They cause wonderment and error regarding the Church's teaching among people of good will, who sincerely wish to know what the Catholic Church teaches. They impose upon pastors of souls the duty of conscience to make fitting and necessary clarifications."*

As you are able to ascertain, I am out of room to continue on, so I will do so in the next column. Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary's Parish.

**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**



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*“In each child, God whispers  
 a new secret to the world;  
 adds a new dimension  
 of immortality to creation”*  
 –Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

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**Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory**



*Our Lord promised  
 Saint Gertrude  
 that 1000 souls would be  
 released from Purgatory,  
 each time, this prayer  
 is said devoutly.*

Eternal Father, I offer Thee  
 the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus,  
 in union with the Masses said throughout the world,  
 today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,  
 for sinners everywhere, for sinners  
 in the Universal Church, those  
 in my own home and  
 within my family.  
 Amen.

**“As we enter heaven  
 we will see them,  
 so many of them  
 coming towards  
 us and thanking  
 us. We will ask  
 who they are, and  
 they will say a poor  
 soul you prayed  
 for in purgatory.”**

~Quotable Fulton J. Sheen.

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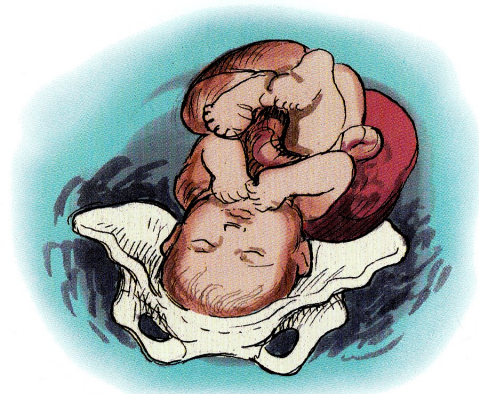
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### Wedding Planning Information

For those seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church please notify the pastor as soon as you are engaged, but not less than six months prior to the proposed wedding date.



*N*o more acrobatics for me! My tumbling time has to come to an end because my head is now cradled in Mom’s pelvic cavity. I’ll stay positioned this way until birth. This is really good because I’m headed the right direction for delivery, plus her pelvic bone surrounds and protects my head. Anyway, most of my growth recently and for the next few weeks is taking place in my legs and this position gives them much more room. While I’m on the subject of growing, let me update you on my size. I’m now 19 inches long and weighing in at six and one-fourth pounds! Can you believe that? I don’t know how it happened except that God...

*“...created every part of me;  
 ...put me together in my mother’s womb.”*

—PSALM 139:13

I’m really liking this up-side down position! I may not be able to tumble, but I sure can stretch and kick these legs! I’m going to exercise my way into the next week of life—I’ll check back with you. Until then, enjoy your wonderful life!

Love,  
*Baby Margaret Mary*

**The Knights of Columbus #3942 Council**  
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