



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

9:00 am

Please join us as we pause this day to give thanks as a community. We invite you to bring a food item from your table at home to be blessed during the Mass.

REMEMBERING OTHERS

O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
help me to remember those who have no home at all; When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering,
help me to destroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion,
and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take for granted.
~ Author Unknown

SAN PASQUAL

San Pasqual was born in Torrehermosa, Spain in the kingdom of Aragon on May 24, 1540 on the Feast of Pentecost called in Spain “the Pasch (or “Passover”) of the Holy Ghost,” hence the name Paschal. He was a mystic and contemplative, and he had frequent visions and spent many nights in prayer before the altar. He is noted for his kindness to the poor and his devotion to the mysteries of the Church, especially the Eucharist.

When just a child, he worked as a shepherd and taught himself to read with the help of some of the townspeople. He joined the Reformed Franciscan Order around 1564. He was devoted to the poor, and though a bowl of broth was the standard handout to the poor who came to the monks for sustenance, he would cook a pot of cabbage, add bread and meat and give it to the poor believing they deserved more than leftovers.

San Pasqual was a simple Franciscan monk devoted to the Holy Eucharist. He was assigned duties in the monastery’s kitchen. He was known for making wonderful meals with the simple foods that he found in his humble kitchen. As he cooked, his fellow friars would see him meditating or praying and believed he had the help of angels to assist him in his daily tasks. He is considered the patron saint of cooks and kitchens. San Pasqual died on May 17, 1592 which is his current feast day.

There are bookmarks bearing the image of San Pasqual in the gathering space. They were made by the mother of a parishioner. Please take one as you leave Church today.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS OFFERING

As we gather on Thanksgiving Day to give thanks to God for all of His blessings, let us not forget or abandon those in need, especially those on the fringes of society.

A special collection will be taken up on Thanksgiving morning to assist with the HIV/AIDS ministry of our diocese. (Note - there is no envelope for this collection). Please make checks payable to St John Vianney Church and write HIV/ AIDS in the memo line. If you are unable to attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day you may send in a donation to the office. Thank you for your generosity!

The number of newly diagnosed cases and those living with HIV/AIDS has remained steady. It is anticipated that requests for basic needs services will increase during the coming winter months as the cost for many of the regular requests for staples such as heat and food have skyrocketed. The ministry continues to provide support through the funding that you have provided to help with food, shelter, rental, utility/heating, and prescriptions, as well as helping families with funeral assistance (when needed).

The parish office will close Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!