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The prophet denounces those priests who in their pride have turned away from the Law, causing others to go astray. Jesus, too, is critical of those religious leaders who fail to practice what they preach. Rather, all are called to greatness through humility and service, by sharing their lives with others.

### Annunciation Catholic School

ACS is closed on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> for all staff members to attend a retreat in New Orleans. Archbishop Gregory Aymond will address the group and celebrate Mass to conclude the session.

All Veterans are invited to attend our school's Veterans' Day Program at 9:15 on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Students are selling flags for \$2.00 to honor/remember Veterans. Proceeds from the sale will be given to the American Legion to place Christmas wreaths on the Veterans' graves in Ponemah Cemetery. Contact a student or the office to purchase a flag.

Our **Fall Festival** will take place in the Church parking lot on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00. Costume contest is at 6:00. There will be lots of good food and family fun. Please plan to attend.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress  
and my savior,  
my God, my rock in whom I take  
refuge,  
my shield, and the strength of my  
salvation,  
my stronghold

*Psalm 18:2*

### Respect Life

*Thank God who hears the cries of the weak and the oppressed. May he bless the efforts of those who work to protect the right to life,  
We pray to the Lord...*

### How are the Psalms Important for our Prayers?

The Psalms, along with the Our Father, are part of the Church's great treasury of prayers. In them the praise of God is sung in an ageless way.

There are 150 Psalms in the Old Testament. They are a collection of songs and prayers, some of them several thousand years old, which are still prayed today in the Church community—in the *Divine Office* by clergy and religious. The Psalms are among the most beautiful texts ever written in the world. Take up the challenge, spend some time in prayer with the Psalms today!

### Saint of the Week

#### Saint Gertrude

Entrusted by her parents to the Cistercian nuns at Helfta at the age of five, Gertrude went on to become a nun and live there for the rest of her life. Until the age of twenty-four, she studied literature and philosophy, and then passed on to applied theology. She gave herself over to prayer and contemplation and wrote numerous works on mystical theology. Her meditation centered on the Bible, the Liturgy, and the Early Church Fathers. She had great devotion to the Sacred Humanity of Christ in His Passion and the Blessed Sacrament.

**Parish Prayer List:** Elise Angelle, Brad Bennett, Sandy Bloom, Jay Bolen, Dale Boler, Thelma Bonnette, Kirt Brouillette, Margie Brown, Rick Brown, Megan Cantu, Susan Catha, Joe Cefalu, Debbie Clark, Chip Conerly, Ginny Corkern, Kelsey Corkern, Andy Daley, Merle Daley, Alice deLeon, Andy deLeon, Sr., Gary Duncan, Buddy Fornea, Rita Herring, Aline Hymel, Perry Keen, Carline Jenkins, Tim Johnson, Denise Langston, Catherine LeMoine, Lou Ann Mayfield, Susan Millett, Marie Mizell, Amanda Morgan, Henry Nastasi, jr. Patti Jo Parker, Bruce Phares, Billy Sanders, McKenna Scroggs, Shelia Singletary, Jason Smith, Andy Stewart, Patty Sue Stevenson, Tillman Stogner, Jan Strickland, Jerry Tullos

### AD SERVIAM: Serving Our Country

A. Allison, M. Arceneaux, E. Brumfield, T. Corkern, V. Corkern, B. Duncan, S. Gomez, E. Holmes, A. Knight, L. Liebman, A. Miller, A. Patterson, C. Reviere, L. Robert, K. Root, J. Scroggs, G. Singletary, C. Wascom

### Mass Schedule

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b>(November 6, 2017)</b>
8:00 AM	Communion Service
3:00 PM	Rosary
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b>(November 7, 2017)</b>
8:00AM	Mass—Church
	School Mass
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b>(November 8, 2017)</b>
8:00 AM	Mass—Chapel
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b>(November 9, 2017)</b>
8:00 AM	Mass—Chapel
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b>(November 10, 2017)</b>
8:00 AM	Mass—Chapel
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b>(November 11, 2017)</b>
3:00 PM	Confessions
4:00 PM	Mass
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b>(November 12, 2017)</b>
10:30 AM	Mass
4:30 PM	Confessions ( <i>Spanish</i> )
5:00 PM	Mass ( <i>Spanish</i> )

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### Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM**  
 Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, Jeffery Dugan, John Underwood, Miriam Allen, Welfare of Chip and Rose Conerly, Judy Statham Pennington, Nathan and Carol Bush, Welfare of Camille White, Fr. Hubert Bordenave

**Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM**  
 Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Edward Gomez, Welfare of Gary Duncan, Welfare of Vincent Brouillette, Norman and Myrtis Statham, Welfare of Tillman Stogner, Welfare of Marty and Marvin Paige, Miriam Allen, Welfare of Margie Brown

**10:30 AM**

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**Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM**  
 Miriam Allen

**Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00AM**  
 Elaine Valenti

**Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM**  
 In Thanksgiving to the Father, Jesus, Mary, Joseph and St. Jude

**Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM**  
 Welfare of Betty Puissegur

**Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM**  
 Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, Jeffery Dugan, John Underwood, Miriam Allen, Welfare of Dianne Brumfield and Nicole Brown, Welfare of Steve LeBlanc Welfare of James Brignac, Welfare of Merle and Andy Daley, Welfare of Chip Conerly Family, Elaine Valenti

**Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM**  
 Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Edward Gomez, Welfare of Gary & Eloise Duncan, Welfare of Francine Johnson, Jackie Williams, Eric and Irene Acosta, Joe and Evelyn Cerniglia, Miriam Allen Doug Ebeling, Maxime & Ermine Blazio

**10:30 AM**

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The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in  
 the Church for:  
**Eda E. Simmons**

### Last Week's Collection

October 28, 2017—October 29, 2017

Loose-Checks and Cash	1,915.00
Envelopes	<u>3,268.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,183.00</b>

Funds needed to operate: \$6,299.73

**This Week's Deficit \$1,116.73**

### Thank you!

Next Second Collection  
 November 11, 2017—November 12, 2017  
 Parish Maintenance Fund

### Wholeness, Happiness and the Difference Between Knowledge and Wisdom

A friend recently remarked that it is those that gather and control data that *own* the future. I think I understand what he meant, but, if we dig a bit, I suspect we would doubt that the data-controllers of the day, however intelligent they are, have what we would call *wisdom*.

Education today is ordered toward participation in the global economy. This means that those that are able to retain necessary information and translate it into profitable use are "well educated." We tend to think in systems today, which is why the analogy of "brain surgery" and "rocket science" are equivalent to being really smart. Brains and rockets appear to be complex systems, so anyone who can master them must be intelligent.

A rocket scientist can be a master of rockets and still lack wisdom. Rockets – and things dealing in data, information, and systems in general – are made up of parts. Growth in

wisdom is growth in wholeness. A brain surgeon may know how to operate on his wife's brain, but he may

not yet be able to love her as he ought. This is a dis-integration in his life, a failure of the parts to join to a whole.

For ourselves, and certainly for our children, what we want is wisdom. We want a grasp of the whole; a taste of the way God sees things, and not just mounds of facts. We want the peaceful integration of the things of life. And, since so much of us battle the sense that the different parts of our life are fighting for a slice of the pie, we need the wisdom of an integrated life more than ever.

This is a religious and philosophical reality, because it deals in ends, the purpose of life. Though many joke that we have yet to discover the purpose of life, the wise man already knows it, even if he has yet to reach it perfectly. The purpose of life is happiness. We all want it. Everything we do is to reach it. Few of us do. The wise reach it. Unhappy rocket scientists may be intelligent, but they are not wise.

This is why preparation for the global economy and a preoccupation with knowing many disconnected facts does not equal true education. This is the scientific and technological approach to life, neither of which are bad things in themselves, but they cannot give what they do not have – they deal in parts when we long for wholeness. It is philosophy and religion that are able to see things as they are in their wholeness. Men and women of the world take things apart to see how they work. But men and women of faith put them together to see what they mean. – Fr.

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