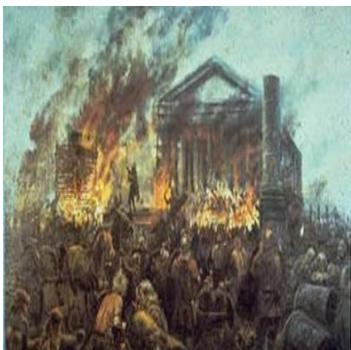


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Announcements
Nov 2 6:00 PM Parish Council Meeting
Nov 6: Religious Ed 11:30 – 2:30 PM.
Nov 6 Youth Group 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Nov 7 – 12 Fr. Tom in Anchorage for installation
Nov 12 – 16 Fr. Tom In Kotz
Nov 14 Kotz Parish Council
Nov 15 KIC Meeting Kotz.

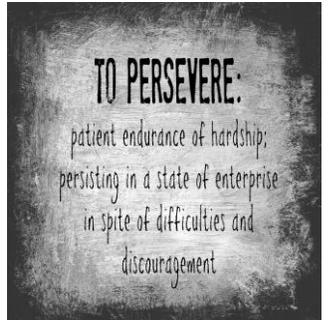
	St. Joseph	St Francis	St. Anne
Sunday	\$.00	\$00	\$0.00



In 66 AD, the Jews rebelled against the Romans. In 70 AD, the second temple was destroyed.



You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”



“Do not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ ‘The time has come.’ Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, it will not immediately be the end.”



The day is coming, blazing like an fire, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, leaving them neither root nor branch, But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.

People First!

With the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, the Pharisees and Sadducees, leaders of the Jewish People, put the temple first and their procedures, rituals, and programs first. The believers were to obey the rules and if they did not obey they were considered blasphemous – the worst sin a Jew could commit.

Jesus warns the leaders that their temple will be destroyed. Their rituals were sacrilegious. Their worship was sanctimonious. They were not devout but wicked and because they did not worship God truly, Jesus condemned them as hypocrites, white washed tombs, cursed them saying; “*You serpents, you brood of vipers, how can you flee from the judgment of Gehenna?*” Then He says, “*Behold, your house will be abandoned, desolate*” (Matt 23.33-38).

Why does Jesus condemn them? They worshipped themselves; they did not worship God nor did they serve the people.

People are the principle assets – not the buildings, projects, and policies. But why do we not put people first. Churches are filled with people, but unless the parishioners in the church put people first the church will die. So many pastors, principles, and preachers focus on projects, doctrine, study, and rituals. But if we want a vibrant church, we have to put people first.

Pastors and leaders need to spend time with their people. And the parishioners need to invite and listen to their pastor. Just as business leaders spend 70% of their time with the people in the company, so too pastors and parishioners need to spend time together.

The largest asset of the Church is not the art, libraries, books, doctrines and rituals. It is the people. Without people why bother to build, or study, or preach. Yet, when we look at people we see that they come in four categories. Which one are you?

1. Those who do less than what they should.
2. Those who do only what they should but no more.
3. Those who will do things without being told.
4. And those who will inspire others to do great things.

It is up to you. Trust men and they will be true to you; treat them greatly and they will show themselves great. Do you inspire others?

The end of the Age – Not World!

Every age in human history has had their doomsayers proclaiming that that the end of the world is near.

Every age has had its wars, earthquakes, famines, and calamities. With them there have always been preachers who wanted to whip up anxiety and fear in people: End is today!

When St. Luke wrote he had to deal with them. The early Christians were filled with anxieties and worries by preachers who were telling them that the end of the world was near. And it did end. Their world would end with the destruction of Jerusalem. This is what Jesus meant first and foremost.

St. Paul was dealing with the same situation as reflected in his Letter. The end of the Age meant the end of the Old Covenant and beginning of the new.

Many today spend a lot of time talking about the Last Day, the end of the world, and interpreting the Book of the Apocalypse to fit their messages – not God’s.

Jesus certainly is coming again but his prophecies about the end have already come true with the destruction of the Jerusalem temple. So do not let your thoughts get caught up and diverted by the false prophecies of today.

The Day of Judgment and the End of the World ought to cause us to think more about what is valuable to do today rather than to cause us to neglect what we ought to do today.

Death gives meaning to life. If we ignore our own death, our own personal last days, then we will ignore how we should be living now.

The Thessalonians were giving up on caring about this life because they were preparing so much for the next.

Caring for life has always been at the forefront of the Catholic Church’s mission A mountain is a great and glorious thing; a mountain range fills us with awe and wonder. But a newborn baby fills us with love; a baby fills us with awe and wonder at a far deeper level.

A living human life has a destiny far greater than creation. A living human life is called into being by God to grow, develop, mature, into all that God created it to be. Our ultimate and personal destiny is to love God face to face so that when our world ends, we know we have loved and been loved.

Weekly Schedule:

Date	MassTime	Place	Feast Day	Lector/Minister	Intention	Activity
Mon Nov 14	6:00 PM	Kotz			Rezac Family	Parish Council
Tue Nov 15	6:00 PM	Kotz			Rezac Family	KIC Meeting
Wed Nov 16	8:00 AM	Kotz	St. Margaret		Rezac Family	
Thu Nov 17	5:30 PM	Nome	St. Elizabeth		Lisa Svoboda	Bible Study
Fri Nov 18	8:00 AM	Nome	St. Paul		Lisa Svoboda	
Sat Nov 19	5:30 PM	Nome	Christ King		Rezac Family	
Sun Nov 20	10:30 AM	Nome	Christ King		St. Francis	



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TO PUT IN THE EFFORT,
DON'T EXPECT
ANYTHING IN RETURN

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**When we were with you,
we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work,
neither should that one eat.
some are conducting themselves among you in a disorderly way,
by not keeping busy
but minding the We instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to
work quietly
and to eat their own food.**

Depression: We All Suffer From It!

Every one of us faces depression. Physical, psychological, economic, and spiritual depression all drain us of light and life. The Great Depression did not occur in 1929. That was a mere symptom. The true Great Depression happened at the beginning of time: Adam and Eve sinned.

Satan who deceived them with his temptations sucked the life giving spirit of God out of their souls. Empty of the presence of God the Great Depression invaded the physical and the spiritual world of which we now suffer the consequences.

Earthquakes, insurrections, wars, drought, fires, famines, and a host of other physical disasters plague our world. Worse than these are the social, moral, ethical, and spiritual depressions that come on account of the fall.

Abortion, euthanasia, contraception, communism, individualism, divorce, pornography, pollution, addictions, abuse, and other corruptions all depress our souls and societies.

Pope Paul VI said in 1968, "self-centredness, hedonism, eroticism, and many other counterfeits, lead in the end to contempt for man and do not, for all that, satisfy his profound restlessness. This is the sad experience of our world. On the one hand, the dehumanizing consequences of poverty and depression rob millions of our brothers and sisters of their birthright, their dignity as human beings. On the other hand, the materialism of a prosperous society too often leads to an equivalent dehumanization in the form of emptiness and frustration" (John Paul, Homily 11/26/86).

False prophecies and prophets plague our world telling us the where and how to look for answers to our depression. They claim to have the answers to our problems and tell us specifically what to do. False prophets, Satan, deceive us by controlling our lives, changing the meaning of the Ten Commandments, and contradicting our Christian customs. They give us false blue prints to find Christ and rebuild our lives in the shadows of a dark world portraying itself as light.

Jesus, the way the truth, and the light, is not to be found by predictions and interpretations: He should already be found. We do not need to search for Him for He is already present to us. He is in our midst for the kingdom of God, as he told us, is at hand.

As Adam and Eve lived in the presence of God, conversed with God, and even walked with God, so we too have the presence of God now in our world. He lives within us making us temples of the Holy Spirit. He lives within our communities when two or three are gathered in prayer. He speaks to us through his Church and her teachings. Christ is present, but are we present to Christ?

Jesus warns us of accepting the teachings of these false prophets and falling into depression because of their

deceptions. "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them" (Luke 21: 8)!

As easily as Adam and Eve were deceived, so are we. Deceived by false promises, attacked by mortal enemies, and corrupted by deceptive desires, we search for answers to our depression listening to this story or that one. Depressed we desperately desire answers. "The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. There will be those who will say to you, 'Look, there he is,' (or) 'Look, here he is.' Do not go off, do not run in pursuit" (Luke 17: 22- 23).

Living in the presence of the Lord enables us to penetrate the false prophets and prophecies and to see beyond the turmoil and the turbulence of our world and lives trusting in the Lord. As Jesus tells us "Be not Afraid" (Matt 10:31), we cannot let the social, political, and personal disasters led us into depression.

Grace generates in us a readiness to experience God personally in all his splendor and majesty. The trials and tribulations of this world lead us to Christ – not away from Him. "Beloved, do not be surprised that a trial by fire is occurring among you, as if something strange were happening to you. But rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly" (I Pet. 4: 12 – 13)

We understand our own depression is not permanent, but will end with time. This lack of God's Spirit in the physical and spiritual world ought to drive us to open our hearts to find the light of God, which cures us of all forms of darkness and depression.

God is our light amidst the darkness of our world. We cannot let the fears of disasters frighten us. We cannot allow the darkness of sin disrupt our vision. We must seek the way of light, which protects us from our dark world. "Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed" (Lk 21: 14).

In the light of Christ, nothing can hurt us, not even the destruction of the world for we live in the light of Christ. Depression destroys the light, but the Light of Christ destroys the depression of our lives.

"Work for a dream and not a paycheck."

**Plan, Prepare, Produce,
if you want to work for a dream
not a paycheck!**