

Our Vision: We seek to light the way to Christ as a strong military Catholic community of faith guided by the Holy Spirit and on fire with God's love.

Our Mission: We, the Catholic Community of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, serve to advance the spiritual growth and resilience of all bonded by love of Christ, and share experiences of service to country. Guided by our military chaplain, we actively participate in the living Body of Christ and persevere in our Savior's mission. We are grateful stewards of the gifts we have received and eagerly use them to show our love for God

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Registration: [Forms](#) available on website or email the Catholic Coordinator.

Sacraments and Sponsor Letters: Requires registration. Fr. Fred has pastoral jurisdiction only for active duty military and their family members.

E-Bulletins: Available on website; e-mailed each Thursday. Please add @jbmhhcatholicparish.com to "safe sender" list. Contact the Catholic Coordinator with registration changes or to Opt Out of receiving the e-bulletin.

Readings for the weekend of 19-20 November –

Christ the King

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

The two books of Samuel describe a time early in Jewish history when the 12 tribes were forming one nation under a single king. After the death of Saul, their first king, the tribes decided upon a successor, as we will hear in this reading.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Psalm 122

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

In our age of space travel, there is sometimes speculation about Christ's place in the wider universe, particularly if life were found on the other planets. Today's passage quotes an early Christian hymn which describes the kingship of Christ in cosmic terms.

On 1 December, we bid farewell to SGT Veitia, the chapel's NCOIC, as she leaves for her next assignment. SGT V's service and dedication to the chapel communities has been greatly appreciated. Godspeed and God Bless!

Daily Mass: M – F, 1200, Blessed Sacrament Chapel **Reconciliation:** T – F, 1130 – 1145, Room 112

Please visit the [website calendar](#) for dates, locations, event details and for schedule updates.

19 November through 2December

SAT & SUN		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
19 <i>Designated Offering: National Collection for Religious – Sat & Sun</i> 1700 Vigil Mass	20 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ 0900 Mass 1030 Adult Ed, CRE 1030 Pastoral Council Meeting	21 1000 Living Word 1800 RCIA	22 1100 Bible Study	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving 1000 Mass + food blessing	25 No Daily Mass
26 1700 Vigil Mass	27 1st Sunday of Advent – Cycle A 0900 Mass No Religious Education	28 No RCIA	29 1100 Bible Study	30	DEC 1 1900 Adult Ed 1900 KofC Round Table	2 1000 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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Offertory Week 12-13 November

1700 Vigil Mass: 132 \$1,787.01
0900 Mass: 191 \$1,790.00
323 \$3,577.01

Please make checks payable to C.T.O.F.

Next Designated Offering: 3-4 December for the Holiday (Christmas) Food Voucher Program

Additional Links

[Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA](#)
[Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception](#)
[The Holy See](#)
[United States Conference of Catholic Bishops \(USCCB\)](#)

Dear Catholic Community:

This Sunday is the end of the "Year of Mercy." One of the highlights of the pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi was the walk through the Holy Door at St. Peter's in Rome. We began that walk starting a number of blocks from the Basilica and had stops along the way for prayer. A special route was set for those pilgrims who came in groups and wanted to end their time with this special opportunity. I remember that the prayers we prayed centered on God's merciful love and reminded me of some words of a priest by the name of Richard Rohr. In a book he wrote called "Soul Brothers" he said: "Peter is a grand and honest statement about how we all come to God. The pattern is a great surprise, and for many a great shock and even a disappointment. We clearly come to God, not by doing it right, but ironically by doing it wrong." I thought to myself how true this is. God's mercy invites us to Him, not because we're perfect, but rather because we're imperfect and often in need of God's mercy and forgiveness. The God who is merciful to us also challenges us to extend that same mercy to others. How awesome it is to feel forgiven and extend forgiveness in the brokenness of our lives.

As we end the "Year of Mercy" I leave you with a prayer from the book I handed out to you a year ago with a reflection for each day. It's a powerful prayer: "Loving Father, rich in mercy, you give us your entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return. Through mercy you reach out to the sinner, offering a new chance to reflect, convert, and believe. Your mercy opens our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness. Free us to let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge- a necessary condition for living joyfully. Help us to see the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity. May we refrain from judgment and envy toward others. Enable us to accept the good in every person. It is time to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Let us help others escape the doubt that causes them to fall into despair. May the flesh of your Son - visible in the tortured, the scourged, the malnourished, and the exiled - be acknowledged, touched and cared for by us. With our eyes fixed on Jesus' merciful gaze, let us experience the love of the Most holy Trinity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Blessings,

Fr. Fred

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER...

...for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Military Chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for our parishioners who are ill; and for our deceased:

Deployed: FC2 Joseph Reed, USN; Ginny Ortiz, Peace Corps, Kevin Voelker, DoD; Harold Miller, Jr., DoD; Deborah & Panakkal David, FS

Healing: Alfred Prados, Jim Egan, Len Trahan, Bob Bowen, Kevin Tighe, Bob Schaaf, Alexis Coffey, Frank Bernardo, John Bikus, Suzie Kumashiro, Jack Doyle, Bill Hoh, Virginia Hoh, Jeff Lepak, Al and Marilyn Hanson, Russell Plaisance, Warren Krug, Warren Efting, Barbara Nastro, Joe Franklin, Bill Daknis, Bob Daknis, Maria Miani, Richard W. Kalb, Fran DeLoatche, Babs Clare, Finian Lalime, John Bian, Lina Czubas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The weekend's **Designated Offering** is for the [National Collection for Retired Religious](#). The next designated offering is the weekend of **3-4 December** and is for the Holiday (Christmas) Food Voucher Program.

We offer a warm welcome to Archbishop Broglio, the celebrant of this Sunday's 0900 Mass. This Sunday also marks the closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

This coming Thanksgiving we'll celebrate Mass at 1000. Fr. Fred invites you to bring any food that you would like blessed, something that represents your meal for the day. When you come into the chapel just place it before the altar before Mass begins. Fr. will bless the food at the end of Mass.

Arimathean Training: The Arimathean Ministry is looking for volunteers to function as lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for Catholic funerals at Old Post Chapel. Volunteers participate in one to two services per month. Training will be held on a Saturday in January 2017. For more information or if you are interested in volunteering in this ministry, please contact Neal Collins at USPHS@mac.com or call (562) 528-6263.