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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32

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November 14, 2021

Vision Statement:

We will be a parish who lives the message and mission of Jesus.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Collection for November 7, 2021



		Budget	Variance
Sunday Masses	\$9,953		
Mail and Walk-up	\$4,530		
eGiving	\$10,275		
Total Sunday	\$24,758	\$34,135	(\$9,377)

School Support	This Week's Gifts	YTD 2021
Rebek		\$5,354

Thank you for your generosity!



e-GIVING is e-ASY-PEASY

www.givecentral.org/location/120

St. Mark's Food Collection: November 14

On **Sunday, November 14th** we will have our monthly food drive for St. Mark's Parish. Last July, St. Mark's was consolidated with three other parishes who were not receiving food donations from sharing parishes.

We continue to collect and deliver to St. Mark's per usual, but the number of families needing food has *increased*. Your donations are critically important.

Volunteers will be at the parish garage **between 9 am and noon on Sunday, November 14th**.

Pull up to the garage, where large totes will be available for your donations, or pop your trunk and our volunteers will collect the food.

Thank you for your past and future generosity in this important ministry.

Non-perishable food is now being accepted during the week in the lobby of the Parish Center.



"Alms are an inheritance and a justice which is due to the poor and which Jesus has levied upon us." - Saint Francis of Assisi

SAINT MARKS FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Live Online Bible Study Friday Morning 9:30



Join us for lively discussion of next Sunday's readings:

Daniel 7:13-14

Revelation 1:5-8

John 18:33-37



Email biblestudy@olwparish.org for a sign-in code.



OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE PARISH

LEGACY PLANNING

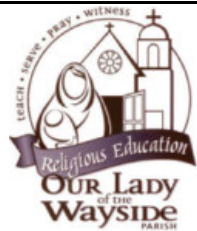
QCD Gifts Help Our Parish

Dear Parishioners,

Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled *Our Lady of the Wayside* to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of the strength of this community by making a qualified charitable distribution (a.k.a. IRA charitable rollover gift) from your IRA to *Our Lady of the Wayside Parish*.

If you wish to have your QCD gift qualify for the current tax year, we recommend submitting your request to your IRA administrator by December 1st.

For more information, please consult with Ewelina Sokolowski, *Our Lady of the Wayside* Director of Operations, by phone at (847) 253-5353 x229 or by e-mail at operations@olwparish.org.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

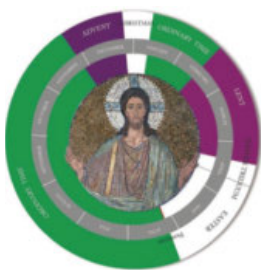
REP Schedule for the Weeks of November 15 and 22, 2021

- **Tuesday, November 16**, 4:00 p.m. 1st through 4th grade classes meet
- **Tuesday, November 16**, 7:00 p.m. 7th and 8th grade classes meet; **Homily Evaluation #2 is due: 8th grade only**
- **Tuesday, November 23**, No classes; Happy Thanksgiving!

The Church Liturgical Year

There probably won't be many people wishing you Happy New Year on Nov. 28. But the last Sunday of November actually is the beginning of the New Year in the Catholic Church. It marks the official start of the liturgical year.

The liturgical year celebrates the sacred mysteries of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It includes the feast of the Ascension and Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles.



The Liturgical Seasons

- **ADVENT.** At Mass that the colors used for vestments and altar cloths during Advent are violet or dark violet, with pink on the Third Sunday of Advent to symbolize hope.
- **CHRISTMAS.** It begins on Christmas Eve and lasts until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. White or gold are the colors used for vestments and altar cloths.
- **ORDINARY TIME.** It begins on the Monday after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and ends when Lent begins. A second period of Ordinary Time follows Pentecost and continues until the beginning of Advent. The color green, a symbol of hope, is used for vestments and altar cloths during Ordinary Time.
- **LENT.** It is a 40-day period of fasting, abstinence and repentance that begins on Ash Wednesday. The color of the vestments and altar cloths are purple.
- **EASTER.** It begins with the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus and continues for the next 50 days, until the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The color of the Easter season is white.

From: The liturgical year: A journey with Jesus - Teaching Catholic Kids

Nothing to Fear

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



Father Arthur Marat

We are living in an unprecedented time. The entire world, nations, people, and nature are agitated. Last weekend, an event called Astroworld Festival took place, during which 8 people died. I think that this event tells us something about how we think and what we value. I suspect that many people attended this festival after being tired of

being cooped-up at home. They wanted to be entertained and distracted from the current state of their lives. They longed to be amused as a distraction from their fears and uncertainty. Yet, from what people who were there shared: people were so caught up in the event and so distracted that they did not see what was going on around them: people were suffocating, trampled, and dying.

I shared about this event because, whenever we are presented with some kind of trial or difficulty in our lives, we are often tempted to escape it through entertainment, pleasure, or some other kind of sin and distraction. Rather than turning to God, we turn to something empty: a Netflix binge, excessive eating, drugs, alcohol, pornography, and the strong emotions evoked during a festival. In the process, we become blind and numb not only to God, but also to the needs of others around us.

Clearly, we are passing through a difficult time of trial. Rather than looking for an escape in entertainment, pleasure, and a desperate grasp at "normalcy," I would like to invite you to seek help and consolation in God, but specifically in the intercession and presence of Our Lady, who promises Her protection and care for those who love and entrust themselves to Her. When she appeared to Juan Diego in December of 1531, the Blessed Mother said: "Hear me and understand well, my little son, that nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear sickness, nor any other illness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish?"

In God we find everything that we need to be happy and at peace. Let us place ourselves in Mary's arms and under Her mantle because there, under Her care and protection, we have nothing to fear.

Yours in Christ,
Father Arthur

FEB

A NIGHT FOR THE
Blue & White
OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

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Gala 2022
More to details to follow

MORNING ROSARY

Fathers Arthur and Dominic corially invite you to pray a morning Rosary as a *united parish family*.

The Rosary is now prayed in Our Lady of the Wayside Church at **8:00 am sharp** – just prior to daily mass – on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**.

If you can, please stay for mass immediatly following.



The Rosary takes just 20 minutes to pray and offers many spiritual benefits to those who pray it!

All are invited, and Fr. Dominic extends a *special invitation* to OLV School and REP parents who drop their children off each day. *Please join us!*



We're Starting a New Tradition...

A **Monthly Family Mass** lead by our parish's school-aged children, celebrated on the first Sunday of every month at 9:30 am. They are the future of our faith and we want to encourage and celebrate with them.

Participant Registration: **NOW OPEN!**

Our first Family Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am on **Sunday, December 5th**. Registration is now open for 6th-8th graders who would like to participate. To register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3nTxVv9>.

This mass will be GREAT if YOU participate!

Parents, let's show our children that faith matters.



Now therefore, our God, we thank You
and praise Your glorious name."

~ 1 Chronicles 29:13

Please join us for

***Our Lady of the Wayside's
Annual Thanksgiving Mass and Agape***

Thursday, November 25th, 2021

Mass: 9:00 am | Agape: 10:00 am

**Enjoy light refreshments and fellowship following
Mass in the Fr. Mackin Center hosted by the Our Lady
of the Wayside Christian Family Movement (CFM).**

**The collection at Mass will benefit the
OLW St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

**If you cannot attend the Agape Mass, you may still
drop off your financial donation at the Parish Center
beforehand. Please support SVDP if you can.**

The OLW School Tradition of the Saint Reports and Procession into Church Continues!



OUR 5TH GRADERS CHOSE THESE SAINTS

St. Aidan -- St. Andrew -- St. Anne -- St. Bernard -- St. Brigid -- St. Catherine of Alexandria -- St. Cecilia -- St. Claire -- St. Elizabeth -- St. Elizabeth of Hungary -- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -- St. Francis of Assisi -- St. Grace of Lerida -- St. James -- St. Jason -- St. John Paul II -- St. Lucie -- St. Luke -- St. Mary -- St. Michael the Archangel -- St. Nicolette -- St. Nicholas -- St. Nina -- St. Patrick -- St. Peter -- St. Stephanie -- St. Theresa of Calcutta -- St. Timothy



"Sacraments, The Treasury of our Faith"

2021 Multi-Parish Mission
Hosted at St. Edna Church each night

Presentation by
Fr. Thomas R. McCarthy, OSA

November 29, 30 and December 1, 2021
A reception will be held after each nights presentation!

Monday Evening: 7:00—8:30pm
The Sacraments of Initiation
Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation

Tuesday Evening: 7:00—8:30pm
The Sacraments of Healing
Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation

Confessions with individual absolution done in communion line style will be offered afterwards. Penitent confesses his or her sins individually. No counsel or advice will be given.

Wednesday Evening: 7:00—8:30pm
The Sacraments of Vocation
Matrimony and Holy Orders

We will celebrate the Eucharist to end our Parish Mission!
Fr. Tom's mission talk will be an extended homily.
All priests are invited to concelebrate.

Everyone is invited! Bring a friend!

Sponsored by St. Colette, St. Mary,
St. James, Our Lady of the Wayside,
and hosted each night at St. Edna!
2525 N.Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 20004




Messages of
GRATITUDE
for Advent and
Christmas 2021
3-MINUTE DEVOTIONS

MICHAEL WHITE and TOM CORCORAN

This Advent, Our Lady of the Wayside's pastoral staff is gifting parishioners "Messages of Gratitude for Advent and Christmas 2021." Books will be distributed to REP students on November 9 and 16, to OLV School students on November 15, and from the back of Church and our Parish Center on November 20 until supplies are depleted.

THREE MINUTES is all it takes to change your day for the better. Please pray and enjoy!



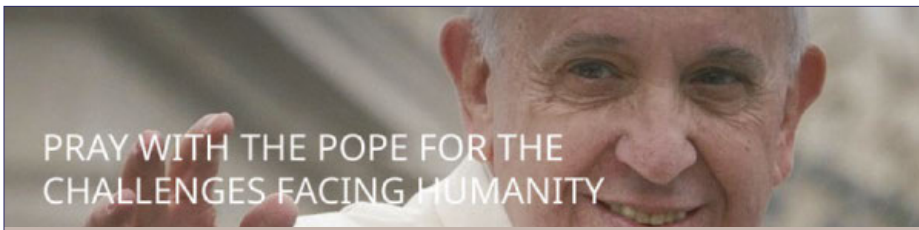
Moving Forward In Hope
Join us for an evening of
Prayer, Connection & Hope
Sponsored by the Archdiocese Commission on Mental Illness

We are pleased to offer Moving Forward in Hope, a monthly series of evening prayer, connection, and hope. Our goal is to create a safe place for those living with or those caring for someone with mental health concerns to come together to pray and share with one another.

We know connection is paramount to mental health and well-being. These virtual meetings will cover relevant topics and be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Moving Forward In Hope
Tuesday, November 23rd
7-8pm

Please reach out to Deacon Tom Lambert at tlambert@ourlmc.org to register for this evening.



PRAY WITH THE POPE FOR THE CHALLENGES FACING HUMANITY

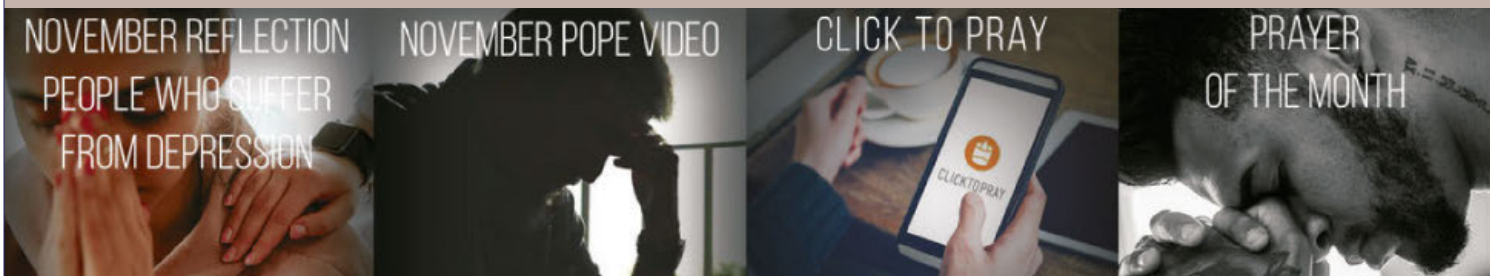
Pope Francis has chosen *people who suffer with depression* for his November Prayer Intention.

Extreme exhaustion, depression, and anxiety are some of the most common illnesses in today's world. Often, "sadness, apathy, and spiritual tiredness end up dominating people's lives, which are overloaded due to the rhythm of life today." What can we do to help people suffering from these situations? Be at their side, accompany them, and remind them that "together with the indispensable guidance of a psychologist, which is useful and effective, Jesus' words also help."

Go to popesprayerusa.net

to see this months reflection, prayer and watch the Pope Video on depression.

If you know someone who is suffering from one of these situations, share Pope Francis' words with them.



KATHY O'NEILL, R.N. 

COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL HEALTHCARE

Five Tips to Manage a Fear of Needles



As COVID-19 vaccines remain top of mind for many families, parents and guardians may realize that their little ones may be due for immunizations.

Immunizations are a critical part of preventive care. But if your child has experienced pain from prior experiences, you may be dreading bringing them back in.

“The truth is vaccine injections can hurt,” says Dr. Diana Bottari, medical director of pediatric pain management at Advocate Children’s Hospital. “No parent wants

to see their child in pain, and they certainly don’t want to be the cause of the pain.”

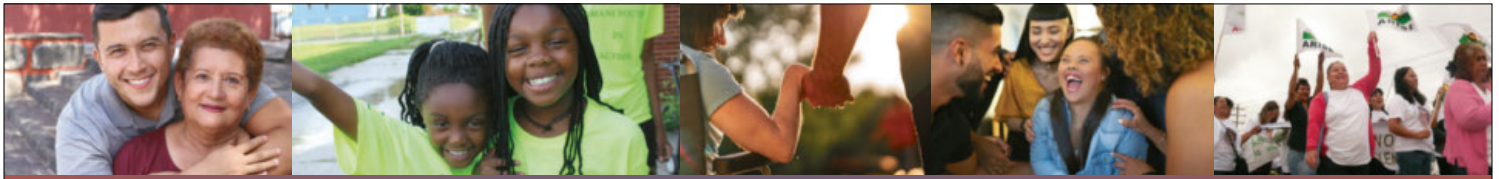
So what can you do?

“Here’s the good news — you can help reduce not only the pain that may come with immunizations but also the anxiety, which can be worse than the pain,” says Dr. Bottari.

She offers the following tips for supporting your children and helping decrease not only their pain but the anxiety associated with immunizations.

- Do not lie to your child: This is one of the most important things you can do. If they ask if they’re going to get a vaccine, tell the truth. This will decrease future anxiety about going to the doctor for non-vaccine appointments. When they receive “surprise” shots, they will always expect shots at subsequent appointments.
- Use distraction techniques: Bring in your child’s tablet, play their favorite songs, do a silly dance or let them play a game on your phone during the vaccination.
- Do not hold your child down: You may want to perform a comfort hold, a way of holding your child to comfort them while decreasing movement, but do not pin your child down. When you do this, you remove any sense of control they have, further increasing anxiety and pain.
- Talk with your child’s doctor about using topical numbing cream: This is placed on the skin 30 minutes prior to vaccines and can greatly reduce the pain your child feels. It’s sometimes referred to as magic cream. You do not need a prescription.
- Validate your child’s feelings: Instead of saying “Oh, now that didn’t hurt,” or “Big kids don’t cry,” instead say, “I know that was uncomfortable, and I’m so proud of how well you did.” Try to have them focus on something else, like the game on your phone or a stuffed animal.

Article contributed by: Holly Brenza



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

- **LEARN** about those living in poverty.
- **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier.
- **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection.
- **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

We all depend on workers in America's meat-processing plants and animal-feeding operations, who are essential to the food supply chain. Many of them are immigrants facing language barriers that leave them at a disadvantage when they advocate for safe working conditions, just wages, and fair treatment from employers. The Rural Community Workers Alliance (RCWA) in Missouri helps these essential workers by advocating on their behalf for safe working conditions and by promoting gatherings to address racial divisions in the community as a way to help immigrants and nonimmigrants discover similarities and share their experiences.

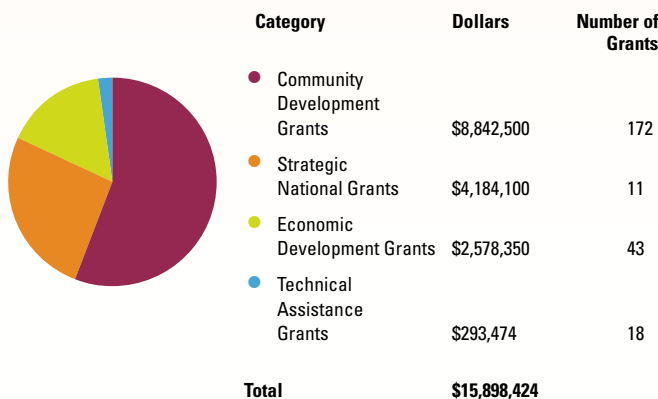
The COVID-19 pandemic revealed working conditions at a pork-processing plant that placed workers at risk of infection due to shoulder-to-shoulder work areas and a lack of protective gear. Workers brought their concerns to RCWA and ultimately filed a lawsuit demanding that the company follow health and safety guidelines established by the federal government. Even before the court ruled

on the lawsuit, the company took action to protect workers by installing protective barriers, sanitizing stations, providing masks, and conducting temperature checks. When you support CCHD's mission of working on the margins, you help groups such as RCWA advocate for the health and safety of the essential workers that we all depend upon.

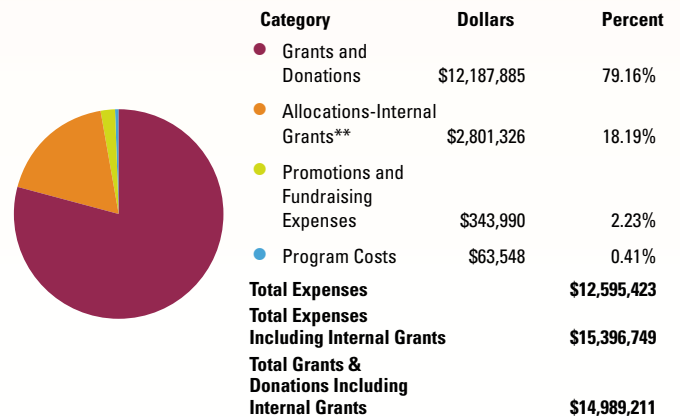
To learn more about the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) allocates funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church. Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd to view funding criteria and see a detailed list of our most recent grants and annual report.

2019-2020 GRANTS



2019 EXPENSES



**Internal grants include a distribution from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection for CCHD operations expenses and for USCCB Justice, Peace and Human Development's Education and Outreach program that includes engaging Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty.



Office of National Collections

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MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY:

5:00 pm Saturday, November 20, 2021

Presider: Father Arthur Marat & Deacon Peter LeTourneau

7:30 am Sunday, November 21, 2021

Presider: Father Dominic Vinh Ha & Deacon Peter LeTourneau

9:30 am Sunday, November 21, 2021

Presider: Father Arthur Marat & Deacon Peter LeTourneau

11:30 am Sunday, November 21, 2021

Presider: Father Dominic Vinh Ha & Deacon Paul Onischuk

6:00 pm Sunday, November 21, 2021

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GOSPEL MEDITATION:

November 14, 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” Take a moment to ponder these words from today’s Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It’s hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the “when” of death, the “what” of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord’s coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God’s eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

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SACRED LITURGY:

Monday, November 15, 2021

8:30 am – Keith Bendel, Michael & Anne Addante, Clara Fadhel

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

8:30 am – Luciano Gheraldi, Dolores Pawlak

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

8:30 am – Louis & Lee White, Philip White

Thursday, November 18, 2021

8:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

Friday, November 19, 2021

8:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

Saturday, November 20, 2021

8:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

5:00 pm – Geraldine Piechowski, Henryk Salwecki, Zdzislaw Bernatajty, The Gajewski Family, Helena Tuhanowski

Sunday, November 21, 2021

7:30 am – Gert Ivory, Pamela Seitz, Daniel E. Nowak, Cathy Moran

9:30 am – Marion Danisch

11:30 am – Kathleen Riberto, Philip White, Eugene Frett, John Klages

6:00 pm – For the Living and Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44 *Dedication:* Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37



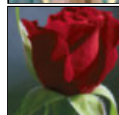
Pray for those celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony

*I Kevin Darling & Katherine Cowhey
on December 4, 2021 at 3:00 pm*



Pray for the Sick

*Helene Bottalla, Marie DeSanto, Marge Finch,
Ken Kramer, Valerie Lund, Delores McCloy, George
Miller, Eugene Olivo, Larry Pitzer, Melvin Rotor,
Cathy Sloan, Sue Sloma, Rev. John Topper*



Pray for the Deceased

Karen Finamore, Donna Franczyk, Cathy Moran

Sunday, Nov 14, 2021

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The poor have a gift for you

Charity presupposes a giver and a receiver, Pope Francis reminds us this fifth annual World Day of the Poor. This division poses a spiritual danger: tempting the giver to view the poor as a "category" outside our community, to which we may choose to offer our generosity. This perception gratifies the giver and demeans the receiver. Francis observes that "the poor, always and everywhere, evangelize us"—revealing the suffering Christ to us. Charity is occasional and voluntary; mutual sharing, however, is enduring. The real invitation of the poor is this: to share the burden of Christ until we can alleviate it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32 (158). *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."*

Monday, Nov 15, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Head in the clouds but feet on the ground

Albert the Great was a Renaissance man—but he lived in the Middle Ages. He was a German theologian, but he also wrote voluminously about botany, zoology, music, astronomy, and law—to name just a few of his studies of interest. He never let his head full of knowledge go to his head, though, and one of the ways this Dominican friar and bishop stayed humble was by only traveling by foot. Are there lifestyle changes you can make or privileges you can shed to keep yourself down-to-earth?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43 (497). *"When they saw this, all the people gave praise to God."*

Tuesday, Nov 16, 2021

MEMORIAL OF GERTRUDE, MYSTIC

God's love conquers all

Orphaned during the Middle Ages, Gertrude the Great grew up in a Benedictine monastery and became a brilliant scholar. Like her teacher, Saint Mechtilde of Helfta, Gertrude also became well-known as a mystic, experiencing—and transcribing—vivid visions of God's boundless love. Let Gertrude's encounters with Divine Love calm any worries today: "Joy and gladness be to thee from that sweetest heart, my one refuge and shelter in my exile, from that heart so full of tender care for me, whose love is so set on me that it cannot rest till it hath received me into itself for evermore."

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10 (498). *"But he could not see him because of the crowd."*

Wednesday, Nov 17, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

Keep the faith under pressure

Faithfulness unto death is the great rallying cry of the Christian. Without this in mind, today's saint, Elizabeth of Hungary, might at first seem an odd pairing with the readings about martyrdom and divine retribution. With it, however, we see that Saint Elizabeth's firm resolve to serve the poor, despite being a princess with access to enormous privilege, is precisely the kind of behavior God wishes to see in his children. It is precisely the use of the "talents" to which Jesus referred in the parable from today's

gospel. Remember, then, that whenever we die to ourselves and devote our lives to Christian charity, we become common martyrs and fulfill the law of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28 (499).

"He, in his mercy, will give you back both breath and life, because you now disregard yourselves for the sake of his law."

Thursday, Nov 18, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

Perseverance please!

Life can sometimes beat a person down, and when that happens, the beautiful tradition of praying for saints to intercede for us can provide communion and solace. Today's saint, Philippine Duchesne, was a nun who survived the upheaval of the French Revolution and combined both a strong devotion to prayer and a passion for missionary life in the American frontier, with its many hardships. Because perseverance was a major theme in her life, she is a patron saint of perseverance in adversity. Saint Philippine, pray for us!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44 (500). *"If this day you only knew what makes for peace."*

Friday, Nov 19, 2021

Act on memory

Dedications in memory of fields where lives were lost or sacred places defiled have been a mainstay since biblical times. By remembering the horror of death and destruction, we hope to redeem the site and make it holy again. But as Abraham Lincoln stated on this day in 1863 in his *Gettysburg Address*, honoring a Civil War battlefield: "We cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground . . . the living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it." Our role, says Lincoln, is "to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced." It is for us to "highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain." Lincoln's words echo Jesus' call to his disciples to "do this in memory of me." Become the body of Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48 (501). *"The days of the dedication of the altar should be observed with joy and gladness."*

Saturday, Nov 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

God of the living

The Bible's Second Book of Maccabees, composed about a hundred years before Christ, introduced the ideas of resurrection from the dead, the intercession of the saints in heaven, and the responsibility of the living to offer prayers and sacrifices for the dead. The Sadducees of today's gospel episode rejected these ideas while Jesus obviously embraced them. Resurrection, praying for the souls in Purgatory, and the intercession of the saints all have become part of what the church believes. Every Saturday we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the greatest saint in heaven, and ask her intercession for the souls of our departed relatives and friends.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40 (502). *"[God] is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Well, to adequately answer that question would consume whole volumes. And, of course, the first and most important reason is that Christ was the son of God and the savior of the world, not a random (if "unblemished") lamb offering. It was only by the blood of Christ that we could be redeemed.

But another answer is this: Christ's sacrifice cost him. In fact, it cost him everything. The offerings made by the Israelites through their priests cost them too, of course. They gave of their flocks, of their household stores, of their wealth. But Christ gave differently. He gave of himself. He gave until it was all gone.

Such is the highest form of stewardship: the gift of self to the point of discomfort. It can take a multitude of forms and I am not saying we are all called to be nailed to the cross. In fact, for most of us, our gifts will not involve physical discomfort at all. But certainly, stewardship demands discomfort. It demands that we go against our human nature of putting ourselves first, of thinking primarily of our own needs and desires. And most of all, it demands love. For that, above all else, distinguished the gift Christ gave us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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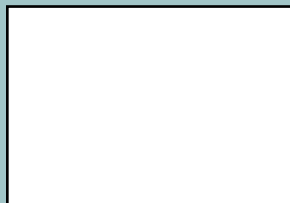
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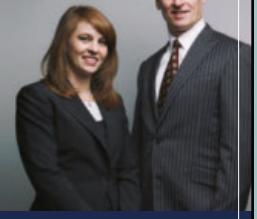
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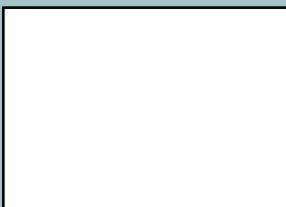
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Prayer For Those Experiencing Depression & Exhaustion

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Today, we pray for those whose heart is clouded with sadness and pain; Brothers and Sisters lost in depression and extreme exhaustion. Send your Spirit upon them to find rest and comfort. And give us a heart to love and support them, opening to them paths of hope and new life.

Amen.

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