

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

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Given a Second Chance

I don't know how often we use the phrase, "Given a second chance." Seeing a new day for me, I say I have been given a second chance which I don't deserve or merit. I don't take it for granted. I promise God, I want to live it better than yesterday. I ask for His graces to discern what I am supposed to do and pray to see God in all the people I am going to encounter, and they see Him in me. I remember in one of my former parishes where I ministered, I encountered a lady who was given a second chance to live. Sometimes it all depends on how we interpret it. She had an attack and went into a coma for almost two weeks. Everyone who knew her said that she was not going to survive. When I met her after she had fully recovered, I joked with her that she is a miracle given a second chance. She told me, it was not a second, but a third chance because she had survived another incident.

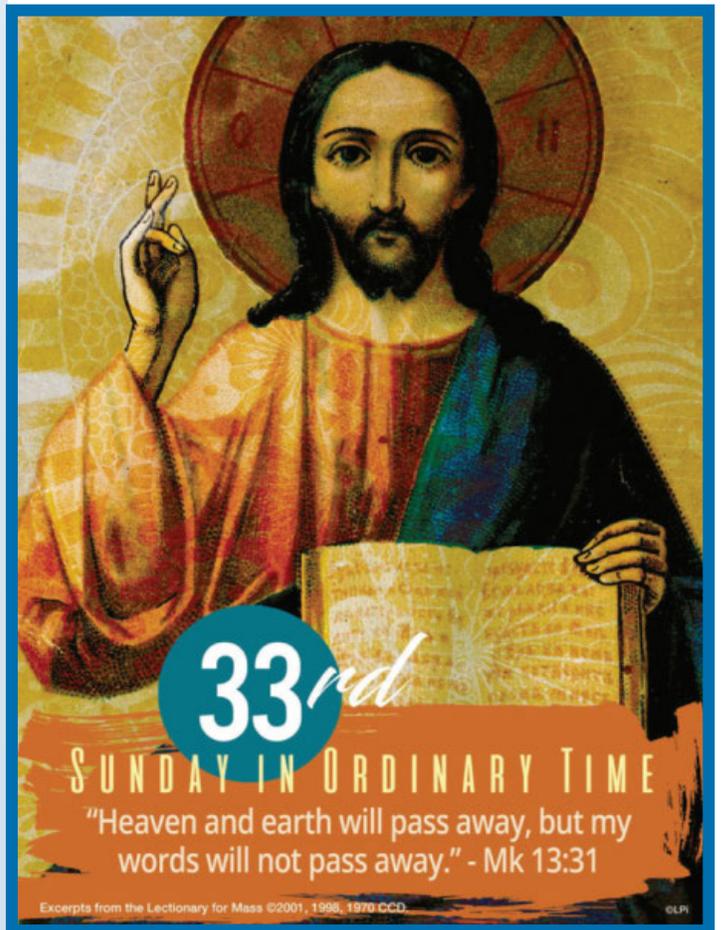
In life, there are things that we would rather not talk about, but when you are directly affected by them, they evoke very strong emotions. Death is one, and the last things that will happen at the end of times is another. Death is as common as life, but sometimes we live life as if there is no end. As we come towards the end of the liturgical year, we hear the readings addressing the end of time. We sometimes forget what we profess in the creed: "I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." As believers in Jesus Christ, life doesn't end with death: "Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven. (*Preface 1 in the Mass for the Dead*).

Eschatology is the study of the reality of the four last things: death, judgment, heaven and hell. Sadly, the four last things are not preached about very often today. Jesus is the first born from the dead, and therefore we believe the One who raised Jesus from death will also raise us if we live according to his teachings. The life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ. "By his resurrection, Jesus has 'opened' heaven to us. He makes partners in his heavenly glorification those who have believed in him and remained faithful to his will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ" (*CCC.1026*). We should not fear death or the last things, but we should live every day as if it is our last day. Every day is a second chance God gives us; let us live each day better than yesterday.

Fr. Peter Patrick

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 14, 2021

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Kathy Kent, James Napper, Lisette Quintanilla, Brenda Scharping, Bill Thorn, Becky Troy, June Wessa

The Week Ahead

Sunday, November 14 8:45 am CGS (Atrium)
 9:00 am Mass of Remembrance (C)
 Monday, November 15 5:00 pm Finance Council (V)
 Tuesday, November 16 8:30 am Mass (Church)
 9:00 am Alpha Program (FKCC)
 6:00 pm Alpha Program (St. Seb)
 Wednesday, Nov. 17 6:15 pm Formation Session for
 Reconciliation (St. Seb)
 6:30 pm Centennial Committee (V)
 Friday, November 19 8:30 pm Mass (Church)
 Sunday, November 21 **10:00 am Mass - Pastor Installation -
 (St. Sebastian)**

Special Invitation to Mass on November 21

You are invited to the Installation Service of Fr. Peter Patrick as the pastor of Saint Sebastian and Saint Catherine Parishes. We rejoice that the Lord has led Fr. Peter Patrick to lead our congregations, and we are looking forward to celebrating this occasion as the family of God on Sunday, November 21, at 10 am, at Saint Sebastian. We are excited about the future ministry of our church under Fr. Peter Patrick's leadership for the next six years. We hope you join us as we give gratitude for his commitment to our Church and community. The Mass with Bishop Jeffrey Haines presiding will be followed by a reception. **No Mass at St. Catherine that day.**

Advent Day of Prayer

You are invited to attend a Day of Prayer and Reflection at the Redemptorist Retreat House in Oconomowoc, on Wednesday, December 8, from 9:15 am - 3 pm. A fee of \$30 is requested and payable with registration on the day of the program.

Regular Contributions thru 11/7/21 - Week 19	\$57,769
Prior YTD Amount	59,224
Surplus/Deficit vs. Prior Year	\$ (1,455)

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Sunday, November 14 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am † Ron Scott (Marianne Hondel)
 Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

Monday, November 15 St. Albert the Great

8:30 am Mass at St. Sebastian
 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63/Ps 119:53-158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 16 St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

8:30 am Thanksgiving For All Who Serve The Poor
 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:20 am Mass at St. Sebastian
 2 Mc 7:1,20-31/Ps 17:1bcd,5-6,8b&15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, November 18 Dedication of the Basilicas of
 Sts. Peter and Paul

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

Friday, November 19

8:30 am † Bonnie Dougherty (Lieb Family)
 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19: 45-49

Sunday, November 21 Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

No Mass at St. Catherine; come celebrate at St. Sebastian's at 10
 Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, November 14 - Fr. Peter Patrick

Lectors Ron Ranallo, Emily Figlesthaler
 Acolyte Mary Brooks

Sunday, November 21 -10:00 am - Bishop Jeffrey Haines

No Mass at St. Catherine's

Reflections of this Sunday's Readings

In the Harry Potter books, "Mad Eye" Moody is known for his phrase, "Constant Vigilance!" Now "Mad Eye" was a dark wizard catcher, and he was pretty paranoid, but we can learn a lot from his phrase. Be ready. Be alert. Look for signs. Pay attention to what is happening because you never know when life might change.

Our Gospel today is a little confusing out of full context, but Jesus is trying to prepare the disciples for his second coming. He said the timing of the second coming will not be clear, but there will be signs. We need to pay attention to these signs. We need to be ready so that we know how to act and spring into action when the time comes. We need to be like the kid who hears the familiar sound of "The Entertainer" floating through their neighborhood and runs inside to get some money because the ice cream truck is coming. Once we can identify the signs we know how to act.

Understanding these signs takes practice, prayer and discernment. Being ready and attentive is a good practice for all people of faith regardless of whether it is the second coming or not. When we are more aware, we are attuned to how God may be working in our lives. We will see the signs and the subtle way that God may be nudging us forward. So remember to practice "Constant Vigilance!"

-Are you ready?

- Do you look for the signs of how God is working in your life?

-What are these signs?

Pray for Our Sick

Fr. Dick Aiken, Maryl Barrett, Michael Barton, Carol & Joe Brien, Tom Cavanaugh, Annie Coleman, Chuck Cooney, Maureen Crowley, Ellie Cunningham, Barb Haig, Ernest Herre, Carla Jones, James Krutina, Evelyn Martinez, Carmen Napper, Bev Narus, Diane Neicheril, Steve O'Connell, Andréa Olds, Tom Plakut, David Pleskatcheck, Ron & Trudy Ranallo, Don Richards, Margaret Schmidt, Sr. Mary Ann Schmidt, Doug Scott, Carmel Stage, Bill Steger, Larry Teufel, Nancy & Eduardo V., Kathy Zambo

School News

Marquette University Coach Shaka Smart and MU players have "adopted" Ms. Goss' first grade class. The coach and some players talked to the class, presented all the students with MU tee shirts and other MU "fan-wear" and posed for a "team" picture. We are pleased to have been chosen for their support.

Senior Ministry

"My daughter helped me realize that every time I left Elaine's side, it was like tearing open a wound again and again—three times a day, seven days a week. We are blessed that Elaine has caregivers beyond myself. My daughter helped grant me permission to rely on those professionals, giving up one meal per day in favor of my own self-care. Imagine! All this time talking about taking care of yourself as a caregiver, and even I fall into these same traps time and again." *Marty Schreiber*

Sustainability Tip

City of Milwaukee residents can rake leaves into the street from October 1 through November 15 - that's tomorrow! Remember to keep piles away from storm drains and low hanging trees, include yard debris like flowers and plants on the top, and do NOT include pumpkins, plastic bags, or other items. Purple Cow Organics will spend the next 4-6 months turning it into compost for sale. See city.milwaukee.gov/sanitation/Yard-Food-Waste/FallLeafCollection for details.

Facing Racism

As part of our parish's effort to identify and confront racism in our midst, we offer this reflection.

"Not one of us can rest, be happy, be at home, be at peace with ourselves, until we end hatred and division." *John Lewis*

St. Vincent de Paul Meal Programs Need Help

Volunteers are needed at two sites: the Cross Roads Kitchen, 931 W. Madison St., 414-649-9555, serving Sunday-Friday, 4-6:30 pm; and at the Harambee Kitchen, 2600 N. 2nd St., 414-249-3866, serving Monday-Friday, 4-6:30 pm. No indoor serving is available, but meal preparation begins at 3:30 pm.

Black History Lecture

Topic: "Uncommon Faithfulness;" Presenter: Simon Biagui, (Cor Unum MA student). Saturday, November 20, 8:30-11 am, at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 1927 N. Vel Phillips Ave.

Recovery Groups-All groups meet in the Community Ctr.

AA: Sunday 11:00 am AAA: Thursday 7:00 pm
Tuesday 6:30 pm
Friday 6:30 pm



Mass of Remembrance Today

We will honor those who have died during this past year at our annual Mass of Remembrance. Those who have submitted the names of the loved ones they wish to honor will carry a candle with the name of the deceased to be placed in the sanctuary. Others who have loved ones who died in previous years are invited to name them and carry a vigil light to the sanctuary. This ceremony is truly a healing experience.

Annual "Rake-a-thon" - Saturday, November 20

Join us! Bring a rake and a heap of energy, 9-11 am.

Church Cleaning

We're getting a head start on our "Christmas Cleaning." Come for an hour or more at 9 am on Monday, November 29. Bring a pail and some rags. Enter off the playground. Save the date, Thurs., December 16 for additional cleaning.

Black Lives are Sacred Witness Event

On Saturday, November 27, from 10-11 am, St. Catherine's will host a Black Lives are Sacred Witness Event, on Center Street in front of church. Please support this event by joining the witnesses. Bring a small chair if standing for one hour is difficult.

Miracle on 54th St Boutique Shopping & Luncheon

This annual St. Sebastian Christmas event is Saturday, December 4. Boutique shopping begins at 9 am till noon in the Church Hall. **Note that all attendees for both shopping and the luncheon will need to show proof of their Covid 19 vaccine upon entering the Church Hall.** Luncheon reservations are due by November 22. Find the registration form on the table in the Gathering Area. Please register early as seating capacity is strictly limited to 30 tables, with 8 people at each table. Deadline is Monday, November 22. Reservations will close when the capacity is reached.

Thanks to All Parishioners . . .

who brought refreshments for the Blessing of Teachers, Staff and Tutors. Thanks too, for coming to the school "Trunk and Treat Event" for Halloween.

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Eucharistic Liturgies are celebrated on Sundays at 9:00 am. Weekday Mass is at 8:30 am in church, T & F; at St. Sebastian, 8:30 am, M & W

For an **Infant's Baptism**, contact the parish office during the prenatal time to begin preparation.

Those discerning a call to **Marriage** should contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date.

For **Non-Infant Baptisms, First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation** and **Information about the Catholic Church**, call the parish office.

Confessions/Reconciliation - Schedule with Fr. Peter Patrick at 445-5115 for an appointment.

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