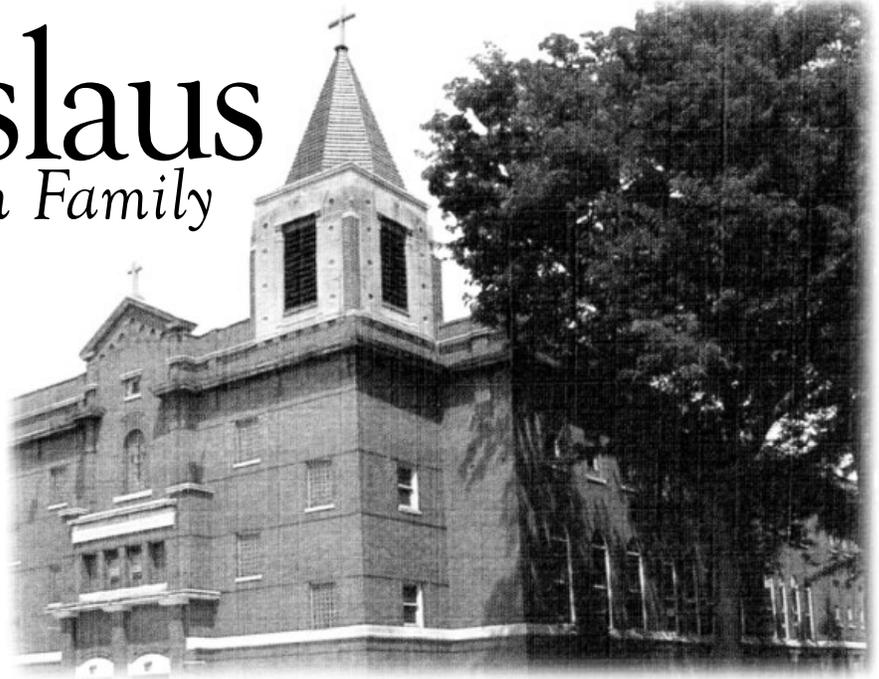


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November 14, 2021
33rd Sunday
In Ordinary Time



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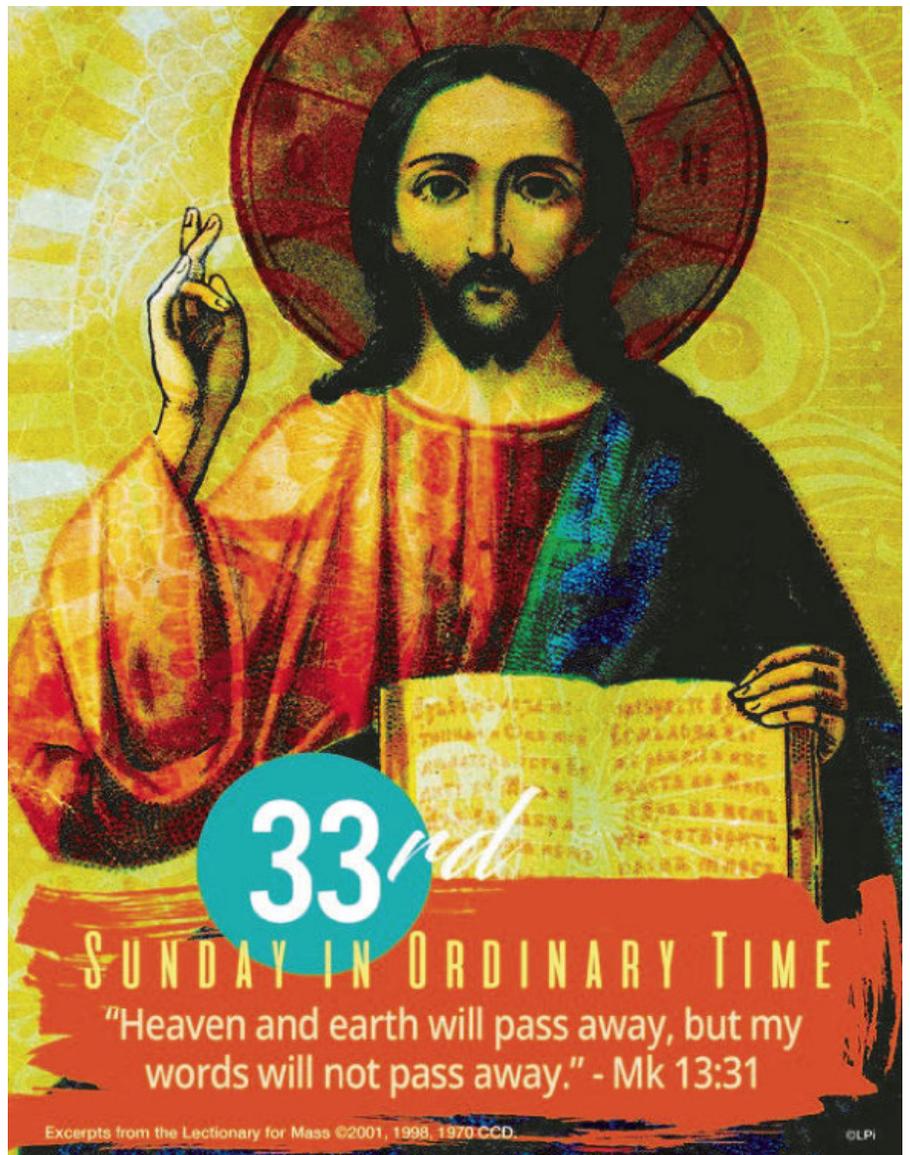
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There are no weekday Masses or Word &
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CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from
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Liturgical Notes for the Week

Today marks the final Sunday in Ordinary Time of 2021 — the 33rd! Next week the liturgy celebrates the great Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe but for now as we near the end of the liturgical year, our readings turn to the end of times when we hear the “powers in the heaven will be shaken” and we “will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds.” Though Christ’s early followers believed his return was imminent, in the almost two thousand years since these words were spoken, the timetable remains shrouded in mystery. What we do know for sure is that each of us will eventually arrive at the end of our mortal life and meet our Lord face-to-face. The authors of Living Liturgy have written a very clear pointed commentary on today’s complex first and gospel reading in their Catechesis. Instead of “re-inventing” the wheel at this late hour — the author of this column shares their wisdom. For death is coming for each of us, whether we will confront it in our own personal moment or in the cosmic apocalyptic drama as described in the Gospel of Mark. Even if “the end” does not occur in our lifetime, and even if another group of end-time prophets falsely calculate Jesus’ return and offer precise dates that do not come to pass, we will still come to our end. How are we preparing for it? Today’s second reading from the letter to the Hebrews details how Jesus, our High Priest, “offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God.” In this one offering, “he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated.” It is not our doing that brings about salvation. Instead, Jesus — in his life, death, and resurrection — has conquered mortality, crushed evil, and now offers us his very own light and life so that we might enter into the joys of his salvation. When we focus on our own actions, we might easily become discouraged. On our own, we are not perfect, not sinless, not holy. It is only when we are united with the sacrifice of Christ that we become perfected in his all-encompassing love. The spiritual life does require something of us: our wholehearted “yes” to being transformed by life in Christ and our determination to follow him on the journey of discipleship. Today’s psalm assures us that when we do this, we have nothing to fear, for the Lord is our “inheritance.” And what an inheritance God has planned for his faithful ones! Therefore enjoy the upcoming week. Ask the saints whose feasts will be celebrated to come and to help and each of us to prepare for that great and glorious day when Christ will come again in Glory to judge the living and the dead and of his kingdom there will be no end.

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Thirty –Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 14, 2021

Is the End-Time Coming?

The liturgical year of 2021 ends in 14 days. These past weeks have kept our focus on living in the kingdom of God and living for its completion. Who knows when this world will end. None of us! It will come when God is ready. We know it ends here for each of us at death. And then perdures for ever in the eternal presence of God. Rather than fret about when the end will come, let us behave rightly now.

- ◆ What will I do today to behave as God wants?
- ◆ What will I say today that is right and true and just?
- ◆ What mercy work will guide my week?



This feast celebrates the dedications of two of the four major basilicas of Rome.

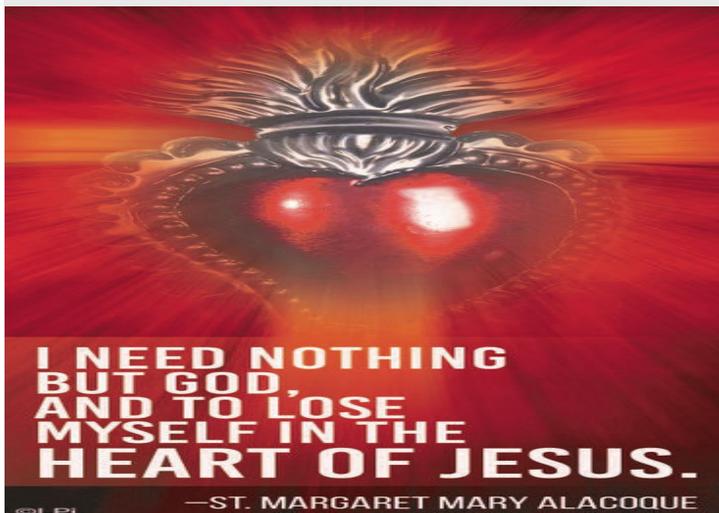
Saint Peter’s Basilica was originally built in 323 by the emperor Constantine. The basilica was constructed over the tomb of Peter the Apostle, the Church’s first Pope. After standing for more than a thousand years, Pope Julius II ordered the building to be torn down due to structural concerns. The construction of the new church spanned over 200 years before its completion. It was dedicated on Nov. 18, 1626. It is considered the most famous church in Christendom.

Saint Paul’s Basilica is located outside the original walls of Rome. It was also originally built by the emperor Constantine though it was destroyed by fire in 1823. Donations from around the world made the reconstruction possible. Before the completion of Saint Peter’s Basilica, St Paul’s was the largest church in Rome. The Basilica was built over St. Paul’s grave. Pope Pius IX consecrated the Basilica in 1854.

These two churches continue to draw millions of faithful pilgrims each year as well as many visitors from other faiths.

Scripture Reflection

“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.



Financial Blessings

YOUR GIFTS TO YOUR PARISH LAST WEEK IN THE COLLECTION AMOUNTED TO.....\$4,088.00

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CONSIDERATION: The reason that life works at all is that not everyone in your tribe is nuts on the same day.

— Author Anne Lamott

Everyday Stewardship

In the time of Christ, sacrifice was nothing new to the Jewish people. The Israelites were experts at sacrifice. So, after centuries of every kind of offering imaginable, what was so special about Christ’s? What made it so different from the sacrifices offered by the Levitical priests for centuries before his death? 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

Inspiration For The Week

Every human being asks and answers a very important existential question. What happens to us when we die? The answer we provide will determine how we chart the course of our existence. It will also determine whether the Second Coming of Christ will be of any concern to us. For many, life is simply a random occurrence with no significant intention or meaning about it. For these people, their eventual death, and the end of the earth as they know it, have little importance beyond their personal consequences. But, for people of faith our natural death and the Second Coming of Christ have huge implications. It is to these things that our faith speaks volumes and can bring a keen understanding and direction that the secular world simply cannot provide. This is where the call to vigilance and the primordial virtues of faith, hope, and love become useful and meaningful. We are works in progress who can either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful surprising creativity of his will.

NOVEMBER 14, 2021 •

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Monday, November 15 - St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

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

Wednesday, November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Thursday, November 18 - The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Friday, November 19

Saturday, November 20

4:30pm †Frank Kwiecien - Birthday int. Mackowiak Fam.
 †David Martinez - Birthday int. Mom & Dad
 Health & God's Blessings for our Parishioners

Sunday, November 21 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30am †Adam & Helen Marcinek int. Niece, Joan Gajdos
 †Miguel A. Mendez, Jr. - Birthday int. Wife & Children
 †In memory of all the Faithful Departed

Quote from Pope Francis

The heavens will pass away,
 the earth will pass away,
 human hope will be erased,
 but the Word of God
 is greater than everything
 and will not pass away.



Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question: Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don't all sacraments affect the soul?

Answer: All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God's life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a character are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we can not go back to what we once were.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God's Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an 'alter Christus,' another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth.

Question Of The Week

First Reading:

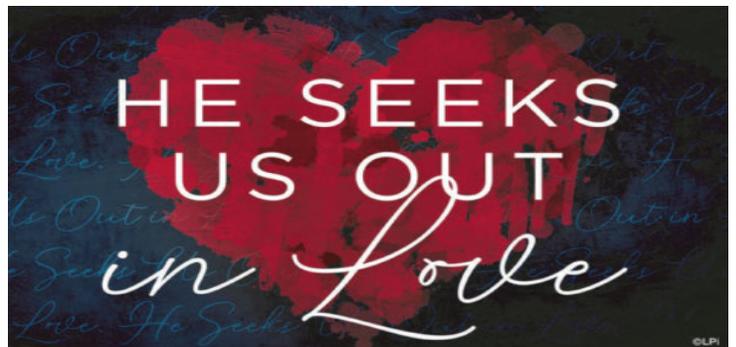
The prophet Daniel foresees a time of "unsurpassed distress" where all receive divine judgment of either everlasting life or everlasting disgrace. Do thoughts of the end times bring you comfort or concern?

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews continues to emphasize Jesus' death as the definitive and final sacrificial offering for sins. Why do you think this is a central theme in the Letter to the Hebrews?

Gospel:

Jesus speaks of his Second Coming at the end of time and warns his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert!" How are you preparing for judgment day?



Community Events

Convent Update: Many of you have been asking for an update on the Convent demolition. After getting several proposals to demolition the building, we received approval to proceed with STM Enterprises (the low bidder) to complete the demolish of the building. Starting on November 9th, an asbestos abatement company will be removing the asbestos that can be safely accessed and leftover fuel oil in the storage tank (left in the tank for 40 years) will be pumped out. Once the environmental work is complete, the demolition of the building will commence. Further updates will be announced in the bulletin.



Brookfield Zoo offers free admission for all guests on: November 16-18. On those days, parking fees will still apply. Visits from military personnel are always free.

For more information call or go on the website below

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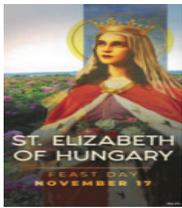
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St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Feast Day November 17

Although her life was short, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207 - 1231) is recognized for her love of the poor and suffering, and as patroness of Catholic charities and the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, she chose a life of penance instead of leisure, which made an impact on the "commoners" she served. St. Elizabeth married Louis of Thuringia when she was 14. Deeply in love, they had three children. Despite their wealth, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar. After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and St. Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family did not look kindly upon her and mistreated her before finally throwing her out of the palace. However, the return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne. St. Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1228 where she cared for the poor in a hospital she founded in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. She died in 1231, but her great popularity resulted in her being named a saint only four years later.

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PUZZLE

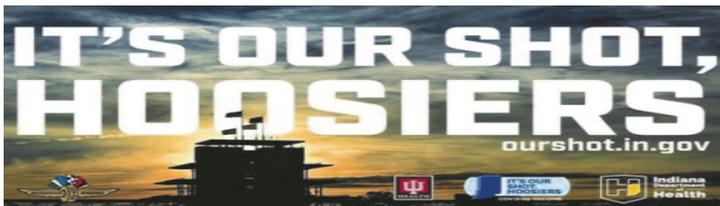
Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

shaken	glory	chosen
clouds	angels	leaves
power	gather	heaven

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gthrae	_____
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cldsou	_____
glryo	_____
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Invite a friend to come to church with you. Share a meal together, and talk about the promise Jesus made about heaven.



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