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We continue to offer three masses each week to enable people to attend while maintaining appropriate social distancing. The Sunday 9:30 am mass continues to be live streamed on our Facebook page. We are also offering a Saturday 5:00 pm mass and a Sunday 12:00 pm (noon) mass.

Although state capacity restrictions have been lifted and masks are not currently required, we encourage everyone to participate in ways that are safe and appropriate for them. If you wish to maintain physical distancing, the noon mass has the lightest attendance. We are gradually returning elements that have been missing during the pandemic. We recently reinstated congregational singing and ushers and are working towards the return of lectors and servers.

Fr. Joe, Fr. Jude and the staff hold you all in our prayers, and ask that you pray for us and for all the essential workers who are striving to keep things running.

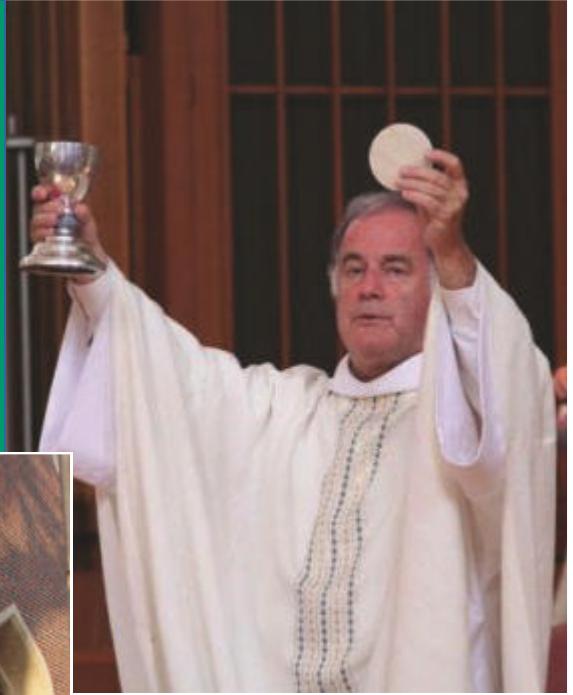
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This week at St. Albert's

(masses and intentions are in **BOLD** type)

Saturday, October 30

5:00 pm mass **Anne Rompa**
Clem and Margaret Ziegler ††

Sunday, October 31

9:30 am mass **Victims of Covid-19**
10:30 am Treats in the Social Hall
11:00 to 1 Synod groups #6
12:00 pm mass **Our Parish Family**

Monday, November 1

8:15 am **For all the Saints**

Tuesday, November 2

8:15 am **For all departed souls**
9:30 am Staff meeting

Wednesday, November 3

Thursday, November 4

8:15 am **John Hogan †**
12:00 to 2:30 pm Potluck lunch, crafting and conversation in the Social Hall

Friday, November 5

8:15 am mass **Marion Miller†**

Saturday, November 6 – Remembrance Mass

5:00 pm mass **Dolores Stanko †**

Sunday, November 7 – Remembrance Masses

9:30 am mass **Joe Messenbrink †, Ray Enz †**
10:30 am Treats in the Social Hall
11:00 am Children/Youth Faith Formation
12:00 pm mass **Sr. Avis Allmaras †**

Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/
Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kings 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/
Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

- * **We will continue to offer three Masses each weekend for as long as the Sunday noon mass remains popular/practical. We also continue to livestream the 9:30 AM liturgy.**
- * **The general dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation has been lifted.** The dispensation remains available to people at high risk of developing serious illness and for people who care for such individuals. Anyone with symptoms or recent exposure to COVID-19 must still remain at home for the safety of all.
- * **Morning masses in the chapel have resumed at 8:15 am, with the rosary at 8:00 am.** As in the pre-pandemic past, weekday masses will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The East door off the back parking lot will be open for weekday masses, along with the elevator entrance.
- * **Use of the front center church doors continues to be encouraged for weekend masses, along with the elevator entrance.**
- * **There are no seating restrictions.** Please respect the desires of those who wish to maintain some physical separation. Hand sanitizer is available. The Sunday 12 noon mass offers the most spaced seating.
- ★ **Masks are strongly encouraged** for all people over the age of two. The CDC recommends that all people wear masks indoors in areas with high transmission rates of covid-19. Currently Hennepin County significantly exceeds the threshold for high transmission. Masks should cover both nose and mouth. We have disposable and cloth masks available near the entrance to the church.
- * **We invite you to join us in song.** The hymnals are in the pews.
- * **Give the Sign of Peace** to those near you in ways others appear comfortable with.

Financial Support

Week of October 24, 2021

Weekly & Feast Day Stewardship envelopes	\$3,984
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Memorials	25

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“Love me tender, love me sweet, never let me go.”

Listening to Nora Jones sing “Love Me Tender” triggered a memory of Elvis Presley’s introduction of this song in a movie by the same name. Launching his movie career in 1956 with the film “Love Me Tender”, Elvis would overshadow all other contemporary crooners with his unique sound and style. While movie acting would never be Elvis’ crowning glory, the movies offered him an opportunity to introduce one smash hit after another. Plagued by cultic success, Elvis’ drug addiction and fractured love life left little room for him to love tenderly. On August 16, 1977, he would be dead at age 42.

**“Love me tender, love me sweet, never let me go.
You have made my life complete, and I love you so.”**

Our readings for the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time are rich with invitations to love tenderly. Keeping in mind that God first loved us, we can find strength and courage in this relationship as the basis for loving one another. God’s fundamental love for us was manifested in the promise of a Messiah, one who would confirm a covenant of love and forgiveness and offer the freedom to love God with our whole heart, mind, and soul. God promised to never let go of those he loved tenderly: “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words in your heart.”

This covenant of commitment from the Book of Deuteronomy (6:2-6) is known as the *Sh’mah* (Hebrew for “listen”). So sacred are the words of this prayer that the Israelites were instructed to bind phylacteries (little leather cases containing the sacred words) on the wrist and forehead while reciting their prayers. Jewish homes were to have the “*Sh’mah*” posted on their door posts in a small container called a “*mezuzah*.” Traditionally, two fingers are placed on the *mezuzah* and then it is kissed as a sign of God’s complete love. The *mezuzah* is a symbolic reminder that when entering or leaving a Jewish home, one should always act out of love and respect for God.

**“Love me tender, love me true, all my dreams fulfilled,
for my darling I love you, and I always will.”**

The reciprocity of love is the secret of a just world. Moses would remind the Israelites that they should not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for they were once aliens in the land of Egypt. They should not abuse any widow or orphan, or God would surely hear the cry of the poor. Acknowledging a future based upon a willingness to embrace the word of the Lord, the love of God would flow into a love of neighbor. Caring for the poor, the unemployed and newly arriving immigrants continues to be an imaginative act of faith. Unfortunately, the love of neighbor is easily trumped by a fear of neighbor. And the consequent “fear of the stranger” creates polarizations within communities and jeopardizes the possibilities of loving one another tenderly.

Amid the genial greetings of “*shabbat shalom*”, members of one of the most revered and historic Synagogues in Pittsburgh, PA gathered for Saturday worship on October 27, 2018. Shortly after services began, a gunman shouting anti-Semitic slurs opened fire with an AR-15-style assault rifle, killing eleven worshipers, several of whom were survivors of the Holocaust. The unthinkable act of violence unleashed the very antithesis of love of neighbor. Many individuals have come to hide behind a love of God without understanding that a complete love of God demands a love of neighbor as well. We cannot afford to separate God and neighbor to satisfy our prejudices and bigotry. Reminiscent of a bumper sticker I have seen, “God loves everyone, no exceptions.”

Jesus, quoting the great “*Sh’mah*” in the gospel reading for today, Mark 12:28-34, would expand upon the challenge of loving one’s neighbor. In

the interaction unfolding in the gospel account, Jesus is asked by a scribe, “*Which commandment is the first of all?*” Jesus recites the “*Sh’mah*” as the first commandment and then adds the second is this: “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*” All three of the Synoptic gospel accounts (Mark 12:28-34; Matthew 22:34-40; Luke 10:25-28) carry the story of Jesus being confronted by a lawyer and/or scribe who asks the question: “*Which is the greatest command in the Law?*” While the account in Matthew proves to be more confrontational, Jesus handles both requests with a knowledge of the Law and concludes: “*On these two commandments depend all the Law and the prophets.*”

In a rather amusing story about this same inquiry, one of the great contemporary Rabbinic teachers of Jesus’ time, Rabbi Hillel, was confronted by a young scholar who said he would convert to Judaism if the Rabbi could teach him the Torah while the Rabbi stood on one foot. Hillel proceeded to stand on one foot and said: “What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. This is the entire Torah; the rest is commentary. Now go and learn how to do it.”

**“Love me tender, love me long, take me to your heart.
For it’s there I belong, and we’ll never part..
Love me tender, love me dear; tell me you are mine.
I’ll be yours through all the years ‘til the end of time.”**

Rediscovering opportunities to ask the question, “How can we learn to love one another?”, remains an on-going challenge in political and religious climates of suspicion. Transcending our fears of the stranger based upon race, gender, sexual orientation, economic inequities, or religious differences demands an adherence to the great “*Sh’mah*” and its corollary command to “love one’s neighbor.”

Believing “what is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor” becomes a practical invitation for all of us to love one another tenderly, sweetly, and never let go. Indeed, with faith we can live in hope and learn to love one another despite our differences. Toning down the escalation of inflammatory rhetoric, we must find ways, despite our political, ethnic, and religious differences to seek peace without violence. The shooting that took place in the Pittsburgh synagogue was, unfortunately, symptomatic of the rise of antisemitism, racial division and hate crimes that rob us of the heritage of a democratic and peaceful way of life. Corruption of the truth and an unwillingness to demand accountability enables the catastrophic crisis to continue. Albert Einstein, the great Jewish physicist, once said: “The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.”

Finding the appropriate means to curtail destructive hate groups, as well as the availability of assault weapons might be a start; however, the on-going dissemination of death threats to prominent political leaders decries the very opposite of tolerance and love of neighbor. The assault on the Capitol of the United States on January 6, 2021 highlighted, once again, the growing chaotic divide within our nation. The lack of agreement regarding truth only perpetuates the moral blindness that blocks the road to achieving love of neighbor. Indeed, we cannot afford to opt out of the reality that surrounds us.

As we set out to vote in city elections next week, maybe it would be a good idea to attach phylacteries to our heads and wrists and, while reciting the “*Sh’mah*”, cast our votes. What a tender and loving thought it might be to live in peace amid our differences. Indeed, “Love us tender, love us sweet, never let us go.”

Peace, Fr. Joe Gillespie, O.P.



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