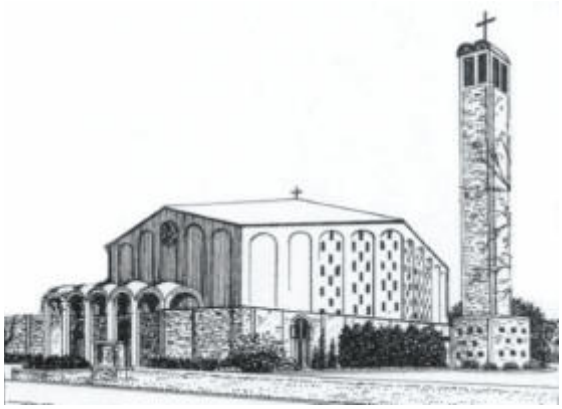

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
10:30 am

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am
In the Holy Family Chapel

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Thursday 7:15 pm-7:55 pm in Foyer at Door #4
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Sunday 7:30 am-7:55 am in the Church
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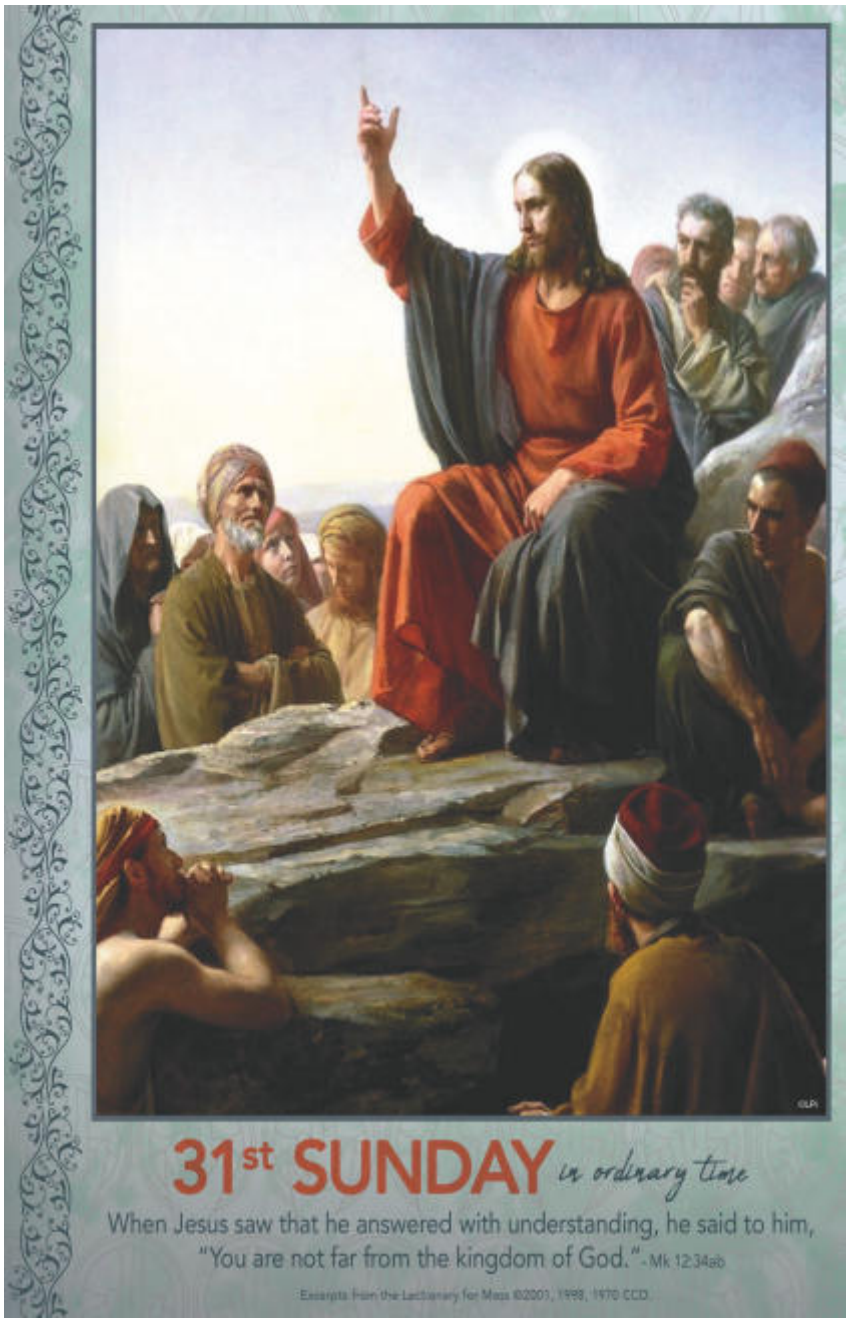

October 31, 2021

From Father Timothy Cloutier

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS OF OUR LOVED ONES

We are once again on the threshold of the month of November, a time specially set aside by the Church to remember our loved ones in prayer. This practice, however, has very sadly fallen out of the regular prayer of many Catholics in our time, if it occurs at all. Too many mistakenly think, following our past-Christian cultural ideas, that "we all go directly to Heaven." Not so. None of us is so completely sinless and without fault as to be able to present ourselves – and our lives – in God's presence without needing to pass through the cleansing fires of Purgatory, since "nothing unclean will enter [the Heavenly City]" (*see Revelation 21:27*).

The Bible itself bears abundant and clear testimony to this, in both Old and New Testaments, for example:

"Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin" (*see 2 Maccabees 12:39-45*);

'Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart" (*Matthew 18:34-35*);

"The work of each one will come to light … But if someone's work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire" (*see I Corinthians 3:15*).

The teaching of the Church of Christ has also been constant and equally clear from the beginning and throughout the centuries, for example:

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1030*).

Laying flowers or other tokens at a loved one's gravesite may make *us* feel better, but doesn't help *their soul*; only prayer, penances we may offer for them, and above all the unsurpassed cleansing power of the unbloody Renewal of the one and eternal saving Sacrifice of Jesus, the Mass, will alleviate and shorten the purification of their souls, hastening their entry into the fullness of eternal life. This is an act of love on our part that passes beyond the veil of death to truly help those we love.

Scripture Reflections for Next Sunday, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

I Kings 17:10-16 Not every act of faith and trust in God is rewarded so dramatically as that of the poor widow of Zarephath, but her example is provided to encourage our own trust in God's love and power to care for us.

Hebrews 9:24-28 This reading summarizes the Mass, in which "the work of our redemption is accomplished," for "when we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim his death until he comes again."

St. Mark 12:38-44 How much we do or give back to God is secondary. The generous love and honest devotion shown in the gift is what is precious in God's sight.

Mass and Confession Times

Daily Mass Monday-Saturday 8:00 am in Chapel - Enter through Door 5
No Mass on Monday, November 8
Saturday Mass 4:30 pm Enter through Door 2
Sunday Masses 8:00 am and 10:30 am Enter through Door 2
Confessions: Thursday 7:15 pm-7:55 pm in Foyer at Door #4
First Fridays 7:30 am-7:55 am in the Chapel
Saturday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Church
Sunday 7:30 am-7:55 am in the Church
9:45 am-10:20 am in the Church
Adoration: Thursday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm in the Chapel

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

In cooperation with Women's Life Care Center, Maternity of Mary is once again participating in the annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Bottles will be distributed after all Masses next weekend, **November 6th and 7th.** The bottles can be filled with coins, cash or checks and will be collected after the **December 4th & 5th Masses.** 100% of the proceeds go to the Women's Life Care Center.

Baptisms

The parish community welcomes and rejoices in the recent baptisms of **Florence Torgerson,** daughter of Michael and Carolyn.

Book of Remembrance

For the month of November, we will have a book near the Mary side of the altar for people to add their loved ones names who have passed away.

There is a separate book we have that lists all of our departed parishioners from the last year. The Mass of Remembrance for our parishioners is next Sunday, November 7th at the 10:30 am Mass.

Still Time To Sign Up For Fall Cleanup!

Our Fall Cleanup was postponed to **November 13th**, meaning there is still time to sign up! If you are in need of having your yard raked, please contact the Parish Office to get on the list. Any questions can also be directed to the Parish Office. 651-489-8825

Parish Life

Experiencing Dryness in Your Prayer Life?

Is it starting to feel more like a habit or obligation? Oftentimes when life is good, God becomes an afterthought and prayer falls by the wayside or may become "checking something off a list." On the contrary, when life throws its struggles our way, we are quick to fall to our knees and ask God for His help. God is not a vending machine where we say a prayer and we get what we want. Prayer is most effective when it is properly oriented. There are several mnemonic devices that can be used to make sure our prayer is properly oriented

1) ACTS- Adore, Confess, Thanksgiving, Supplication
2) PAST- Praise, Acknowledge, Supplication, Thanksgiving
3) PRAY- Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield.

As Jesus teaches in the Lord's Prayer, we must first acknowledge that God is God and we are not. By keeping God in His proper place, it helps us realize that we are created beings and by our very nature we sin against Him. We cannot earn salvation, but it is a gift freely given to us. Upon realizing our spiritual bankruptcy and need for salvation, we then thank God for his love and mercy. Only after this re-orientation has occurred will our hearts be prepared to ask God for the good things He has already planned to give us.

Mass Schedule for November 1 and 2

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

Monday, November 1st 8:00 am Mass with the School in Church
Tuesday, November 2nd 8:00 am Mass in the Chapel
7:00 pm Mass in the Church

Day Lights Saving Time Ends

On **Sunday, November 7th,**
Day Light Savings time ends.
Remember to turn your clocks back.

Pro Life News

Pro-Life meeting November 1st is CANCELLED. Next scheduled meeting is December 6th, 2021 at 7:00pm in person at Sirba Hall. See Pro-Life Corner on Maternity of Mary's website for alternative virtual access.

Movie Night, Friday, November 12th in Sirba Hall.
Same Kind of Different As Me will be presented at 6:30 pm
Visit the website for more information.

Letters to the Senators
Thank you to all who signed/sent letters to our US Senators Smith and Klobuchar voicing a wish to keep the Hyde Amendment within all new budget proposals and legislation. Over 200 letters were sent!

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreat is at is November 5-7, 2021. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call or text 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineyardmn.org.

I will never leave you or forsake you... Hebrew 13:5

Operation Andrew Dinner

Thursday, November 11, 6-8 p.m., Archdiocesan Catholic Center, Saint Paul

Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite men, ages 16 and above, who are discerning the priesthood, to dinner and conversation with vocations testimonials on priesthood and religious life. It is typical for a pastor, religious or youth minister to accompany each discerning guest. Register at 10000vocations.org/operation-andrew-dinner.html.

Welcome to Maternity of Mary

If you have been attending Maternity of Mary, or are new to the area and have not yet registered with us, we invite you to join our parish community. Please call the parish office 651-489-8825 for more information.

Parish Information

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Thinking of having your child baptized? Baptisms are scheduled during the 10:30 am Mass on the **3rd Sunday of each month**. Please call the parish office to sign up. Arrangements will be made at that time for a pre-baptism class, if needed. Registration to the parish is required.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Members of the parish planning to be married at Maternity of Mary should contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance. A date will be set only after meeting with the Pastor. Registration to the parish is required.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office. Guidelines have changed with the pandemic.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

You may call any of the following numbers to join our parish Prayer network or to make a request for prayer: Jeanne 651-487-3498 or Tom 651-489-7370

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Parishioners are encouraged to contact any council member with items they would like to see discussed or addressed in future meetings. Parishioners are also invited to observe any council meeting. The PPC may be reached by emailing:

Parishcouncilfeedback@maternityofmarychurch.org

Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis Victims Assistance Program:

If you or someone you know has been abused, your first call should be to law enforcement. You are also encouraged to contact the Archdiocese Victim Assistance Program at **651-291-4497** for confidential, compassionate assistance from an independent and professional local care provider 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Mass Intentions & Readings

Weekday Mass Intentions November 1-6

Monday	8:00 am	†	Father Ralph Huar
Tuesday	8:00 am	†	Mary Ann Niles
	7:00 pm		Parish
Wednesday	8:00 am	†	Luella Jelen
Thursday	8:00 am	†	Theresa Loehlein
Friday	8:00 am	†	Florian Suchy
Saturday	8:00 am	†	Father Timothy F. Nolan

Next Weekend Mass Intentions November 6-5

Saturday	4:30 pm		Brian and Jennessa Fitzgerald Family
Sunday	8:00 am		Parish
	10:30 am	†	Liz and John Pojar

Readings for the week of October 31:

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
Monday: Rv 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 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/ Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Observances for the week of October 31:

Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; All Hallow's Eve
Monday: All Saints
Tuesday: All Souls' Day; Election Day
Wednesday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious
Thursday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time Ends

Financial Blessings

Envelope and Plate Summary
Sunday giving + weekly tithing for week ending October 24, 2021

Envelope/Plate/eGiving Received	$	8,897
Envelope/Plate/eGiving Budget	$	9,500

Total Received to Date

Envelope/Plate/eGiving Received	$	172,493
Envelope/Plate/eGiving Budget	$	176,000
Fiscal Year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 Deficit	**($**	**3,507)**

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MMSA School News

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. We desire to join in their company, worshiping you forever in Heaven. Please help us follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help us to conform ourselves to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help us to devote ourselves, and all that we do, to Your glory, and to the service of our neighbors. Amen.

Annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 13
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Donahue Gym

Get started on your Christmas shopping early! Invite neighbors and friends! Many thanks to Shelley Harrington for organizing this wonderful event.

If you are interested, there is still room available if you would like to rent a table and sell your wares. Contact Shelley at **651-248-3608** or by email: **shelleybean13@usfamily.net** She will give you all the details!

Marathon 2021

Our Marathon for Non-Public Education is complete and I am happy to report that we reached our goal of $21,000! Thank you to all of our families and parishioners for your support of our school. Congratulations to the winners of the gift card incentives. (pictured)

Back row: Noah, Daniel, Al
Front row: Mary, Noah, Teresa. Madv
Not pictured: Sophia and Gemma

MOVIE NIGHT

Sponsored by:
the Maternity of Mary/
Holy Childhood ProLife Group

Friday November 12 2021
6:30 P.M.

Same Kind of Different As Me (PG-13)

Synopsis: *International art dealer Ron Hall must befriend a dangerous homeless man in order to save his struggling marriage to his wife, a woman whose dreams will lead all three of them on the journey of their lives.*

Pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided.

All are invited to bring a bean bag chair or your favorite comfy lawn chair!

Free will donations & non-perishable food items are being collected for this event. All donations will benefit the Franciscan Brothers of Peace Emergency Food Shelf. *Thank you for your generosity!*

More information on this & upcoming events can be found on our ProLife Corner via the MOM Website!

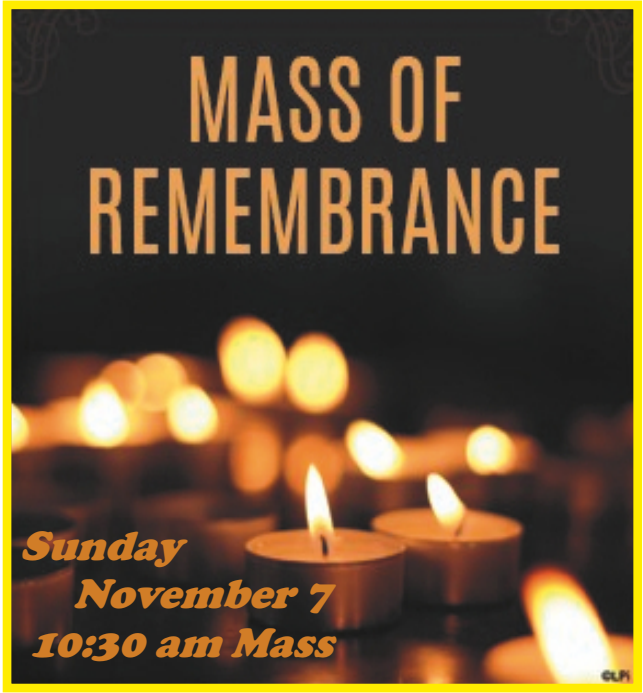
ALL Souls

Monday, November 1
Mass at 8:00 am
In the Church
With the MMSA students

ALL SAINTS DAY ©LPi

Tuesday, November 2
8:00 am Mass in Chapel
7:00 pm Mass in Church

Happy Halloween



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