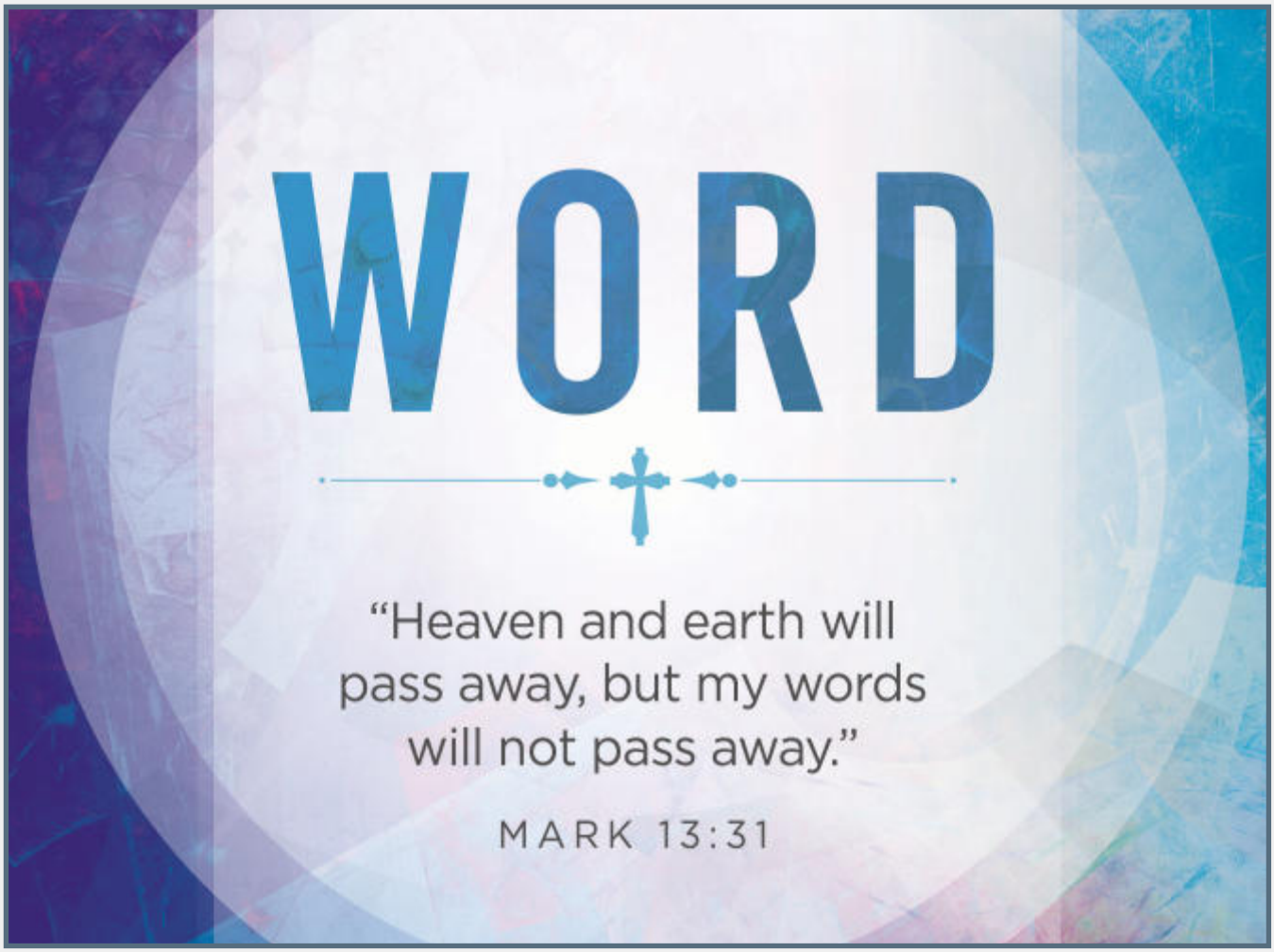
November 14, 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Mary Catholic Parish



They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Acts 2:42

OUR *Vision*

St. Mary's is a parish that welcomes, lives and inspires faith, and serves others.

ALL ARE *Welcome*

If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly. If you are in need of forgiveness**, Jesus forgives and loves you unconditionally, and so do we**. If you have been hurt by the Church, **we are truly sorry**. If you are angry, **Jesus offers you peace**. If life has become burdensome, **we are here to support you.** We are happy you are here and want you to stay. **Come visit us each week and worship God with us!**

St. Mary Catholic Parish

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Liturgies and Sacraments

Mass Schedule
Daily Mass: Monday through Thursday: 8AM, Rosary: 7:30AM
Vigil: Saturday at 4PM
Sunday Masses: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday: 3PM-4PM
Wednesday: 6PM-7PM

Adoration
Sunday: 3PM-4PM
Wednesday: 6PM-7PM

First Fridays Devotion
Mass: 8AM
Eucharistic Adoration: 8:30AM to 5PM
Benediction: 5PM

Sacrament of Baptism
Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday afternoons. Please visit our website to complete the initial form or contact Deacon Frank.

Sacrament of Marriage
Congratulations! Couples contemplating marriage must contact Fr. David one year in advance for proper preparation.

Communion to the Homebound
Please notify the rectory of any parishioner who is unable to attend Mass due to illness, disability or age.

Stay Connected!

We are not just Sunday Mass! We are pleased to be able to provide ways for you to keep informed and connected, and grow in your faith throughout the week.

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Our St. Mary's app is available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy to access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more. Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Mary's and better engage the New Evangelization. Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish.

Evangelus

We have transitioned from Flocknote to Evangelus. If you had a Flocknote account, you're all set! We transferred your information over. Otherwise please visit eva.us/Dartmouth to sign up and stay connected!

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9AM-5PM
(Lunch 12PM-1PM)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 13	4PM	Maria Martins, Aristides Magina and Family
Sunday, November 14	8AM	For the People
	10AM	Maria Rosario Verissimo
	12PM	Henry Judd
	5PM	Harold Goodwin
Monday, November 15	8AM	Maria Pereira
Tuesday, November 16	8AM	John Folan
Wednesday, November 17	8AM	Teresa Gemme
Thursday, November 18	8AM	Arthur Dutra
Saturday, November 20	4PM	The Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, November 21	8AM	Frank P. Sylvia & family and Joseph Mello, Jr. & family
	10AM	For the People
	12PM	Horacio Pacheco 29th Anniversary
	5PM	Margaret Carvalho

Weekly Readings

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 & 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

Charles Jacintho
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Antonio Vassal
Dr. Antonio Fernandes, Jr.
Michael Luce
James Severino

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Antone Gomes, Jr.
Leonard Amaral
Ernest Severino, Jr.
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Serafim Correia
Joyce I. Walecka
John Amaral
Joseph Frates

Donna Vaz
Judith Viera
Jean A. Poitras
Charles E. Houbre
Frank Shanley

And all our Service Men & Women, as well as those affected by COVID-19.

If you would like to have someone prayed for please call the Parish Office, submit on our website, or email prayer@stmarysdartmouth.org

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Sometimes it can be a chore to read the newspaper or watch the news on TV. It is filled with violence and discord. We can become worn down by the constant barrage of bad news. Violence in the home, violence towards neighbors, violence between peoples and nations. Add news such as the deaths last week at a music festival and natural disasters, it can sometimes just seem to be overwhelming. Why is all of this happening? What can change things? *Who* can change things?

There has been and will continue to be many different reactions expressed by people and by political leaders. Some will be attempts to truly seek appropriate responses and strategies to work for peace. Others will, simply put, be verbal drivel that does nothing but stoke the fires of hate which lead to more violence and discord.

What is the response of a person of faith? Certainly shock and sadness, united with all people of good will in praying for victims, their families and friends and for peace to reign. We must be remind ourselves of the precious gift that life is, but that it is still at best temporary. This time of year we are reminded that God's love for us is absolute and what he offers us is His love, his mercy and compassion and the gift of eternal life. The knowledge of these gifts is what gives us the ability to live each day not in fear of what could happen, but in the confidence of God's love for us and a share in His victory over sin and death.

We claim to be a "eucharistic people", that is a people of thanksgiving. Let us be sure that we never take the blessings and gifts from God in our lives for granted. We need to take time each day to acknowledge them and to give thanks to God. We need to let our family and friends know of our love and appreciation for them.

At the same time we must live what we profess and in doing so we become messengers of Christ's love, compassion and mercy to the world. Slowly, one relationship at a time, the Gospel of Christ is spread and takes root. First in our lives, then the lives of our loved ones, our friends, neighborhood, village, community, etc. This may seem naïve, time consuming and not fast enough, yet it is the only way, God's way and in God's time. As for the naivety concern, well humanity hasn't offered us any foolproof and realistic plan.

Thomas Paine famously wrote "These are the times that try men's souls…". These are also the times that faith makes the difference. The difference from living in despair or in hope, in hatred or in love. Let us chose Faith, Hope and Love.

Peace,

Fr. David Frederici

Thanksgiving Mass and Community Dinner

Our Thanksgiving Mass and Community Dinner will be held on
Tuesday, November 23.
Join us for Mass at 6PM, with dinner in the Parish Center following the Mass.
Please remember to RSVP by Friday, November 19,
by visiting St. Mary's website at
http://stmarysdartmouth.org/thanksgiving.html

or by calling the Parish Office at 508-992-7505.

Prayer Resources

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops www.usccb.org You can find the readings for Mass, and a digital copy of the Scriptures.

Magis Center www.magiscenter.com Organization headed up by Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ. Fr. Spitzer is the former President of Gonzaga University. A great resource for the use of science and philosophy in coming to know about God and growing in faith.

St. Paul Center https://stpaulcenter.com A website set up by Scripture Scholar, Dr. Scott Hahn. Great resource with some audio bible studies.

https://stmarysdartmouth.blogspot.com: A blog set up by Fr. David.

Formed (Can be accessed at stmarysdartmouth.formed.org) Catholic movies, study programs, audio and e-books.

MyParish App. Various resources to help you grow spiritually, as well as news and updates from the Parish. Download the MyParish App from the Apple Store or Google Play.

Catechism References for the Week
CCC 1038-1050: the Last Judgment; hope of a new heaven and a new earth
CCC 613-614, 1365-1367: Christ's one perfect sacrifice and the Eucharist

Saint of the Week: 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

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.

Around the Parish

Winter Weather Reminder
St. Mary's follows the same closures as the school system. When the Dartmouth Schools close for a Snow Day, all activities at St. Mary's that same day will be canceled.

Away This Winter?
If you are planning on being away during the winter months, please call or email the Parish Office with the dates that you will be away. Thank you!

The Social Concerns Ministry is grateful for the generous donations we have received so far from our parishioners and friends. We hope to be able to provide gift cards for Thanksgiving dinner basics to approximately 65 families across 11 local schools. Our friendly and familiar Turkey Tags are available at church entrances to provide details of the support requests. Should we exceed our Thanksgiving needs, we will be able to begin planning for Christmas gift cards for food and/or gifts and clothing.
We are always pleased to share your generosity with those needing a little extra assistance during the holidays.
Thank you.

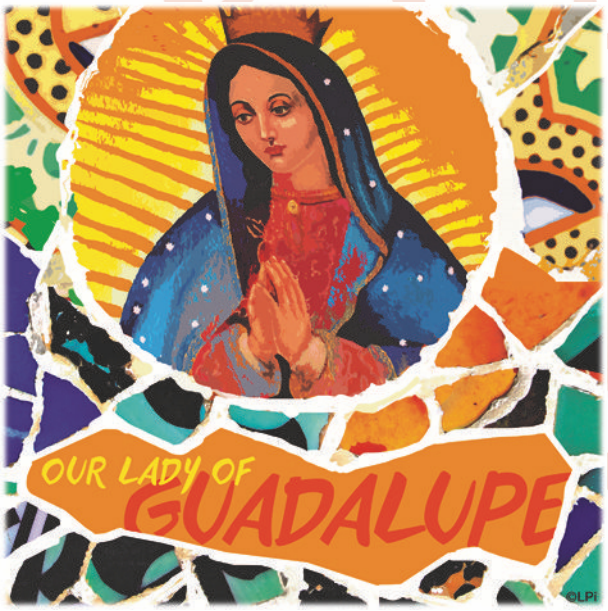
Book of Remembrance
The Book of Remembrance is available to write the names of the deceased in, from November 1 through November 30.

Glory to God in the Highest

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father
almighty, maker of heaven
and earth, of all things visible
and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all
ages. God from God, Light
from Light, true God from
true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were
made. For us men and for our
salvation he came down from
heaven, and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death
and was buried, and rose again
on the third day in accordance
with the Scriptures. He ascended
into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will
come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead and his
kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the
Son is adored and glorified, who
has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. 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. Amen

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 158

Reading I: Dn 12:1-3

In those days, I Daniel,
heard this word of the Lord:
"At that time there shall arise
Michael, the great prince,
guardian of your people;
it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress
since nations began until that time.
At that time your people shall escape,
everyone who is found written in the book.
“Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake;
some shall live forever,
others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.
“But the wise shall shine brightly
like the splendor of the firmament,
and those who lead the many to justice
shall be like the stars forever."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

R. (1) You are my inheritance, O Lord!

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.
I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,
my body, too, abides in confidence;
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!

You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!

Reading II: Heb 10:11-14, 18

Brothers and sisters:
Every priest stands daily at his ministry,
offering frequently those same sacrifices
that can never take away sins.
But this one offered one sacrifice for sins,
and took his seat forever at the right hand of God;
now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool.
For by one offering
he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated.
Where there is forgiveness of these,
there is no longer offering for sin.

Alleluia: Lk 21:36

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Be vigilant at all times
and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mk 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples:
"In those days after that tribulation
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from the sky,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds'
with great power and glory,
and then he will send out the angels
and gather his elect from the four winds,
from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.
"Learn a lesson from the fig tree.
When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves,
you know that summer is near.
In the same way, when you see these things happening,
know that he is near, at the gates.
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."

Music for the Weekend of November 14

Gathering
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation,
Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Ye the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth your footstool, heaven your throne:
You within the veil, have entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
By your Spirit, left us heavenward,
In the Eucharistic feast!

Preparation
Many and great
are bearers of the word:
the Christ speaks;
the heart seeks.
Gathered as one,
we listen to the word
and share the meal of new birth.
The wheat grows
from springtime to fall;
the wine flows;
in Christ we recall
the sharing of our lives
with one and all.

Eucharist
Those who were in the dark
Are thankful for the sunlight;
We who live, we who die
Are grateful for his gift, thankful for his love.
Behold the Lamb of God.
All who eat, all who drink shall live;
And all, all who dwell in God,
Shall come to know his glory.
Peaceful now, those whose hearts
are blessed with understanding.
Of the wheat, of the wine
united with his word and the love we share.

Sending Forth: All the Ends of the Earth
All the Ends of the Earth
All you creature of the sea, lift up your eyes
To the wonders of the Lord. For the Lord of the earth, The master of the sea, has come with justice for the world.
Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
The wonders He has done in every age.

5pm Contemporary Mass

Gathering: At the Sound
We will stand for you with hearts restored and new
Now's the time to raise our hands in outstretched praise
Jesus, Jesus at the sound of your name every knee will bow down
We will shout your praise

Preparation: Open the Eyes of My Heart
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You
To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Eucharist: Many and One
We are many yet we are one
We are separate yet bound in His love
And together we are all His hands and His feet
Bringing mercy and peace to this world
We are many but one
We have fallen but we are forgiven
Broken and scattered but being made whole
By our redeemer, one Lord and Redeemer
One Shepherd who gathers us all
Gathers us all *(Continued…)*

Music for the 5 PM Mass
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Eucharist: Many and One *(Continued)*

We are different
As morning and evening
Each of us living as we have been called
All of us seeking
Each of us reaching to
A Shepherd who gathers us all
Gathers us all

Sending Forth: 10,000 Reasons
Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Save the Date: Scientific Evidence of God's Existence Presentation

On Thursday, November 18 at 7:00PM, in the Bishop Connolly High School Auditorium, the Reverend Robert J. Spitzer, S.J., will present scientific evidence of God's existence. The presentation is free. However, anyone interested in attending is asked to RSVP info@catholicsa.org or call (508) 687-7301. A flyer with detailed event information is included in this mailing.

Stewardship of Treasure

We are blessed to have thoughtful, generous parishioners who support the good works of our faith community with time, talent, and treasure.

Regular Collection for Nov. 7: $6,152.79
Egiving: Nov. 1—Nov. 7: $2,269.50

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Thank you for your spiritual and financial commitment to our parish!

EGiving
Visit our website to enroll, or consider Text Giving. Simply type GIVE to 1 508-257-7449 or scan the QR Code with a QR App or your camera app, to start the registration process. Then simply type GIVE and the amount!

The Sanctuary Candle burns the week of
November 14—November 20
in memory of
Arthur Dutra

Please remember Arthur in your prayers.

Take Five for Faith
Daily renewal for busy Catholics

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."*

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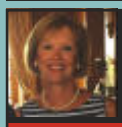
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