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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
and First Friday

9 AM

SACRED HEART CHURCH

SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM

SAINT BRIDGET CHURCH

SUNDAY 8 AM

SAINT BERNARD CHURCH

SUNDAY 10 AM

SACRED HEART CHURCH

PLEASE CONSULT THE BULLETIN
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Before Mass or by appointment.

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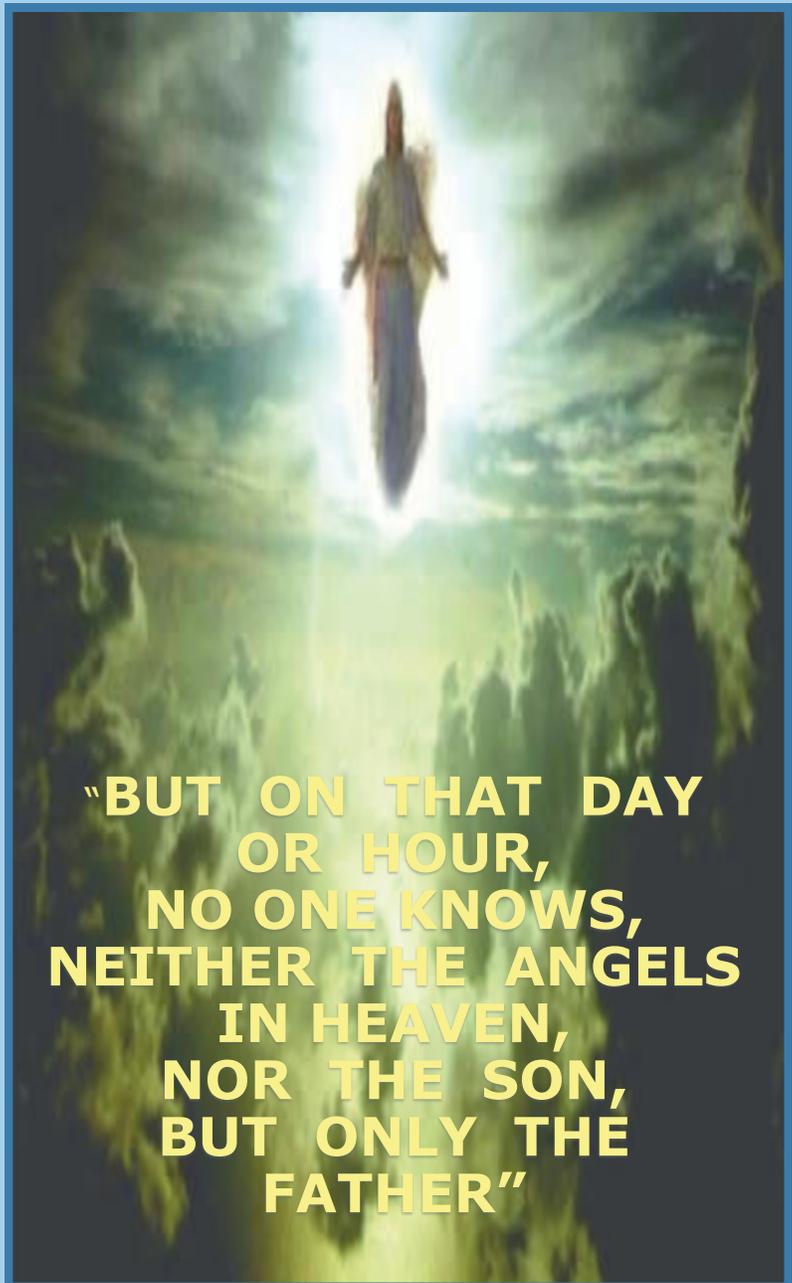
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**"BUT ON THAT DAY
OR HOUR,
NO ONE KNOWS,
NEITHER THE ANGELS
IN HEAVEN,
NOR THE SON,
BUT ONLY THE
FATHER"**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14th, 2021

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13th

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14th

THE 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Kathryn Powers ~ Requested by Barbara Lynch

8 AM ~ SHARON

For All Veterans

10 AM ~ KENT

Guy and Elizabeth Mankin

MONDAY NOVEMBER 15th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint Albert the Great

Adriann Kappesser

Requested by Stephany Woodin

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint Margaret of Scotland

Raffaella Nunziante ~ Requested by family

**MASS WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED
ON WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20th

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21st

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

David Whitford ~ First Anniversary

8 AM ~ SHARON

Rev. David Lonergan

10 AM ~ KENT

Sofia Hernandez

Requested by Ellen & John Genovese



The Sanctuary Lamp signifies the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. You may have the Sanctuary Lamp memorialized for a sick person, a deceased family member or friend, or as a special intention. The weekly donation for this is \$25. Sanctuary Lamps can be memorialized in each of the three churches of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. If you would like to reserve a week in any of our churches, please contact Sandy at the parish office.



Well done is better than well said.



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**SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR THE
32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: \$ 3,353.00

NOVEMBER MONTHLY: \$ 1,224.00.

ON LINE GIVING: \$ 2,258.33.

Thank you for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Parish. May God bless you and your families.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel teaches us that UNCERTAINTY is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows ... only the Father." Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty for like the fig tree in the gospel, the people we love grow and change. Let the growth blossom.



PRAY THE ROSARY

The Rosary prayed to Mary is a powerful prayer as Mary intercedes for each of us. Her Son never denies His mother. This Tuesday, the Rosary is prayed at Sacred Heart following the 9 AM Mass. The intention this week is for those who have no one to pray for them. Spend just twenty minutes praying the rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.

Mass Intentions

The Saint Kateri Parish Mass Intention Book for 2022 is open for those wishing to schedule Mass Intentions for family members, loved ones, or special intentions. The practice of offering Mass for particular intentions is an ancient one, dating back to the early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century give evidence for this practice. When a priest celebrates Mass, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention (living or deceased). By so doing, special graces from the Eucharistic Sacrifice of Our Lord are applied upon that person or intention. Mass offerings are \$20 for a Sunday Mass and \$15 for a weekday Mass.

If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention, please give Sandy a call at the Parish Office.

SAVING A
SEAT FOR
YOU

According to tradition, St. Gertrude the Great [Feast day, November 16th] was told by Our Lord that each time she piously recited the following prayer, it would release 1,000 souls (or a vast number) from their suffering in purgatory:

**Eternal Father,
I offer You the most precious blood
of thy Divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the Masses said
throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,
for sinners everywhere,
for sinners in the universal Church, for
those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.**



God doesn't make mistakes. By nature He is perfect and can't make anything bad. God created each of us and "looked at everything He had made, and He found it very good" (Genesis 1:31). That means you, too.



The phrase
"A BOTTOMLESS PIT,"
referring to a hole so deep and dark
it seems to go on and on, comes to
us from Revelations 9: 1.

THE 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SOMETHING TO PONDER

Martha's elderly mother lived in the small upstairs apartment. Mom's presence was both a joy and a burden to Martha. Mom was pretty much managing on her own for the most part, but now Martha admits that she overlooked the signs of her mother's slide toward dependence for fear of what the ultimate burden might look like and how it would affect Martha's already busy and stressful life.

And then, one evening, her mom tearfully begged, "Please come up right away." Martha flew up the stairs and, in an instant, the roles of mother and child reversed, the roles shifted, and the ultimate responsibility for all life's important decisions changed hands.

Fifteen years later, Martha's daughter, Rachel, returned home to live in Mom's old apartment, empty since she died in 2004. Shortly after Rachel moved in, Martha ruptured a disk and damaged the nerves and muscles in her knee. Surgery was required, followed by a slow recovery.

Rachel was wonderful, a blessing to Martha as she recovered. As she watched her daughter care for her, Martha hoped that the help she provided her mother 15 years before was such a blessing. But one day, several weeks after her surgery, Martha noted a change in Rachel's demeanor: stress and distraction, as Rachel took care of some task her mom still couldn't manage on her own. And Martha remembered that moment when she ran upstairs to answer her mother's call.

Martha said to Rachel, "You know, I remember how difficult it was for me what I first realized that Grandma Avis was struggling to manage her daily life. I'm sure it's hard for you to see me with a cane, having trouble walking and being in pain."

Rachel's face softened. "Yes. That's true. It is sad and hard for me."

Martha reflects: "It is sad and hard for me, too. Now I am the aging parent, and we are entering that blurred, gray area, where sometimes she will be the mother and I the child. I know it is the nature of human life, this decline and the passing on of responsibility, and it is not ultimately under our control. For each of us, though, it is both a joy and a burden."

The sign of the Gospel fig tree can take many forms in our lives. For these three generations of women, while the independence afforded by good health yields to the dependence of aging and physical need and the roles of caregiver and cared for reverse, love remains constant. With eyes and hearts of faith, we can recognize such "signs" of God's love in our changing worlds and passing stages. Change – sometimes frightening, often traumatic, seldom easy – is part of that journey for all of us. But when our "heavens and earths" pass away, the promise of the life of God and the values of the Gospel remain constant. With every change in direction, with every wrinkle of age, with every changing world and passing stage, God's love remains the constant that leads us in hope to the dwelling place of God. *The Boston Globe*



As the liturgical year draws to a close the readings direct our attention to the end times. It is not a prediction or timetable which one can read in order to decipher the exact time the world will end. Instead the Gospel urges hope in God's abiding presence and protection. When we read these apocalyptic images with the eyes of faith they reveal that Christ is our anchor, our center point in turmoil and despair.

Adults: How does your faith bring you peace as you hear of violence in the world?

Children: How do you rely on Jesus to help you in times of trouble?

Families: Many things in our lives and in our world are subject to change. Yet all of us find security in relationships and values that endure. Foremost among these are our family relationships. We can confidently accept change if we know that we will continue to be loved by our family and by God. We help impart this sense of trust and confidence in our children with our daily assurances to them that nothing can change our love for them. As you gather as a family, look through several family photo albums. Observe and talk about things that have changed in your family life over the years. Talk also about the things that have stayed the same. We do not need to fear changes in our family life because we know that the most important aspects of our family life do not change, such as our love for one another. The same is true with God and God's love for us. Jesus teaches us that things in our world will change and that the world itself will one day end. We don't need to be fearful because God's love for us will never end.



There is a Peanuts comic strip that came out some years ago just a few days before Thanksgiving. In it, Lucy's feeling sorry for herself and she laments, "My life is a drag. I'm completely fed up. I've never felt so low in my life."

Her little brother Linus tries to console her and he says, "Lucy, when you're in a mood like this, you should try to think of things you have to be thankful for; in other words, count your blessings."

To that, Lucy says, "Ha! That's a good one! I could count my blessings on one finger! I've never had anything and I never will have anything. I don't get half the breaks that other people do. Nothing ever goes right for me! And you talk about counting blessings! You talk about being thankful! What do I have to be thankful for?"

Linus says, "Well, for one thing, you have a little brother who loves you."

With that, Lucy runs and hugs little brother Linus as she cries tears of joy, and while she's hugging him tightly, Linus says, "Every now and then, I say the right thing."

Well, we have a God who loves us, and if that doesn't make us sing the song of thanksgiving, what would?

Christian Globe Networks, Inc., "Grit, Grace, and Gratitude," by James W. Moore

GOD'S PLAN IS ALWAYS THE BEST. SOMETIMES THE PROCESS IS PAINFUL AND HARD. BUT DON'T FORGET THAT WHEN GOD IS SILENT, HE'S DOING SOMETHING FOR YOU.

INDELIBLE CHARACTER ON THE SOUL...

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.



SAINT AGNES OF ASSISI

Born Caterina Offreducia, Agnes was the younger sister of Saint Clare, and her first follower. When Caterina left home two weeks after Clare's departure, their family attempted to bring her back by force. They tried to drag her out of the monastery, but her body suddenly became so heavy that several knights could not budge it. Her uncle Monaldo tried to strike her but was temporarily paralyzed. The knights then left Caterina and Clare in peace. Saint Francis himself gave Clare's sister the name Agnes, because she was gentle like a young lamb.

Agnes matched her sister in devotion to prayer and in willingness to endure the strict penances that characterized the Poor Ladies' lives at San Damiano. In 1221, a group of Benedictine nuns in Monticelli near Florence asked to become Poor Ladies. Saint Clare sent Agnes to become abbess of that monastery. Agnes soon wrote a rather sad letter about how much she missed Clare and the other nuns at San Damiano. After establishing other monasteries of Poor Ladies in northern Italy, Agnes was recalled to San Damiano in 1253, as Clare lay dying.

Three months later Agnes followed Clare in death, and was canonized in 1753.

God must love irony; the world is so full of it. In 1212, many in Assisi surely felt that Clare and Agnes were wasting their lives and were turning their backs on the world. In reality, their lives were tremendously life-giving, and the world has been enriched by the example of these poor contemplatives.



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DO NOT GO WHERE THE PATH MAY
LEAD...GO INSTEAD WHERE THERE
IS NO PATH. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



“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 happenings, know that [the Son of Man] is at the gates.” (Mark 13: 24-32)

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

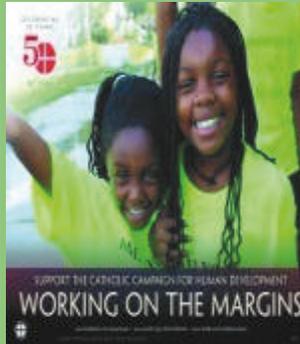


Faith Formation

CLASSES MEET NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st
BEGINNING WITH THE 10 AM MASS AT
SACRED HEART.

CONFIRMATION

CLASS TAKES PLACE THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th
BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM IN SACRED HEART
CHURCH HALL FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

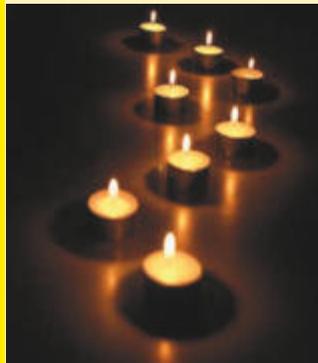


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our second collection is the

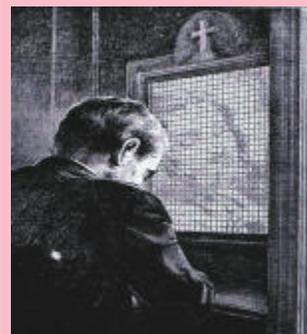
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Help Community Development
projects that are led by low
income groups to make a
significant
difference in their communities.

THANK YOU!



Throughout the month of November, those who have gone before us blessed with the sign of our faith continue to be remembered at all Masses. If you would like to include a loved one, family member, or friend, please write the names on the back of the ALL SOULS' ENVELOPE found at the entrance of each worship site. They may be placed in any collection basket.



THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR OF THE CHURCH BEGINS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28th THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT...

Start this new Church year off by ensuring that your mind is in a good place and your soul is clean. The Sacrament of Penance can absolve you of your sins, and put you in a

better frame of mind and a state of Grace. Monsignor Guerrero is available to hear your confession at a time that is convenient to you, as well as before or after Mass.



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