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Sat: 8:30am

Wed: 5:00pm to 6:45pm

ADORATION

Tues: 1:00pm to 7:00pm

Wed: 1:00pm to 7:00pm

Thurs: 1:00pm to 7:00pm

Fri: 9:00am to 1:00pm

32nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"They can no longer die, for they are like angels;
and they are the children of God because they are
the ones who will rise." - Lk 20:36

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LETTER FROM FR. MUIR

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Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was a kid, my family adapted well to the various changes of our life. Life is full of surprises, which can be scary, a great adventure, or both. How a family handles them is a litmus test of the love, trust, and strength of the family. Whether it was a new sibling, the death of a grandparent, or a move to a new house, my Mom and Dad showed me how to embrace change with confidence, joy, and peace.

I mention this because, well, I've got a surprise for you. Our Bishop Dolan has invited me to take on a new assignment starting January 1, 2023, and I have accepted. I'll be taking on the role of his Moderator of the Curia, which supports the Bishop in his oversight of the chancery and various ministries and services of the diocese. It's an exciting opportunity to serve the Church in a new way, but I'm sad to tell you that it means I'll no longer be the pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas once January arrives.



I confess this new job was a bit of a shock to me, and I'm still processing the upcoming change in my life. I love St. Thomas Aquinas very much, everything about it. I've learned and grown so much in my seven and a half years here—above all you've all taught me how to love God and each other with greater sincerity and energy. I am grateful that I'll have the next eight weeks or so—including Advent and Christmas—to be here and to savor my last two months here.

The announcement of who will be the next pastor of the parish will be forthcoming. I have no doubt at all that the Lord will send us a priest who will be a great fit and who will continue to build on all that has been happening here not just in the last seven years, but across the many decades of our history.

You may be wondering about our Autumn "Thomas Together" campaign. Last Sunday I told you I was going to reveal the pictures of the new chapel design and we'd launch the campaign to support that project this Sunday. Since this news about my new assignment is main thing I want to share with you this Sunday, let's pause and wait a week to re-visit the chapel plan. To talk about the chapel project this Sunday just didn't seem right to me given this other surprise. We'll come back to it in a week or so and see what the Lord wants us to do.

I'm grateful to everyone for your great love and support, and I hope I can share the same with you in my last two months as your pastor. Please pray that God gives me the grace to serve well once I begin the new role for our beloved Bishop John Dolan.

Life is full of surprises for a family, and we're no exception. Thank God for that. I have no doubt our parish family will move through this surprise with great love, joy, and confidence in God and in each other.

**Sincerely in Christ,
Fr John Muir**



Readings for the week of November 6, 2022

Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10
Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/ Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

07:00am Inez Montoya †
09:00am Grace Valencia †
10:45am Intentions of the Parish
12:30pm Zach Hemmila †

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

08:00am Gabriel Zapata †

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

08:00am Rudy Velasquez †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

08:00am M&M Joseph DeVera †

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

08:00am Thomas Mendez †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

08:00am Teruko Torres †

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

08:00am Norberta Gallardo †
05:00pm Joji Estreller - Birthday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

07:00am Joseph Lawrence Sailer †
09:00am George Benz †
10:45am Intentions of the Parish
12:30pm Corona Family - Birthdays



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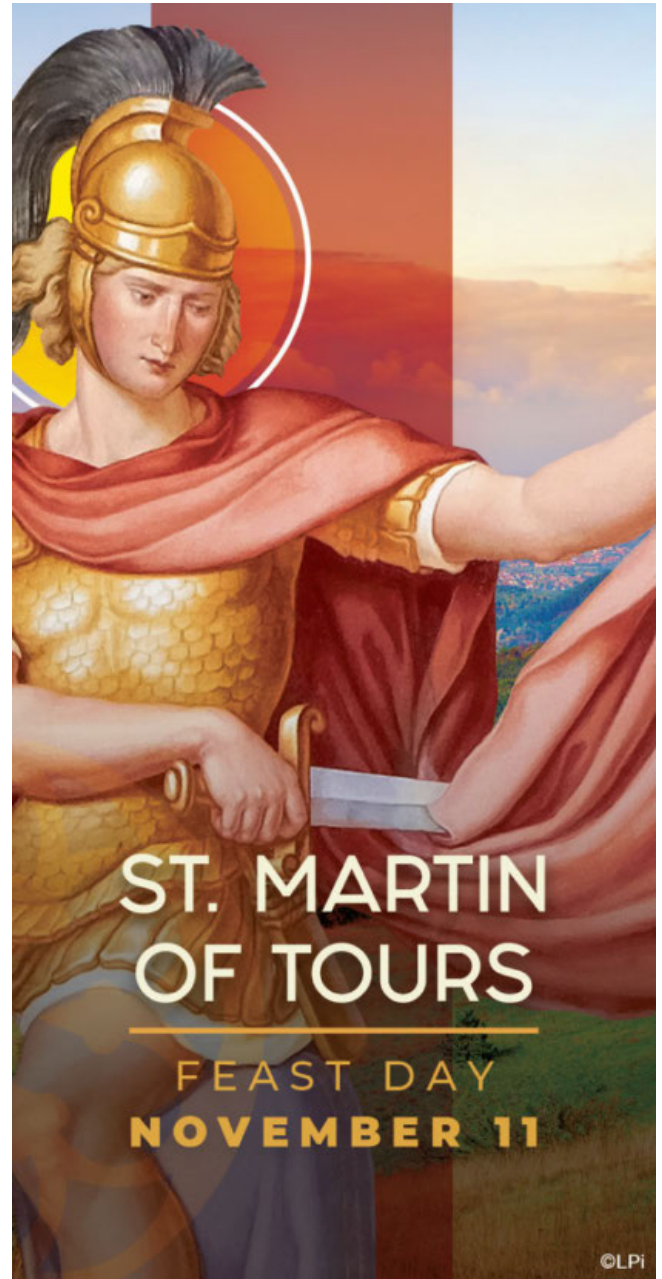
Saint Martin of Tours | November 11

Saint Martin of Tours was born a pagan in what is now Hungary around 316, but he was raised in Italy where his father, a tribune, was posted. At 15 he was compelled to serve in the Roman military, though he was already a catechumen. There is a popular legend that while on campaign the saint cut his cloak in half to share with a cold beggar. That night he dreamed of Jesus and his cloak was restored. He was baptized at 18. Only two years after his baptism, he was released from the military, he had refused his battle pay and to fight saying he was a soldier for Christ. He is the first recognized conscientious objector.

After his release from the military, he became a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers. He worked diligently against the Arian heresy, which denies the divinity of Jesus Christ, and established a community of hermits near Poitiers in 361, the first French monastery.

In 371 he reluctantly became bishop of Tour. Nearby, he founded a second monastery, Marmoutier, because he preferred the life of a monk he retreated often. In 384 there was a popular heresy infecting the Church in Spain, led by the bishop Priscillian and his followers. The emperor Magnus Maximus became involved, ordering the execution of the heretics. Saint Martin opposed the executions and protested the emperor's involvement in Church matters. Unfortunately, the Priscillians were executed anyway.

Saint Martin died in Candes-Saint-Martin, Gaul in 397. He is notably one of the first saints who was not martyred. He is the patron saint of France.



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ADDITIONAL MUSIC

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

This week's readings can be found at - 1204
The Order of Mass can be found on the Red Trimmed pages.

Gloria

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.

Communion Hymn

Psalm 23

Antiphon



My shep-herd is the Lord, noth-ing in-deed shall I want.

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Dominus pascit me

The **LORD** is my shepherd;
there is **nothing** I shall want.
1 **Fresh** and **green** are the pastures
where you **give** me **répose**.
Near **restful** waters you **lead** me;
2 **to** revive my **soul**.

You **guide** me **along** the right **path**,
for the **sake** of your **name**.
3 **Though** I should **walk** in the **valley**
of the **shadow** of **death**,
no **evil** would I **fear**, for you are **with** me.
Your **crook** and your **staff** will give me **comfort**.

4 You have **prepared** a **table** before me
in the **sight** of my **foes**.
My **head** you have **anointed** with **oil**;
my **cup** is **overflowing**.

5 Surely **goodness** and **kindness** shall **follow** me
all the **days** of my **life**.
In the **LORD's** own **house** shall I **dwell**
for **length** of days **unending**.

To the **Father** and **Son** give **glory**,
give **glory** to the **Spirit**.
To God who **is**, who **was**, and who **will** be,
for **ever** and **ever**.

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

Matt Maher

Verses

1. Great is your faith - ful-ness, O God;
2. Great is your love and jus - tice, God of Ja-cob;

1. you wres-tle with the sin-ner's rest - less heart.
2. you use the weak to lead the strong.

1. You lead us by still wa - ters in - to mer - cy,
2. You lead us in the song of your sal - va - tion,

1. and noth - ing can keep us a - part.
2. and all your peo - ple sing a - long.

1, 2. So re-mem-ber your peo-ple, re-mem-ber your chil-dren,
1, 2. re - mem - ber your prom - ise, O God.

Refrain

Your grace is e-nough, your grace is e-nough, your
grace is e - nough for me.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us (x2).

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this bread and we drink this cup, we proclaim your death,
O Lord, until you come again.

OR

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

Spiritual Communion

For those unable to receive Holy Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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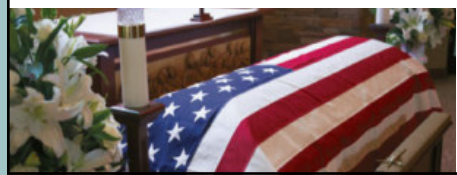
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Facing her 50th birthday and recently diagnosed with Type-2 Diabetes, Rebecca was at a crossroads. Realizing that she had neglected her health and fitness over the years and allowed herself to gain significant weight, she felt poorly about who she had become. While it was easier to give in to temptation and the gratification received from food, her family needed her, and she desired a long life. She had an image of the person she could become. She wanted to be more trim, focused, disciplined, and healthy. She liked what she saw in her mind and set out on a journey to create it. With great effort, she succeeded and accomplished her goals. When we have a goal ahead of us, we are more apt to do whatever is necessary to get it.

Is heaven a goal you want to achieve? Our popular images and metaphors to describe heaven can leave some people wondering if this is something they want for all eternity. Living like an angel, wearing white robes, meeting St. Peter, and reconnecting with loved ones are all welcome notions to some extent. But do they really inspire and captivate us enough to want to dramatically change how we live our lives? Heaven's reality is more profound than any human image or idea can fathom. Even though we believe in a bodily resurrection, heaven is more about attaining union with God. To achieve heaven is to attain eternal happiness and fulfill all desire. How do we awaken within us an ardent and passionate desire for heaven? St. Isaac of Ninevah counsels, "Enter eagerly into the treasure house that lies within you, and so you will see the treasure house of heaven, for the two are one and the same, and there is but one single entry into them both. The ladder that leads to the kingdom is hidden with you, and is found in your own soul. Dive into yourself and in your soul you will discover the rungs by which to ascend." Our souls are made to be eternal. Once we discover our true selves and are captivated by the wonder of who we really are, we will unleash our unwavering desire for a lasting union with our Creator. Heaven is about who we are. "For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages."

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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council #11675 will be hosting our 10th Annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Contest entrants compete in one of three age groups – ages 5 – 7, ages 8 – 10 and 11 – 14 (age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of November 1st). Contest opens on November 4th and closes on December 2nd (posters will be collected at noon in the school's office). Please turn completed poster in at the church or school office.

The rules for this year's contest are as follows:

- Poster must reflect the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas.
- Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.
- Poster must be 11X14 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic.
- Child's full name shall be neatly printed on the back of the poster, listing the child's age and a contact phone number.
- Although all entries become property of the Knights of Columbus Council #11675, efforts will be made to return the submitted posters.

Each participant will receive a certificate of participation. First, second and third place plaques (donated by 3 Crowns Trophy) will be awarded to each of our council's age group winners. The top three winners of each age group will also receive prize awards in the amounts of \$25 for first place, \$15 for second and \$10 for third.

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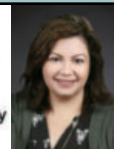
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Written by: **Eddie Vinciguerra**

If you know me at all, you know I am very against smartphones. I will harp on and on about the different aspects of humanity that these devices rob from us, but there is one use of these machines for which I am sympathetic. I nod my head in understanding when people lament the loss of their map apps. Of course! I am no monster. People want to know where their destination is and how to get there! Maps guide us when we don't know where to go. Knowing this about our desire for guidance, it perplexes me how little we seek and know about moral mapping. We certainly ask a lot of questions about our desired destination of heaven (rightly so!). Some of us even take delight in the avoiding of wrong turns that rules and regulations can provide (count me among them). But if we really want to take the narrow path on our road trip of life (a short one at that) and make it to our goal, shouldn't we consult a map? What is the map, you ask? The map of being a human being for much of known history used to involve the virtues and vices. Only recently have they been deemed quaint and anti-progressive (or for signaling to, and then ignoring). In Christianity, our business used to be good vs. evil, not, well, business. It is time we returned to our calling and started looking at the right map. What does the map of virtues and vices show us? It shows us the two paths of life we can take, whether we are conscious of it or not:

Road #1

"Blessed is the man who hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, nor sat in the chair of pestilence. But his will is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he shall meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree which is planted near the running waters, which shall bring forth its fruit, in due season. And his leaf shall not fall off: and all whatsoever he shall do shall prosper." - Psalm 1:1-3





Road #2

"Not so the wicked, not so: but like the dust, which the wind driveth from the face of the earth. Therefore the wicked shall not rise again in judgment: nor sinners in the council of the just. For the Lord knoweth the way of the just: and the way of the wicked shall perish." - Psalm 1:4-6

The map of virtues and vices helps us not only to avoid grave sin, but also can show us the saintly paths of great and noble deeds. Is life about doing the bare minimum required of us? Or are we meant to live our lives as blazing lampstands of courage, liberality (giving), wisdom, moderation, etc.? With a map of the moral world we can get off our heels and march into the fray of life confidently, like crusaders to the Holy Land. Once we know the way and have traveled the roads, we can start to loosen our gaze from our phone app, and see the great adventure that God has tasked us with.

I pray we all start to investigate the virtues, especially in the Bible and in the lives of the saints. Let us learn the map! To paraphrase Peter Kreeft, life is only confusing to those who don't have principles!

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Holy Face of Jesus, have mercy on us.
Blessed Franz Jagerstatter, pray for us.

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