

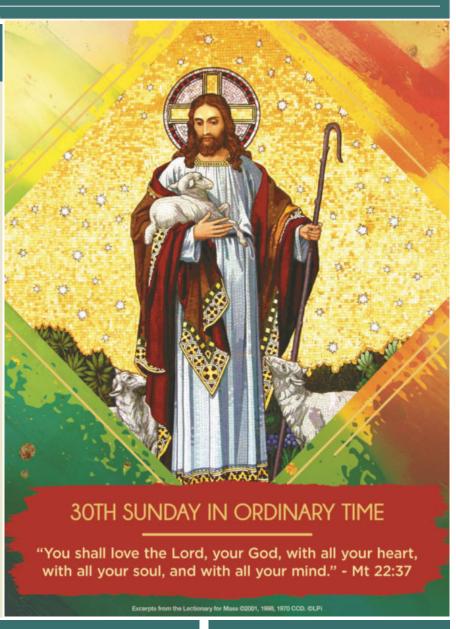
SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am Wednesday: 6:00 pm

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open: Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 5:00pm Friday: 8:30am—4:00pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: **586-777-3670.**

OCIA: Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone.

Or by calling us at **586-777-3670** during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

Weekday Masses Monday thru Friday @ 7am Wednesday @ 6pm

Weekend Masses
Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

Holy Hour Thursdays @ 7pm

TALLer Tales



Country Livin': Country living has its perks. On a Sunday afternoon, after leaving SJA to go to a family gathering in Allenton, I feel like I've entered

another world once I approach Armada. I enjoy watching the changing of seasons in the farmlands. The beauty of spring brings fresh planting. Then, in the summer months, you watch the crops grow. Finally, when those crops have peaked, you watch as they are cut down, and then the land is prepped for another growing season.

Yes, the country has such beauty that we rarely see in the city. The sunrises and sunsets are beautiful. You get to see much more of them because of the open space. The pace of life is different too. But there are some downfalls! The first that comes to mind is internet access. While you may have decent internet access in "bigger" cities like Almont, Romeo, and Armada, the options are minimal when traveling north on Capac Road in Allenton. My nephew JJ and I often joke that we should create our own Internet company out there, and we'd be rich!

Then there are the endless deer that roam through the fields. You also have to protect your pets from wandering too far outside because coyotes can be heard at night. Then there are all the other critters you just have to work around because you've chosen country livin'!

Not too long ago, my sister Cindy and my niece McKenzie were complaining about a foul smell that was most poignant as they ascended the staircase from their basement. They looked for days to determine the cause of the smell. They feared some rodent had died and was someplace in the house. So Cindy one day conjured her sister-in-law and brother-inlaw, Chris and Don, to stop by the house to see if they could help sniff out the smell.

Chris and Don were all in. They showed up at the house and went directly downstairs. Don was on a mission to find the source of the smell! As they descended the staircase, Emmy, the family dog (a Jack Russell Terrier), ran ahead but kept hovering around the sump pump. Emmy is known for spending focused time around "things," so the group wasn't paying too much attention to her. Don, Chris, Cindy,

and McKenzie continued to scour the basement. They couldn't find anything. They were almost ready to give up when they finally decided to pay attention to Emmy and why she was intensely sniffing around the sump pump.

Don opened the sump pump cover, and they started to gag (and laugh from what could have been a great Three Stooges episode). In the sump pump hole were three critters: a decaying large mole, a dead frog, and another frog still alive and swimming his heart out. They grabbed some tongs, retrieved the rodents, and quickly ran them outside to toss in the field. In the end, a drain in their basement egress window didn't have a cover, so the critters found their way into the sump pump through the open drain. Now Uncle Mike will be dispatched to run his long camera scope through the drain to see if anything else is lurking in those pipes! Ahh, the joys of Country Livin'! You can't beat it!

The Solemnity of All Saints: While there are many beautiful feasts and solemnities in the church's calendar, the celebration of all the saints is one of my favorites. The Solemnity of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have masses on Tuesday, October 31, at 7:00 p.m. and then on Wednesday, November 1, at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The Solemnity of All Saints celebrates all the saints, the known and unknown ones now in heaven. Through this great communion of saints, we help one another achieve sanctity. They, like us, were often ordinary people who answered God's call to serve in some capacity. They had struggles. They had ups and downs. They doubted. They had dark nights of the soul. But they persevered in their commitment to Christ. They were sinners, like you and me, who had fallen but then had the courage, with the grace of God, to stand back up.

A few years ago, I received an email from my favorite icon store, Monastery Icons. The email wasn't the typical sales email but contained an article entitled "7 Reasons Why the Saints are Important." The article opened with these words: "In these challenging times, it's wise to 'get back to the basics' and reflect on what a great gift we as Christians have been given in the examples and the living intercession of the saints. Let's consider just seven of the many, many reasons why the saints are important in our lives."

1: The Saints are REAL. Reflecting on the fact that the saints were real is an excellent place to start. The saints and their stories and words were not legends or some equivalent to superheroes or twodimensional historical figures, however inspiring. They lived on earth and still live in the heavenly world. 2: The saints struggled with the very problems we do ... and much worse. The saints had to deal with limitations on Christian worship and speech. As a result, the saints know what we are going through. They lived through similar circumstances and will respond to our calls for help. 3: The saints are our heavenly helpers. Throughout the church's history, the faithful have called upon the saints to respond to our prayers, to bless, protect, heal, and sanctify us. As the saints themselves turned to saints to help them on their journey on earth, we should call upon the saints to help us on our earthly journey. 4: The message of the saints' lives and teachings is timeless and timely. While we may never face a demanding emperor or torturer, the supernatural courage and heroic examples of the saints who had to face their own challenges should inspire us as we face the challenges and persecutions of our day. 5: The words and actions of the saints are a sure guide and authority on how we should live. With material on FORMED, YouTube, and other places on the web, it's easy to learn about the saints, their challenges, and their heroic virtues. As such, search out this material, learn about the saints, and allow their words and examples to guide your earthly journey. 6: The saints are the best role models for sanctity. "If we make the remembrance of the saints our constant companion and study, we will find their example becoming the measure for our own behavior. You become what you contemplate...." 7: Make friends with the saints, and they will be with us and help us. "Christian tradition clearly shows us the way to open a window into heaven. If we place the icons and images of the saints in our home and church, honor and pray to them (especially on their feast days), and remember to always turn to them for guidance and help in every need, however great or small, we can experience for ourselves their blessed protection, healing, and intercession."

Saints of God, PRAY FOR US! Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers. In Christ,

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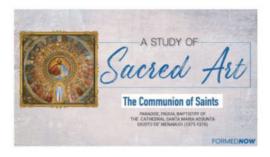


Week of October 29, 2023



Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan to the pampered life of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.



The Communion of Saints | Sacred Art

In celebration of All Saints' Day, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss Giusto de' Menabuoi's "Paradise" and how the saints give us hope by showing us that holiness is possible.



Brother Francis - All Souls Day

In this episode of Brother Francis, kids can learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and Augustics press

Along the Way

Rome Part II

In Rome there are four "major" basilicas. The word "basilica" comes from the Latin term meaning royal palace. The four major basilicas are the most highly ranked Roman Catholic churches in the world. Although they are all located within the diocese of Rome, St Peter's Basilica is the only one actually located in Vatican City, within the jurisdiction of the Holy See, while the other 3 are in Italian territory (receiving extraterritorial status under the Lateran Treaty).

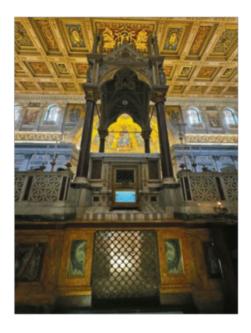
These grand churches, some of the most extraordinary in the world, each house a set of Holy Doors that are opened for each Jubilee Year. (If you remember a few months ago I wrote about Jubilee Years in reference to the Year of St. Thomas Aguinas.) The art and architecture within these churches are enough to inspire pilgrims and tourists from every corner of the world – whether they are religious or not.



"Minor" basilicas, on the other hand, are those Catholic churches throughout the world that have been given a special designation by the Holy Father. Reasons for bestowing this designation may be granted for architectural beauty, historical significance, liturgical renown, or for any combination of these attributes. We have two here in the Archdiocese of Detroit – The National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica and the Basilica

of Ste. Anne de Detroit. Last week I wrote a little about St. Peter's Basilica and today I want to share about the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls (Basilica di San Paolo Fuori le Mura). This 4th century neoclassical church, founded by Emperor Constantine over the burial place of St Paul, is the 10th largest in the world, covering nearly 100,000 square feet. It is truly grand with glimmering mosaics on its façade and enormous colonnades lining the inside.

The church was almost completely destroyed by fire in 1823, but was reconstructed identical to its previous form and reopened in 1840 as a result of Pope Leo XII's outreach for donations. In 1891, a gunpowder explosion destroyed the church's stained-glass windows, which have since been replaced with more durable copies of translucent alabaster



In the picture of the altar, it's hard to see, but the grate covers an opening into which you can see the grave of St. Paul. The small lighted box above the grate holds a piece of chain in which St. Paul was bound when he was taken to Rome to be tried and killed.

St. Paul (also called Paul of Tarsus or Saul) was a Roman citizen of Jewish origin and has become one of the major figures in the Christian tradition.

Born in Tarsus (Turkey) in the 1st century AD, Paul was originally a fervent opponent of Christianity. A persecutor of the early Christians, he eventually converted to Christianity, dedicating his life to evangelizing his contemporaries. His 'epistles', letters to the early Christian communities, predated the Gospels and are thus the oldest documents of Christianity.

While in Rome, Paul fell victim to the persecution of Christians by Emperor Nero. Sentenced to death, he was beheaded on the Via Ostiense. Shortly after his death. Christians built a shrine over his burial place. The shrine eventually become the church we have today.

OCIA

Just as St. Paul was a convert to the faith, many people in our own community have made the decision to become Catholic, to give their lives to Christ and join the Church that He founded. One of the blessings of our Family of Parishes is that we are able to pool some of our ministries.

One instance of this is our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), in which St. Joan of Arc and Our Lady, Star of the Sea have joined efforts. Hosted here at SJA, we are able to combine instructors and curriculum to offer the best program that we can, to the greatest amount of people.

You may see the OCIA candidates after the 10am Mass as they head to "class". Soon they will join us for what we call "Scrutiny's", which are official Rites that take place during the celebration of Mass. On those days, the members from OLSS will go to their parish for the Rite and to be a witness at there. Please pray for our all of our OCIA members and ask St. Paul to intercede for them, that they may continue to open their hearts and minds to the love and power of Jesus Christ.

Blessings, Fr. Adam



October 29, 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26 | 1 Thes 1:5c-10 | Mt 22:34-40

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Sometimes I stop paying attention to the news for a period of time. There seems to be little that's "new" in the daily barrage of natural disasters and the countless ways we humans hurt each other. I've even stopped using social media, which at least made me smile when seeing photos of friends and family welcoming little ones or celebrating big milestones. Which brings me to today's Gospel: Sometimes it seems overwhelming to want to love as Christ commands, and I feel that there's little, if anything, I can do for people outside of my social circle, let alone on the opposite side of the world. Hearing of my struggles with compassion fatigue, a friend recently reminded me of some wise words that have been attributed to St. Mother Teresa: "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you." We love as Christ commands by willing the good of the other. And it is not trite or cliché to say at times, "honestly, all I can do right now is pray." After all, as the Lord says, "If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." When our compassion is exhausted, let the Lord carry it, for he never tires. And then, when it is possible, practical, and seems to be inspired by the Holy Spirit, we can do more - whatever that may be.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

If you're like me and somewhat daunted by the second greatest commandment, I encourage you to take another look at today's readings. "You shall love your *neighbor...*" (emphasis added). Surely the world is far too large for us to make a difference? Therefore, remember that "God so loved the world" – and what he asks of us is to love our *neighbor*. So leave the world to God; pray for and give alms for those bigger world issues when we're able. When our circumstances change and we have more time and energy to take on more, such as participate in ministry, even better! But until then, when we walk out our front door in the morning, we go forth knowing that we are "imitators ... of the Lord," and that this smaller, much more manageable part of the world is what we are called to tend. Let our most active role in being the body of Christ extend to what is immediate to us – our neighbor and community – because that is where we will have the most influence for Christ in the world.

MEDITATE When you feel overwhelmed with the world, reflect upon today's responsorial psalm: "I love you, Lord, my strength." Let God's love for the world and his strength flow into your heart, and know that you can call on him to help you bear the burden of love.

Readings for the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Joan Arc

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 5 A

Reading One - Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations. And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not listen, if you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse. You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction; you have made void the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts. I, therefore, have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions. Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?

Responsorial - Ps 131:1, 2, 3

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty; I busy not myself with great things, nor with things too sublime for me.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child. Like a weaned child on its mother's lap, so is my soul within me.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Israel, hope in the LORD, both now and forever.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Reading Two - 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13

Brothers and sisters: We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

Alleluia - Mt 23:9b, 10b

Alleluia, alleluia.

You have but one Father in heaven and one master, the Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - Mt 23:1-12

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled: but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

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ALL SAINTS' DAY MASSES

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven.

Tuesday, October 31st at 7 pm Vigil Wednesday, November 1st at 7 am, 12 noon and 7 pm

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Psalm 24

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

All Souls' Day commemorates the faithful departed. We invite the families of those whose funerals were held at our parish to again pray for their loved ones. Parishioners are welcome to join in this beautiful mass.

Thursday, November 2 at 7 pm

A reception in the Emmaus Fellowship Hall immediately follows.

SJA Knights of Columbus Feather Party



Order of Alhambra Galicia Caravan #77 **Grand Commander Don Kaiser**



St. Joan of Are Knights of Columbus #8695 **Grand Knight Andy Marter**

proudly hosts

An evening of fun at the Aldo Cardosi / Don Champine



ASSUMPTION CULTURAL CENTER

21800 Marter Road St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (between Greater Mack & Jefferson, Vernier & Nine Mile)

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Chicken Piccata Penne w/Meat Sauce Fettucini Alfredo Green Beans Almondine Salad & Bread Dessert & Coffee

All Proceeds to Benefit St. Joan of Arc Exceptional Children Religious Program

Tickets \$40 Per Person

Please make checks payable to St. Joan of Arc K of C

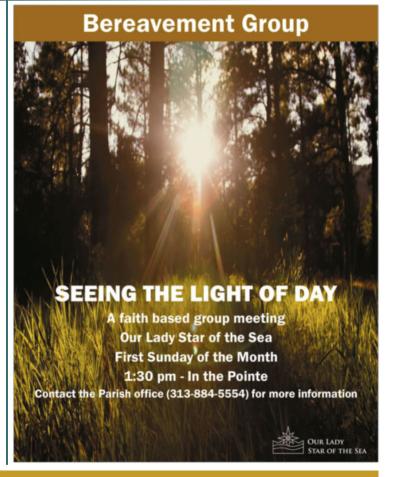
Tickets Available After St. Joan of Arc's Weekend Masses on November 4th & 5th and November 1th & 12th **Includes Dinner, 12 Games of Bingo and Dauber**

For Reservation and Tickets: Bill Marchiori (586) 871-2929

Announcements







Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, October 30th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed 10:00 AM Walking with Purpose - EH 5:00 PM Baptism of Carter James Biery

Tuesday, October 31st

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed 10:00 AM Rescue Project - EH 7:00 PM Holy Day Vigil Mass

Wednesday, November 1st

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed 12:00 PM Holy Day Mass

5:00 PM Reconciliation 7:00 PM Holy Day Mass

Thursday, November 2nd

7:00 AM Moring Mass - Live Streamed 5:00 PM Baptism of Logan Joseph Haack 7:00 PM Annual Memorial Mass

Friday, November 3rd

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, November 4th

10:00 AM Funeral for Bridget Wirtz

11:00 AM Reconciliation

1:00 PM Anna Calderone / William Radatz Wedding

3:00 PM Baptism of Rene James Demers

4:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed 6:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed

Sunday, October 29th

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed 10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

11:00 AM Family Faith Formation - Gym

12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

Oct. 29, 2023 - Outward Facing

Everybody's got their list of troubles. For some, it's physical difficulties – perhaps disease, pain, or some other discomfort. For others, it's emotional burdens – perhaps heartache over a family situation or a past hurt. For still others, it's a financial problem – perhaps a job loss or difficulty making ends meet. And for still others, it's something spiritual – a feeling of desolation or of being lost in their relationship with God.

And whether it's something being faced by oneself or loved ones, the strain can be immense. It's particularly gratifying to hear, then, of people who can look outside of themselves, and, even more importantly, to act on the things they see.

The *Detroit Free Press* did a story a few weeks ago on a Wayne State University student in her late 20s who is raising two children while working toward her undergraduate degree. That combination alone would be about as much as one person might be able to handle. But the story also went on to detail her service as an active-duty member of the Air National Guard, an assistance payment worker for the state (helping people with programs administered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services), and her work as an officer for a prominent student group, which brings with it other community service projects.

Not everyone, of course, could or should attempt to cover so many different bases at once. But those who do, notwithstanding their challenges in life, can be an inspiration to us on how we might be able to help others.

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment," we hear in today's gospel from St. Matthew. Then comes this:

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday October 30, 2023 Weekday (Green)

7:00 a.m. Carlos Mallare

Tuesday October 31, 2023 Weekday (Green)

7:00 a.m. Sr. Marie Houle, OP & Sally Cabot

7:00 p.m. George Rupinski

Wednesday November 1, 2023 All Saints (Purple/White/

Black)

7:00 a.m. Patricia Rybak 12:00 p.m. George J. Bugarin

7:00 p.m. The deceased members of the Rogier & Dettloff

Families

Thursday November 2, 2023 The Commemoration of All

the Faithfully Departed (All Souls) (Purple/

White/Black)

7:00 a.m. Hugo Calisi

Friday November 3, 2023 Weekday, Saint Martin de

Porres, Religious (Green)

7:00 a.m. Ron Lagodna

Saturday, November 4, 2023 Vigil of the Thirty-first Sunday

in Ordinary Time (Green)

4:00 p.m. Duane Gore, George J. Bugarin, Sally Cabot,

Bonnie Batche, Rebeca Sandoval, Sam & Grace Valenti and special intentions for the Thomas Family, the J. Champine Family, for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, Ray DeFrates, for Pete Casinelli, Elizabeth Buc, Joan Kowaleski, Robert Baulch, for Armand & Diana Matte on their 50th Wedding Anniversary and Prayerful

appreciation for the work of the Priests and Staff of

St. Joan of Arc

6:00 p.m. For the deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons of

the Archdiocese of Detroit

Sunday November 5, 2023 Thirty-first Sunday in

Ordinary Time (Green)

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Phyliss Dedene

12:00 p.m. Antonietta Mazzella, Aniello Mazzella, Bianca

Calisi, Antonio Calisi, Sr. Silveria Conte, Editha DeLeon, the deceased members of the Zapytowski, Paul Poirier, Allison Twomey, Arlene & Lawrence Szefler, Jose Medina, Rosario Medina, Jeffrey Hardy, Joan Hardy, Feliciana Punzalan, Dini Hamm, Daisy Marie Buenavista, Donald & Irene McMahon and Special Intentions for Miller & Mutz Families, Pam Haisenleder, Alison Reslow, Lorraine Jonas

and Ray Defrates

Daily Readings

Monday, October 30 Friday, November 3

Romans 8:12-17 Romans 9:1-5 Luke 13:10-17 Luke 14:1-6

Tuesday, October 31 Saturday, November 4

Romans 8:18-25 Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29

Luke 13:18-21 Luke 14:1, 7-11

Wednesday, November 1 Sunday, November 5

Revelations7:2-4, 9-14 Malachy 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 1 John 3:1-3 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Matthew 5:1-12a Matthew 23:1-12

Thursday, November 2

Wisdom 3:1-9 Romans 5:5-11



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November 8, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.

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Bringing Home the Word

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
October 29, 2023

God's Lessons of Love

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

he readings today are all about love. The first reading tells us who we should love; the Gospel tells us how we should love. We know that it is not difficult to love those who love us, who are kind and generous to us, who make us feel that we are important. The reading from Exodus moves us in a different direction. We are to love the alien, the widow, the orphan, and the poor neighbor. In a patriarchal society, such as was ancient Israel, aliens, widows, and orphans were the ultimate outsiders. They had no male relative through whom they would benefit from the kinship structure. While the neighbor might be of the same tribe or

clan, it is the poor neighbor who was to be loved, the one who might be a drag on one's life and resources.

In other words, we are to love the ones who cannot promise to make our lives more comfortable or enjoyable. In fact, the point of loving them is to make *their* lives more comfortable and enjoyable. How are we to love them? The Gospel reading offers two different answers that are really very much alike. We are to love God totally, with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. We are to love others as we love ourselves, with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. More practically, we must do for others what we would do for ourselves, for to love them is to love God. *

Sunday Readings

Exodus 22:20-26

You shall not oppress or afflict a resident alien, for you were once aliens residing in the land of Egypt.

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord.

Matthew 22:34-40

[Jesus said,] "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

We are to love those who cannot make our lives more comfortable.
The point of loving them is to make their lives more comfortable and enjoyable.



A Word from Pope Francis

This is the test: if I say "I love God" and do not love my neighbor, it does not work.
The verification that I love God is that I love my neighbor. As long as there is a brother or sister to whom we close our hearts, we will still be far from being disciples as Jesus asks us.
ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 25, 2020



QUESTIONS GRESTIONS SEELECTION

- Who are the outsiders or people living on the margins of your society?
- What can you do to make their lives more comfortable or enjoyable?

The Saints in My Life

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

hen we heard that Redemptorist priest Bernard Häring was coming to visit our college seminary, our superior, Fr. Terry McCloskey, told us it was a rare and precious opportunity. We were going to meet a man who played a historical role in the Church, who is regarded by many to be the most significant moral theologian of the twentieth century and, in Fr. Terry's opinion, who will one day be declared a saint. Fr. Terry asked us, "How often do you think you'll meet a living 'saint'?"

I was, of course, very impressed by Fr. Häring, but although he was moral theologian, teacher, author, esteemed confessor to popes, and major contributor to the Second Vatican Council, it was his humility and simplicity that stayed with me. Fr. Häring has been on my mind since I read one of Liguori's books, *Thea Bowman: In My Own Words.* Like Fr. Häring, Sr. Thea had a presence that told you she was a very special person. As I read about her, I realized I have met not one, but two probable future saints.

Most of the "saints" of my life will never have their names proclaimed in St. Peter's Square, but that doesn't diminish the power of their example. Nothing can prevent us from living saintly lives. Each day we're faced with a myriad of moments when we can choose to do the saintly thing or the sinful thing, the loving or the mean, the sacrificial or the



selfish. And as we choose, we must know that at least one person will be influenced by our decision. At least one person will become holier or be led further off the path. If we all choose to be saintly, meeting "saints" won't be such a rare event. Something to think about as we celebrate All Saints this week. *



All-embracing God, teach us to welcome the stranger, to speak for the voiceless, to share generously, to love as you love.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Heaven and Hell

famous samurai, who had mastered the art of war, turned his attention to religion. He confronted a monk in a bellowing voice: "Monk, teach me about heaven and hell!" The monk looked up at this mighty warrior and replied with utter disdain, "Teach you about heaven and hell? I couldn't teach you about anything. You're dirty. You smell. The blade of your sword is rusty. You are a disgrace to the samurai class." The samurai was furious. He pulled out his sword and raised it above him, preparing to divide the monk in two. The monk looked him in the eye and said slowly, "That is hell." The samurai was stunned. He saw in a flash what the monk had risked to teach him this great truth. He slowly put down his sword, became filled with gratitude, and was suddenly peaceful. "And that is heaven," said the monk softly. *

John Shea, Daybreaks, 2008

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WEEKDAY READINGS

October 30-November 4

Monday, Weekday: Rom 8:12–17 / Lk 13:10–17

Tuesday, Weekday: Rom 8:18–25 / Lk 13:18–21

Wednesday, All Saints: Rv 7:2–4, 9–14 / 1 Jn 3:1–3 / Mt 5:1–12a Thursday, All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day): Wis 3:1–9 / Rom 6:3–9 / Jn 6:37–40

Friday, Weekday: Rom 9:1–5 / Lk 14:1–6 Saturday, St. Charles Borromeo: Rom 11:1–2a, 11–12, 25–29 / Lk 14:1, 7–11



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