



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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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'” - Mt 25:11-12

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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



It's All About Listening: I'm not sure why, but listening seems to be a lost art! Everyone loves to talk; very few people want to listen. We even fall into that trap

with our prayer life. We want to do all the talking, but the key ingredient to prayer is listening. I sometimes imagine God leaning over Earth and saying, "Time out, people. Stop talking! I have something to say too!"

Listening is also a key ingredient when following your conscience or when your Guardian Angel is clearly SHOUTING at you to do or not do something. My Guardian Angel was clearly SHOUTING at me recently, and I thought I knew better!

Before I get to the heart of this story, Dina, our ever-so-faithful Business Manager, made arrangements for the Parish Center carpeting to be cleaned one Saturday not too long ago. Zeppelin Cleaning Services did their magic, and they even, at my request, took pictures of the water to show me how dirty the carpets were! I'm not sure WHY I wanted to see a picture of the water, but I just chalked it up to me being me! It was disgusting! But it was nice to know the carpets were clean at the end of the day! Unfortunately, Dennis the Menace here tends to do something dumb every time the carpets are cleaned. And, things just don't happen in my house or the Parish Center, but they happen at other's homes, too. My most famous example is when I was Cardinal Maida's secretary. This particular morning in 1995, Cardinal Maida and I just toured what was left of the Saint Vincent de Paul warehouse downtown after a massive fire destroyed it. It was a week before Christmas. Immediately after that visit, the Cardinal had a meeting with Mayor Archer at Manoogian Mansion. When we got to the Mayor's residence, the family and staff were preparing for the Archer family Christmas gathering. Mrs. Archer met us at the door, took our coats, and we proceeded to a room to meet Mayor Archer. Little did I know, but remnants of the SVDP building ashes were still caked on my size 16 shoes, and I left these humungous black footprints ALL OVER the pristine beige carpeting! Talk about being embarrassed and leaving a lasting impression! And this wasn't a case where they could say Santa came down the chimney and forgot to wipe his

feet because "Santa's" footprints started at the main door!

Well, we had an incident at the Parish Center just two days after the carpeting was cleaned. It doesn't take this Dennis the Menace long to mess things up.

It was a Monday. And Mondays are ALWAYS challenging around the Parish Center. Shortly after the morning school bells had rung, I got a call from Chris, our school secretary, that their big Xerox machine had stopped working because the machine's waste toner cartridge was completely full. Of course, I didn't have a replacement, but I told Chris to meet me at the Parish Center with the waste toner cartridge, and I would create a temporary fix. I've done this fix before and knew I could do it again. The waste toner cartridge is like a "garbage can" to collect any leftover toner the machine doesn't use in the print process. Usually, you replace the whole cartridge and recycle it. But when you don't have a replacement and know the machine won't work until there is either a new cartridge or a fix, you become creative in figuring things out.

My solution was to open the waste toner cartridge and dump the waste toner powder into a garbage bag. I've done this before and created a mess. I did it this time, and created a mess. If only I had listened to my Guardian Angel.

I carefully dismantled the cartridge in the Parish Center Xerox Room. I then opened a garbage bag. At this point, my Guardian Angel was SHOUTING at me to do this dirty deed outside. I figured I had this and knew what I was doing. As I started to shake the waste toner cartridge, toner dust started to fill the air. I'm not sure how much stayed in the garbage bag, but it created this huge plume of black dust in the Parish Center Xerox room. At this point, Chris was laughing at and with me. As I reacted to the plume of toner dust (at this point, I was coughing and couldn't see), I lost my grip on the garbage bag, and toner dust started spewing all over our nicely cleaned carpet. But it was also all over my suit and my face! I felt like I was now breathing and eating waste toner powder!

As I tried to put the now nearly empty waste toner cartridge back together again, Chris couldn't help but continue laughing. What a mess. "Clean up in Aisle 5." As I handed the cartridge back to Chris, I said, "I just HOPE this works after all this!" Chris responded, "I've always wanted to be

in your bulletin article. I have a funny feeling this story will make it one day!" I just nodded and said, "YOU BET!" Now, I had to drum up the courage to tell Dina about the huge mess I had just made in the Xerox Room, which included a considerable amount of toner all over the nicely cleaned carpet. When I make a mess, I certainly go all the way! If only I had listened to my Guardian Angel!

Holy Communion and Celiac Sprue Disease: Several years ago, a few people with Celiac disease approached me asking if the Church had any low/no gluten hosts that could be consecrated for them. Celiac Sprue Disease is a condition whereby the digestive system is considerably compromised by consuming gluten, one of the key ingredients in wheat flour. My experience is that many people with Celiac disease are unaware that low-gluten hosts exist. The host is virtually gluten-free, as it contains only 0.01% gluten.

While every parish does it differently, we worked out a system whereby people with Celiac disease purchase their own pyx (a small container for holding a host), and we provide the low-gluten hosts. As there are only three approved places in the United States for purchasing these low-gluten hosts, we buy the hosts and keep them stored at the Parish Center. Parishioners who need the low-gluten hosts are given a bag of these hosts, which usually lasts a few months. Parishioners then come to mass with their pyx containing the low-gluten host and give it to one of the God's Door Keeper Ministers (our welcoming people), or they bring it directly to the sacristy. The person then approaches the principal celebrant for communion as he will have the pyx with the low-gluten hosts.

If you are gluten intolerant and want more information about these low-gluten hosts, please see either Father Adam or me or stop by the Parish Center; we'd be happy to explain the whole matter and provide you with the low-gluten hosts. It's pretty simple.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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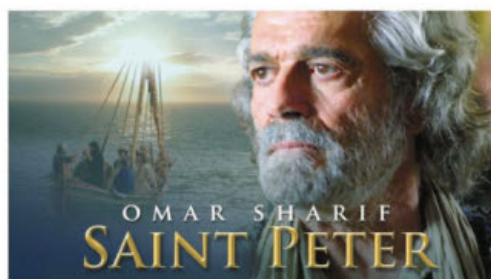
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of November 12, 2023



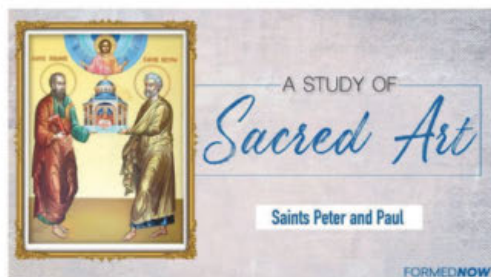
Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection

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Saint Peter

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Rome: Part IV

We've talked about all the major basilicas of Rome now, except for one – St. John Lateran. The official name is: Archbasilica Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran. Interestingly, the Archbasilica is also the Cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, not St. Peter's Basilica.

It is the Papal Archbasilica, and it is the oldest public church in the west and ranks first among the four Major Basilicas of Rome. As a cathedral of Rome it ranks above all other churches in the Catholic Church. For that reason, it is titled Archbasilica.



The Archbasilica stands over the remains of a fort of the Roman imperial cavalry bodyguard. After the victory of the Emperor Constantine over Maxentius in the Battle of the Milvian Bridge in 312, Constantine demolished the fort. He then built the early Christian Basilica over the fort and dedicated it to the Savior in thanksgiving to Him for his victory over Maxentius.

The rest of the site was occupied during the early Roman Empire by the Domus (House or Palace) of the Laterani family. The Domus Laterani came into the hands of the Emperor when Constantine

married his second wife, Fausta, sister of Maxentius. The palace and land were given by Constantine to Pope St. Miltiades, who held a Council there in 313. Only later, however, during the papacy of Gregory I (590-604), was the church dedicated also to St. John the Baptist and to St. John the Apostle and writer of the Fourth Gospel.

Throughout the centuries, St John Lateran has survived several fires and an earthquake in 897. Nevertheless, it still maintains its first form even though it has been reconstructed on several occasions. Nearby the Archbasilica is the Scala Sancta or Holy Stairs. In 1586, when Pope Sixtus V decided to build the present Lateran Palace, he asked the architect to use the grand staircase of the old palace, consisting of 28 marble steps.



According to legend, St. Helena, the mother of Constantine, brought these steps in the fourth century by ship to Rome from the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem. Thus, Jesus would have used these steps on His way to trial before His Crucifixion. For centuries, many pilgrims have honored the Passion of Christ by

ascending the Scala Sancta on their knees. Since the early 1700s, the Holy Stairs have been encased in wood for protection. The stairs remained covered until 2019 when the protective wood was removed for restoration of the stairs. Following restoration, pilgrims were allowed to ascend the exposed holy stairs on their knees for the first time in almost 300 years. The stairs remained open to the public from April 2019 to July 2019 and then covered again in wood. I was very blessed in June 2019 to be able to pray kneeling up the stairs.

Prayer for Pope Francis

This should remind us of the necessity of praying for our Holy Father. Below is a prayer provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessings,
Fr. Adam

November 12, 2023

Written by
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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16 | 1 Thes 4:13-18 | Mt 25:1-13

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

I'll always remember that first Easter after my Dad passed away. It was when the promise of the resurrection truly hit home. Sure, I had always believed in heaven and that everyone had the possibility of spending eternity there, but until my Dad died, it had all been theoretical. Now, it was personal. Someone I loved deeply had left this world, but because of Christ's sacrifice, he had the opportunity to go to paradise, someplace where we will hopefully be reunited someday. I believe that's what St. Paul is talking about in today's second reading. We do "not grieve like the rest, who have no hope." *We have hope!* We have hope for our family, for our friends – for our very selves! – that we will rise again and spend eternity with the Lord and with those we love. Paul writes elsewhere, "Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:55) The sting of death is sin, Paul says, but Christ has won the victory over it. In being baptized into Christ, we share in that victory, and we are inheritors of the promise of eternal life that comes from death's defeat.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The parable in today's Gospel is a reminder that while Christ has opened the gates of heaven for us, we must be ready to accept that gift and walk through them. In the parable of the ten virgins, we see how all fell asleep while waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. When he did show up, five were ready with oil for their lamps while five were sent scurrying to buy some. As a result, those who were not ready missed the opening of the doors and were locked out of the wedding feast. "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour," Jesus admonishes us. Are you awake? Will you be ready to enter the wedding feast when the door is opened to you? There is nothing wrong with enjoying God's creation and gifts here on earth, but we must guard against getting so caught up in the things of this world that we forget to prepare for the next.

PRAY The ten virgins needed oil for their lamps to be ready for the bridegroom, but we need a clean heart and a steadfast spirit, as Psalm 51 tells us. (12) We get that by setting aside regular time for prayer and making a point to regularly receive the sacraments, including the reception of the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist and his forgiveness within the sacrament of reconciliation. Making time for the Lord now will mean we are ready for his return later.



Readings for the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOVEMBER 19 A

Reading One – Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Responsorial – Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; Your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Reading Two – 1 Thes 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

Alleluia, alleluia. -- Jn 15:4a, 5b

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Mt 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

"After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"

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Join us Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm November 14-December 5 to learn about the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. With each week, participants will also learn about the practice of Eucharistic Adoration and conclude on December 5th with Fr. Adam's talk - From the Stable to the Table.

Tuesdays, November 14-December 5
7-8:30 pm in the Emmaus Fellowship Hall
in the Sister Carol Center

SJA Knights of Columbus Feather Party



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St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus #8695
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Fr. Rich Bartoszak



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Includes Dinner, 12 Games of Bingo and Dauber

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

Announcements

Light of the Spirit Prayer Group

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at St. Joan of Arc from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Sr. Carol Center.

Join us!

St. Joan of Arc Knitting Group

The SJA Knitting Group will be meeting the Second and Fourth Wednesday's of most months at 12pm.

We will be knitting in the Mary the Mother of Jesus Room.

November Knitting dates are 11/8 & 11/22

If you are interested in joining or have questions please call: Marie Byrski @ 586-943-0240.



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ST. CLARE OF MONTEFALCO / SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 / 7-8:15 P.M.

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, November 13th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM Walking with Purpose - EH

Tuesday, November 14th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM Rescue Project - Church

7:00 PM Presence Series - EH

Wednesday, November 15th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM Reconciliation
6:00 PM Evening Mass

Thursday, November 16th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed
7:00 PM Holy Hour

Friday, November 17th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, November 18th

11:00 AM Reconciliation
12:30 PM Baptism of Evelyn Rose Davis
1:30 PM Baptism of Annelise Anderson Apone
2:30 PM Baptism of Eliana Rose Campnerl

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

Sunday, November 19th

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

Nov. 12, 2023 – Neither the Day nor the Hour

We are keenly aware, of course, that death is inevitable. That's not a grim fact, or a sad one. It's just a fact.

It's one reason, among others, that we fervently pray the Hail Mary, in which we beseech our Blessed Mother to be with us "now and at the hour of our death."

It's also why Jesus reminds us, as we hear in today's gospel passage from St. Matthew, "therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Still, we cannot help but marvel sometimes at the seeming randomness of death.

Recent headlines, for example, included a couple particularly noteworthy stories.

In St. Clair Shores, a 7-year-old girl was struck and killed by a car in the middle of the afternoon. At the time of this writing, the details of the incident were still being investigated. Seven years old, we note; how tragic.

By contrast, another recent story told of a 116-year-old Spanish woman, believed perhaps to be the oldest person in the world, who not only has survived Covid, a major earthquake, a civil war, and a fire, but is completely lucid and suffers from no cardiovascular problems of any kind.

A woman happily working her way toward 120, we note; how wonderful.

The good news is that, in both cases, God has a plan, both for the people involved and for their loved ones.

And also, a message for us.

"We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope," St. Paul writes to the Thessalonians, and to us, in today's second reading.

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep."

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	November 13, 2023 Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin (White)
7:00 a.m.	Debbie Albrecht
Tuesday	November 14, 2023 Weekday (Green)
7:00 a.m.	The deceased members of the Calisi Family who died in the month of November
Wednesday	November 15, 2023 Weekday, Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Green/White)
7:00 a.m.	James Parker
6:00 p.m.	Phillip Perron
Thursday	November 16, 2023 Weekday, Saint Margaret of Scotland, Saint Gertrude, Virgin (Green/White/White)
7:00 a.m.	Fr. John C. Jordan and Robert Bidigare
Friday	November 17, 2023 Saint Elizabeth of Hungry, Religious (White)
7:00 a.m.	Debbie Albrecht
Saturday	November 18, 2023 Vigil of the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
4:00 p.m.	Bonnie Batche, Edward, Helen & Henry Blind, Grace & Sam Valenti, Joan weber, Dr. Lori Karol, Laura Barkley, Sally Cabot, Debbie Albrecht, Angie Calus and special intentions for the Thomas Family, the J. Champine Family, for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Ray DeFrates
6:00 p.m.	John Gaines
Sunday	November 19, 2023 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Joseph Paluzzi Jr.
12:00 p.m.	George J. Bugarin, Jose' Medina, Rosario Medina, Luther McClanahan, Jeffrey Hardy, Joan Hardy, Feliciana Punzalan, Dini Hamm, Daisy Marie Buenavista, Lawrence VanOverbeke, Dennis Doheny and special intentions for Pam Haisenleder, Alison Reslow, Lorraine Jonas and Ray DeFrates

Daily Readings

Monday, November 13	Friday, November 17
Wisdom 1:17 Luke 17:1-6	Wisdom 13:1-9 Luke 17:26-37
Tuesday, November 14	Saturday, November 18
Wisdom 2:23-3:9 Luke 17:7-10	Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9 Luke 18:1-8
Wednesday, November 15	Sunday, November 19
Wisdom 6:1-11 Luke 17:11-19	Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30
Thursday, November 16	
Wisdom 7:22b-8:1 Luke 17:20-25	



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Minnie Louise Haskins



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Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven, but Nobody Wants to Die

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This is the title of a bluegrass song as well as a book on bioethics. It's a clever title, and there is some profound truth in it. Death, which is so natural for living things, seems so unnatural to human beings, who cling tenaciously to life. One would think that believers who hold that Christ conquered death would be comforted by that faith. However, that isn't always the case. It's not that they don't believe; it's that they don't understand what they believe. But that

is the difference between understanding and believing.

This is the problem described in Paul's letter today. The Thessalonians believed that, through his resurrection, Christ conquered death. Then why did some among them begin to die? Did those dying lack faith? No, Paul insists. Jesus, who died and rose, embraces those who have died and who will rise with him. Did the people fully understand this? Do we? Isn't this a question of faith—and trust?

Paul thought that he and other believers could still be alive when the rising would happen, and they were not. Or were they? Doesn't our faith give us hope that we—both the living and the dead—will be embraced by God's mercy? Doesn't something wondrous occur when those who have “fallen asleep” wake up in the glory of God? Still, we might not understand all of this, but we are called to believe, and in believing we are told to “console one another with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:18). †

***Our faith gives us hope
that we—both the living
and the dead—will be
embraced by God's mercy.***

A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the *lamp of faith* is not enough; we also need the *oil of charity* and good works.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 8, 2020



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What about death frightens you?
- In considering death, remind yourself that God loves you and that the risen Christ will embrace you.

Sunday Readings

Wisdom 6:12–16

Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom, and she is...found by those who seek her

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 or 4:13–14

If we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Matthew 25:1–13

[Jesus said,] “Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Power of a Candle

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

In South Africa, prior to the abolition of apartheid, people used to light candles and place them in windows as a sign of hope that one day this injustice would be overcome. At one point, the authorities began to crack down on this practice. It became illegal to have a lit candle in your window, as illegal as carrying a firearm. Children joked: "The government is afraid of candles!"

Eventually, as we know, apartheid was overcome. Reflecting upon the forces that helped overthrow it, it is fairly evident that candles, lit religious candles, were more powerful, ultimately, than were firearms. Hope is more powerful than any army. But what is hope?

Many mistake wishing for hope. They are not at all the same. Wishing is fantasy. I can wish that I might win a million dollars, but that is not connected to any reality. It is simple daydreaming. You do not light a candle for a daydream.

Hope is based upon the promise of God that says that—human sin notwithstanding—justice, peace, love, harmony, gentleness, and graciousness will, eventually, become reality.

To light a candle, then, is to say that gentleness and graciousness are ultimately more powerful than threats, torture, and guns. To light a candle is to proclaim to the world that our real allegiance is given to something and to someone beyond them. In retrospect, the



government's paranoia about candles was well-founded. A lit candle is a powerful statement of hope. †

From *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas*, Ronald Rolheiser, OMI (813375)



O God, you who promised that death is not the end of life, give faith to the doubtful, courage to the fearful, and comfort to the suffering, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Be Like Him

When we convince ourselves that the pain or suffering of another person is simply not our problem, then we lack the pity that moves Jesus to feed the hungry crowds. Jesus, who is both fully divine and human, lives up to the divine relationship by constantly showing sympathy, compassion, love, and mercy. Jesus prioritizes this sense of unbound relationship and concern for the lived realities of all women and men, symbolized in one case by the people before him who hunger for food. (See Matthew 15:32 and Mark 8:2). May this be a time for us to stop being like the disciples who are closed off to the needs of others and strive to be more like Christ in every encounter we have and with every person we meet. †

Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas, Daniel P. Horan (827303)

These reflections were excerpted from *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas*, available from Liguori Publications. Visit Liguori.org to learn more and review our complete list of Daybreaks authors, including Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR; Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA; Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ, and others.

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 13–18

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Wis 1:1–7 / Lk 17:1–6

Tuesday, Weekday:
Wis 2:23–3:9 / Lk 17:7–10

Wednesday, Weekday:
Wis 6:1–11 / Lk 17:11–19

Thursday, Weekday:
Wis 7:22b–8:1 / Lk 17:20–25

Friday, St. Elizabeth of Hungary:
Wis 13:1–9 / Lk 17:26–37

Saturday, Weekday:
Wis 18:14–16; 19:6–9 / Lk 18:1–8

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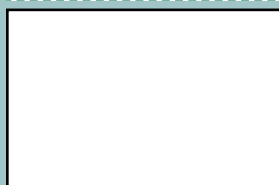
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