

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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Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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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.

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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



Thanksgiving Day (Part One):

Of all holidays, Thanksgiving Day is at the top of my list. While Christmas and Easter are up there too, this one, as far as a

national holiday, is one of my favorites. It's one of my favorites because I usually have only one liturgy (a rarity with holidays), and more importantly, it's a day to celebrate with family and friends. There's no gift-giving; you simply get to "be" with family and friends. And I dare say we need to spend more time with family and friends.

As with all holidays and holy days, we need to reflect upon them in their proper context. Thanksgiving Day isn't just about parades, turkey, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie, and football! It's about being thankful to God for all he has given us.

Because we live in such a busy and fast-paced world, it would be easy to breeze through Thanksgiving Day without pausing to thank God for all he has given us. Going around the dinner table and asking people to share what they are thankful for would be a great way to start or end your gathering.

Thanksgiving Day (Part Two): Please consider starting your Thanksgiving Day celebrations by joining us for mass at 7:00 am or 9:00 a.m., whether in person or online (livestream.stjoan.church). It's a great way to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with your "church" family! For the 9:00 a.m. Mass parishioners from St. Lucy, Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Veronica, and St. Basil parishes will also join us. As is our custom, the collection taken up at the 9:00 a.m. mass will be given to our local St. Vincent DePaul Society Conference. Your contributions help our local Vincentians assist the poor and needy who live within our parish boundaries!

Thanksgiving Day (Part Three): Over the years, Mitch Albom has written several thought-provoking columns about Thanksgiving. I wanted to mention two of those columns here. The first column was written in 2010; it was entitled "The Turkey Shrinks as the Absences Grow." In this column, Mitch spoke about how missing Thanksgiving Day with family and friends was once unthinkable. Years ago, Thanksgiving with family encompassed the whole weekend. In recent years, he writes, "the holiday has been shaved, like one of those giant wedding cakes that slowly gets sliced away." Today, however, the turkey "shrinks" as the excuses trickle in. People

have all kinds of excuses why they can't attend the usual family Thanksgiving Day (weekend) celebrations. The saddest reality, as Mitch points out, is that people are missing the best part of Thanksgiving ... being with family! Mitch's article is a great read and worth sharing with family and friends. You can find this column at Mitch Albom's website: mitchalbom.com; search for "The Turkey Shrinks."

The second Mitch Albom column I wanted to call your attention to was written four years ago. It's entitled, "Empty chairs, empty table, but still Thanksgiving." In this column, Mitch mentioned how he decided to set an extra table for Thanksgiving. It wasn't for the kids or the extra desserts. It wasn't for the out-of-towners. Rather, this table was for all those who "are no longer coming, all those who filled the house with laughter and stories and singing and arguments, and who, sadly, will never walk through the door again." That year was the first time Mitch hosted his Thanksgiving Day celebrations without his parents. We can all relate to Mitch's thoughts as it seems that as we age, every Thanksgiving now brings about more people who sadly fill those "empty chairs." As I write this, I was thinking how cool it would be if we could actually revisit those Thanksgiving Day gatherings of, say 10 years, 20 years, or 40 years ago and see and hear those beautiful people who have already gone home to the Lord.

Mitch writes, "Now, like so many of my older relatives, my parents are gone. But I can still see them. Hear them. So I'm setting a table. Empty chairs." Mitch then walks down memory lane and recalls the family members who once filled the seats at his family Thanksgiving Day dinners. He recalls their stories and what they often wore or brought. Mitch profoundly recalls how Thanksgiving for his family was a once-a-year opportunity to gather both immediate and extended family for a long weekend. It's different now, he writes. It's not the same as it once was. He also recalls how the absentees grow as he himself grows older. "One by one, they disappeared from the Thanksgiving table, and each year we mourned the latest absentee, until the absentees outnumbered the original attendees.... You can't keep things alive. I'm learning that, painfully. No matter how much you love something, or someone, their existence is out of your control. You can weep. You can wail. But you can't summon them back. All you can do is carry on and remember. So I pull out the furniture and move it around, if only in my mind, which is where so much of this holiday lives. Empty chairs. Missing loved

one. Lord, how their voices once filled the room, as their echoes fill it now." I encourage you to read the whole column. It can be found at Mitch Albom's website: mitchalbom.com; search for "Empty Chairs."

Thanksgiving Day (Part Four): Several years ago, I found a great editorial column about Thanksgiving Day posted in the archives section of the New York Times website. The piece was originally published on November 18, 1869. Here are a few snippets: "Thanksgiving is the Home Holiday. We have no sweeter festival in the calendar.... We need more holidays in our American life. We have many anniversaries, but few days sacred to friendship (and) faith This is the feast day of Family and of Friendship. Many a truant son and daughter will cross seas and travel weary miles to sit in the old pew, and hear the familiar psalms, and gather around the fireside with those they love. The real meaning of this day is Coming Home. There are no traditional glories, no memories of sacred adventure or suffering to divide it. It has but one embracing sentiment. 'God has blessed us,' we say, 'and we thank Him in our homes.' While we come together and thank God for his manifold kindness ... let us remember that with our privileges there comes a duty always present, but in seasons like this, commanding and imperative. In the fullness of our own joy we must not forget those who are poor and sick and cast down by bitter fortune. The Master to whom so many praises will be sung this morning showed no holier attribute of divinity than when he taught us that true Christianity gave clothing to the naked and food to the hungry, and opened the prison doors to those in bonds. We have many prisons around us, where poverty and misfortune and hard necessity hold their victims with sterner grasp than with chains and bars. It is for us to open these doors and break these bonds, to spread our substance and store, to lend the helping hand and bless the day with deeds of charity. As we do to others so may we hope that others will do to us and our children. This is the lesson of the day. By its full observance we can make a true Thanksgiving, and show that the gifts we have received from the Father of all have not fallen upon hard and stony ground."

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers. A blessed Thanksgiving to you and your family!

In Christ,

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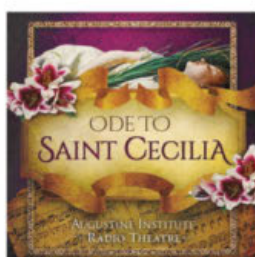
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of November 19, 2023



St. Clement of Rome | Catholic Saints

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vannerstrom as they discuss Pope St. Clement of Rome, who was an early Church Father and the third successor to St. Peter.



Ode to Saint Cecilia

The lives of the saints are epic stories and particular expressions of God's grace in humanity. Celebrate St. Cecilia with this audio drama by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre.



Our Mother Mary

What is Mariology? Learn about this fascinating topic in this interview with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

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Rome: Part V

One of my favorite churches in Rome that I love showing people is Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem or Basilica di Santa Croce in Gerusalemme.

The (minor) basilica is located near the Basilica of St. John Lateran, that I wrote about last week. The Basilica of the Holy Cross is part of the route of the “Seven Churches” that ancient pilgrims used to visit on foot.

The building containing the basilica was originally a palace for the Roman Emperors, but after Constantine moved the capital of the empire to Constantinople in 324, the residence remained property of his mother Helena and underwent many changes, the most important was the transformation of part of the residential complex into a chapel designed to contain the relics of the Cross found by the Empress on Mount Calvary.



The basilica would undergo many changes throughout the 7th and 8th Centuries and the current appearance of the building dates back to the 18th Century.

This is by far not the most beautiful church, but the true treasures are inside, in a museum-like section of the basilica. The Chapel of the Holy Relics is the focal point, housing

Helena's finds. Here are the reliquaries containing the relics said to have been found on Mt. Calvary: fragments of the cross of Christ; two thorns from the crown placed on his head; one of the nails used in the crucifixion; a large piece of the cross of the repentant thief; and stone fragments of the scourging pillar.

There is also in index finger St. Thomas, the one dubbed the "doubting apostle" who put his finger in the wounds of the risen Jesus to confirm his identity.

One of the most striking relics, however, is a wooden plaque known as the Titulus Crucis. It is the crucifixion sign – the one that hung above Jesus when He was crucified and read in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.



To think that nearly 2000 years later we still have relics from the crucifixion is amazing. For me, it is a reminder of the reality *and* the gravity of such a life-altering event. It should remind us of Jesus' salvific work of grace then and each day in our own lives.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, let us make sure to give thanks to God for the gift of salvation,

Prayer at the Holy Cross

Oh, Adorable Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, You have suffered death on the Cross for our sins.

Oh, Holy Cross of Jesus, be my true light!

Oh, Holy Cross, fill my soul with good thoughts.

Oh, Holy Cross, ward off from me all things that are evil.

Oh, Holy Cross, ward off from me all dangers and deaths and give me life everlasting!

Oh, Crucified Jesus of Nazareth, have mercy on me now and forever.

In honor of the Precious Blood of Jesus, His death, resurrection and ascension which leads to everlasting life; true as Jesus was born on Christmas Day; true as Jesus was crucified on Good Friday; true as Joseph and Nicodemus took Jesus down from the cross and buried Him; true as Jesus ascended into Heaven; may He preserve me from my enemies visible and invisible forever.

Oh, Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me! Mary and Joseph pray for me.

Lord Jesus Christ, through Your suffering the Cross grant me strength to bear my Cross without fear or dread and give me the grace that I may follow You. Amen.

Blessings,
Fr. Adam

November 19, 2023

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | 1 Thes 5:1-6 | Mt 25:14-30

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

When we think of gifts, we may picture a child eagerly ripping into wrapping paper on a birthday or at Christmas. Oh, the anticipation and the joy seen through a child's eyes! In contemplating today's Scriptures, it occurs to me that the gifts God has given to us should fill us with the same joy and sense of gratitude as that child. Although there are many facets to the parable of the talents which Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel, what stands out to me comes at the very beginning: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them." No small thing to be entrusted with the master's possessions! In the same way, God *entrusts* us with his gifts – they are all we have and all we are. And, like the master in the parable, God expects us to use our gifts and talents to build his kingdom here on earth – to multiply his goodness in the world.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Does the parable seem a bit harsh at the end? After all, the last servant didn't squander the money he was given, he simply gave it back in the same form in which it was given to him. But let's think about our generous God and the gifts and talents he has given us. God expects us to *use* these gifts, not hide them under a bushel. If we are lazy with and inattentive to our God-given gifts, they will shrink and fade away. We will be squandering our invitation to full participation in the kingdom of God. Obviously, each of God's children has unique gifts, just as the servants in the parable received different numbers of talents *according to their ability*. With this in mind, let us consider how we can share our singular gifts and help others do the same. No gift or talent is too small, and God has given us everything we need to use each gift wisely. Empowered by God's love and grace, let us use our blessings for his glory.

WITNESS The imagery of the "wicked, lazy" servant being punished, coupled with St. Paul's words that the Lord will come "like a thief at night," impart urgency to the task before us. In order to be prepared to give God an accounting of how we are using his gifts, let us start growing them today. Offer forgiveness, love someone whom it is hard to love, show mercy; in other words, be a blessing to others and see how that goodness multiplies.



Readings for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ



THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – NOVEMBER 26 A

Reading One – Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Responsorial – Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading Two – 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his

coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel – Mt 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."



PresenceTM

THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores 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. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

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



Order of Alhambra Galicia Caravan #77
Grand Commander Don Kaiser
and
St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus #8695
Grand Knight Andy Marter
proudly hosts



An evening of fun at the
Aldo Cardosi / Don Champine

FEATHER PARTY

Celebrity Bingo Caller
Fr. Rich Bartoszak



WIN! WIN!

Turkeys & Hams
\$50 and \$25 Certificates
at our Charity Event!

ASSUMPTION
CULTURAL CENTER
21800 Marter Road
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(between Greater Mack & Jefferson,
Vernier & Nine Mile)

BUFFET MENU
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 11th & 12th
Includes Dinner, 12 Games of Bingo and Dauber

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

Corewell Beaumont Grosse Pointe is in need of volunteers to work in its gift shop. Gift shop hours are M-F from 10 am-5 pm.

If you are interested, call the volunteer coordinator Betsy Schulte at (313) 473-1089 for more information.

Thank you so much and God Bless you.



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.

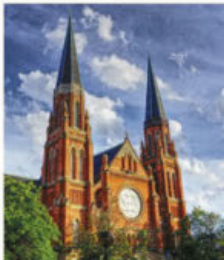
Join us!



French Christmas at the Strait Noël Français au Détroit

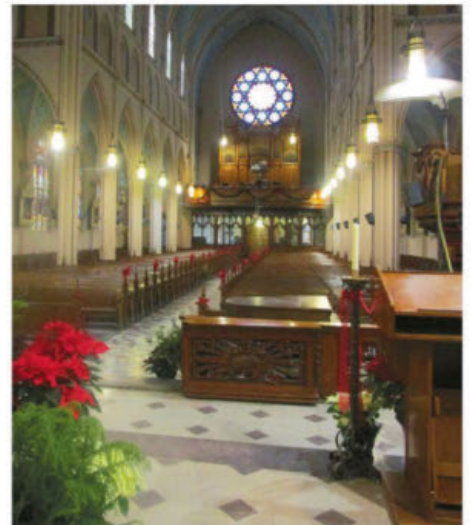
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 NOON - 4:00 P.M.

Ste. Anne de Détroit 1000 Ste. Anne Street, Détroit, MI 48226



Joyeux Noël! It's Christmastime at the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Détroit, the ancestral church of Détroit's French community since its founding in 1701.

Come and experience the Christmas' past of Old French Détroit, the memories and stories told by historical presenters of Détroit's French era. Held on the campus of Ste. Anne de Détroit, you'll journey through time and get a glimpse into the lives of Détroit's historic French community.



Adults: \$15 Students: \$10 Children under 5, free
Tickets available online at www.rendezvousdetroit.org

Rendez-vous Détroit is a 501(c3) nonprofit organization. For more information go to www.rendezvousdetroit.org or email rendezvousdetroit@gmail.com.



The Noël festivities feature:

- French caroling
- French Christmas sweets and treats
- Pere Noël (Santa Claus)
- Ste. Anne de Détroit gift shop
- Tour of the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Détroit

Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, November 20th

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

Tuesday, November 21st

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

7:00 PM Presence Series - EH

Wednesday, November 22nd

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM Reconciliation
6:00 PM Evening Mass

Thursday, November 23rd

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed
9:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Friday, November 24th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, November 25th

10:00 AM Funeral for Stephen McGratty
11:00 AM Reconciliation

12:30 PM Baptism of Rocco Paul Russo
2:30 PM Baptism of Alvin John Susick

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

Sunday, November 26th

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. 19, 2023 – A World of Hurt

In case there was any question about it, the world is in a difficult place right now. Indeed, it's in a lot of difficult places right now.

There's the ongoing war in Ukraine, with both sides digging in and continuing to reach out to their respective allies in the effort.

There's the increasingly frightening situation in the Middle East, as the conflict between Israel and Hamas intensifies. This situation also has given rise to blatant and escalating antisemitism all around the world.

And there's the ongoing powder keg in Taiwan, where the potential for violence with China also threatens to draw in the rest of the world, as well.

One could go on, of course, but the point is clear. There always has been conflict in the world, and there are times when the potential for massive conflict seems heightened. This seems like the latter.

But the good news is that we know nothing happens in this world without God either actively willing it or, in the alternative, allowing it to happen.

He does so, of course, because of the larger opportunities to make good things – transformative, restorative, affirmative things – come as a result.

Our job, as people of good faith, is to be aware of what's happening, to be sure, but also to work to affect peace and change in our own spheres of influence.

“But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief,” we hear in today's second reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. “For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.

“Therefore, let us know sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.”

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	November 20, 2023 Weekday (Green)
7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Ferdinand J. DeCneudt and a Special Intention for the Garvin Family in remembrance of Nick.
Tuesday	November 21, 2023 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)
7:00 a.m.	The deceased members of the Rogier and Dettloff Families
Wednesday	November 22, 2023 Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr (Red)
7:00 a.m.	Roger F. Joseph
6:00 p.m.	Sicilia Grego
Thursday	November 23, 2023 Weekday, Saint Clement, Pope & Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbott; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr (Green/Red/White/Red/White)
7:00 a.m.	Sally Cabot
9:00 a.m.	The deceased members of the Allor & Petrella Families, John L. & Marguerite Joseph, Jaclyn Maul, the deceased members of the McQuillan, Zaranek, Walters and Gaidis Families, Dorothy Taylor, Dr. Beongchun Yu,
Friday	November 24, 2023 Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs (Red)
7:00 a.m.	Pedro Silva
Saturday, November 25, 2023 Vigil of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Green)	
4:00 p.m.	Shelly A. Nowak, Sally Cabot, Bonnie Batche, Blair Zernick, Michael DePetro, Joseph & Angeline Calus, the deceased members of the Gore Family, Frank Nagy, and special intentions for the Thomas Family, the J. Champine Family, for Joan DeDene, for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Ray DeFrates
6:00 p.m.	Peter Sarra
Sunday	November 26, 2023 The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Green)
8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Jay Finn
12:00 p.m.	Roland & Gerry Doak, Mary T. Hobig, C. Pat Walters, Jose Medina, Rosario Medina, Jeffrey Hardy, Joan Hardy, Feliciano Punzalan, Dini Hamm, Daisy Marie Buena Vista, Dorothy Lubinski, Janice Burns and special intentions for Pam Haisenleder, Alison Reslow, Lorraine Jonas and Ray DeFrates

Daily Readings

Monday, November 20	Friday, November 24
1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-63 Luke 18:35-43	1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 Luke 19:45-48
Tuesday, November 21	Saturday, November 25
2 Maccabees 6:18-31 Luke 19:1-10	1 Maccabees 6:1-13 Luke 20:27-40
Wednesday, November 22	Sunday, November 26
2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 Luke 19:11-28	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46
Thursday, November 23	
1 Maccabees 2:15-29 Luke 19:41-44	



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Minnie Louise Haskins



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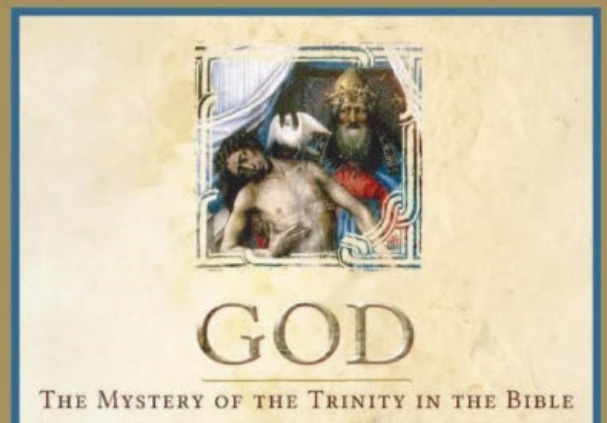
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Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

November 19, 2023

"Ready or Not, Here I Come"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

As children we called out this chant when playing hide-and-seek. However, it could very well describe the message of two of today's readings. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). The Gospel tells a story about a man who returns after a long journey and intends to settle accounts with those whom he put in charge of his household. In both instances, the one returning might cry out, "Ready or not, here I come!" The point of each story: Be ready! But how?

Sunday Readings

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; / the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. / Acclaim her for the work of her hands.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.

Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

[Jesus said,] "It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them."

The Thessalonians are told they "are children of the light" (5:5). The Gospel suggests what that expression might mean—be responsible for what has been given to you.

In the Gospel, some servants fully use the talents given to them. However, one servant buries what he received. If that was not bad enough, that servant alleged fear of the householder as reason for his lack of initiative. If he knew that the householder was as demanding as he stated he was, he should have realized that his master would expect him to use what had been given. There is no excuse here in refusing to use what was given, nor in blaming the householder.

All of us have been given life, talents, and abilities. We are expected to use them. This is what it means to live fully. Surely we Catholics will be excited, not afraid, when the Lord announces, "Ready or not, here I come!" †

*Today's Gospel suggests
that we should be
responsible for what has
been given to us.*



A Word from Pope Francis

Above all, let us not forget to thank: if we are bearers of gratitude, the world itself will become better, even if only a little bit, but that is enough to transmit a bit of hope. The world needs hope. And with gratitude, with this attitude of thanksgiving, we transmit a bit of hope.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Are you faithful to your responsibilities?
- If not, what is holding you back?

Look Who's Coming to Dinner

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

Unlike the meals we read about in the Gospels, in our hurried lives today, meals are more often about nutrients rather than fellowship. Yet every year we fuss over one particular meal when we gather with immediate family and extended family and maybe a few friends. We come together to feast and to give thanks for our blessings.

Jesus used meals to mark significant moments and to teach his disciples valuable lessons. However, he was not very picky about those with whom he ate. In fact, Jesus went out of his way to invite the “wrong sort” of people to dine with him; this was one reason he got into trouble. But repeatedly it was the simple act of breaking bread with someone that produced profound transformation.

Jesus was about the business of receiving and restoring people—not rejecting those seeking salvation. It was



Zacchaeus' encounter with Jesus and the Lord's proclamation that he was going to break bread with him that transformed Zacchaeus. The disciples who had lost hope and were returning to Emmaus recognized Jesus only in the breaking of bread. And at the Last Supper, the most important meal in all of Scripture, Jesus broke bread with those who would

abandon and deny him; he even shared a dish with his betrayer.

Who will be around the table on Thanksgiving? Is there anyone you hope stays away? Anyone you refuse to eat with? Maybe it's someone who wronged you. (How many times are we to forgive our sisters and brothers?) Maybe it's their political ideology or religious beliefs. (Is there not one Lord of all?) Maybe it's someone whose lifestyle makes you uncomfortable. (Are we not all created in the image of our God?) Think about the healing power of simply breaking bread with someone. Imagine the potential transformation wrought simply by imitating Jesus. Can we help build the kingdom just by swallowing our pride before gulping down some turkey? This year, perhaps we can restore this meal to its original purpose and give thanks for ALL the people in our lives. †

Liguorian, April 2009

Thanksgiving: A Holy Day of Opportunity

Joseph D. Slater

Of all our purely national holidays, few have the power to touch us more deeply than does Thanksgiving Day. It is a day filled with religious overtones. Thanksgiving is, in fact, a holiday that comes close to being a holy day. The Vatican recently acknowledged the religious dimensions of this day by authorizing a special Mass for the Church in the United States.

For the Catholic, there is no better way to give thanks than to offer ourselves to God by receiving his Son in the Eucharist. The very word *Eucharist* comes from a Greek verb meaning “to give thanks.”

Thanksgiving should be a holy day. Not a holy day of obligation, but a holy day of opportunity, for on this day when our entire nation pauses for the common purpose of giving thanks, Catholics have a special opportunity to make our response to the God, “from whom all blessings flow.” †

Liguorian, November 1985



Gracious God, make us mindful of our blessings and increase in us the gift of gratitude which makes possible a generous life of service. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 20–25

Monday, Weekday: 1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43, 54–57, 62–63 / Lk 18:35–43


Tuesday, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 2 Mc 6:18–31 / Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday, St. Cecilia: 2 Mc 7:1, 20–31 / Lk 19:11–28

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day: Sir 50:22–24 / 1 Cor 1:3–9 / Lk 17:11–19 or 1 Mc 2:15–29 / Lk 19:41–44

Friday, St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions: 1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59 / Lk 19:45–48

Saturday, Weekday: 1 Mc 6:1–13 / Lk 20:27–40

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