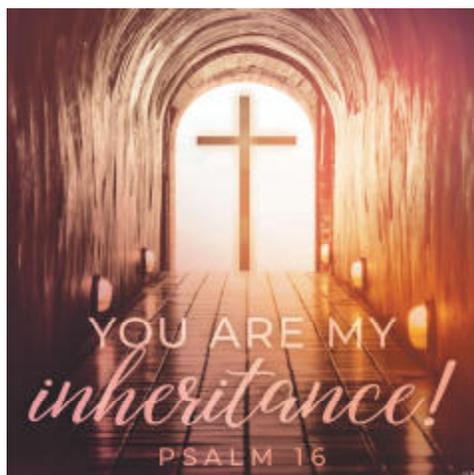




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NOVEMBER 14, 2021 | THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In his Apostolic Letter, *Misericordia et Misera* (20 November 2016), Pope Francis designated the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time "World Day of the Poor" He wrote, "It will be a day that help communities and each baptized person to reflect on how poverty is at the heart of the Gospel, and on the fact that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (cf. Lk 16:19-21) there can be no justice or social peace. This day will represent a genuine form of new evangelization (cf. Mt 11:5) which can renew the face of the Church as she perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy" (21).

We may not have read these words before, but Pope Francis reminds us that as we lead up to the completion of another year

of grace, God's favor consistently rests with those who are poor, outcast, rejected, reviled and thought unworthy of help. Throughout God's relationship with his people, he continually reminds us to take care of the "neighbor" – to use the common biblical phrase: the stranger, the widow and the orphan. These three prototypical people living in poverty, remind us that there are many with no home or homeland; there are numerous with no rights and no justice and there are a multitude of individuals who have no family, no network and no safety net in their lives. It becomes the individual and community mission, therefore, to bring all back into the fold and grant them the same opportunities, education and services we enjoy. God's elect – his chosen people for eternal life – are those who have worked to bring Good News to the poor and have fostered justice and mercy in their individual lives.

We, here at Prince of Peace, have been blessed with a solid and consistent outreach to the poor. Each season and each year we strive to promote the rights and dignity of all people in various ways in order to help foster a sense of community and growth in the mercy of God. Our yearly Giving Tree is just one example of how our "little things" – our

small acts of charity – impact the lives of others in a positive, concrete way. We help maintain our adopted Soup Kitchen at St. Christine's and support the Franciscan Outreach program at Transfiguration Food Bank in Southfield. Each of these activities help us to know and remember what we do for one of God's little one's we do it for him.

We have been blessed to uphold the dignity of young teen mothers and their children. We have given them cribs, beds, clothing, diapers, and supplies throughout the years. We have bought needed supplies for school age children and even made bunk-beds one year for some. All little efforts to eliminate poverty, injustice, hunger and pain but, when taken together, represent a consistent thread of grace the permeates our parish – we do have and will continue to strive for the good of God's people in their poverty, their hunger, their nakedness, their aloneness and in their basic needs.

On this weekend of grace, as we hear God calling out to us and reminding us of the Last Days, be grateful that our names could be found "written in the book" because of our consistent regard for the poor and our efforts to assist and make them a valuable part of our larger society.

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## A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Each and every time we work for the good of the poor, the downtrodden, the outcast, the refugee, anyone in need, know that we are doing the concrete work of the Gospel – bringing the Good News to one in need.

We do not know when God will call us home. Nor do we know the day or hour of God's coming but may we come to understand

and take to heart that his "elect" those who will be in his presence forever are the wise one's who saw a need in the "neighbor" and gave what we could to help them. To quote the last part of the reading from Daniel: "The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead many to justice shall be like the stars forever." May we continue as a parish and

as individuals to bring justice and mercy, hope and healing to those in need for it would be good to see all of us enter the Kingdom of God for we never stepped back or refused to help one of God's people in need.

**REV. RON JOZWIAK**  
Pastor

### Waters of Light – Family of Parishes Service Opportunity

One of the best things about being part of a family is our service to others expands. Our Lady of Refuge, one of our Waters of Light families, has been supplying meals to **Angel's Place Maxwell Home** for men three days a week. Prince of Peace is no stranger to Angel's Place; the women from the women's home attend Mass here at 4:00 on Saturdays and we have supported them for many years in many ways. So, when Our Lady of Refuge told us about their service to the men's home it was a natural fit for us to become involved.

Prince of Peace still supplies meals at St. Christine – this added opportunity is not replacing what we have been doing – we are expanding! Becoming involved is simple. Cook a meal for 7 people at your house and deliver it to the Maxwell Home. Sign up using the link for signup genius and many questions are answered in the information below. I know first hand that we have wonderful cooks in our parish who would be delighted to help fill this need.  
Jeanne

#### **Do you like to cook?? Or perhaps order carry out?**

Then you would be a great candidate to sign up to take meals to **Angel's Place Maxwell Home** located on Saddlewood Dr. near Marshbank Park.

#### **Why are we doing this?**

The men who live on Saddlewood Dr., known as Maxwell Home, are in advanced age and are in need of extra care from the staff. Supplying the home with dinner 3 nights a week allows the staff to focus on the care of the men and are not distracted by meal prep.

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When you sign up through sign up genius (link below) please fill in what you plan to bring so there are limited duplications. The men and staff at **Angel's Place Maxwell Home** are very appreciative of every meal they receive. There are not any dietary restrictions.

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# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

4:00 pm Catherine Hubbert  
4:00 pm Jennifer Hughes

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00 am Dr. Hilal Elia

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

10:00 am Julio Jabro  
10:00 am Salem Jabro  
10:00 am Tiliya Kallabat, Daughter  
and Family

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

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Elizabeth Brown  
Genevieve Davey  
Bernie Hoomian  
Gerald Lewis

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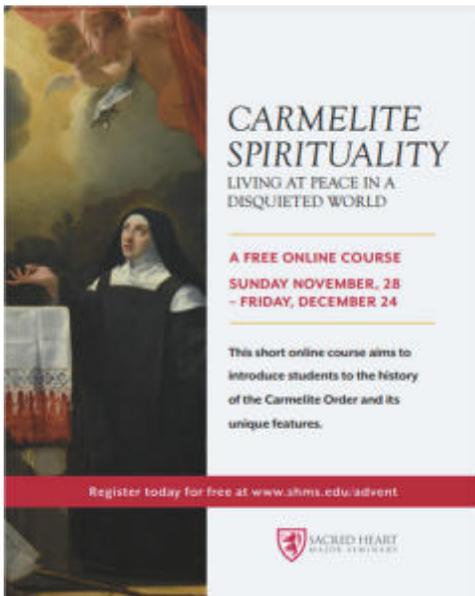
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## GOSPEL MEDITATION 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” Take a moment to ponder these words from today’s Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It’s hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an

answer to the “when” of death, the “what” of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord’s coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God’s eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

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ADVENT WREATH



The season of Advent will be here soon! Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Parents know how hard it can be for a child to patiently wait, an Advent calendar or wreath is a wonderful way to mark the days and weeks until Christmas.

We invite families of all ages to an *Advent Wreath Making Event* on Saturday, November 27th at 1:00 pm in the Social Hall. We will supply a wreath ring, candles, floral foam, fresh greens (please bring your own decorations). The cost is \$15 per family to make one wreath.

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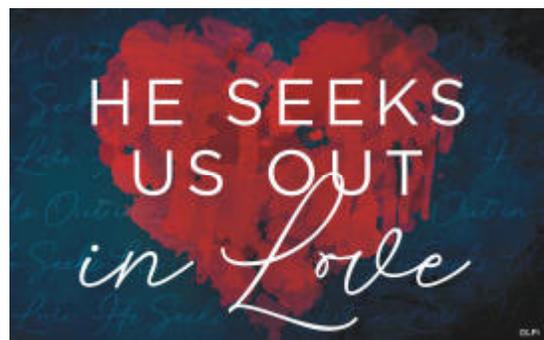
In the time of Christ, sacrifice was nothing new to the Jewish people. The Israelites were experts at sacrifice. So, after centuries of every kind of offering imaginable, what was so special about Christ's? What made it so different from the sacrifices offered by the Levitical priests for centuries before his death?

Well, to adequately answer that question would consume whole volumes. And, of course, the first and most important reason is that Christ was the son of God and the savior of the world, not a random (if "unblemished") lamb offering. It was only by the blood of Christ that we could be redeemed.

But another answer is this: Christ's sacrifice cost him. In fact, it cost him everything. The offerings made by the Israelites through their priests cost them too, of course. They gave of their flocks, of their household stores, of their wealth. But Christ gave differently. He gave of himself. He gave until it was all gone.

Such is the highest form of stewardship: the gift of self to the point of discomfort. It can take a multitude of forms and I am not saying we are all called to be nailed to the cross. In fact, for most of us, our gifts will not involve physical discomfort at all. But certainly, stewardship demands discomfort. It demands that we go against our human nature of putting ourselves first, of thinking primarily of our own needs and desires. And most of all, it demands love. For that, above all else, distinguished the gift Christ gave us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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## WEEKLY READINGS

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, 2021

#### SUNDAY 11/14

##### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

#### MONDAY 11/15

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

#### TUESDAY 11/16

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

#### WEDNESDAY 11/17

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

#### THURSDAY 11/18

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

#### FRIDAY 11/19

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10, 11, 12/Lk 19:45-48

#### SATURDAY 11/20

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

#### NEXT SUNDAY 11/21

##### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

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