



# ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH

*St. Maria Goretti Parish was established on August 17, 2020.  
The parish was created by the merger of  
St. John the Baptist, St. Sebastian and St. Albert the Great Parishes.*

**Congratulations to those who were confirmed in the faith on Wednesday, October 13th**

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## **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation. ©LPi

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, Oct. 25**

**8 am** Lou Nagy

**6:30 pm** +Gerald Haliburda, Sr. by family  
+Gerald Haliburda, Jr. by family  
+James O'Connor Jr. by O'Connor Family  
+Michael Wencel 1st ann. By Parish

**Tuesday, Oct. 26 Weekday**

**8 am** +Robert Dwornick by brother Dave

**Wednesday, Oct. 27 Weekday**

**8 am** +Joann Sanscrainte by Kathy

**Thurs., Oct. 28 SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles**

**8 am** +Charles Rose by family

**Fri., Oct. 29 Weekday**

**8 am** +Fred Berry by Berry Family

**Saturday, Oct. 30 Weekday**

**4 pm** +Mary Pat Nichols by Bob Nichols  
+Burt Gomez (7th ann.) by Roseann Gomez

**Sunday, Oct. 31 31st Sunday**

**8 am** +Anita Girardi by Pete Girardi  
People of the Parish

**10 am** +Robert Caruana by family  
+Robert Favot by Kim Harris & Salatowski Family

**5 pm** +Nancy Ann Lisiscki by Michael  
+John Bondy by Frank & Theresa Gilbert



### Carve out a new tradition. Give Blood! Blood Drive

St. Maria Goretti Parish

Activities Center

20710 Colgate Street

Dearborn Heights, MI 48125

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, please log onto Red-CrossBlood.org (sponsor code: stmtparish) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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## SANCTUARY LAMP



The Sanctuary Lamp burns brightly this week in remembrance of:



†**Gabriel Mannarino**  
*by family*

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**NOV. 1st ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES:**

8 am, 12 Noon & 6:30 pm

**NOV. 2nd ALL SOULS DAY MASSES**

8 am, 12 Noon and 6:30 pm



In today's Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" And he answers, "Master, I want to see." Let us ask Jesus for the grace to "see" our brothers and sisters who are poor and lonely.

### The Lennon Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Drive

The Lennon Pregnancy Center provides enrichment, non judgmental advice, education, counseling and material assistance before, during and after pregnancy.

The Center feels an obligation to women, who through their influence, chose to continue their pregnancy. Supportive services are available to Lennon Center clients for up to 5 years following the birth of the baby.

Our parish has helped support The Lennon Center for many years through the Baby Bottle Drive.

Baby bottles will be collected on November 6 and 7 after all weekend Masses.

Fill your bottle with change or folding money or checks made out to "The Lennon Center."

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE  
GOD  
IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS  
Giving as God does**



Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request,

afraid we will be disappointed.

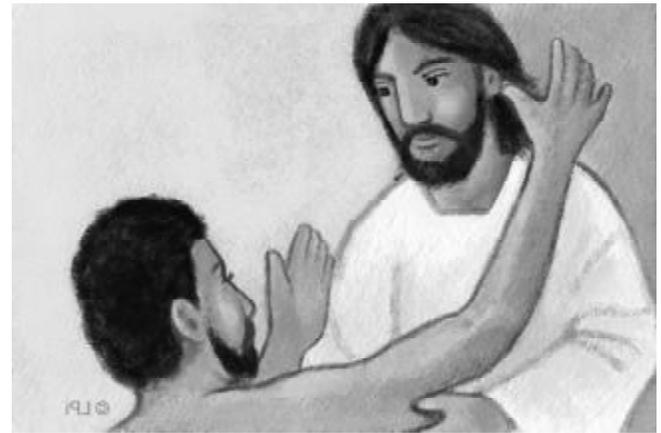
Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR  
THE WEEK**

“To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement.” These words of St. Augustine are timeless. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong. There is only one way to satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. When we seek God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, we will cry out, “Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!” We will instinctively know that it is only our Divine Master who can restore our sight and heal us. The blind man fell in love with Jesus, embarked upon this life-saving adventure to reach him and achieved a goal many have only remotely thought possible. This is mercy in action. No matter how far we stray or how blind we become God patiently waits to console us, guide us, and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him with all our heart. ©LPi

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK  
REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE**

**First Reading:** The prophet Jeremiah foreshadowed the joy that Israel would experience when the Lord delivers them from captivity in Babylon. What are some upcoming events you anticipate celebrating in the name of the Lord?

**Second Reading:** The author of Hebrews tells us that God glorified Christ by making him “high priest.” What are some gifts that you have received from God?

**Gospel:** Jesus heard and responded to the desperate pleas of the blind man, Bartimaeus. What worries or fears do you need to bring to the Lord? ©LPi



**Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday** in which we are reminded of our privileged opportunity to support the work of spreading the Gospel by our prayers and our financial support.

Today we'll talk about the fourth precept of the Catholic Church. Remember that the precepts of the Catholic Church are man-made requirements, and together with the ten commandments given to us by God, are the bare minimum requirements for someone who professes to be a Catholic Christian. In creating them, the Church has exercised the authority given Her by Christ Himself to loosen and bind (Mat 18:18). They can be altered by Church authority which, as we shall see, is very evident in the fourth precept.



## A MINUTE OF YOUR TIME

*Deacon Regis*

The 4th precept is, **You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.** So, what are these “days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church”? I’m glad you asked! Currently, the days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent. A couple questions come to mind. What do the words “fasting” and “abstinence” mean and to whom do these rules apply?

Before we get into that, let’s get a little historical perspective. Before Vatican II, Catholics were required to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays during the year. This requirement earned us the nickname by our Protestant brothers and sisters as “Mackerel Snappers”. It was intended to be a sacrifice reminding of us of Good Friday. This is most likely true in Western Europe and North America where meat consumption is high. However, the U.S. bishops recognized, that in many areas of the country, consuming fish is not sacrificial at all; so, they eliminated the requirement in the USA. After all, substituting shrimp and lobster for meat is not all that sacrificial. What most people, me included, failed to remember is that the bishops were clear that some other appropriate sacrifice should be substituted. For me, I love meat, so I now continue with the tradition of not eating meat on Friday (every-once-in-awhile I do sneak in some shrimp or lobster).

Within the confines of this precept, the word “fasting” means one main meal and two smaller meals that together are less than the main meal. So, a full dinner with a small lunch and breakfast that, together, are less food than dinner. This rule applies to all adult Catholics aged 18 to 59 unless there is a medical necessity. The word “abstinence” means avoiding the consumption of all meat (beef, poultry, pork, lamb, etc.). Fish is allowed. This rule applies to all Catholic Christians aged fourteen and older unless there is a medical requirement.

So, there you have it: the 4 th Precept. It bears noting again that these are MINIMUM requirements. There are many spiritual benefits to fasting and abstinence on a more frequent basis. I would encourage you to do so! Next week, Precept 5 and wrap-up. God Bless!

**God Is Good All the Time!  
All the Time God Is Good!**

**Don't forget, join us this Friday and every Friday at 3PM to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on ZOOM. See the ad in our bulletin or on the parish website for details on how to join in. Hope to see you there!**

### Lectors

The schedule for All Saints Day (Nov 1<sup>st</sup>) and All Souls Day (Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>) is as follows:

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – 8 AM Mass – Tom Koselka

12 Noon Mass – Richard Fron

6:30 PM Mass – Dave Griswack

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>- 8 AM Mass – Maryellen Sobcak

12 Noon Mass – Chris Bergeron

6:30 PM Mass – Marge Taylor

. Thank you for service to the Parish.

Dave Griswack 313 999-5144 [david.griswack@yahoo.com](mailto:david.griswack@yahoo.com)



### Attention Ushers

The October Ushers meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3rd at 6:30 PM in the Gym. If at all possible, please attend. Thank You. Dave Griswack, cell #313 999-5144.

**Question:** I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

**Answer:** While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment (“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another’s faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person’s mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God’s grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another’s persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be. ©LPi

**St. Peter of Alcantara** was born in Alcantara, Spain in 1499. His father was the Governor of the province and his mother came from a noble family. He was privately tutored and attended the University of Salamanca. After he returned home from university, he was accepted as a Franciscan Friar of the Stricter Observance in 1515. He was ordained as a priest in 1524 and in 1525 he became Guardian of the friary of St. Mary of the Angels.

Throughout his life, St. Peter of Alcantara took up his spiritual cross and preached with great success to the poor, but also spend much of his time in solitude. From 1553 to early 1555, he spent this time alone in meditation and prayer. Soon following, St. Peter made a pilgrimage to Rome, barefoot the entire way. While in Rome he obtained permission from Pope Julius III to establish friaries.

St. Peter was known for frequently experiencing ecstasy, a state where he was entirely consumed with the warmth and light of the Holy Spirit. These euphoric moments were common during prayer and meditation. When he was near death, St. Peter took to his knees and prayed. When he was offered water, he refused it, saying, "Even my Lord Jesus Christ thirsted on the Cross." He died while in prayer on October 18, 1562. On April 18, 1622, he was declared blessed by Pope Gregory XV and later canonized by Pope Clement IX on April 28, 1669. His feast day is October 26. ©LPi



## **Benefit Dinner for Saint Luke Productions Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

6:00 p.m.—Exclusive VIP Reception and Dinner  
Meet Leonardo Defilippis

Includes wine, hors d’oeuvres and dinner

7:00 p.m. — Dinner

8:00 p.m. — Leonardo’s vision and clips of the movies

**Park Place** 23400 Park Street, Dearborn

Tickets required

RSVP: [SLPbenefitdinner.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/slp-benefit-dinner)

hosted by Suzanne Fisher and Debbie Bloomfield, 734-934-2599

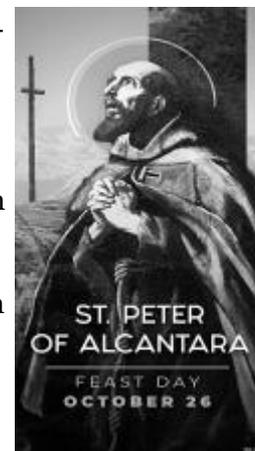
**Saint Luke Productions** is celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Leonardo Defilippis** has brought saints to life on stages, and in churches and theaters with live performances for 41 years. His newest projects are two movies developed from the live dramas:

**Heart of Mercy**, the story of Saint Faustina and how it touches lives today

**Tolton: From Slave to Priest**, the story of the first Black priest in America

Your donation can make these movies come to life!

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for...



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Mary Durkacs  
Marsha Farmer  
Geraldine Filippi  
Cecil Fernandez  
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Tiffany Kay Smith (Ladd), husband, Don Smith*

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Bryce Bieniek, Tony Pernicano, Jacob Grzebienik,  
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*Vincent Nowak, Michael Dunne*

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IF YOU'RE  
CALLING ON THE  
LORD TO ENLARGE  
YOUR SPIRITUAL  
VISION,



ASK YOURSELF  
WHAT YOU'VE  
DONE WITH THE  
VISION HE'S  
GIVEN YOU  
SO FAR.

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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1 Jeremiah 31:7-9 Homecoming



### DAILY MARRIAGE TIP (from [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org))

1. Social media rules for couples: Make it clear on your profile that you are married and refer to your spouse in complimentary ways. Share your passwords with each other readily. Limit your time online.
2. “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” (Gal 5:22-23) Which of these does your marriage need today?
3. Traditional advice to newlyweds: Never go to a place you wouldn’t take your wife. Don’t go to bed angry. Always part and greet with a kiss. What advice would you give a newly married couple?
4. Do emotional affairs “count”? YES. They are painful because you’re sharing intimately with another person and cheating your spouse out of your energy and full presence. Besides, it’s sometimes the first step toward physical infidelity. Pour your efforts into making *this* marriage work.
5. A marriage tip from St. Teresa of Avila: “It is love alone that gives worth to all things.”

The survival of the fittest is a merciless principle of life. It bestows worthiness on those who are stronger, swifter, and smarter.

In the lives of species, this principle eliminates those who cannot compete. In the marketplace, it impoverishes those who can be duped. But in the spiritual life, it does not work at all. In the eyes of God, the fit and the lame both survive.

When Israel went into exile, they lost homeland and hope. After years of suffering, they reflected more deeply on their covenant, and eventually God brought them back.

But God brought back not only the fittest. The healthiest of mind, body, and spirit did not return to Jerusalem alone. It must have been quite a procession. The blind and the lame marched in the midst of the remnant who returned. Those offering care and those needing care took their place within the immense throng. God brought them all back on a level road, so that none might stumble.

In many ways we are all unfit to enter the house of God. Our sins make us feel unworthy.

But God has opened the doors. We may be blind to grace. We may be lame in charity. But God has made us pregnant with hope in receiving the love that heaven so bountifully bestows.



## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2 Hebrews 5:1-6 Your Vocation

God has chosen you. You may not always feel it. You may at times feel as though you’re in the wrong place, the wrong job, or the wrong century.

But God has chosen to create you here and now. God has given you gifts to face the present and to prepare for the glory of the future.

We often speak of vocations in terms of religious life. Truly, God chooses some people for special ministry. The Letter to the Hebrews speaks about the vocation of Old Testament priesthood as well as the priesthood of Jesus. “Every high priest is taken from among men,” the letter says. It does not say, “Certain men decide to become high priests.” Rather, “No one takes

this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.”

Even Jesus did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest. Instead, God had him in mind with two prophecies from the Book of Psalms: “You are my son: this day I have begotten you;” and “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

It is often easier to see a vocation among religious men and women because their work is totally dedicated to God. But others also have a vocation—in the family, at work, and in society. God has chosen you. God has taken you from among others and placed you in the world now to proclaim the nearness of glory.



# St. Vincent de Paul



## Food Pantry

St. Maria Goretti Parish

Please drop off your donations on Mondays and Wednesdays between 12:00 and 2:00pm or call Matt at 313-595-1317

Here is the current list of needs for our pantry:

- |                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Diced Tomatoes     | Carrots     |
| Stove Top Stuffing | Cranberries |
| Coffee             | Mustard     |
| Green Beans        | Tissues     |

As the holidays are approaching so quickly, we are trying to be prepared for the rush. It never fails to amaze me on the kindness and love shown to all our clients in need. We all thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Please continue to either drop-off your food at the pantry on Mondays and Wednesdays between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. or bring them to the church and leave them in the donation boxes/containers. There is such a demand for people in need of help with their DTE bills and rent. If possible, monetary donations are accepted and needed.

Thank you all and God's blessings upon you and your families.



### ST. MARIA GORETTI LECTOR SCHEDULE

	4:00pm	8:00am	10:00am	5:00pm
<b>Oct. 23/24</b>	Gary Schoenherr	Tom Koselka	Michael Munoz	Dave Griswack
<b>Oct. 30/31</b>	Sylvia Francis	Maryellen Sobczak	Pat Woodby	Maryellen Sobczak
<b>Nov. 6/7</b>	Gretchen Searynck	Tom Koselka	Richard Fron	M.J. Favot

### SIMPLY GIVE PROGRAM THROUGH MEIJER IN ALLEN PARK

Once again it's time for our **Simply Give Program** at Meijer. Beginning NOW thru January 1 st ,you can go to the Meijer Store on the hill in Allen Park, pick up a **Simply Give** donation card



located at every other register and donate a minimum of \$10.00 which Meijer will MATCH. On December 11 th Meijer will DOUBLE your donation.

Please help us keep our shelves stocked and your neighbors fed throughout the year. We have seen quite an increase and surely could use your help.

This is the holiday season and we thank you for thinking of others in need.

— St. Maria Goretti's St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

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- ★ Click on the Online Giving link on the left side of the home page.
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## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

*with Deacon Regis*

*Join us on*

*Fridays at 3:00pm to pray the  
Divine Mercy Chaplet on ZOOM.*

*To connect by computer use this link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85478055945>*

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months in advance.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

*Calls after hours should be limited to emergencies  
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**Monday - Thursday:** 9 am - 4 pm

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## **Sunday, Oct 24, 2021 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Adopt an attitude of gratitude** Here's an intriguing take on a familiar commission: Thankful people become missionaries. "To be 'in a state of mission' is a reflection of gratitude," Pope Francis declares on this World Mission Sunday. Yet this "state of mission" belongs to the whole church, not just to those brave souls who pack up and go off to foreign lands. Jesus commissions his friends to

take the Good News wherever we go. Grateful folks do this cheerfully. How can we keep from singing, when a song's been placed in our hearts? Pray the Rosary's Glorious Mysteries and live the mission of gratitude. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52 (149). "Immediately [the blind man] received his sight, and followed Jesus on the way."

**Monday, Oct 25, 2021 Good for what ails you** Research suggests that regular meditation may help reduce blood pressure, digestive problems, anxiety and depression, and insomnia, among other ailments. Prayerful meditation also heals your soul. Catholics have a lot of help at their disposal here—from the Rosary to Lectio Divina. "There are as many and varied methods of meditation as there are spiritual masters. Christians owe it to themselves to develop the desire to meditate regularly," says the catechism. "But a method is only a guide; the important thing is to advance, with the Holy Spirit, along the one way of prayer: Christ Jesus." Take the best medicine of all! **TODAY'S READINGS:** Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17 (479). "Woman, you are set free of your infirmity."

**Tuesday, Oct 26, 2021 Care for the caregivers, too** In November 2017 European members of the World Medical Association convened at the Vatican for a conversation on ethical issues surrounding palliative care. Nearby, the International Confederation of Catholic Health Care Institutions was meeting to discuss inequalities in health care. Pope Francis addressed them all: "The categorical imperative is to never abandon the sick." No matter the graveness of the medical condition, "we are called to show love and closeness." Recognizing that "visit the sick" is one of the seven corporal works of mercy, how can you show or send care today—perhaps by supporting Catholic chaplains during this Pastoral Care Week? **TODAY'S READINGS:** Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21 (480). "Sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us."

**Wednesday, Oct 27, 2021 Gentle reminder: Pray today** Benedictine monk Father Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B., a pillar of the liturgical movement of the last century, tells the story of picking watercress one day on his monastery's grounds and landing in a swamp. Try as he might he couldn't extricate himself. He was eventually rescued by his fellow monks. He wrote of the incident: "What now bothers me is that during the entire ordeal of about 25 minutes I didn't have a single pious thought! What does that say of my more than 50 years of monastic life? Do I have to start all over again?" Forgetting to pray happens to the best of us. But it is never too late to start. A simple prayer of blessing, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, or praise will suffice. Better yet, start with *Veni, Sancte Spiritus!*, "Come, Holy Spirit!" **TODAY'S READINGS:** Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30 (481). "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought."

**Thursday, Oct 28, 2021 FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES Strive for decreasing returns** Saints Simon and Jude have countless images and namesakes, yet we know almost nothing about these apostles whose feast day is today. They were among the 12 apostles, and tradition has it they spread the Good News in Persia. We honor their memory anyway, knowing that for the faithful, "He must increase, and I must decrease," as John the Baptist put it. To be remembered after death as a faithful apostle is not a bad legacy for any Christian! Do one small act today that makes you recognizable as a faithful apostle. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 (666). "Jesus went up to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God."

**Friday, Oct 29, 2021 Tender mercies** Depression, anxiety, profound sadness, or grief—these can sometimes make us feel like we're no good or God has abandoned us. But it is at these times especially when God tenderly draws close to us. Though it may be difficult to lift our hearts in prayer when we are suffering, we can pray this prayer for ourselves and one another (attributed to Saint Augustine): "Watch, O Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And all for love's sake." Amen!

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6 (483). "I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart."

**Saturday, Oct 30, 2021 MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Room to grow** We've all heard that the "humble will be exalted." Sounds nice, but where can we look for examples, for a role model? Look no further than Mary, Mother of God. Saturday is the traditional day of the week to recall Mary's example of exalted humility. Mary was humble enough to "make room" for God—literally, in her womb. She was willing to trust God with everything—her reputation, her envisioned marriage, her very body. Do you trust enough to make room so that God can be born in you? TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11 (484). "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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tion that would make it the first Sanctuary City for the Unborn in Michigan. True, it is only likely to pass an ordinance banning abortion in a city with a sizeable pool of pro-life citizens, but any of our readers in Livingston County or other pro-life cities or townships should consider finding out more. The official site of the campaign offers tips and downloadable petition forms at <https://sanctuarycitiesfortheunborn.com>.

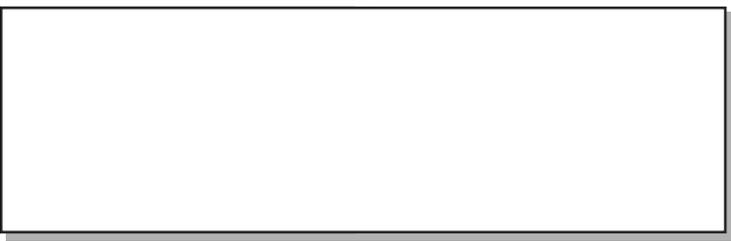
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