

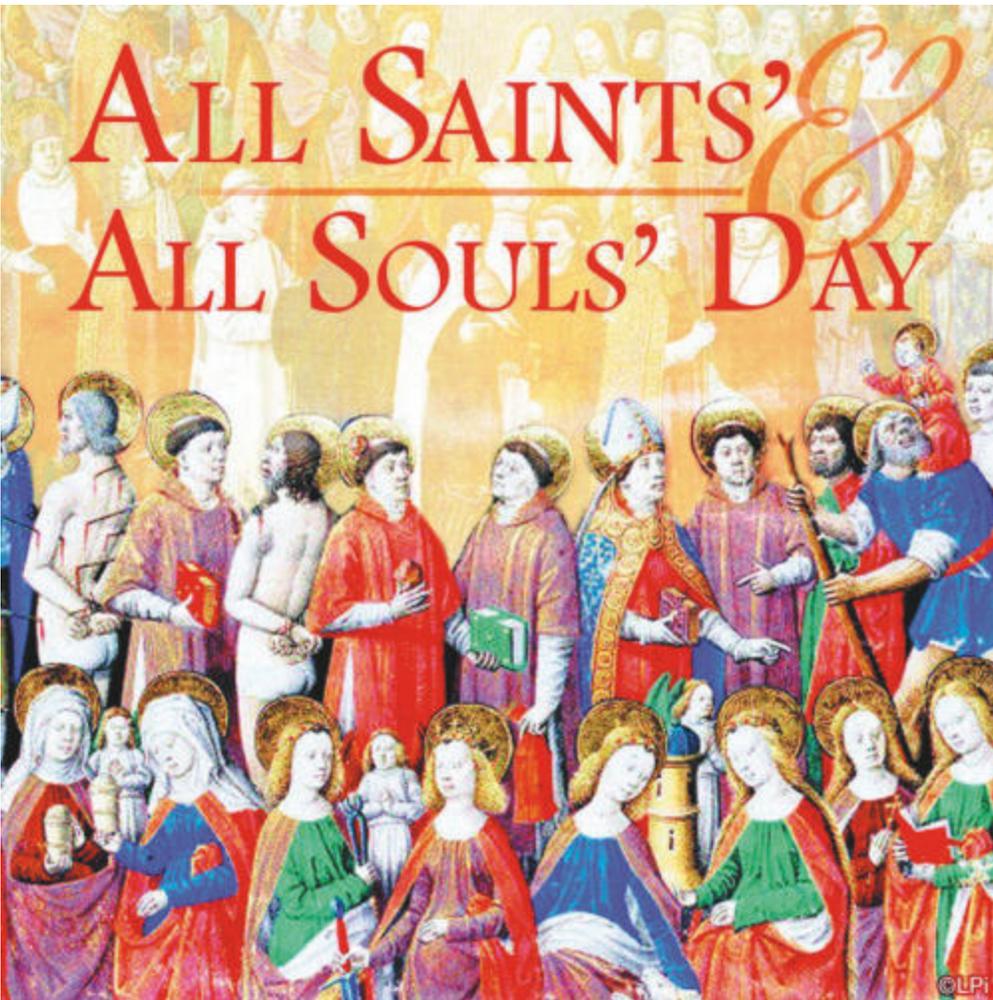


# ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH

*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.*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centuries of God’s devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!” The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and



taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven’t learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings

on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from “I and me” to “us and we” and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It’s a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven’t learned our primary lessons yet. ©LPi

## MASS INTENTIONS

## THE ROLE OF PURGATORY

### Monday, Nov. 1 Solemnity of All Saints

**8 am** Karen McGrath by Kathy  
**12 noon** +Thomas Waskevich (bday) by his sisters  
**6:30 pm** +Mary Napier by M/M John LaCroix

### Tuesday, Nov. 2 All Souls' Day

**8 am** +John Kitz  
Deceased Parishioners  
**12 Noon** +Frances Teper 1st ann. by Parish  
**6:30 pm** Deceased Parishioners

### Wednesday, Nov. 3 St. Martin de Porres

**8 am** +Mary Olivarez 1st ann by Parish  
+Terrance O'Connor by O'Connor Family  
+Rose Mannarino by Owens Family

### Thurs., Nov. 4 St. Charles Borromeo, bish.

**8 am** +Nancy Roberts by family

### First Friday Nov. 5 Weekday

**8 am** +Frank Penzato Sr.  
**12 pm** Deceased Members of St. Anne Altar Soc.

### Saturday, Nov. 6

**8 am** In reparation to the Immac. Heart of Mary  
**4 pm** +Anita Girardi by Pete Girardi  
+Janet A. Annichini  
People of the Parish

### Sunday, Nov. 7 32nd Sunday

**8 am** +Joe Marlett by Linda Wielkopolan  
SJB Rosary Altar Society Living & Dec'd Members  
**10 am** +Jim Cayley by family  
+Frank J. Hicks by friends  
+Thaddeus Jaskot by Carol Pasut  
Living and Dec'd Veterans by Schwartz Family  
**5 pm** +Fr. Anthony Iwuc by PRCUA friends



“With regard to turning out right, which is what we all hope for despite all our failures, Purgatory plays an important part here. There will be few people whose lives are pure and fulfilled in all respects. And, we would hope, there will be few people whose lives have become irredeemable and total NO.

For the most part, the longing for good has remained, despite many breakdowns, in some sense determinative. God can pick up the broken pieces and make something of them.

In any case, we need a final cleansing, a cleansing by fire, to be exact, in which the gaze of Christ, so to say, burns us free from everything, and only under this purifying gaze are we, as it were, fit to be with God and able then, to make our home with him. ...I think it is something very human. I would go so far as to say that if there was no Purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God.

And yet we don't want to be, to use an image from Scripture, 'a pot that turned out wrong,' that has to be thrown away; we want to be able to be put right.

Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again. That he can cleanse us in such a way that we are able to be with him and can stand there in the fullness of life. Purgatory strips off from one person what is unbearable and from another the inability to bear certain things, so that in each of them, a pure heart is revealed, and we can see that we all belong together in one enormous symphony of being.” — Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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## 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 [david.griswack@yahoo.com](mailto:david.griswack@yahoo.com)

313 999-5144

## 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.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the holyday on Monday, there will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.



## LIVE THE LITURGY - WEEK'S INSPIRATION

“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!” This ancient prayer has been found on the lips of many of God’s devoted servants throughout history. In its simplicity it reminds us of a timeless truth we often forget. We often worship other gods rather than the One true God and find all of our relationships distorted as a result. This One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. It is important that we remind ourselves often of God’s primary place in our lives, lest we get distracted and sidetracked. But there is one more important piece that Jesus insists belongs with this. We must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. God’s presence within each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This is at the heart of God’s kingdom. ©LPi

### All Saints Day

I heard a story the other day of a very holy man. The commentator said, "We shouldn't call him a saint. If we sanctify him, we don't have to imitate him." This is precisely the opposite of the meaning of saints! Throughout the Church's history, we have honored saints, but not to set them apart. We honor saints to remind us what is possible for a person who loves God. The saints have stories as varied as our own. We have bishops, martyrs, teachers, doctors, former thieves and prostitutes, politicians and kings, soldiers and pacifists, single mothers, desert hermits? the list goes on!

On this Solemnity of All Saints, we remember this garden of holiness, rich with diverse flowerings of a holy life. When you look at the life of your favorite saint, ask yourself, "How can I imitate this person? What is possible for me when I love God?"

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Daily Examen of Stewardship

“Stewardship” can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term “stewardship” from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. “Here’s Father asking for more money,” they groan inwardly, “Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards.”

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn’t say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the “Daily Examen” — a pious devotion wherein, at day’s end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God’s will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him? What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him?

To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me? Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

**First Reading:** Moses taught the Israelites the importance of passing on the faith to their children and grandchildren. What are some faith traditions you practice in your family?

**Second Reading:** Hebrews speaks of Jesus as the heavenly and eternal high priest who intercedes to God on our behalf. How often do you offer prayers of intercession to the Lord?

**Gospel:** Jesus and the scribe agree on the two greatest commandments: to love God and to one’s neighbor. Which of these two commandments do you find most challenging? ©LPi

**St. Charles Borromeo** (1538 - 1584) is most known for living during the time of the Protestant Reformation and helped influence reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent.

Although St. Charles Borromeo belonged to nobility, he greatly desired to serve the Church. In 1559, his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV. He made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. At the time, Charles was a simple student, but because of his intellectual qualities, he was assigned several important offices connected with the Vatican. After the death of his brother, he decided to become a priest and was ordained at age 25. Soon after he became bishop of Milan.

Quietly working behind the scenes, St. Charles Borromeo is credited with keeping the Council of Trent in session and encouraging the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after its 10-year suspension. Afterwards, he devoted his time to serving in the Archdiocese of Milan.

Among his most important actions during his life, St. Charles Borromeo established seminaries, colleges, and communities for the education of candidates for holy orders. His emphasis on Catholic learning greatly increased the preparation of men for the priesthood and benefited their congregations. He died at the age of 46. His feast day is November 4. ©LPi

**Question: How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?**

**Answer:** We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the ante-chamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are! ©LPi



**A MINUTE OF YOUR TIME**

*Deacon Regis*

**Happy All Hallows Eve!!** From a Catholic point of view, October 31 st is the Eve of All Saints Day. But just as Our Lord's Nativity has become more of a consumer feast day rather than a spiritual one, Halloween has also been secularized. So, today take some time to reflect upon our saints as models to follow on our journey home.

Now, without further ado, our final installment on the precepts of the Church. The 5 th Precept is **You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.** "The fifth precept means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2041-3). In Catholicism, while tithing is explained and even suggested, the emphasis is on each giving in accordance to his ability, not the amount that should be given. It should also be mentioned that it's not all about the money.

Volunteering to support the Church's mission is a means to "provide for the needs of the Church". God knows our hearts; he also has commanded us to love our neighbor. Remember what Jesus told the rich young man, "sell all that you have and give it to the poor, then come follow me. Remember, it's not about the money; it's about our attachment to money.

That concludes our review of the Precepts of the Catholic Church. Always remember: the precepts of the Catholic Church are minimum levels of participation in the life of the Church. Out of love for Christ and a desire to advance in the spiritual life, you will normally try to do far more than they require.

Next week, we'll begin a review of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Until then stay safe and don't eat too much Halloween candy!!!

**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!**

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's theme of loving God fully and completely with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength resonates throughout the First Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy and in the Gospel of St. Mark. In the Gospel, when Jesus is questioned, He cites Deuteronomy directly about loving God completely as the First Commandment, with the Second directive to love your neighbor as yourself. Through our discipleship, we, as Christian stewards, hold both of these Commandments as a foundation for evangelization through witness of our stewardship way of life. In the Letter to the



Hebrews, the sacred writer describes how Christ as high priest shows us the way to God, and continues today to do so through the ordained priesthood. We can show our love of neighbor

by giving time at a local soup kitchen or supporting our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### Loving through Loss: A Couples Grief Workshop

Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9 AM-4 PM with Mass immediately following

St. Anastasia Parish Davison Center, Troy  
Cost: \$35 per individual or \$50 per couple (Scholarships available) includes participant guide, light breakfast, and lunch.

Event Description: This workshop is designed to help couples understand how the trauma of child loss affects the family dynamic and how to love each other through the complexity of loss. It is open to anyone who has lost a child at any age or phase of life.

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit Office of Family Support Ministry Learn more and Register [ataod.org/lovingthroughloss](http://ataod.org/lovingthroughloss)

If you are in need of a scholarship or you need assistance with registration, please contact Nicole Joyce at [joyce.nicole@aod.org](mailto:joyce.nicole@aod.org) or 313.237-5776.

## Gold Mass for Scientists and Engineers Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 PM Monday, November 15, the Feast of St. Albert the Great, the patron saint of scientists.

Cathedral Rector Fr. J.J. Mech will be the celebrant, assisted by Deacon Mike Van Dyke, and Fr. Sal Palazzolo, a trained engineer, will be the homilist. A reception for fellowship and "networking" will follow Mass. Questions can be addressed to [John Hannigan](mailto:John.Hannigan@archdioceseofdetroit.org).

### Gold Mass Background:

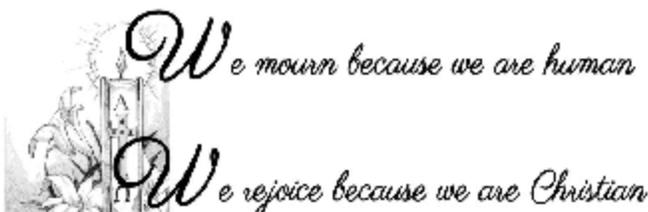
Inspired by a speech by Pope St. John Paul II to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences in 1979, and the belief that faith and reason are necessary partners, the Society of Catholic Scientists (SCS) organized the first Gold Mass for Scientists and Engineers in 2016.

*"By promoting Gold Masses for scientists around the world, SCS hopes to create spiritual fellowship among Catholic scientists and science educators at the local level."*

JPII taught that members of the Church who are active scientists can "provide a much-needed ministry to others struggling to integrate the worlds of science and religion in their own intellectual and spiritual lives." He also wrote that "science can purify religion from error and superstition; religion can purify science from idolatry and false absolutes." The Gold Mass celebrates a partnership between religion and science.

This new tradition uplifts people working in the sciences and engineering, encouraging them to live as faithful disciples within their fields, much as a Blue Mass does for those employed in public safety, a Red Mass for the legal professions, or a White Mass for health care professionals. The Gold Mass is "gold" because that is color of the regalia hood worn by persons graduating with doctoral degrees in science.

The Society of Catholic Scientists (SCS) is a lay organization of Catholic men and women who work as scientists and engineers, as well as undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral trainees exploring careers in the sciences. The SCS "adheres to the faith of the Catholic Church and will always operate with due regard to her magisterium." The SCS fosters fellowship among Catholic scientists and witnesses to the harmony of faith and reason, of science and religion. The SCS also serves as a resource and discussion forum for people have questions about science and faith.



Please  
Pray  
for...



Norm Abramczyk  
Louise Ames  
Anna Axe  
Joyce Babosh  
Harry Bacalia  
Sue Bacalia  
Norma Bak  
Violet Barrette  
Bob Behmer  
Bob Bellottie  
Jim Bellottie  
Vincent Bellottie  
Judy Bennett  
Sharon Bieniek  
Cynthia Blaha  
Marilyn Block  
Evelyn Boettger  
Aaron Boyless  
Thomas J. Brennan, Jr.  
Joan Buzo  
Jacob Cassar  
Michaeline Chwastek

Richard Cline  
Zoe Cossin  
Betty Ann Crawford  
Sylvia Cyncewicz  
Judy Daniels  
Brian Davis  
Tina Doney  
Mary Durkacs  
Marsha Farmer  
Geraldine Filippi  
Cecil Fernandez  
Tina Fernandez  
Rosemary Fisher  
Lisa Foster  
Rose Fraley  
Duane Glossa  
Roseann Gomez  
Bob & Lori Gonzales  
Gary Graham Jr  
Abigail Graves  
Jennifer Hanna Green  
Charlotte Gutierrez  
Eileen Halpin  
Annie Hapunowicz  
Ronald Hetner  
Tina Hovis  
Sue Jagodka  
Joanne Kacher  
Norman Kaleto  
Brenda Kaleto  
Jeanine Kemp

Fr. Terry Kerner  
Phyllis Kinnell  
Evelyn Kisell  
Joan Klimchalk  
Chris Kovac  
John Kovac  
Jenene Kozinski  
George Kramar  
Patrica Lacopelli  
Joseph Lasky  
Henry Lemmens  
Guadalupe Madrigal  
Phyllis Mareck  
Donald Martin  
Erin Martin  
Patricia MCoy  
Larry & Carol McGrew  
Frank & Jane Mellnick  
Linda Molek  
Steven Monroe  
Pat Mozdzen  
Suzanne Nicholas  
Gigi Novak  
Daniel O'Connor  
Diane Owens  
John Palmer  
Irene Pastuszka  
Mary Pellegrini  
Helen Petroski  
Jimmy Piche  
Kathleen Pietras

Mary Pike  
Jeff Pingilley  
Jess Pingilley  
Linda Pingilley  
Robert Pingilley  
Sam Pingilley  
Wayne Pingilley  
Carol Regnier  
Whitney Regnier  
Noemia Reid  
Linda Robb  
Richard Roberts  
Laura Salazar  
Fred Sanscrainte  
Matt Sanscrainte  
Joann Sanscrainte  
Dennis Scanland  
Darlene Shannon  
Phil Shannon  
Rose Shannon  
Jaxon Shubik  
Margaret Smith  
Jimmy Stecki  
Gerald Stevens  
Jim Tokarczyk  
Laurie Trupp  
Michael Wheelock  
Eileen Winnie  
The Wirick Family  
Frank Wojcik  
Stephen Zelle



#### **Air Force**

*Matthew Thornton, Nicole Thornton,  
Michelle Thornton, Brittany Mack,  
Tiffany Kay Smith (Ladd), husband, Don Smith*

#### **Army**

*Josh Harpster, Zachary Robbins,  
Robert Truchan, Anthony Lemieux,  
Bryce Bieniek, Tony Pernicano, Jacob Grzebienik,  
Matthew Hapunowicz*

#### **Marines**

*Joseph Krawzyk, 1st Lieutenant, Joseph McGinnis,  
Corporal, Andrew Clark, 1st Lieutenant,  
Cody S. Pratt, Luke Cohen, PFC 1st Class*

#### **Navy**

*Ryan Detlor, Patrick Hanosh*

#### **Army National Guard**

*Vincent Nowak, Michael Dunne*

### **CHRISTMAS MARKET AT ETON SENIOR RECREATION CENTER**

On Friday and Saturday, November 12 & 13  
Hours are: 9 am - 3 pm.

With many tables of handmade items, you're sure to find quality hand-crafted keepsakes. Select vendors will also be onsite with high quality personal and home products.

Admission and parking are free. Grilled-to-order hot dogs will be available for purchase.

**DOOR PRIZES!** Our crafters and vendors have donated a marvelous selection of door prizes and YOU, our shoppers win big! Prizes will be awarded but you must be present to win. Don't miss out...come early, have lunch and stay to win!

Proceeds from this show help sponsor senior parties and activities at Eton Senior Recreation Center.

Eton Senior Recreation Center is located at 4900 Pardee Avenue in Dearborn Heights. Call 313.277.7765 for more information.

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1 Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Words to Live By



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

1. Share a childhood memory with your spouse. What was your favorite song, TV show, toy, or outdoor activity? Is it possible to recreate it for a date?
2. Take a trip down memory lane. Remember your first date or the first time you said, "I love you" to your spouse. Recall the early days of your dating and how you came to realize that you wanted to spend your lives together. Who knew it first?
3. "Take courage; get up, he is calling you." (Mk 10:49) Are there changes that need to be made in your life that you and your spouse are nervous about? Job change, move, opportunities, challenges? God is calling you and he will go with you. Be not afraid.
4. Pick a person who is struggling and imagine yourself in their shoes today. It might be a family member or someone you've heard about on the news. Pray for that person.
5. "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." (Mt 25:35-36) Which of these works of mercy do you already do as a couple?

A lot of us have words to live by. Our parents and their parents have handed down bits of wisdom that help us throughout our lives. Play fair. Try your best. Learn from your mistakes.

You probably have special words you live by. When something goes wrong, you might have some saying that helps you get through. When you rejoice with friends, words of thanksgiving may spring from your heart. When you face a major decision in life, you might fall back on the wisdom you have learned from others.



Perhaps you have these words of wisdom enshrined somehow. Maybe they are framed on your wall. Perhaps they hang from a banner. You might even carry them with you at all times. When you need your words, they are there for you.

When Moses received the covenant, God gave him some special words to live by. There were too many words for anyone to remember all of them. So God gave a few words for Israel to hear and re-

member. "You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength."

Those are the words that can guide us all our days.

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2 Hebrews 7:23-28 Reliable Worker

In some restaurants it's hard to keep employees. People apply, say they want to work, joyfully accept the job, and then start. Soon they find out why it's called "work". Bussing tables, taking orders, delivering food, seating customers, preparing the bill, getting change—it all takes personal attention to a large number of people at one time. Not everyone can do it.

Potential employees like the idea of working around food and people, but many of them don't last. They come and go.

Workers who stick around long enough to learn the business and the customers have exceptional value. Until they retire. Or go on disability. Or, God forbid, die.

Nothing is permanent. Even the most valued people in our lives leave. Others step in to take their place. Some do nicely. Some don't. They never fully replace the loss of someone we admired.



The Letter to the Hebrews acknowledges this situation among Levitical priests in the Old Testament. "They were prevented by death from remaining in office." There had to be many priests from one generation to the next, because no priest was permanent.

Until Jesus. "Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away." He lives forever to make intercession for us. He is always on the job. He helps us

in time of need. We will come and go, but Jesus lives forever.

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:

- Coffee Creamer
- Hamburger Helper
- Spam
- Personal Hygiene: tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, razors, shampoo, etc.
- Beef Ramen Noodles
- Instant Oatmeal Packets
- Ravioli

Well it's almost the holidays Where did the time go? Please remember us at the Pantry as we feed so many of our neighbors in need. Even a small donation can go a long way.

Please remember **December 11th** for our **Meijer in Allen Park Simply Give Program double donation day**. This is crucial to keeping our shelves full. Thank you so much for all you do. Monetary donations are always welcomed and needed as some of our neighbors are homeless. Thank you and God bless you and your families.



**ST. MARIA GORETTI LECTOR SCHEDULE**

	4:00pm	8:00am	10:00am	5:00pm
<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
<b>Nov. 13/14</b>	Chris Bergeron	Maryellen Sobczak	Pat Woodby	Betty Cayley
<b>Nov. 20/21</b>	Marge Taylor	Pat Wallace	Kathy Munoz	Francis Tofil

**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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- ★ Complete the registration form

Please feel free to call the Parish Office if you should have any questions or want to know more about Online Giving.

***Your donations are vital to the success of our Parish community.***

## 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>*

*To connect by smart phone call  
1 (312) 626 6799*

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**Sunday, Oct 31, 2021 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Now and at the hour of our death** All Hallows' Evening (contracted to Hal-lowe'en) begins the liturgical period of All Hallowtide, when saints, martyrs, and the departed in general are kept in special memory. Hallowed means consecrated, as the souls of the dead are in God's hands. All of the holy and troubled souls who have gone before us—represented by trick-or-treaters dressed as superheroes or vampires among others—are worthy of our mindful recollection and prayers. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34 (152). "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!"

**Monday, Nov 01, 2021 SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Keep on marching** There are more than 10,000 saints venerated by the Catholic Church. (The exact number is a little unclear since some early saints may be more legendary than historical.) A lot of them are fairly new—Pope John Paul II (himself a saint) canonized more saints than all the popes in the previous 500 years combined. What does it mean to be a saint? A saint is anyone in heaven, whether canonized or not, and could include your own late family and friends. It doesn't mean they were perfect in life, but that they kept trying to live a holy life. Saints form the "great cloud of witnesses" and they're all cheering for you as you strive to be a saint, too. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

**Tuesday, Nov 02, 2021 COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY) Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door** From the earliest days of Christianity—as believers shared Eucharist in the catacombs, alongside the dead—we Catholics have woven prayers for our dearly departed into many observances: every celebration of the Mass, praying the Rosary, annual parish-wide remembrances of the dead throughout November—even incorporating elements of Día de los Muertos from Latino tradition. We pray so that all souls who've been detoured through purgatory might, with our prayerful help, enjoy triumphant entry into heaven. As you remember your own dearly departed today, celebrate in Día de los Muertos style: Pray with their photos, visit their graves, enjoy their favorite foods. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 (668). "Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life."

**Wednesday, Nov 03, 2021 MEMORIAL OF MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS United in our diversity** Born in colonial Peru in 1579 to a mix of Spanish, African, and indigenous ancestors, Martin de Porres was barred from full membership in a religious order in his racially stratified society. Martin was not deterred, however, and his gifts as a healer and spiritual leader elevated him to a position of great renown and respect within the Dominican order and Peruvian society. Today, there is a 61 percent chance that two people selected at random in the United States will be of different racial or ethnic backgrounds, according to the 2020 Census. As patron saint of race relations and those of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, Martin offers inspiration to all of us to work for social justice in our increasingly diverse nation. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33 (487). "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

**Thursday, Nov 04, 2021 MEMORIAL OF CHARLES BORROMEIO, BISHOP Times that try our souls** It's a tricky business to take stock of the "signs of the times," as Vatican II urged us to do. One person who was good at assessing the strengths and flaws of his culture was Saint Charles Borromeo (1538-84), a reformer who used his education and power as bishop to heal and repair the church. Pray that the Holy Spirit give us wisdom to perceive how God is present today, and to help bring about that presence where it seems to be lacking. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10 (488). "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people."

**Friday, Nov 05, 2021 What would Jesus not do?** It's easy to understand why evangelism is so compelling. We can't wait to share the awesome news of finding our heart's treasure in Jesus the Christ and the Catholic faith. But we must also take great care in evangelism so that we do not end up "colonizing" others, that is, assuming there is nothing good or godly in another person or group and imposing our own "enlightened" ways upon them. Jesus certainly does not do this. Instead, he shows by his own life the love of God and he looks where God already is in the world and in people's lives. In what ways can we safeguard respect for others and

God in our own call to be evangelists? TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8 (489). "I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me."

**Saturday, Nov 06, 2021 Inspiration knows no bounds** Jesus' life and ministry broke open the "old wineskins" of religious and social customs. Inspired by his example, the early church was remarkably diverse and creative, and women played key roles every step of the way. Priscilla (or Prisca, her formal name), along with her husband, Aquila, were companions of Saint Paul and prominent leaders in the early church—and Priscilla's name usually appears first when they are mentioned in the New Testament, a hint of her esteemed position. She instructed the learned Apollos, and some commentators think she may have had a hand in authoring the epistle to the Hebrews. Raise a glass to new wineskins—may they continue to pour out the Spirit! TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15 (490). "Greet Prisca and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life."

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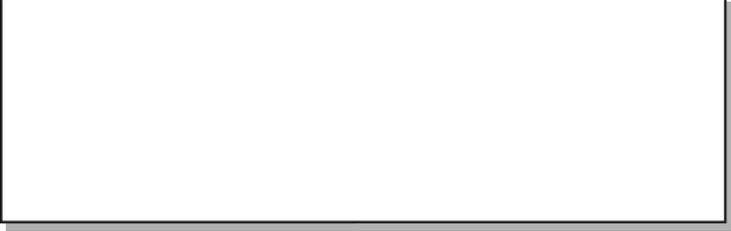
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