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WEEKEND MASSES:

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ♦ OCTOBER 31, 2021

We Must Be in The Kingdom

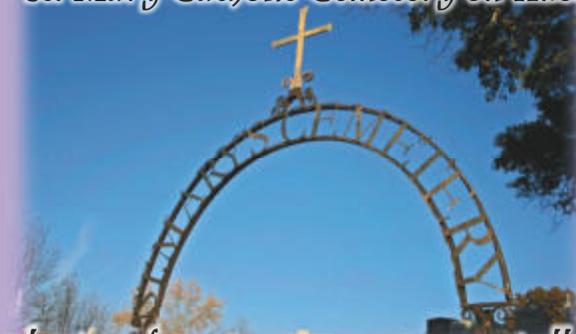
– Fr. Bosco Padamattummal –

THE CENTRAL MESSAGE OF TODAY'S READINGS IS THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF ALL RELIGIONS, ESPECIALLY CHRISTIANITY: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind," and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." These, Jesus says, are the two commandments on which everything else hangs. It's about our commitment to the life and well-being of the other.

In today's Gospel (Mark 12:28b-34) a scribe asks Jesus to summarize the most important of the Mosaic Laws in one sentence. Jesus cites the first sentence of the Jewish *Shema* prayer: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:4). Then He adds its complementary law: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). Thus, Jesus says that true religion is loving God and loving our fellow human beings at the same time. Which means the only way a person can demonstrate real love of God is by showing genuine, active love for his neighbor.

In Mark's Gospel the scribe is presented not as trying to test Jesus but as truly willing to learn. Probably he was overwhelmed with the conflict he saw in his own life as he tried to meet the various demands of the commandments. His final answer to Jesus – "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices" (Mark 12:32-33) – suggests that he was probably experiencing conflict between the need — continued on p. 2

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery on Austin Road, just west of the Village limits



Blessing of Graves • Tues., Nov. 2 (All Souls' Day) • after Mass (i.e. about 9:15am)

St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar ❖ Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 2021
 Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities

FR. BOSCO'S ARTICLE FROM PAGE 1, continued:
We Must Be in The Kingdom

SAT. OCT. 30	<i>Weekday (opt. mem. Bl. Virgin Mary)</i>
Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 • Lk 14:1, 7-11	☞ <i>Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass</i> ➤ 5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: ☞ Leon Ball [<i>Ruth Burch</i>]
SUN. OCT. 31	<i>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Dt 6:2-6 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34	8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession ☞ <i>Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before both Masses</i> ➤ 8:30am MASS: For the People ➤ 10:30am MASS: ☞ Leon Ball [<i>The Jobkar Family</i>]
MON. NOV. 1	<i>Solemnity of All Saints</i>
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a	➤ 12:10pm MASS: ☞ Tom Burch [<i>Bradley & Julie Messing</i>]
TUES. NOV. 2	<i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</i>
Readings from the Lectionary for the Masses for the Dead	➤ 8:30am MASS: ☞ Natalie Walkowe Daubner [<i>Betty Cummings</i>] † <i>Blessing of Graves at St. Mary Cemetery immediately after the 8:30am Mass</i> ➤ 7:00pm MASS: ☞ K of C Memorial Mass for deceased members of Council #4354
WED. NOV. 3	<i>Weekday (opt. mem. St. Martin de Porres, Religious)</i>
Rom 13:8-10 Lk 14:25-33	➤ 8:30am MASS: ☞ Mary Kim Fergeson [<i>Claudia Damian</i>] 7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council Mtg/FFH
THUR. NOV. 4	<i>Memorial: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>
Rom 14:7-12 Lk 15:1-10	➤ 8:30am MASS: Sue and ☞ Cliff Tracy on their 60th wedding [<i>His loving wife Sue Tracy</i>] 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal / choir loft
FRI. NOV. 5	<i>Weekday</i>
Rom 15:14-21 Lk 16:1-8	➤ 8:30am First Friday MASS: ☞ Leon Ball [<i>The Panches Family</i>] Exposition & Adoration , beginning after morning Mass, then continuing all day & evening, closing with Benediction at 10:00pm 8:00-9:00pm Confession
SAT. NOV. 6	<i>Weekday (opt. mem. Bl. Virgin Mary)</i>
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Lk 16:9-15	➤ 8:30am FIRST SATURDAY MASS: ☞ For all the holy souls in purgatory [<i>Claudia Damian</i>] ☞ <i>Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass</i> ➤ 5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: For the People
SUN. NOV. 7	<i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
1 Kgs 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44 (or 12:41-44)	8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession ☞ <i>Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before both Masses</i> ➤ 8:30am MASS: ☞ Margaret Riley [<i>Ellen O'Sullivan</i>] ➤ 10:30am MASS: ☞ Leon Ball [<i>The Panches Family</i>] 4-5:30pm Confirmation Class / PC ■

to love the people in his life and the need to fulfill all the demands of Temple worship.

Jesus resolved his problem by assuring him that practical love for God and neighbor comes before the need for ritual observances and worship. Look how the scribe applauded Jesus' answer in verses 32-33. He agreed with Jesus. Moreover, he seemed to know and agree with the intention of the law that God wants men and women to obey Him from a pure heart rather than merely with outward actions. But did the scribe apply this?

"The law is not to be applauded; it is to be applied." Agreement with God's law doesn't save. The law is something to be applied to one's life. Here we see that this scribe made a great first move. He came to Jesus. But he didn't come close enough. He came to Jesus to ask a question, but he didn't draw close enough to see the true answer.

If he had, he would have seen that Jesus not only knew God's law but obeyed God's law. He would have seen Jesus wasn't only a teacher but the savior for whom the Jews had been waiting for centuries, a man like himself in appearance but unlike him in divinity.

As smart as he was, he didn't think hard enough. If he loved God with all his mind, he would have taken the journey Paul took in his thinking. Remember the letters to the Romans and the Galatians, where Paul thinks through the implications of the law. He concludes that the law is good because it shows us we are bad. He understands how to use the law rightly. It grows in us the need for a rescue, for a savior. It prepares us for Jesus.

The law came not to save but to show that we need to be saved. To love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength means that we must give our whole selves over to God. He doesn't want just a part of us; He requires the whole thing – heart, soul, mind, and strength.

What about loving your neighbor as yourself? "In the context of Leviticus 19:13-17, we are warned not to oppress (i.e. not to keep someone in hardship, to cause distress, anxiety, or discomfort) our neighbor, judge our neighbor unjustly, slander our neighbor, hate our neighbor in our hearts, and take revenge or bear a grudge against our neighbor. Rather, we are to love our neighbor as ourselves, implying that self-love is first. In Romans 13:9, Paul repeats Leviticus 19:18 and simply adds in verse 10 that love does no harm to a neighbor, presumably because one would not do a wrong to oneself."

When asked, "Who is my neighbor?" in the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus says our neighbor is even our enemy; it is anyone who needs our love, which is a way of saying everyone in the world. Jesus frames the law in positive terms and actions. For the laws are not just prohibitive rules and regulations, but also a call to action – positive actions that spring from a pure heart.

Dear brothers and sisters, I want you to know about God, and I want you to agree with everything God says, but that alone won't get us into heaven. And, in fact, the first step is knowing and agreeing with God that we are sinners and in need of a savior. We enter God's kingdom by coming to Jesus as our only hope and laying every other merit down at His feet. Our hope cannot be in our obedience. It cannot be in our character. It cannot be in our knowledge or agreement with God or anything else.

Our hope must be placed in the power of Jesus Christ crucified, raised, ascended, glorified, and coming again. If it is anywhere else – even God's law – we stand outside the kingdom. But we must be in the Kingdom. †

Altar Flowers

OCTOBER 31, 2021

+Victoria Curley

[John & Beth Ball]

Birthday Blessings!

OCTOBER 31

Betty Cummings
Francis Pohs

NOVEMBER 5

Zipporah Schiel
Bruce Sommers

NOVEMBER 6

Matthew Brothers
Susan Tervo

All Saints Day: Mon. Nov. 1

“Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honor of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.”

Because this great holy day falls on a Monday this year, the United States Bishops have said whenever a holy day falls on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed. However, the faithful are encouraged to attend Mass and observe this wonderful festival day!

First Friday, Nov. 5

“The prayer of the Church venerates and honors the Heart of Jesus... which, out of love for men, He allowed to be pierced by our sins.”

Adore His Sacred Heart! Mass at 8:30am. Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass and continuing until Benediction at 10:00pm. Opportunity for confession in the evening from 8-9pm.

All Souls’ Day: Tues. Nov. 2

“Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.”

On Nov. 1 we rejoiced in the example of the saints; today we turn toward God in petition on behalf of the faithful departed in Purgatory. Join in prayer: Mass at 8:30am; then immediately following, gather at St. Mary Cemetery for the Blessing of Graves service.

First Saturday, Nov. 6

“The souls in Purgatory receive great consolation from the Blessed Virgin. Is she not the Consolation of the Afflicted?”

First Saturday Mass is at 8:30 am. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. To learn more about First Saturday Devotions visit: thedivinemercy.org/articles/five-first-saturdays-mark-your-calendars-we-cannot-continue-ignore



The SANCTUARY LAMPS are burning this week for the following intentions:

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...

- 1) In loving memory of +Jerry Warner (Jim & Marja Warner)
- 2) +Vickie Curley (The Punches Family)

Holy Mother Mary,

Queen of All Saints, Pray for Us

Let us pray to the Queen of All Saints for the grace to remember that God has created us to live a life of holiness in this world and to become saints in heaven. God will give us enough grace to do this if only we have an earnest desire for holiness just as Mary did. Holiness does not consist in heroic deeds, but in doing the will of God perfectly, loving God with all our heart and our neighbor for God’s sake, keeping our soul from sin, and being united with God through prayer and the sacraments. Let us pray to Mary to obtain for us the grace to imitate her holiness in this world and enjoy the vision of God and her presence for all eternity in heaven. Amen.

Knights of Columbus Corner

On **Tues., Nov. 2** – All Souls Day – at 7:00pm, Fr Bosco will be celebrating the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and during the Mass the names of all deceased K of C members will be read. During the reading of names, the widows will be lighting candles, shaped in the form of a cross, when their husbands name is announced. This is a very special way to remember and to pray for all our brother Knights. Please join your fellow parishioners, and the ladies who have lost loved ones. If anyone needs help getting to the Mass, please give me a call for assistance. —Martin Brogley, Grand Knight • St Mary Council 4354 • abrog66@gmail.com • 734-972-9204

Christmas in the Village Bake Sale

Calling all of our St. Mary’s bakers! It is time once again for the annual *Christmas in the Village*, and as always we will host a table of baked goods. This is a very fun event and an important fund raiser as well. The date is **Sat., Dec. 4**. Our table will again be set up at the Manchester United Methodist Church. Please prayerfully consider donating your baked goods for this event. I am your chairperson this year and can be reached at 734-255-8939 or by email at michelle.dettling@stjoeshealth.org. Baked goods can be dropped off Friday or by 9am Saturday. Please remember we are unable to accept refrigerated baked goods. Wrap all donations ready-to-sell and marked with name of food and price please. There will be a sheet to fill out when you drop the items off so we know who donated and what they brought. If you are interested in helping by manning the table, just let me know. I will be there all day myself. God Bless you! And thank you in advance. —Michelle Dettling

The Amazing Greys!

The Amazing Greys will meet **Mon., Nov. 1** following the noon Mass in Fr. Fisher Hall. All parish seniors are welcome to be a part of this wonderful parish group that gathers regularly for Mass and a meal – as well as fellowship and other church activities. The meeting this week will include planning a “new” version of the popular Advent prayer service. This year, instead of a parish-wide event, it will be a “Advent Candlelight Prayer Service and Luncheon” and be part of the regular Amazing Greys monthly meeting on **Mon. Nov. 29** at midday. Join the Amazing Greys this **Mon., Nov. 1** to consider this new idea and plan as well as other activities for the year.

The Holy Month of November is beginning

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful who have departed this life but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, “even as others who have no hope... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise. The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity.” *Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them...*

Please Pray for...

- Mrs. M and her son (suffering burns from a house fire)
- Carlos Cornu, Kathy Sangster’s niece’s father-in-law. And all Kathy’s sister’s family.
- Bennie Dahl
- Kirsten (stepdaughter of Laurie Sanders’ brother Mark)
- Baby Keaton
- Shirley Krzyzaniak
- Lee Anton
- Carl (Beth Ball’s brother)
- Eric & Helena Zink
- Lisa (Pat Fitzgerald’s daughter)
- Christy Woody
- Jerry Kripas
- Joyce Stein



St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship

WEEKLY COLLECTION Sunday, October 17, 2021

Sunday Env (54)	\$ 3,528.00
Welcome & Loose	176.00
E-Giving (11)	556.45
All Saints Day	10.00
All Souls Day	10.00

Combined toward budget: ... \$ 4,280.45
 Budget goal: 5,300.00
 Amt BELOW goal: - 1,019.55

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Bldg. & Maint (2)	\$ 50.00
Mission Coop Appeal	890.00
Poor Box	7.25
Votive candles	83.00

THINK YOU MIGHT BE PREGNANT? NEED HELP? ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION
 Call (800) 712-HELP (4357)
 24-hr emergency pregnancy help

Need Help? PROJECT RACHEL (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291, or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org

NEED HELP? “COURAGE” is a Catholic spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. “ENCOURAGE” is a separate support group for families & friends. For info in the Diocese of Lansing, call 517-342-2596 or email caverart@comcast.net

NEED HELP? An “AA” group meets Fridays at 7:00pm at Emanuel Church, 324 W Main St. (next door to St Mary’s)

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