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WEEKEND MASSES:

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ♦ NOVEMBER 14, 2021

NOVEMBER 2, 2021
ALL SOULS' DAY

*Oremus: Let us pray for the souls
of the faithful departed
buried in St. Mary Cemetery.*



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.



May they rest in peace.



May their souls and the souls of
all the faithful departed
Through the mercy of God
rest in peace. Amen.

THE CHALLENGE

— Fr. Bosco Padamattummal —

WE ARE AT THE END OF THIS CHURCH YEAR ONCE AGAIN. Next Sunday is the feast of Christ the King, and then we enter into Advent.

Today the readings direct our attention to the end of time. In the readings, we are promised that if we are faithful, we shall not be destroyed. We are promised that the Archangel Michael will be there helping us. We are told that the one great sacrifice for sins has been made and we must cling to the Lord. God will gather His elect, and we must be ready.

It is awesome to think that one day we shall all be gathered to the Lord with all who have gone before us and those who may come after us. The fear comes because there is always the possibility that I will not be counted among those who are chosen. The first reading today from the Book of Daniel (Dn 12:1-3) tells us: "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever; others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace." This is the kind of statement that makes us have a bit of fear.

In 1999, in the month of July, Pope John Paul II shocked the Christian world when he made the following statements in his Wednesday audience:

"Heaven, or the happiness in which we will find ourselves, is neither an abstraction nor a physical place in the clouds, but a personal relation [with God]. This final condition can be anticipated in a certain sense now on earth... Moreover, the pictures of Hell given to us in Sacred Scripture must be correctly interpreted. They express the total frustration and emptiness of a life without God. More than a place, Hell is the state of the one who freely and finally removes himself from God, the source of life and joy."

Why did the Pope deem it necessary to offer this kind of clarification at this time? I think that the Pope was responding to two popular but erroneous ways of looking at biblical texts that have to do with the End Times, namely rationalism and literalism.

A rationalistic approach will read this passage as the mistaken belief of early Christians that the — continued on p. 2

St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar ❖ Nov. 13-21, 2021
 Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities

SAT. NOV. 13 <i>Memorial: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</i>	
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Lk 18:1-8	3:30-4:30pm Confession ➤ 5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: ✠ Leon Ball [<i>Jean Riley</i>]
SUN. NOV. 14 <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
Dn 12:1-3 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32	8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession ♦ Coffee Hour following each of the Sunday Masses ➤ 8:30am MASS: ✠ Dick Krzyzaniak [<i>His loving wife Shirley Krzyzaniak</i>] ➤ 10:30am MASS: For the People
MON. NOV. 15 <i>Weekday (opt. mem. St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)</i>	
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Lk 18:35-43	➤ 12:10pm MASS: ✠ Leon Ball [<i>Jean Riley</i>] 3:30-4:45pm Rel Educ class / PC 6:00pm Staff meeting / FFH 7:00pm Evangelization meeting / FFH
TUES. NOV. 16 <i>Weekday (opt. mem. St. Margaret of Scotland) (opt. mem. St. Gertrude, Virgin)</i>	
2 Mc 6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10	➤ 8:30am MASS: ✠ Vicky Curley [<i>Bill & Astrida Panches</i>]
WED. NOV. 17 <i>Memorial: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i>	
2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Lk 19:11-28	➤ 8:30am MASS: ✠ Leon Ball [<i>Nicholas Krzyzaniak</i>]
THUR. NOV. 18 <i>Weekday (opt. mem. The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostle) (opt. mem. St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin)</i>	
1 Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44	➤ 8:30am MASS: ✠ Gerald Damian [<i>Claudia Damian</i>] 7:00pm Choir rehearsal / choir loft
FRI. NOV. 19 <i>Weekday</i>	
1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 Lk 19:45-48	➤ 8:30am MASS: ✠ Leon Ball [<i>Greg & Laurie Sanders</i>]
SAT. NOV. 20 <i>Weekday (opt. mem. Blessed Virgin Mary)</i>	
1 Mc 6:1-13 Lk 20:27-40	3:30-4:30pm Confession ➤ 5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: ✠ Wilma Lentz [<i>DeeDee & Jim Sabakian</i>]
SUN. NOV. 21 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	
Dn 7:13-14 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37	8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession ➤ 8:30am MASS: For the People ➤ 10:30am MASS: ✠ Leon Ball [<i>Judy Walz</i>] ■

FR. BOSCO'S ARTICLE FROM PAGE 1, continued:
The Challenge

End Times were just around the corner. This would lead to the conclusion that this is an outdated text that has no value to us, and that heaven is nothing but a figment of their primitive imaginations as a physical place in the clouds, and that from there Christ would come back.

A literalistic reading, on the other hand, would treat our passage as a factual prediction of future events that will mark the End Times. If the Bible says heaven is somewhere in the clouds, then heaven is somewhere in the clouds. Maybe the clouds in question are so high above that our astronauts who have been to the moon have not seen it and cannot see it even with their powerful telescopes. As regards Jesus saying to his hearers: "Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place" (Mark 13:30), literalists quickly abandon literalism and argue that the evangelist who wrote these things certainly misunderstood what Jesus said, since Jesus could not be wrong.

Rejecting both rationalism and literalism, the Pope pointed out to us a third way, namely, to recognize these texts as graphic depictions of a gospel message that is always relevant to people of every age and culture. Read in this way, we can pick out these important messages that the text has for us and for people of every generation:

- **Firstly, this world is passing away.** Life in this world is like an overvalued high-tech stock that is bound to crash sooner or later. So why should anyone have all their assets in this one stock? It is, therefore, an invitation for us to invest wisely, to invest in things out of this world, to invest in the stock of the kingdom of God.
- **Secondly, God, the Righteous One will come someday, that is the Last Day, to right all the wrongs of this world.** Because the world as we know it is a world where often enough innocent people suffer and evil people prosper. Good people may indeed sleep better at night, but bad people seem to enjoy the waking hours more. If that is all there is to life, then why would anybody want to be good and upright rather than bad and smart?

The Good News of the End Times assures us that in the final analysis, evil will catch up with the evildoer, and justice will again be just. This will be in the kingdom of God for which this life is only a preparation. As we say the Lord's Prayer today, let us mean it when we say, "Thy kingdom come."

Dear brothers and sisters, the challenge is not to know when the end is coming but to live today as if the end will be right now. There is no sense in pretending with God. God knows our hearts and our minds, even more than we do. We must simply get on with living now as if this is our last moment – with no fear and no upset, completely trusting in the love of the Lord. †

Birthdays Blessings!
NOVEMBER 14
 Michael Sandoval

NOVEMBER 15
 Therese Bossory
 Kathleen Hagerman

NOVEMBER 16
 Breeda Miller

NOVEMBER 17
 Maureen Cencer

NOVEMBER 18
 Julia Nashif

NOVEMBER 19
 Mary Herschelmann

NOVEMBER 20
 Sandra Kwolek

PRAY FOR DOBBS NATIONAL PRAYER EVENT
Thurs., Nov. 18 at 8:00pm (EST)


Join Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Christians across the country coming together online to pray for the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case. This is the case that could overturn Roe v. Wade – the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states. This historic online gathering will bring together Christians across denominations. Together, we will pray for a just outcome that protects millions of unborn babies and their mothers. Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt 18:20). Join us! For more info or to register, visit: prayfordobbs.com/ **Oremus...**

Next Weekend: Collection "To Inform and Inspire"

The first annual **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING COLLECTION** is scheduled for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, **next weekend, Nov. 20 and 21**. Its purpose is to equip the faithful to understand and put into practice Catholic teaching in light of the challenges of important social issues including the sanctity of human life, the dignity of the person, religious liberty, marriage and family, poverty, solidarity, and care for creation.

Bishop Boyea inaugurated this collection to enable small grants to applying parishes and Catholic entities within the Diocese of Lansing in order to support catechetical projects which inform and inspire our practice of the Church's teaching in the world, combining catechesis with hands-on endeavors to advance Catholic social teaching within the diocese. (This is distinct from the mission of Catholic Charities, which provides direct assistance to people in need.)

The goal is to advance our understanding and building of God's kingdom: "When humanity recognizes, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony" (*Encyclical Quas Primas*, 19).

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

Our Parish "Book of Eternal Life"

During this month of November, we remember the souls of all our dear ones who have been born into eternal life. As a parish, we have a book of names in the front of the church, near the statue of our Blessed Mother. All are invited to write in this book the names of anyone you would like remembered at each Holy Mass during this month of remembrance and prayer.

All humanity is bound together by the common mortality in which Christ Jesus came to share. With us He died, so that in Him we might rise to everlasting life.

Let us learn from those who have gone before us how to live well so that we may die well, and let us accompany them on their journey with our love and prayer.

Career Opportunities

The Diocese of Lansing and the Catholic Foundation have a number of career opportunities for disciples of Jesus Christ who wish to work with the broader diocesan community. Current openings for *the Diocese of Lansing* include: Director of Cemeteries; Groundskeeper for our Diocesan Cemeteries; Associate Superintendent of Schools; Diocesan Tribunal Administrative Assistant and Notary; Multi-Media Journalist. *The Catholic Foundation* is seeking: Development Officer; Major Gifts Officer. All postings for the Diocese of Lansing and the Catholic Foundation are listed on the website: dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers

A Contemplative Retreat for Women – Advent: Peace

This coming weekend of **Fri-Sun, Nov. 19-21** at St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt, Bert Schomberger will facilitate a predominantly silent retreat for women. It will focus on preparing for Advent and seeking the peace of Christ. This retreat will include presentations, two Masses, opportunity for Reconciliation, and ample time for individual reflection and prayer. Guests are welcome to bring Bibles, journals, books, art supplies, or anything else that will add peace to their experience. The Chapel is open at all times during this retreat for personal prayer. The registration fee is \$185 and includes all meals, lodging, and materials. This retreat is held in the Retreat House. Rooms are private – some share a connecting bath; others use community restrooms down the hall. For more info or to register, visit: form.jotform.com/212834726624054



The SANCTUARY LAMPS are burning this week for the following intentions:
PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...

- 1) +Victoria Curley
(Tim & Kim Gouwens)
- 2) +Deceased members of the Jalonski & Gouwens Families
(Tim & Kim Gouwens)

Altar Flowers
NOVEMBER 14, 2021

In honor of
+Joseph Fitzgerald
and all veterans on
Veterans Day

[Pat Fitzgerald]

Please Pray for...

• Sonja Rhees	• James Strong
• Lois Milkey	• Kirsten (stepdaughter of Laurie Sanders' brother Mark)
• Carlos Cornu and his family.	• Christy Woody
• Former parishioner & her family (legal & spiritual battle)	• Jerry Kripas
• John Huber (brother of Sarah Laskowski)	• Joyce Stein
• Bette Ball	• Loretta Widmayer
• James Fleischman	• Joe Kirk
• Carl Kemner (Beth Ball's brother)	• Connie Stancato
	• Duane Beuerle
	• Annie (sister of Lynn Waldecker)

Please contact the Parish Office to add or remove a name from this prayer list.

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Sunday, October 31, 2021

Sunday Env (53)	\$ 3,678.02
Welcome & Loose	229.00
E-Giving (5)	163.90
All Saints Day (4)	100.00
All Souls Day (2)	50.00
Combined toward budget:	... \$ 4,220.92
Budget goal:	5,300.00
Amt BELOW goal:	- 1,079.08

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Bldg. & Maint (1)	\$ 20.00
World Mission	100.00
Poor Box	22.10
Votive candles	131.00

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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