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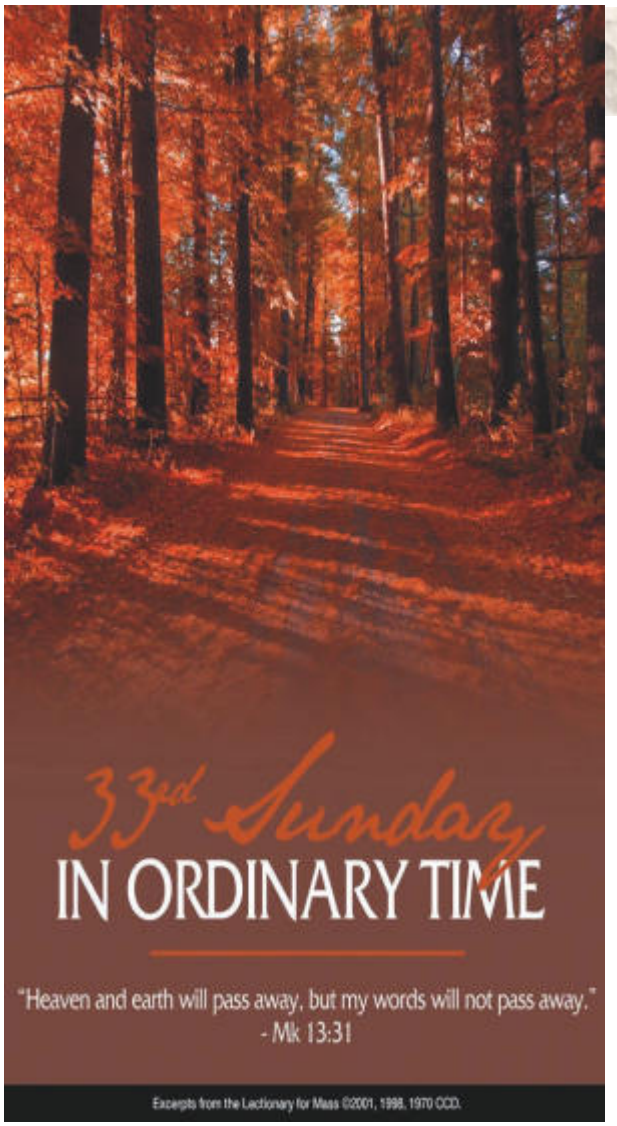
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 14, 2021



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The Lord is preparing us for his return
Jesus told his first disciples that it was for their benefit that he return to his Father in heaven in order for the Holy Spirit to come (John 16:7) and fill the earth with the fire of God's love, truth, and glory. The Lord Jesus in every age fills his people with the power of the Holy Spirit so that each one of us can hear his voice, understand his truth, and sow the seeds of his word - the good news of the Gospel - wherever he sends us. The Lord Jesus is preparing his people for his return - for the day of "tribulation" and "shaking" when he will appear "coming in clouds with great power and glory" (Mark 13:25-26).

The image of a "Son of man coming with the clouds of heaven" is taken from the vision of the prophet Daniel (Daniel 7:13-14). Daniel's vision is a royal investiture of a human king before God's throne. This king, whose authority comes from God, is given power to rule over "all peoples, nations, and languages" (Daniel 7:14). The kingdom which he comes to establish cannot be broken or destroyed because it is built on the foundation of God's justice, truth, and holiness.

The day of the Lord's return will be unlike any other moment in time, history, and destiny for the human race and our place in God's creation. Then the "stars of heaven will fall and all will be shaken" before the presence of the Lord when he comes. Then the peoples of the earth and their rulers will know who is the true King and Ruler over all.
Excerpt from: Daily Scripture Readings & Meditations

Learning, Living and Sharing the Good News

Meditation
Christ's Call to Action
(from "My Daily Bread")

Christ:

My Child, do not be too impressed by the beautiful language or witty sayings of people. My standard is not one of words, but of action. My teachings are meant to influence your will. If you live them in your daily life, you prove your love for Me. Only action will satisfy this heart of Mine. The most beautiful words are not half so beautiful to Me as the life of one who follows My teachings in their daily activities.

Never read or learn anything for the sake of appearing wise. Do it but only to improve your daily life. Some people study in order to impress others. Their knowledge is vanity because it does not make them better in action. As a good tree is known by its good fruit, so too is a good person known by the goodness of their thoughts, words and deeds.

Though I am pleased with good desires, I am convinced only by action. How hard do you try to follow your good desires? That is how much you really care for Me. Never forget My words, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. Not he who says, 'Lord, Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but rather a person who does the Will of My Father will enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

Learn of Me and you will have the best knowledge. Follow that knowledge in your daily life and you will be living a wonderful life. You will be admired and praised by the angels and saints of Heaven and by Me, the King of Heaven.

Many things are unimportant. They bring you only a distracted mind and they prevent you from following Me more perfectly in your daily life. Put these things out of your life so that you may give Me a fuller loyalty and a more perfect love.

Readings for the Week of November 14, 2021

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/ Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Ps 1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11-12/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4 and 6, 16 and 19/ Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Rv 1:5-8/ Jn 18:33b-37
Weekend Readings are at (727) 372-8600

Mass Intentions
(for the week ahead)

Monday	8:00 a.m.	John Finnigan
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Antel Family
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Vocations
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Richard Brewer
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Pozeck Family
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Patricia Szczepanski
	6:00 p.m.	Artie Webb
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Patricia Greco & Anthony Greco
	8:30 a.m.	Parish Family
	10:30 a.m.	Tom Jozwiak
	5:00 p.m.	Mariamma Thomas

Mass and Devotions Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm and 6 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am *(Contemporary),* and 5:00 pm *(LifeTeen™)*
Daily Mass: 8:00 am Monday-Friday
Prayer Group: The 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month starting Sept. 13th and ending May 23rd.
Holy Rosary after 8:00 am Mass, Mon-Fri, in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Marian Novena after 8:00 am Mass on Tuesdays
Benediction & Adoration: Thursdays at 3:00 pm until 6:45 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm or by appt.

Parish Calendar

Mon. 11/15
Tues. 11/16 9AM Rosary Makers;
6:45PM Boy Scouts
Wed. 11/17 9:15AM Legion of Mary;
10AM SVDP Meeting;
5:15PM Faith Formation K-12;
6:30PM Life Teen Core Team Meeting;
7PM RCIA;
4PM & 7PM Traditional Choir
Thurs. 11/18 10AM Prayer Shawl Ministry;
3PM Benediction/Adoration;
5PM Girl Scouts;
7PM Bible Study; 7PM Cont. Choir;
7:30PM K of C Social
Fri. 11/19 9AM Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Apostolate
Sat. 11/20 9AM Catholic Men's Fellowship Mtg.
Sun. 11/21 6:15PM Life Teen

ALL MEN INVITED TO

Catholic Men's Fellowship
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
NEXT GATHERING @ 9:30
ON SATURDAY November 20th
In the PARISH COMMUNITY ROOM
NOTE: ROSARY PRAYED @ 9AM
BEFORE 9:30 MEETING.
ALL ARE WELCOME!
For more info call:
Norm Perreault 727-207-2199
Or email: nperreault@tampabay.rr.com

Need a Gift?
(Christmas is coming!!!)

Easy to shop for a gift you may need. The Rosary Makers of STA now have their rosaries for sale in the gift shop. Stop by and check out our selection of rosaries.

Parish Information

Office hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday. Call for information.
Phone: (727) 372-8600
Website: **www.stanpr.org**
Prayer Line: (727) 372-8600
Emergency Number for Anointing of the Sick: Nights and Weekends (727) 836-3211

Administration

Business Office Fax: (727) 376-7204
Asst. to Pastor/Staff Coordinator:
Cheralyn Quevedo - Ext. 111
Parish Bookkeeper: Cherise Amundson - Ext. 115
Bulletin Editor: Kate - Ext. 113

Parish Ministry

Faith Formation K-5: Jessica McIlveen - Ext. 132
Middle School (Edge) and High School (Life Teen):
Beth DeBella and Cliff Stodden – Ext. 131
Adult Formation: Michaela Meyers - Ext. 133
Music: Dan O'Hara - Ext. 128
Parish Nurse, Ministry to the Sick & Homebound:
Betty West - Ext. 116
Sacristan: Elizabeth Sheridan - Ext. 129
St. Vincent de Paul Society: Ext. 142
Ambassador: Mary Ellen Taylor - Ext. 144
Coordinator of Ushers: Ada DeFina

STA Early Childhood Center

Alicia Mumma, Director – (727) 376-2330
www.staecc.org

Food Pantry: Monday *and* Thursday
9:30am until 11:00am *and* 1:30pm until 3:00pm

Gift Store: ***Open before and after Sat. 4pm and Sun. 10:30am Masses***
Parish Library: Open during office hours.

Offertory: October 30 & 31, 2021

Offertory:	$18,109.92
Online Giving:	$ 6,225.00
Total:	$24,334.92

All Saints: $735.00

Thank you to our Parishioners and Visitors for your generous support!

PARISH PICNIC!! -- A PERSONAL INVITE from FATHER ERIC

Our parish picnic is this Sunday, November 14th from noon until 4:00, and I just want to say how much I'm looking forward to it, and I hope you are too!

As you can see from the flyer, this will be a B.Y.O.P. (bring-your-own-picnic. including the beverage of your choice), but there will also be free hot dogs and chips, provided by our great Knights of Columbus!

We have lots of picnic tables and shade trees, but feel free to bring your own pop-up tent and folding chairs. We want you to be comfortable enough to hang out for a few hours and be able to truly chill from the stresses of life!

To that end, we will have board game tables set up and lots of fun activities for children, along with sports for our fine young athletes! Like a sound-track behind all of this, background music will be provided by my True Blues Band from 12:00 until 1:30 and Scott Fallon from 2:00 until 3:30.

So, please come to relax, enjoy and just have a good time -- we can all use it! (and being the good people of God that you are, you certainly deserve it!)

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FATHER ERIC

Dear parish family:

I am excited to announce that having received permission from Bishop Parkes, we will soon be moving the tabernacle for the Blessed Sacrament into the main part of the sanctuary. It will be behind the altar where it has traditionally been in most churches for centuries. There it will be for all to see when worshipping and praying at St Thomas Aquinas. The date for this move will be Christ the King Sunday which falls this year on November 21st.

Come & See!

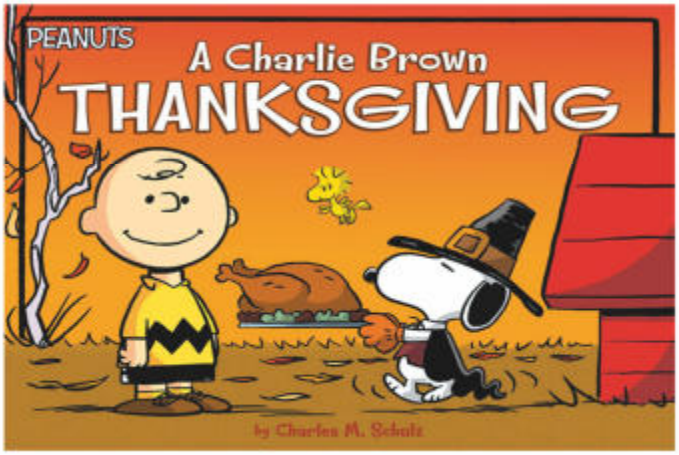
Do you seek the face of God? We warmly invite you to visit a Lay Carmelite Community meeting to learn about Carmelite Spirituality. Our Lady Queen of Carmel LCC meets in room 4 of the parish center of St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church at 715 E. Orange St. in Tarpon Springs. Our next meeting will be Saturday, Dec. 11, following the 9 am mass.

For more information, contact Pat Mermelstein at 727-534-5729.

3RD THURSDAY

PARISHWIDE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

WHEN: Thursday, November 18th 2021
@ 7:30pm
WHERE: St Thomas Aquinas Church Hall
SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED BY THE KNIGHTS



THIS IS AN EVENT FOR ALL AGES IN OUR ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH FAMILY.

WE WILL HAVE A THANKSGIVING POSTER CONTEST FOR OUR YOUTH. (ALL AGES)

CREATE A THANKSGIVING THEMED POSTER THAT CAPTURES WHAT THANKSGIVING MEANS TO YOU. BRING IT WITH YOU TO MOVIE NIGHT .

PLEASE COME EARLY AND WE WILL PLACE YOUR POSTER ON DISPLAY.

THERE WILL BE A SHORT PRESENTATION ON "HOW IS THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY TRULY A CATHOLIC HOLIDAY"

WE WILL ALSO HAVE AN OPEN MIC TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES ABOUT THIS HOLIDAY.

LET'S GATHER AS A PARISH FAMILY TO MAKE MEMORIES AS WE HEAD INTO ADVENT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING SOME THANKSGIVING OR FALL THEMED COOKIES, CAKES, OR CUPCAKES THAT WOULD BE NICE.

BUT IS NOT REQUIRED.

ANY QUESTIONS CALL:

GEORGE @ 813-701-8777

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!!

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Catholic Relief Services awards grant to St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference 062!

For the sixth consecutive year, our Conference has been awarded a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl mini grant of $1,000! This grant helps support Pack-A-Sack Food 4 Kids through which we provide sacks of nutritious food to 50 students at Gulf Middle School over weekends and school breaks.

CRS allocates 25% of donations from its Lenten Rice Bowl Campaign to local organizations that serve the poor. The other 75% of donations alleviate suffering and provide assistance to people in need in more than 100 countries without regard to race, religion or nationality. Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community. A hearty thanks to all who contributed to our Lent 2021 CRS Rice Bowl Campaign!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2021

THANKSGIVING PIE

Please join us after the 7:00pm Mass for Apple Pie, Pumpkin Pie, Kid's Treats, and Coffee

Knight's Korner
Knights of Columbus Council #11497

Our Mission Statement
As Knights, associated with Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in New Port Richey, Florida, we strive to humbly serve our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ; guided by His Word and teachings, inspired by our patron, Saint Thomas Aquinas, to Learn, Live, and Share the "Good News" through valiant acts of Charity, delivered in Unity, backed by a Fraternal commitment to each other as an order, to our Parish family and her neighboring communities, and to the nation we Patriotically stand to respect and protect. Vivat Jesus!

Did you know that you can become a Knight's of Columbus eMember right now by going to KofC.org and pressing Join Us? Be sure to select Council 11497 and we do the rest!

- Membership meetings are every first Thursday of the month and social meetings are every third Thursday of the month (unless announced otherwise)

Further questions contact our Grand Knight Larry C. Alaimo at 813-297-9968 or email to: lcalaimo@yahoo.com

Each year we provide Thanksgiving dinners to many lower-income neighbors. We request that you assist us by providing the following ingredients to go along with the turkey or gift card that will be provided. These items can be delivered to our pantry during open hours on Monday and Thursday from 9:30AM to 11AM or 1:30PM to 3PM; or they can be placed in the food box on the left side of the narthex as you enter the church. We expect to supply approximately 50 to 60 dinners. Delivery of these items can be made up until Thursday, November 19th.

Boxed or Bagged Stuffing Mix
Instant Potatoes
Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams
Canned Green Beans
Canned Corn
Cranberry Sauce
Packets Turkey Gravy Mix
Biscuit Mix
Cake/Quick Bread Mix
Aluminum Heavy Duty Roasting Pans

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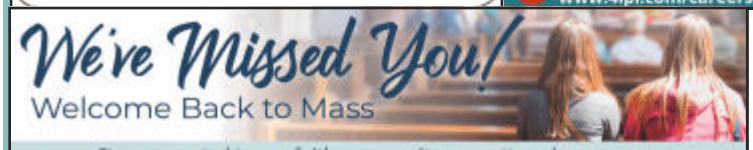

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