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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

## ALL SAINTS

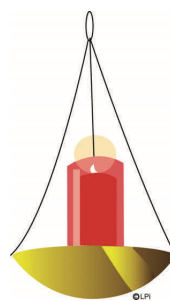


"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great  
in heaven." - Mt 5:12a

# PARISH LIFE



<b>Monday</b> 8:00am	11-2-20 <b>Rosemary Palmer</b> rq by Loving Daughter <b>Marie Antoinette Valentine Gerardino</b> rq by Loving Family
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00am	11-3-20 <b>Jaime Jimenez Londono</b> rq by Loving Family
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00am	11-04-20 <b>Robert Petty</b> rq by Loving Cousin Tom Sauickie
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00am	11-5-20 <b>Barbara Puglisi</b> rq by Loving Family & Friends
<b>Friday</b> 8:00am	11-6-20 <b>Robert Meyer &amp; Catherine Miller</b> rq by Marlene
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	11-7-20 <b>Elizabeth Pigott</b> rq by Loving Family <b>Barbara Puglisi</b> rq by Jeanie, Keith & Family <b>Thomas Quinn</b> rq by Loving Daughter Colleen
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am	11-8-20 <b>Theresa Castella</b> rq by Loving Family <b>Richard T. Walker Sr.</b> rq by Loving Family <b>Helen &amp; Russell Graham &amp; Jack Gibney</b> rq by Shelia Gibney <b>Michael Suckow</b> rq by Loving Family <b>Edward Farrell</b> rq by Loving Mother
10:30am	
6:00pm	



## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is available for special intentions. The Lamp burns weekly for deceased members of a family or requests for a special intention. The donation is \$20. Please call the Rectory for further information.. This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for **Rosemary Palmer** rq by **Loving Family**

## FALL SCHEDULE



**Masses** Mon - Fri 8A, Sat 5P, Sun 9A.

**Office Hours** Mon - Fri 9A - 1P.

**Church Hours** Mon - Fri 8:30A - 12P.

**Confessions** Sat 1P - 2P *outside* the double doors of the handicapped entrance.



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# The Pastor's desk

## The Pope and Civil Unions

On Wednesday, October 21, 2020, the general media reported that Pope Francis, in an interview for a documentary, endorsed civil unions for same-sex pairs and declared that they have a right to a family. Subsequently, some commentators claimed the Pope was mistranslated. In response to the speculation that Francis was mistranslated, his longtime theological advisor Archbishop Victor Fernandez, clarified that the term used by the Pope "convivencia civil", rendered as "civil unions", was correct. According to Archbishop Fernandez, and other Spanish native-speakers and ecclesial sources, Francis did, in fact, advocate for the legal status of same-sex unions. No clarification has yet come from Rome.

In this interview, apparently the Pope is voicing a personal opinion that contradicts Sacred Scripture and 2,000 years of unchangeable Catholic teaching on this topic. Even though it is merely an opinion and not papal teaching, this creates confusion and division. Of course, no one, including the Pope, has the authority to change Divine Revelation.

Regarding this issue, the Catholic Church has always taught that we should have respect, compassion and understanding for those dealing with homosexual inclinations or other sexual temptations. We are sensitive to the great challenges they face in life. We strive to accompany them and lead them to healing and redemption in Jesus Christ. At the same time, there is no possible way to regularize homosexual behavior or other sexual disorders. The Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church are clear on these points. The Church proclaims this truth without hesitation because her greatest concern is always for the salvation of souls. Moreover, these behaviors are grave threats to marriage and family life, and to children of adoption, and are very confusing for vulnerable youth. Despite what anyone may purport, in the final analysis, we all know in our heart of hearts what the truth really is.

I would like to conclude with a few words addressed to all of us. They were spoken by Our Lady of Revelation in Rome on March 13, 2000. Our Heavenly Mother said: "You cannot construct a church because the Church is already built to welcome the repentant sinner who lives in error. Men must live for the Church and not the Church to live for them. Men must be persuaded of the truth. . . . The doctrine of the Church is of Christ, the Word, my Son and I am the Mother of the Church. Do not change the doctrine but rather change your hearts to live this doctrine for your salvation and that of your neighbor that impatiently awaits your return to the pure font of the Gospel."

Please pray and sacrifice for Pope Francis, the Vicar of Christ!



Courage is an international apostolate of the Catholic Church that ministers to persons with same-sex attractions. It has five goals which were created by the members when Courage was founded. They are:

1. Chastity: To live chaste lives in accordance with the Roman Catholic Church's teaching on homosexuality.
2. Prayer and Dedication: To dedicate our entire lives to Christ through service to others, spiritual reading, prayer, meditation, individual spiritual direction, frequent attendance at Mass, and the frequent reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.
3. Fellowship: To foster a spirit of fellowship in which we may share with one another our thoughts, experiences, and so ensure that no one will have to face the problems of homosexuality alone.
4. Support: To be mindful of the truth that chaste friendships are not only possible but necessary in a chaste Christian life; and to encourage one another in forming and sustaining these friendships.
5. Good example/Role Model: To live lives that may serve as good examples to others.

If you are in need of guidance and direction, please contact [office@couragerc.org](mailto:office@couragerc.org). Also feel free to reach out to me at the rectory. As a priest, I am here to serve all God's people, especially those experiencing heavy crosses in life.

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2020

- SUN 11/01** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- MON 11/02** Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
- TUE 11/03** Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24
- WED 11/04** Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33
- THR 11/05** Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10
- FRI 11/06** Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 16:1-8
- SAT 11/07** Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15
- SUN 11/08** Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

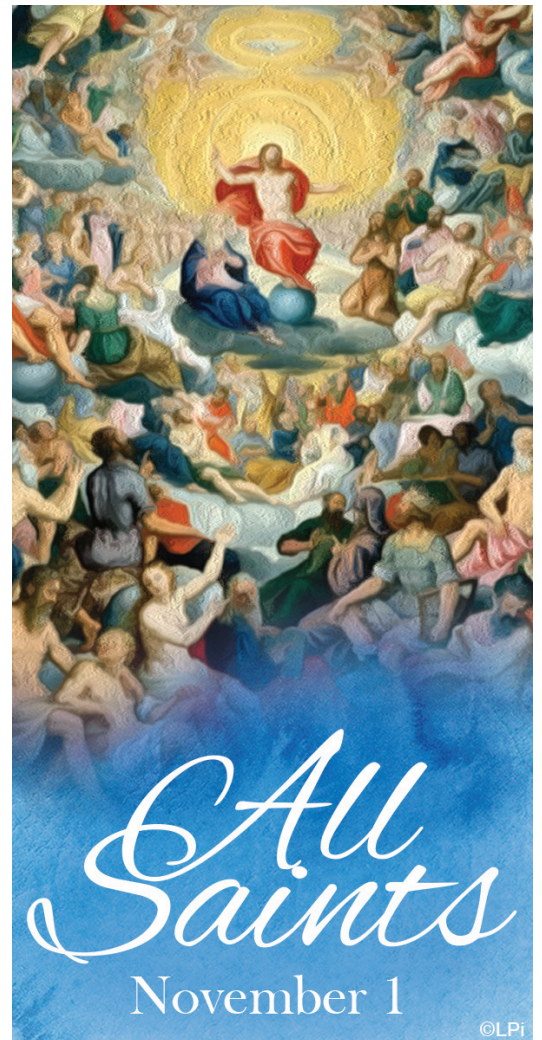
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2020

- Sunday:** All Saints; Daylight Saving Time ends;  
National Vocation Awareness Week
- Monday:** The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
- Tuesday:** St. Martin de Porres, Religious; Election Day
- Wednesday:** St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Especially with regard to living the Gospel, we are not alone. A great cloud of witnesses journey with us offering us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. We look to them for the example of perseverance we desperately need in order to be faithful, and for what it means to "walk the talk!" The Beatitudes are indeed a blessed vision that people hunger to hear and embrace. But, they also clearly remind us that following Jesus is difficult. Poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy, and peace making are not virtues readily accepted by the world. Pursuing a purity of heart and acknowledging the hunger of our souls require not only a courageous stance, but a single-minded devotion to God. And, after going against the grain of the world and meeting resistance along the way, the true disciple may find themselves persecuted and paying a high price. Look to all the saints for the secret to happiness and the example of fidelity. Their lives speak volumes of how God can use even the weakest and most humble among us in tremendous ways. Saints are not even close to being perfect. They are just ordinary folks like us trying to give honor to God with their lives.



My  
king  
and my  
God.

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING:

After this I had a vision of a great multitude,  
which no one could count,  
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.  
They stood before the throne  
and before the Lamb,  
wearing white robes and holding  
palm branches in their hands. (Rev 7:9)



## PSALM:

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.  
(Ps 24)



## SECOND READING:

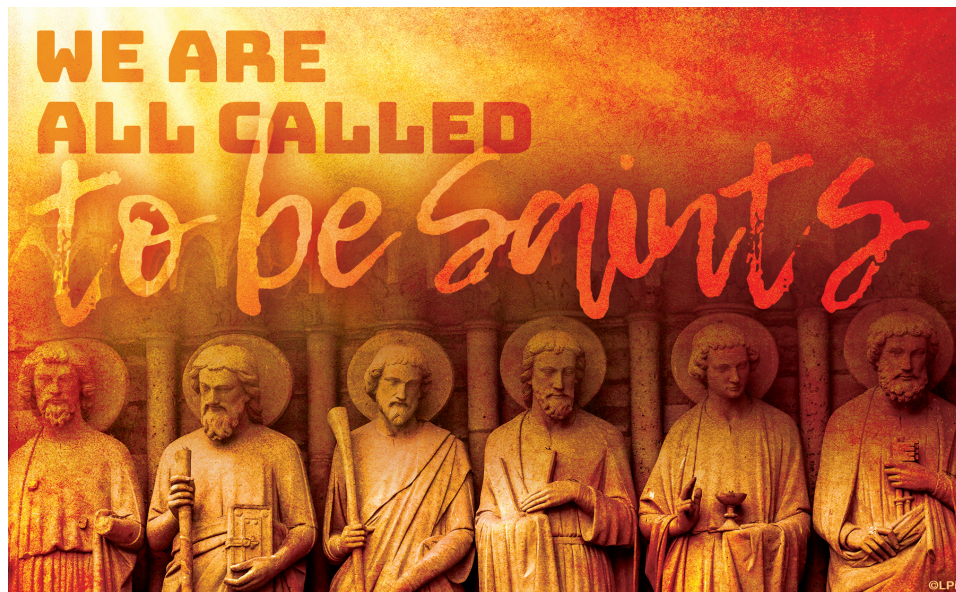
We do know that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.  
Everyone who has this hope based on him makes  
himself pure, as he is pure. (1 Jn 3:2b-3)



## GOSPEL:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I remember as a child the meticulousness my father would bring to a task. Whether it be tending to a chore in the yard, repairing something, or painting a room, the tiniest of every detail demanded his attention. He had great patience. I benefited greatly by his example and remember these lessons well. We all need examples to follow. It is important to identify folks who excel at simple things and show us how to do things well. There are those among us and those who have gone before us who serve as these models and witnesses. They are ordinary people who in their "extraordinary ordinariness" capture our attention and allow us to see things more clearly.

These are the prophets, martyrs, teachers, witnesses, heralds, and innovators who bring a single-minded devotion to God to even the simplest of tasks they perform. They have an openness to being used and become vessels of Divine justice, mercy, and presence. They call us to the "more" of life and point us to the Gospel in all of its simplicity and splendor. They remind us of the little ones of the Kingdom and the values we all need to cultivate and possess. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemaker who often are rejected not only by those who have far different agendas but by those you think would welcome them.

All of the saints in heaven and on earth form this cloud of witnesses who journey with us as we make our way through life. They offer us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. They direct us toward true happiness and remind us that we are all called to be saints. All it takes is desire, love, and fidelity. There is much we can learn from the official saints of the church. Their guidance is ever before us and ever with us. But there is also a lot to learn from the unofficial saints of the church. They sit beside us every Sunday, are our neighbors and ordinary people we meet every day. Because of the devotedness of their faith, they remind us to keep going, remain focused, and cultivate purpose and meaning, and give voice to those who have none. The inspiration is all around us.

Pay attention to the details. Do what you do with great love. Know that you are not alone. Believe that you can persevere. Have great faith.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### Everyday Saints

Growing up I thought saints were larger than life people with extraordinary stories. The thought that I could one day be revered as a saint by anyone seemed crazy. I wrote my essays on different saints every year in Catholic school right around All Saints Day. These were stories about people I had never met, and I assumed I would never meet anyone like them going forward.

Now that I am older, I realize that I was wrong back then and my immaturity of both mind and heart did not allow me to see that there are saints among us all the time. I have met many people in my life that I would call living saints. They are holy people who give of themselves to God and others in profound ways. Their relationship with Jesus is evident and they live their lives in ways that people witness the transformative power of love.

As a child I was wrong about saints, but even more importantly, I didn't fully realize that all of us are called to be saints! Me, a saint? Holiness is not something simply studied in books. It is the way of life we are all called to live. The call comes from Jesus Christ and each of us must respond. If we are still thinking like children, we may choose to stay silent and live accordingly. If we are more mature in our faith then we might not only respond, we might one day have a school child write a report about us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### *Communion and The Church*

#### Question:

Why do some people receive Communion in the hand, while others have it put on the tongue? And is one better than the other?

#### Answer:

Prior to the liturgical reforms that accompanied the Second Vatican Council, it was the universal practice that Catholics would receive communion "on the tongue," meaning that the one receiving would allow the priest distributing communion to place the consecrated host on their outstretched tongue. At this time, only the priest celebrant (and, on special occasions, priests assisting at the Mass) was allowed to receive the Precious Blood.

Since 1977 (with the approval of the Holy See) the bishops of the United States have officially approved two equally valid options for receiving Holy Communion in Masses celebrated according to the Ordinary Form of the Mass. As the bishops' statement *Norms for Holy Communion Under Both Kinds* states:

*The communicant may choose whether to receive the Body of Christ in the hand or on the tongue. When receiving in the hand, the communicant should be guided by the words of St. Cyril of Jerusalem: "When you approach, take care not to do so with your hand stretched out and your fingers open or apart, but rather place your left hand as a throne beneath your right, as befits one who is about to receive the King. Then receive him, taking care that nothing is lost" (no. 41).*

As we noted, both ways of receiving communion are equally valid in the United States and it is important that we always keep the instructions of the bishops in mind as we reflect on which method we might prefer.

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**“Blessed are you  
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kind of evil against  
you falsely because  
of me. Rejoice and  
be glad, for your  
reward will be  
great in heaven.”**

**- Mt 5:11-12a**

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# **LITURGICAL LIFE**

## **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

### **First Reading:**

In a vision, John sees in heaven those who survived being tested in their faith. What would you say is the biggest test of threat to your faith?

### **Second Reading:**

John speaks of the importance of “hope” in the life of a Christian. What do you hope for as a believer in Jesus Christ?

### **Gospel:**

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7) begins with a listing of beatitudes. How do you think you measure up to these beatitudes?

# REJOICE

“Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be  
great in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:12A

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