



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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Our Mission Statement

*Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God
To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.*

"I HAVE CALLED
YOU BY
YOUR NAME."
(Is 45:4)

October 22, 2023 | Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6 | 1 Thes 1:1-5b | Mt 22:15-21

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It strikes me that our readings today are about "belonging." It may seem like a simple concept, but in practice its meaning and ramifications run deep. Picture a young child coming home after a day at school or child care: He or she may even audibly let out a sigh of relief at the familiar surroundings, the presence of Mom and/or Dad, and all that they hold dear. Is it so different for us? We are God's, we belong to him. In the first reading God tells Cyrus, "I have called you by your name." And Jesus says to repay "to God what belongs to God." How do we do that? We, who have been called by name by virtue of our baptism, do this by putting God first in our lives. By loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind. And by giving him not the leftovers, but the first fruits of our talents, our treasure, and our time. Spend some time in prayer with God today and listen to the words he writes upon your heart.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We have been chosen by God to spread his Good News in the world. We are his witnesses. Sound intimidating? I took comfort in the words from Saint Paul in the second reading: "For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction." Is it always a "piece of cake" to be Christ's disciples in the world helping to build his kingdom here on earth? No, certainly not. But the knowledge that we are beloved and valuable in the sight of God, coupled with the power and strength of the Holy Spirit, fortifies us for the task. Are we up to the task? Yes. We belong to God now and forever. Let us strive to act like a child of God in all things, and deepen our reliance on the Holy Spirit when things get tough.

WITNESS Today's Gospel acclamation, from Philippians, says: "Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life." There is so much darkness in the world. Make an effort to be the "light" in someone's life this week, whether it be a spouse, a child, a parent, or a co-worker.

OCTOBER 22	OCTOBER 23	OCTOBER 24	OCTOBER 25	OCTOBER 26	OCTOBER 27	OCTOBER 28
Ministry Sign-up! 10a Mass 12p Mass 1-4p Adoration 7p Mass		8:30a Mass	8:30a Mass 4-5p Children's Choir 7p Adoration	8:30a Mass 1-4p Senior Cards 7p Ministry Scheduler Pro Info Night	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration	11a-12p Confession 1:30p Feminine Genius 5p Mass

THIS WEEK



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE We will commemorate **ALL SOULS' DAY** this year with a Memorial Mass celebrated at **Holy Spirit Parish Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 pm**. If you wish, you may bring a photograph or the memorial card of your deceased loved one for display during the liturgy. This Mass will also be **livestreamed Holy Spirit Catholic Church Facebook Page and/or saskatoomass.com**

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."*

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 10 am, 12 noon, 7 pm
Weekdays, Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am

ADORATION

Wednesdays 7 pm
Fridays, 9 am - 12 pm
Sundays, 1 - 4 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 11 am - 12 noon
or by appointment.

WE PLEDGE 5%

St. Mary's Parish is called upon six days a week to provide hampers to families. They provide approximately 20 hampers a week to families. These hampers contain canned goods and providing there are enough funds they also include fresh meat, potatoes, vegetables, fruit, eggs and milk. The money goes towards purchases of these foods for the hampers. St. Mary's Parish is looking for volunteers Monday, Wednesday and Fridays to help organize hampers. Please call 306-242-2983 to volunteer. Thank you for your support.

LET US PRAY

- ♦ For the sick and all those that care for them, today we pray for: Barb Elder, Father Bernard De Margerie, Veronica Lange, Riel Larocque, Leon Hartman, Betty Anne Tomney, Bob Kudel, Quinn Gorman, Roberta Marisi
- ♦ For all those who have died, today we remember: Pauline Cameron
- ♦ And on the anniversary of death, Gary Kirilenko

We pray to the Lord.



High School Youth Group— Game Night Saturday, **October 21 6:30-9pm**. Holy Spirit Parish Hall and Grounds. Dress for the weather! *Board Games, Mafia, Capture the Flag, Pizza and Snacks.*
To register please contact us: Krista & Devan kristaschreiter@gmail.com



Ministry Scheduler Information Night: Come out to learn all you never knew about the Scheduler and the MSP app but were afraid to ask! We will focus on how to sign up to volunteer in all areas at Holy Spirit Parish, questions regarding profile changes, requesting substitutes at Sunday liturgies, and any other questions people may have. Choose either **Monday, October 23 at 7:00 pm** or **Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 pm**. Contact Lynn for more information. leremondi@rcdos.ca, 306-374-1425.



"Feminine Genius" Tea Talk Event for Women —October 28 @ 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm featuring keynote speaker Sr. Malou Tibayan of the Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity will be held **Saturday, Oct. 28** at Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon; doors open at 1:30 p.m., with tea and talk from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., by freewill donation. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/232066075668260> or call Sr. Malou Tibayan at (306) 371-7434.



Christmas Cakes and Religious Christmas Cards for sale **Nov 4th and 5th** after the Masses. We will be here only once. You can also order cakes or cards from John Cook at 306-477-1748. 1 lb cakes \$20.00 2.5 lb cakes \$30.00. Christmas Cards packages of 10 for \$10.00 or 3 packs for \$25.00.
Fundraiser for Campaign Life Coalition Saskatchewan.



NEW Walking with Purpose Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point An evening group for Young Moms and Working Women. Every second Tuesday **starting November 7 at 7pm**. To register contact Rhea Johner at reah@bradjohner.com



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2023

To learn more about the projects BAA support visit dscf.ca/baa.

To donate to Bishop's Annual Appeal by cheque make it to:

DSCF (this is the acronym for Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation)

In the cheque memo line write BAA Appeal 2023 - Holy Spirit Thank you for your support!



If you need prayer, support, a visit (with the Eucharist or otherwise), Anointing of the Sick, or assistance with funeral planning, Ministry of Care is just a phone call or email away. Please contact **Kelly Wormsbecker** Pastoral Associate- Ministry of Care kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca or call 306-374-1425

2023 INFANT BAPTISM 2023 Baptism Schedule Sharon 306-374-1425 or spowell@rcdos.ca
CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN Sharon at spowell@rcdos.ca or 306-374-1425
CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS - RCIA Erin 306-374-1425 or email egratton@rcdos.ca.
MARRIAGE PREPARATION Nicole Gursky at 306 229-0384 or email ngursky@sasktel.net
Please visit holyspiritsaskatoon.ca for more information about faith formation.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 8905
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WAYS TO DONATE TO HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

- 1. Sign up for Pre-Authorized Giving** Registration [forms](#) are available at the church office, online on our parish website, or via email. Donate using debit or credit card.
- 2. Interac e-Transfer using online banking:** send e-transfer to finance@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca (it is directly deposited, no password needed). Please put your full name and envelope number in the message box along with any special offering designation.
- 3. Parish Offertory:** <https://dscf.ca/parish-offertory/>
- 4. Mail envelopes to the church:** 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon, SK, S7J 3V7
- 5. Drop envelopes off at church:** Put envelopes into the office door mail slot.
- 6. Place envelopes in the offertory basket at Mass**



Another option to donating to your parish online:

PARISH OFFERTORY QR CODE



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The cost to you is absolutely free: our parish has a subscription for the entire year.

Are you new to the parish? Has your information changed?

Fill out this [form](#) online

Or contact the office (306) 374-3190 or info@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

GAME *night*



GR
8-12



Bring your friends
Dress for the weather- we will
be outside for some of the
games.

Saturday, October 21
Holy Spirit Parish Hall
6:30-9pm

Board Games -Mafia -Capture the
Flag- Snacks- Pizza

To register please contact us:
Krista & Devan
kristaschreiter@gmail.com





CALLING ALL CURRENT & FORMER CWL LADIES

YOU ARE INVITED TO A COFFEE PARTY

Please join the Holy Spirit CWL
for a time of refreshments, entertainment and friendship

DATE: Wednesday October 25, 2023

TIME: 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: St. Volodymyr Common Room

3102 Louise Place, Saskatoon SK

Please note that personal invitations have been sent to some CWL members for whom we had a correct address. If you did not receive an invitation, it is only because our list may be incomplete and we would appreciate it if you provide us your name and contact information for our records for future invites. You can do this when you come to the coffee party or by calling Maureen.

For further information or if you need to arrange a ride contact

Maureen Smith-Windsor 306-717-2564 (cell)

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NOV. 4/5 AFTER EACH MASS

CHRISTMAS FRUITCAKES

1lb. round \$20

2.5lb round cake \$30

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS

\$10 per package

or

3 Packs for \$25

If you miss out Call John 306-477-1748

Email: campaignlifesk@gmail.com

Campaign Life Coalition SK



Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God

Join us for ***Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point*** as we explore the fundamental questions of our Catholic faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ.

**An evening group for Young Moms
and Working Women**

**DATE: Every second Tuesday
starting November 7th**

TIME: 7:00pm

**To register, contact Rhea Johner
at rhea@bradjohner.com**



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Diocesan Bulletin

Oct. 22, 2023 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday

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*In all things we are rooted in Christ,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.*

Upcoming Events

40 Hours for Life prayer vigil is held on the corner of 4th Avenue and Queen Street in Saskatoon 9 a.m. to 12 noon **Monday to Friday**. Signs will be provided. To volunteer for an hour, or for more info, e-mail: campaignlifesk@gmail.com.

"I am with you" two-night online series, about supporting women and families through pregnancy and after, will be presented by deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research at 7 p.m. (SK time) **Tuesday, Oct. 24** and **Tuesday, Nov. 7**. Registration is free; go to www.deveber.org to sign up.

"A Time of Grace – Be Not Afraid" will be held **Wednesday, Oct. 25** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cres. E., Saskatoon, with Rosary at 6 p.m., Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by presentation by Fr. Petar Ljubičić (sponsored by the Medjugorje Prayer Group and Ave Maria Centre of Peace). More information can be found at: <https://medjugorje.ca>.

Rosary for Peace is an online event to be held at 5:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 25** to pray for peace in the Holy Land, hosted by Development and Peace - Caritas Canada. Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcrfuGprjwqHtfcwAX487v379fkqZGzr_KE#/registration.

Embracing the Calls to Action – CHAS session open to public: The Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) extends an invitation to attend a TRC evening with Chief Wilton Littlechild and Fr. Ken Thorson OMI, moderated by Sandi Harper. This presentation will be held 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 26** at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Ave S., Saskatoon. Pre-registration is not required. A suggested donation of \$10 would be welcome. This event is part of a CHAS annual convention Oct. 26-27, with other sessions held at Queen's House. For info about presenters or the convention go to: www.queenshouse.org or <https://chassk.ca>.

Steak Night Fundraiser in support of the Micah Mission will be held 6 p.m. **Friday, Oct. 27** at Mulberry's Restaurant, 2326B Miller Avenue, Saskatoon. E-mail info@themicahmission.org.

Tea Talk Event for Women: "Feminine Genius" featuring keynote speaker Sr. Malou Tibayan will be held **Saturday, Oct. 28** at Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon; doors open at 1:30 p.m., with tea and talk from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., by freewill donation. This is a repeat of a women's breakfast talk given in the spring, about Feminine Genius and the call to holiness, returning by popular demand. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/232066075668260> (updated link) or call Sr. Malou Tibayan at (306) 371-7434.

Awaken Adult Faith Series



Church of the New Evangelization

In-person 7 p.m to 9 p.m.

on five Wednesdays:

Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 8, Nov. 15, and Nov. 22
Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon

- **Oct. 25:** An Overview of the Second Vatican Council with Sr. Mirasol Abala of the Verbum Dei Sisters;
- **Nov. 1:** Evangelii Nuntiandi (Evangelization in the Modern World) with Marilyn Jackson, Director of Pastoral Services;
- **Nov. 8:** Spe Salvi (Saved in Hope) with Bishop Hagemoen;
- **Nov. 15:** Christifideles Laici (The Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful) with Sr. Malou Tibayan of Verbum Dei;
- **Nov. 22:** Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel) with Fr. David Tumbach of St. Patrick Parish, Saskatoon.

Cost: \$40 per person for all five sessions. Register at:

<https://form.jotform.com/231798289556274>

Treaty Learning Journey - St. Philip Neri Parish in Saskatoon has organized a series of four Treaty Learning Journey workshops to be led by a team from the Office of the Treaty Commissioner. Sessions will be held from 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. **Saturdays, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, Nov. 18 and Nov. 25** at Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre, 601 Taylor Street West, Saskatoon. All are welcome to attend any or all sessions. Pre-registration not required (freewill offering). Learn more about the workshops at www.otc.ca/blog/blog_details/otcs_treaty_learning_journey.html or questions may be e-mailed to: office@stphilipneri.ca.

All Saints Party – Confraternity of Christian Mothers presents an All Saints Party **Sunday, Oct. 29** at St. Phillippe de Neri Parish, Vonda, SK, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; \$10 per family. Please bring a bag of candy to share and wear a saint or bible character costume. (Followed by 5 p.m. celebration of Mass.)

Contemplative Mass led by Fr. Kevin McGee, will be held 5 p.m. **Friday, Nov. 3** at St. Mary Parish, 211 Ave. O South, Saskatoon, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion. to allow space for reflection and recognition of the intimate presence of Christ who comes to us through scripture and the Eucharist. Silence can feel uncomfortable or awkward: we encourage you to relax and rest in the abiding presence of God.

Diocesan Prayer - We pray as a diocesan family for all who are discerning God's call to vocations, especially to priesthood, the diaconate, and consecrated religious life.

Message Board

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is underway in parishes across the diocese. The theme is "You Will Be My Witnesses" (Acts 1:8). No gift is too small as together we work to strengthen faith and serve others. Learn more, donate online, or view the 2023 video on the website: dscf.ca/baa.

Schools Win Twice Lottery - Every ticket sold makes a difference to GSCS students and our Catholic schools. Purchase tickets at <https://schoolswintwice.ca>.

Queen's House 20th Anniversary "Gala of Gratitude" will be held **Thursday, Nov. 23**, beginning with cocktails at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by entertainment by the Greystone Singers. Tickets are \$125 (\$100 tax receipt): <https://events.readysetauction.com/queenshouseretreatand renewalcent/gala2023>

CWL Clothing Depot is seeking winter and Christmas items: In addition to regular donations of gently-used clothing and household items, the CWL Clothing Depot is in need of all winter wear. In particular men's winter jackets, sweaters, boots, comforters, and blankets are needed at this time of year. The cold weather is difficult for many in our community. As well at this time of the year, the CWL Clothing Depot seeks donations of new toys, individually-wrapped candy, new or gently-used towels and other suitable gift items for a Christmas sale for disadvantaged family members, allowing them to purchase gifts for each other at low cost / reasonable prices. This is another service that the CWL Clothing Depot offers to those who utilize the store. The Christmas sale is a highlight for many families, who would otherwise go without exchanging gifts. The Christmas sale will begin in mid-November, so donations are needed as soon as possible. With donations and support from the community, the CWL Clothing Depot continues to offer an important ministry and service to those who are in need and face disadvantages. Donations can be dropped off at the back door of the CWL Clothing Depot, 619 20th Street West in Saskatoon between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Church Fall Suppers

St. Patrick Fall Supper with turkey, ham, dressing, vegetables, salads and homemade pies will be held 4:30 p.m. **Sunday, Oct. 29** at St. Patrick Parish, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon. Adults: \$25, Youth: \$20; 6 and under: free with ticket, available at parish office (open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

St. Mary Parish, Richmond, SK Fall Supper will be held **Sunday, Oct. 29** at Richmond Community Hall 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., with bingo to follow. Take-out is also available by pre-order. Adults: \$20; 10 and under: \$10; pre-school: free; call (306) 330-9446.

Little Flower Parish, Leader, SK Oktoberfest Family Celebration will be held 6 p.m. to midnight **Friday, Nov. 3** at the Leader Community Hall; doors open at 5:15 p.m., German supper at 6 p.m., live music. Tickets: adults 18 and over, \$40; students 12-17, \$30; children 6-12, \$10; contact Jane at (306) 628-7076 or Karri at (306) 628-8083.

St. Mary Parish, Fox Valley, SK Fall Supper will be held 4:30 to 6 p.m. **Sunday, Nov. 5** in the church basement, with bingo to follow. Everyone is welcome. Adults: \$20, 10-and-under \$10, pre-school free. For more information e-mail the parish at: smfoxvalley@rcdos.ca.



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Search Retreat for Youth in Grades 10-12

sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon

Nov. 10-12 at E.D. Feehan High School

Deadline to register is Oct. 31

<https://saskatoonsearch.ca>

Rooted in the Catholic faith, the Search for Christian Maturity live-in retreat is for Grades 10-12, open to all denominations.

Cost is \$100 (covers food and supplies for the weekend).

If cost is an issue, bursaries are available; please contact John Hickey at jhickey@rcdos.ca for more information.

World Mission Sunday – Catholics throughout the world are invited to pray for and to support missionary efforts on World Mission Sunday. A special collection World Mission Sunday, **Oct. 22** is organized by the Pontifical Missions Societies, assisting some 1,250 mission dioceses around the world.

An Adult Sacred Music Workshop Series will be presented by the Academy of Our Lady in Saskatoon from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays from **Nov. 2 to Dec. 14**, held at St. Vincent Lerins Church (formerly Third Avenue United Church), 304-3rd Ave. N., Saskatoon. Under the guidance of Cheryl Bosch, Michael Siebert, and Sean Bzdel, participants will develop their sight singing skills, practice vocal technique and learn two motets. Open to all adults, advanced or beginner. Cost is \$50 / individual; \$75 / couple. E-mail: office.ourlady@gmail.com

Catholic Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples - St. Paul Co-Cathedral, Saskatoon is offering a seven-week Marriage Preparation program at 7 p.m. Tuesday evenings **Nov. 7 - Dec. 19**. Contact: marriageprep@stpaulcocathedral.ca.

Employment Opportunity: Parish Life Director for Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Saskatoon, which serves First Nations, Métis, Indigenous and non-Indigenous parishioners. This is a full-time, permanent position. Working with the pastor and serving to implement the purpose and vision of the parish, the PLD is responsible for the day-to-day management of all parish matters. An Indigenous background and a firm understanding of Indigenous history, cultures, and spirituality is considered an asset. Find more info and the job description at <https://rcdos.ca/employment>. To apply, please submit a cover letter and resumé to Fr. Graham Hill, CSsR, at ghill@rcdos.ca.

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Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

October 22, 2023

Our Civic Duty

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Today's readings appear as campaigns for public office are under way throughout the United States. The readings might not tell us how to vote, but they do throw some light on the notion of civic duty.

In the first reading, Cyrus was the Persian king whose foreign policy allowed conquered and displaced people to return to their homelands, even though they would still be under Persian control. In the Isaian passage, this foreign king is called the Lord's anointed and is blessed by God despite the fact that he is unaware of it. This suggests that even

those who do not know or worship the God of Israel can be competent civic leaders as long as they work for the benefit of their citizenry.

The Gospel story is a bit more complex. Jewish law banned making a graven image of a person, as was found on Roman coins. This means that those trying to trap Jesus exposed their own violation of the law by possessing such a coin. Jesus did not condemn the Romans for casting such coins. Rather, he says that political leaders deserve our civic allegiance. How the Jews were to accomplish this without using forbidden Roman coins isn't explained. But then, how civic-minded people are to uphold complicated political and social values today is hard to explain as well. This is one of the challenges of belonging to a pluralist society. No political ticket perfectly mirrors all of the gospel values. Our civic duty is to decide which values we should advance. †

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

I am the LORD, there is no other.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers.

Matthew 22:15-21

"Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that [Jesus] said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Today's Scripture passages shed light on being a good citizen.



A Word from Pope Francis

To pay taxes is a duty of citizens, as is complying with the just laws of the state. At the same time, it is necessary to affirm God's primacy in human life and in history, respecting God's right over all that belongs to him. Hence the mission of the Church...to speak of God and bear witness to him....

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 18, 2020



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Is civic duty important to you?
- How informed are about the candidates you support? And those you don't?

Room for Error

Kathleen Basi

It's my responsibility as a Christian to do God's will, but figuring out what that means in every situation is not as simple as I'd like it to be. Some choices seem inconsequential, like what to eat or what household project to undertake next. Others, like discerning a vocation, are life-changing. It can feel overwhelming.

Some people believe discerning God's will is a matter of following the simplest path. When things fall into place, it's a sign we're doing what we're supposed to. Others take the opposite view:

Any worthwhile endeavor is bound to encounter opposition. Satan's job is to derail all good and holy work. So when the going gets tough, it's a sure sign you're on the right track.

There's merit in both viewpoints, but the very contradiction between them illustrates the difficulty we face in trying to determine God's will. It would be nice if the choice between right and wrong was drawn in clear, bold strokes that left no room for doubt or misunderstanding.

The late Fr. Richard Hogan said that for every person there must be more than one path to heaven; otherwise, what is the purpose of free will? Perhaps some paths are easier than others, but discerning wrongly will not automatically condemn a person to a lifetime of misery or the fires of hell.

I find that a liberating thought. Yes, it's important to seek God's will in my



everyday decisions. But few decisions are so vital that there's no going back if I get it wrong. And that's good, because I'm bound to get it wrong once in a while.

So, by all means, pray for guidance. Educate yourself on the options. Be still and listen. Then do the best you can. God doesn't ask for more. †

PRAYER

God of every nation, may all that we do bear in mind the needs of others everywhere, especially those who are struggling. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

Discernment through Questioning

Once we believe the Spirit of God is a constant companion in our lives, a fellow traveler so to speak, we seek ways to follow its lead. This is no easy task for the Spirit does not make itself known directly. We try to follow Paul's admonition: "Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil."

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

Testing everything always entails asking questions:

- Does "the call of the Spirit" line up with the revelation of Jesus? In other words, are gospel values involved?
- Do our thoughts manifest love? In other words, are they more than a strategy for self-promotion and protection?
- Will our intended actions benefit others? In other words, will greater love of our neighbor result from what we are going to do? †

John Shea, *Daybreaks*, 2008,

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WEEKDAY READINGS

October 23-28

Monday, Weekday:

Rom 4:20-25 / Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday, Weekday: Rom 5:12, 15b,

17-19, 20b-21 / Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday, Weekday:

Rom 6:12-18 / Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, Weekday:


Rom 6:19-23 / Lk 12:49-53

Friday, Weekday:

Rom 7:18-25a / Lk 12:54-59

Saturday, Sts. Simon and Jude:

Eph 2:19-22 / Lk 6:12-16

Bringing Home
the Word 

October 22, 2023

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Sunday, Oct 22, 2023

Hearts on fire, feet on the move

Goal-setting is a normal part of life. We set a particular horizon in our education and profession, in domestic budgeting and in relationships. Pope Francis reminds us on this World Mission Sunday that sharing the Good News is the horizon for all church activity. Our aim isn't just to save our souls but to share in the rescue of the world God so loves. "Everyone has the right to receive the gospel. Christians have the duty to announce it without excluding anyone ... as one who shares a joy, signals a beautiful horizon, offers a desirable banquet" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 14). Embrace the mission!

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21 (145). "I am the LORD, there is no other."

Monday, Oct 23, 2023

Break new ground

When most people think of the Catholic Worker Movement, started by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin in 1933, its "Houses of Hospitality" that help the urban poor often come to mind. But the movement also started farms that follow a similar model of communal living in voluntary poverty—and they are experiencing a resurgence throughout the country (see if there's one near you). Many Catholics, in parishes and lay or religious communities, make tilling the earth on farms or in community gardens a spiritual practice and are leading the way in sustainable living. Pitch in and help them bring forth bounty!

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21 (473). "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Tuesday, Oct 24, 2023

Live your vocation inspired by Mary

When Saint Anthony Mary Claret was appointed archbishop to Cuba in 1849, he initiated practical changes to help the working poor: He taught effective farming methods so families could feed themselves while making a living, began credit unions, and set up vocational training for disadvantaged youth. All of this angered wealthy land owners, who expected cheap labor to help them plunder the land for sugar as a lucrative cash crop. Remember Anthony during October's observance of Free Trade Month, supporting supply chains that honor workers instead of corruption and greed. But also remember Anthony this month as we honor Mary. His prayer: "O Heart of Mary, furnace and instrument of love, enkindle me with love of God and my neighbor."

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38 (474). "Be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks."

Wednesday, Oct 25, 2023

Stay a while

Chapter 1 of the Book of Ruth recaps the tragic decade that Naomi endured: A famine chased her from her home; her husband died; her sons died. She was alone—or so it seemed, until her daughter-in-law Ruth promises to stay with her. Little by little, with

Ruth at her side, Naomi can dig out of what must have felt like a living hell. Who has been like Ruth for you? When have you been like Ruth for someone? This week, as we celebrate Pastoral Care Week, we give thanks for the people who provide spiritual care to those struggling with grief, trauma, and other difficult situations. Learn more at the Pastoral Care Week website.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48 (475). "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much."

Thursday, Oct 26, 2023

All creation divinely sings

We're entering the cold season in the North, and nature's show has become more subtle. But the natural world is an ongoing expression of God that anyone can embrace simply by paying close attention. The work of poet Mary Oliver celebrates this. She writes: "Why do people keep asking to see God's identity papers when the darkness opening into morning is more than enough?" Look around. Listen. How is God showing up in your natural surroundings right now?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53 (476). "Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!'"

Friday, Oct 27, 2023

Breathe in the blessing

Being human is a gift, but sometimes it can feel like a curse. As humans, we are *imago dei*, made in the image and likeness of God. This includes having free will, which oddly enough, we can use to hide or deny our *imago dei*. When we struggle, we might pause and pray with Saint Augustine: "Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59 (477). "For I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want."

Saturday, Oct 28, 2023

Help is at hand

The gospels do not elaborate on the life of Saint Jude, but he must have had a reputation for a sunny disposition to later come to be known as the saint of hopeless causes and desperate situations. Which, in a sense, makes him the saint of us all. The human condition, prone to illness, aging, and death, would be fairly desperate if it were not for redemption. Saint Jude is worthy of a daily "thank you" for being there when the chips are down.

FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 (666). "He called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve."

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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