



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.*



November 12, 2023 | Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16 | 1 Thes 4:13-18 | Mt 25:1-13

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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


I'll always remember that first Easter after my Dad passed away. It was when the promise of the resurrection truly hit home. Sure, I had always believed in heaven and that everyone had the possibility of spending eternity there, but until my Dad died, it had all been theoretical. Now, it was personal. Someone I loved deeply had left this world, but because of Christ's sacrifice, he had the opportunity to go to paradise, someplace where we will hopefully be reunited someday. I believe that's what St. Paul is talking about in today's second reading. We do "not grieve like the rest, who have no hope." *We have hope!* We have hope for our family, for our friends – for our very selves! – that we will rise again and spend eternity with the Lord and with those we love. Paul writes elsewhere, "Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:55) The sting of death is sin, Paul says, but Christ has won the victory over it. In being baptized into Christ, we share in that victory, and we are inheritors of the promise of eternal life that comes from death's defeat.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The parable in today's Gospel is a reminder that while Christ has opened the gates of heaven for us, we must be ready to accept that gift and walk through them. In the parable of the ten virgins, we see how all fell asleep while waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. When he did show up, five were ready with oil for their lamps while five were sent scurrying to buy some. As a result, those who were not ready missed the opening of the doors and were locked out of the wedding feast. "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour," Jesus admonishes us. Are you awake? Will you be ready to enter the wedding feast when the door is opened to you? There is nothing wrong with enjoying God's creation and gifts here on earth, but we must guard against getting so caught up in the things of this world that we forget to prepare for the next.

PRAY The ten virgins needed oil for their lamps to be ready for the bridegroom, but we need a clean heart and a steadfast spirit, as Psalm 51 tells us. (12) We get that by setting aside regular time for prayer and making a point to regularly receive the sacraments, including the reception of the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist and his forgiveness within the sacrament of reconciliation. Making time for the Lord now will mean we are ready for his return later.

NOVEMBER 12	NOVEMBER 13	NOVEMBER 14	NOVEMBER 15	NOVEMBER 16	NOVEMBER 17	NOVEMBER 18
10a Mass 12p Mass 1-4p Adoration 7p Mass	Office Closed for Remembrance Day 	8:30a Mass 7p CWL Memorial Mass 7:30p CWL Meeting	8:30a Mass 4-5p Children's Choir	8:30a Mass 4p Altar Server Training 5-7p Volunteer Potluck	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration 6:30-9p High School Youth Group	11a-12p Confession 5p Mass

THIS WEEK

There will be no Adoration Wednesday, November 15.



Volunteer Potluck

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council all volunteers are invited to attend the Volunteer Potluck on **November 16 from 5-7pm** in the parish hall. Attendees are welcomed to bring their favorite appetizer or dessert to share with everyone.

This event seeks to recognize all of the volunteers of the parish for your dedicated efforts and time, as well as to continue building and strengthening our Eucharistic community through fellowship and mission.

WE PLEDGE 5%



Christmas at the Prison - The diocesan office of Restorative Ministry purchases Christmas gifts to distribute at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre as a way of sharing the love and joy of Christmas with those in prison, letting them know that they are not forgotten. Thank you for your support.

Visit dscf.ca/designated-ministry-support to learn more.



LET US PRAY

- ◆ For the sick and all those that care for them, today we pray for: Barb Elder, Father Marc Mireau, Father Bernard De Margerie, Leon Hartman, Betty Anne Tomney, Bob Kudel, Quinn Gorman, Leah Gilo, Roberta Marisi, Trev Yaeger, Lawrence Happ, Jeff Haugen, Marie Martens, Marie Casavant
- ◆ For all those who have died, today we remember: Arnie Senger, Christopher, Joseph and Ava Novecosky,
- ◆ And on the anniversary of death, Maximilian-Kolbe Obioma

We pray to the Lord.

Thank You...

Clothing Drive Thank You - a HUGE thank you to all who donated clothing, household items and toys to the CWL Clothing Depot this weekend. We filled SIX vehicles and took it down to the Clothing Depot. They were very appreciative of the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you for your support!



ADVENT PARISH EVENT—Potluck and Advent Wreath Making. Friday December 1 from 6-8pm. Join us for one or both! Pre-registration required. Visit holyspiritsaskatoon.ca or sign up in the Place of Welcome or call the office 306-374-1425. \$25/family. *Deadline to register is November 20.*

REGISTER HERE



FREE Electric Organ— We no longer need the electric organ in the chapel. If you can give it a new home, please come by and pick it up. No holds. First one to show up gets it! See the online bulletin for pictures.



Congratulations to Phoebe and her family for winning the draw prize for praying the Rosary during the month of October.



CWL Meeting - our next meeting will be on **Tuesday November 14th**, beginning with Mass at **7pm**. We encourage everyone to bring a picture of their deceased loved ones to put on a table during mass. We will be holding a Remembrance Ceremony for the CWL members who have passed away this year. Please join us!

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Holy Cross High School is proud to present one of the most loved musicals of all time: ***The Sound of Music***. Set in Austria in 1938, an exuberant young governess brings music and joy back to a broken family, only to face danger and intrigue as the Nazis gain power. *Performance dates and times: Thursday, November 30th - 7pm, Friday, December 1st - 7pm, Saturday, December 2nd - 1pm matinee and 7pm*

Please phone the ticket box office 306-659-8222 to order tickets.

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.

2023 INFANT BAPTISM 2023 Baptism Schedule Sharon 306-374-1425 or spowell@rcdos.ca
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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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Please contact **Kelly Wormsbecker** Pastoral Associate - Ministry of Care
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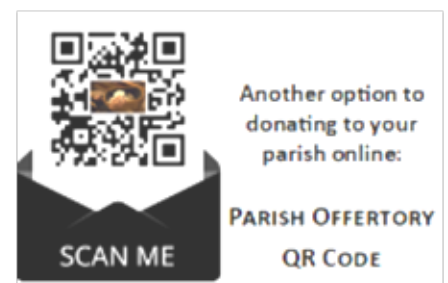
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- 2. Interac e-Transfer using online banking:** send e-transfer to finance@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca (it is directly deposited, no password needed). Please put your full name and envelope number in the message box along with any special offering designation.
- 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**



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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

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Phoebe and her family for winning the draw prize for praying the Rosary during the month of October.



FREE

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Organ

We no longer need the
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PICK IT UP AND IT'S YOURS!

★ Advent Parish Event

★ Potluck & Advent Wreath Making

★ Fri. Dec 1st 6-8pm

★ pre-registration required

★ visit: holyspiritsaskatoon.ca

★ or sign up in the Place of Welcome

\$25/family



Come join us for supper and then make an Advent wreath with live evergreens and bees wax candles! The potluck is free but to make a wreath the cost is \$25 for materials.

To make sure we have enough materials ordered, the deadline for registration is Monday, Nov. 20th.

Click the link to register:

<https://form.jotform.com/233045016600037>

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ANNUAL APPEAL 2023



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Diocesan Bulletin

Nov. 12, 2023 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Office closed - The Catholic Pastoral Centre, located at 123 Nelson Rd. Saskatoon, will be closed on **Monday, Nov. 13** in lieu of Remembrance Day. Regular hours resume on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Knights of Columbus Brothers' Keepers Breakfast will be held 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. **Tuesday, Nov. 14** at Queen's House, 601 Taylor Street W., Saskatoon. Contact Brendan Bitz to register: (306) 242-1916, Ext. 225.

PPK – Priest, Prophet, King Catholic men's group will meet **Wednesday, Nov. 15** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, beginning with Mass at 7 p.m. confessions and Eucharistic Adoration until 8 p.m., followed by food and drink, and a talk at 8:30 p.m. entitled "Dodging the Reaper," presented by speaker Brendan Donald.

Soul Listening: A Day of Learning and Renewal is a workshop for caregivers, spiritual care visitors, and those discerning a ministry of presence, to be offered 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Friday, Nov. 17** at Queen's House, 601 Taylor St. W. Saskatoon (\$80, includes lunch) and on Zoom (\$60), with facilitator Julie Bergen, facilitator of Clinical Psycho-Spiritual Education at St. Paul's Hospital. Register at: www.queenshouse.org/programs or call (306) 242-1916, Ext. 226. Deadline to register is Nov. 15.

Navigating the Holidays while Grieving will be offered 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday **Nov. 18, Dec. 2, and Jan. 6** with facilitator Brenda Gibbs, held in-person at Queen's House, 601 Taylor Street W., Saskatoon: attend one, two, or all three sessions. Contact Brenda Gibbs prior to registering at (306) 227-7323 or livingandloss@gmail.com. Deadline to register is Nov. 13.

Treaty Learning Journey - St. Philip Neri Parish in Saskatoon continues a Treaty Learning Journey series led by a team from the Office of the Treaty Commissioner from 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. **Saturdays Nov. 18 and Nov. 25** at Queen's House, 601 Taylor Street West, Saskatoon. All are welcome to attend any or all sessions. Pre-registration not required (freewill offering).

K of C Pancake Breakfast - The San Lorenzo Ruiz Knights of Columbus Council #11429 will hold a pancake breakfast from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Sunday, Nov. 19** at St. Joseph Parish Hall, corner of Broadway Ave. and 8th Street E. in Saskatoon. Adults: \$10; children 5-15 years: \$5; family: \$35.

Diocesan World Youth Day

Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 26

Includes celebration of Sunday Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon, with Bishop Mark Hagemoen **6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26**, as well as testimonies from young adults who participated in the international World Youth Day held in Portugal in 2023. Everyone is welcome.

Saskatoon Filipino Catholic Community Monthly Mass will be held 5 p.m., **Sunday, Nov. 19** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cr. E., Saskatoon. Everyone is welcome.

Theology on Tap for young adults 19 to 35 will be held at 5 p.m. **Tuesday, Nov. 21**, with special guest Fr. Dan Yasinski at Louis' on Campus in the private function room. Get to know Fr. Dan a bit better and hear his vocation story. Theology on Tap is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/saskatoonTonT.

Canadians for a Synodal Church online panel event will be offered on Zoom at 5:30 p.m. (SK time), **Wednesday, Nov. 22** with Canadian participants in the Synod on Synodality held last month: Most Reverend Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver; Sr. Elizabeth Davis, RSM, Sisters of Mercy, Newfoundland; and Dr. Catherine Clifford, Theologian, St. Paul University, Ottawa. They will describe their experiences as voting delegates in the synodal process at the Vatican and offer ways for us all to stay informed and engaged. Register at: www.galileecentre.com/canadians-for-a-synodal-church or e-mail info@galileecentre.com or call (613) 623-4242 (Ext. 21).

Red Wednesday is a day of prayer, action and awareness about the persecution of Christians around the world. In Saskatoon, there will be an ecumenical Red Wednesday service to pray for persecuted Christians, to be held at 7:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Nov. 22**, at Holy Covenant Evangelical Orthodox Church, 1426 Alexandra Avenue. Evangelical Orthodox Bishop Jakob Palm and Roman Catholic Bishop Mark Hagemoen are among those participating in prayer and reflection during the service. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions, please contact Myron Rogal in the diocesan Office of Justice and Peace at mrogal@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5841.

Queen's House "Gala of Gratitude" will be held **Thursday, Nov. 23**, includes dinner, entertainment, auction. Tickets are \$125 each (with a \$100 charitable tax receipt.) For tickets, contact Martha at (306) 270-2378 or purchase online: <https://events.readysetauction.com/queenshouseretreat.andrenewalcent/gala2023>.

Message Board

A Diocesan Mission Works Collection will be held in parishes across the diocese the **weekend of Nov. 11-12**, for mission efforts supported by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, in particular in the Canadian north. Thank you for your support in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Donations of new children's pajamas, children's story books and back packs - As part of a project to help fathers in prison improve parenting skills and stay connected to their families, the Office of Restorative Ministry / Prison Ministry in the diocese of Saskatoon records men at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre reading bedtime stories to send to their children. The diocesan ministry office is seeking donations of short children's story books, new pajamas sizes 4 to 12, to accompany the recorded bedtime stories, as well as small child backpacks to carry everything for delivery to the children. Drop off donations at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, during regular hours of 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, or contact Dianne Anderson (306) 659-5845.

Volunteers needed to lead Catholic prayer at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre: There is a desperate need for volunteers to assist with liturgies, prayer, leading the rosary and other Catholic outreach at the prison, including on Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings. If the Holy Spirit is inspiring you to respond to the Gospel call to visit those who are in prison (*Matthew 25:36*), contact diocesan coordinator of prison ministry Dianne Anderson at: danderson@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5845. Training and support will be provided! (*Prison ministry is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Humanitarian response in Gaza - Development and Peace - Caritas Canada (DPCC) is working with Caritas Jerusalem, to raise funds for the people besieged in Gaza, who are in urgent need of help. To give, please visit www.devp.org

Board members needed - Cheshire Homes of Saskatoon is looking for volunteers to serve on its Board of Directors. This non-profit organization operates homes for adults with physical disabilities at its location in the Eastview neighbourhood of Saskatoon, providing attendant care and personal support services. Leonard Cheshire was motivated by his Catholic faith to meet the needs of people with disabilities. He founded the original home in the United Kingdom following World War II – eventually, 270 homes were established in 49 countries. If interested in serving on the local board, contact Don Klaassen at donklaassen@mac.com for more information.

Advent conference Nov. 24-26 - St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission in Bruno, SK, presents *Reclaim Conference: Advent 2023* with guest speaker Rita Taylor of Fully Integrated Ministries **Nov. 24-26**. Reclaim the Advent season through a focus on the virtues. Register for this all-inclusive weekend at: www.sttherese.ca/upcoming-public-events or call (306) 369-2555 (childcare provided).



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Indigenous Pastoral and Lay Leader (IPL) Ministry Education Program Mini-Conference

10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2

Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon

The day includes guest speaker Deacon Harry Lafond, an honour song and smudge, a Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:15 p.m. with Bishop Mark Hagemoen presiding, a light lunch, and a graduation program for those who have recently completed four modules of the diocesan IPL certificate program. Fee: \$25 for non-grads.

Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP by Nov. 15:

<https://form.jotform.com/232625822664257>

(IPL is partially funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal)

Employment Opportunity: Parish Life Director (PLD) 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, 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 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.

Employment Opportunity at the CWL Clothing Depot - The CWL Clothing Depot is **urgently seeking to fill a part time position** in the store available immediately, offering 12 to 15 hours per week with a possibility of additional hours in future. Contact Bea at the CWL Clothing Depot (306) 242-5042.

CWL Clothing Depot is seeking donations of new items suitable for gifts for the Christmas sale: please bring donations to the back door of the CWL Clothing Depot (619 - 20th St. W.) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday – please ring the doorbell.

Diocesan Prayer - God of love and justice, this weekend we have paused to remember all those men and women who died in defense of our country and its freedom. Help us to honour their sacrifice through our prayers and actions for peace in our world.

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Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

November 12, 2023

Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven, but Nobody Wants to Die

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This is the title of a bluegrass song as well as a book on bioethics. It's a clever title, and there is some profound truth in it. Death, which is so natural for living things, seems so unnatural to human beings, who cling tenaciously to life. One would think that believers who hold that Christ conquered death would be comforted by that faith. However, that isn't always the case. It's not that they don't believe; it's that they don't understand what they believe. But that

is the difference between understanding and believing.

This is the problem described in Paul's letter today. The Thessalonians believed that, through his resurrection, Christ conquered death. Then why did some among them begin to die? Did those dying lack faith? No, Paul insists. Jesus, who died and rose, embraces those who have died and who will rise with him. Did the people fully understand this? Do we? Isn't this a question of faith—and trust?

Paul thought that he and other believers could still be alive when the rising would happen, and they were not. Or were they? Doesn't our faith give us hope that we—both the living and the dead—will be embraced by God's mercy? Doesn't something wondrous occur when those who have “fallen asleep” wake up in the glory of God? Still, we might not understand all of this, but we are called to believe, and in believing we are told to “console one another with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:18). †

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Sunday Readings

Wisdom 6:12–16

Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom, and she is...found by those who seek her

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 or 4:13–14

If we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Matthew 25:1–13

[Jesus said,] “Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the *lamp of faith* is not enough; we also need the *oil of charity* and good works.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 8, 2020



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- What about death frightens you?
- In considering death, remind yourself that God loves you and that the risen Christ will embrace you.

The Power of a Candle

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

In South Africa, prior to the abolition of apartheid, people used to light candles and place them in windows as a sign of hope that one day this injustice would be overcome. At one point, the authorities began to crack down on this practice. It became illegal to have a lit candle in your window, as illegal as carrying a firearm. Children joked: “The government is afraid of candles!”

Eventually, as we know, apartheid was overcome. Reflecting upon the forces that helped overthrow it, it is fairly evident that candles, lit religious candles, were more powerful, ultimately, than were firearms. Hope is more powerful than any army. But what is hope?

Many mistake wishing for hope. They are not at all the same. Wishing is fantasy. I can wish that I might win a million dollars, but that is not connected to any reality. It is simple daydreaming. You do not light a candle for a daydream.

Hope is based upon the promise of God that says that—human sin notwithstanding—justice, peace, love, harmony, gentleness, and graciousness will, eventually, become reality.

To light a candle, then, is to say that gentleness and graciousness are ultimately more powerful than threats, torture, and guns. To light a candle is to proclaim to the world that our real allegiance is given to something and to someone beyond them. In retrospect, the



government's paranoia about candles was well-founded. A lit candle is a powerful statement of hope. †

From Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas, Ronald Rolheiser, OMI (813375)



O God, you who promised that death is not the end of life, give faith to the doubtful, courage to the fearful, and comfort to the suffering, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

Be Like Him

When we convince ourselves that the pain or suffering of another person is simply not our problem, then we lack the pity that moves Jesus to feed the hungry crowds. Jesus, who is both fully divine and human, lives up to the divine relationship by constantly showing sympathy, compassion, love, and mercy. Jesus prioritizes this sense of unbound relationship and concern for the lived realities of all women and men, symbolized in one case by the people before him who hunger for food. (See Matthew 15:32 and Mark 8:2). May this be a time for us to stop being like the disciples who are closed off to the needs of others and strive to be more like Christ in every encounter we have and with every person we meet. †

Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas, Daniel P. Horan (827303)

These reflections were excerpted from *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas*, available from Liguori Publications. Visit Liguori.org to learn more and review our complete list of Daybreaks authors, including Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR; Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA; Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ, and others.

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 13–18

Monday, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini:
Wis 1:1–7 / Lk 17:1–6


Tuesday, Weekday:
Wis 2:23–3:9 / Lk 17:7–10

Wednesday, Weekday:
Wis 6:1–11 / Lk 17:11–19

Thursday, Weekday:
Wis 7:22b–8:1 / Lk 17:20–25

Friday, St. Elizabeth of Hungary:
Wis 13:1–9 / Lk 17:26–37

Saturday, Weekday:
Wis 18:14–16; 19:6–9 / Lk 18:1–8

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November 12, 2023

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Sunday, Nov 12, 2023

Last things

November's a good time to consider our responsibilities to those who depend on us and may be nearing the end of life. (Or perhaps we're getting long in years ourselves.) We know our social obligations: Write a will, make our medical preferences known to doctors and family members. But Catholics have other duties too. Offering forgiveness and being forgiven are vital issues at the end of life—and every year of life. We have to ensure the sacraments are available to the elderly and the sick. How vigils, funerals, and burials are conducted matters to us. Reflect on these things now.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13 (154). *"Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'"*

Monday, Nov 13, 2023

The underestimated shall be esteemed

Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini was born Maria Francesca in Italy in 1850, the youngest of 13 children. She was small and had poor health. Because of her frailty, she was rejected by the religious community she wanted to join. She founded her own order and dreamed of becoming a missionary to the Far East like the saint whose name she took. But the pope sent her west instead, to the United States—and she founded 67 missionary institutions to serve the sick and poor from New York to Chicago to Los Angeles. Nine years after her death, her religious institute, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, became missionaries in China. Don't underestimate the power of God or yourself!

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6 (491). *"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."*

Tuesday, Nov 14, 2023

Put your hope in order

As we inch toward Advent, it's good to revisit the theme of hope. Consider this, from Pope Francis two years ago today, for the World Day of the Poor: "The hope born of the Gospel has nothing to do with a passive expectation that things may be better tomorrow, but with making God's promise of salvation concrete today.... Christian hope is not the naïve, even adolescent, optimism of those who hope that things may change [and] in the meantime go on with life; it has to do with building daily, by concrete gestures, the kingdom of love, justice, and fraternity that Jesus inaugurated." Or as Italian Bishop Don Tonio Bello would say, "We cannot be content to hope. We have to organize hope." How will you organize hope today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10 (492). *"Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love."*

Wednesday, Nov 15, 2023

Live a life of great service

The great Dominican friar Albertus Magnus died on this day in 1280, after a long life of dedication to the church as a scholar, scientist, and briefly the bishop of Regensburg. He shunned excess and was known as a mediator—which, in his day, was a complicated matter, given the ongoing Crusades. We, too, live in

an age of war, economic inequality, and general spiritual laxity. We owe it to ourselves to look to the German Dominican for inspiration to live a more rigorous life of spiritual seeking, so as to find lasting solutions to the problems of our day.

MEMORIAL OF ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19 (493). *"For those who keep the holy precepts hallowed shall be found holy, and those learned in them will have ready a response."*

Thursday, Nov 16, 2023

Extraordinary sacrifice in ordinary clothing

It's easy to think that martyrs were people completely different from us, but Christian courage doesn't always have a cinematic face. Father Ignacio Ellacuría, S.J., five other Jesuits, and their housekeeper and her daughter were murdered in El Salvador. Ellacuría and his fellow Jesuits had publicly defended human rights and ministered to poor people in spite of intense government repression. May their dedication to justice inspire us to do our part in creating a more just world order that protects those who speak truth to power.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25 (494). *"For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."*

Friday, Nov 17, 2023

A delicate matter

The Catholic Church identifies well over a dozen saints as patrons of lacemaking, lace workers, and related textile workers. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary is among these patrons who possibly became associated with lacemaking as it is a craft often seen as "immaculate" and virtuous, much like the saints themselves. But lacemakers and other artisan workers also often sat on the edge of poverty. These were the people who benefitted from the kind deeds of the likes of Saint Elizabeth, who roamed the streets near her castle passing out alms for the poor and tending to the sick. Take a moment to consider the artisans and craftspeople of our own time who could benefit from your patronage.

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37 (495). *"For from the greatness and the beauty of created things their original author, by analogy, is seen."*

Saturday, Nov 18, 2023

Let freedom ring

In 1818, when Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne came from France to the United States, she was dismayed that slavery still operated "in the land of the free." Yet, when she opened foundations in Louisiana, the sisters were given slaves along with their households. In 1830 she accepted a slave in lieu of a tuition payment. She insisted that slaves in the household be treated well, arguing, "They have the same soul as we; they have been redeemed by the same blood and received into the same Church," but, like all of us, she was clearly enmeshed in social structures in need of redemption. Work for a society that truly is free at last.

MEMORIAL OF ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8 (496). *"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"*

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



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The Catholic Church's synodal process has already undergone diocesan, national, and continental stages. It will culminate in two global assemblies at the Vatican. The first will take place Oct. 4-28 and the second in October 2024 to advise the pope on the topic "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." The October 2023 session will be carried out in a synodal style ensuring a continuing fruitful process of discernment to be completed in the second session in October 2024. Proposals on how we can grow as a synodal Church will then be presented to the Holy Father.

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