



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.*

“
The greatest among you
must be your servant.”
(Mt 23:11)
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November 5, 2023 | Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 | 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 | Mt 23:1-12

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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


We all want to feel special and be noticed. We see it in Adam and Eve's decision to eat the fruit in the garden after the snake promises “your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods.” (Gen 3:5) The scribes and the Pharisees in today's Gospel certainly appear to fall into this category of wanting to be noticed: “All their works are performed to be seen,” Jesus says. To be clear, we ARE each unique children of God: chosen by him and called by name. We are “wonderfully made” by the Lord (Ps 139:14), and that alone makes us valuable beyond measure. The problem arises when we begin to see our value as something we are responsible for on our own. We no longer give glory to God and acknowledge him as the fount of all good things. Instead, we are tempted to take credit for ourselves – that was the error of the scribes and the Pharisees, and it is one against which we should guard ourselves.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's readings are instructive and, frankly, a good reminder that as God's beloved children baptized into Christ, we are called to a higher standard. What is this higher standard? First, it entails “[giving] thanks to God unceasingly,” as St. Paul said in today's reading. It also involves practicing what we preach in a way the Pharisees do not. At the heart of Jesus' message today is telling us, his followers, how we are meant to live. We are to follow Jesus' words and strive to imitate his actions with humility and love. Does this mean loving unconditionally? It does. Does this mean not seeking places of honor but rather having a servant's attitude? It does. Are these postures and attitudes that come naturally to us as human beings? As descendants of Adam and Eve? Perhaps not. But if we wish to make Jesus the master of our lives, let us discern where we can be serving others better and putting our energy into the work of building God's kingdom.

PRAY The *Catechism* calls humility the “foundation of prayer.” (CCC 2559) Let us pray this week for the humility to do God's will without any praise or recognition. Let us ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom to know what the Lord wants from us and to joyfully fulfill that call even if it means working in the shadows where no one will notice.

NOVEMBER 5	NOVEMBER 6	NOVEMBER 7	NOVEMBER 8	NOVEMBER 9	NOVEMBER 10	NOVEMBER 11
CWL Clothing Drive 10a Mass 12p Mass 1-4p Adoration 7p Mass	9a-3p Quilters 7p RCIA	8:30a Mass 7:30p K of C Meeting	8:30a Mass 4-5p Children's Choir 7p Adoration	8:30a Mass 1-4p Senior Cards  6p Sacramental Prep	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration	11a-12p Confession 5p Mass

THIS WEEK



CWL Clothing Drive November 4 & 5

- gently used clothing
- small household items
- warm clothing
- blankets and comforters
- toques and mitts

The Clothing Depot hosts a Christmas sale where families can purchase inexpensive Christmas gifts. In particular, they ask for **new toys that parents can purchase for their children.**

Please drop off items this weekend and the CWL will deliver them. Thank you for your support!

Please note: After this weekend, donations can be dropped off at the

CWL Clothing Depot Monday-Friday 10am-3pm @ 619 20th St. W, Saskatoon, SK

WE PLEDGE 5%

Prairie Hospice Society is a charitable, non profit organization founded by volunteers committed to enhancing the quality of life for those facing advancing illness, death and bereavement. Carefully selected, trained and supervised volunteers respond to the non medical end of life needs of clients and their families. Their goal is to enhance quality of life at the end of life, wherever people call home. They provide one-on-one companionship and non-medical support for clients and their families, raise awareness and educate the community about end-of-life care, and advocate for quality end-of-life care. www.prairiehospice.org

LET US PRAY

- ◆ For the sick and all those that care for them, today we pray for: Barb Elder, Father Bernard De Margerie, Leon Hartman, Betty Anne Tomney, Bob Kudel, Quinn Gorman, Leah Gilo, Roberta Marisi, Trev Yaeger, Lawrence Happ, Vilma Spehar (Speehar), Marie Martens, Marie Casavant.
- ◆ For all those who have died, today we remember: Violet Ehman
- ◆ And on the anniversary of death, Frank Lipinski
We pray to the Lord.

Our sincere condolences to:

- Kelvin, Carmen and families on the death of father, Joseph Keen, and on the death of mother Marina Keen.
- Mark, Blair, Carol and families on the death of mother, grandmother Valerie Bleakney.
- Marilyn, Sharon, Murray, Cindy and families on the death of mother, grandmother, great grandmother Wilma Krenn.
- Kathie, Lori, Mark, Celeste, Janice, Barb on the death of mother, grandmother, great grandmother Pauline Cameron.



May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in God's peace.



FALL ACTION CAMPAIGN—Stand in solidarity. Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada at devp.org/act.

For Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Create Hope : Stand for the Land** campaign, our partner ERIC—Radio Progreso has asked that we support the defenders of human rights and the environment in Honduras. Since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been fighting to preserve their rivers and the Carlos Escaleras National Park from mining.

To find out more, visit devp.org/campaign.



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.



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



Recently, parishioners received emails and texts that appear to be from Fr. Joseph. They have all been false and are scams! They usually ask if you have free time or that he has something that needs to be handled discreetly or an urgent matter. They will even sometimes end with a scripture or a blessing.
DON'T RESPOND to any of these emails or texts. What to look for: Pay attention to the email address. Even if it claims to be Fr. Joseph. Fr. Joseph's email address is: jsalihu@rcdos.ca. Anything else is fraudulent and if you are still unsure always call the office to verify if something is suspicious or seems off. 306-374-1425

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
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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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



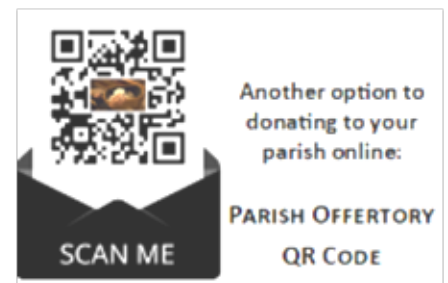
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WAYS TO DONATE TO HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

- 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**



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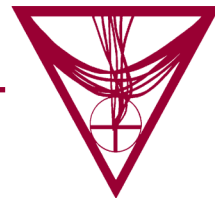
You may also download the FORMED app for iOS and Android devices.

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



Holy Spirit Parish

Notice to Parishioners on 2023 and 2024 Building and Facilities Projects

A number of projects need to be undertaken, as mentioned in our previous Finance report to Parishioners.

The Finance Committee and Building Sub-Committee have been studying these projects for the last 14 months and based on the recommendations provided by the Building Sub-Committee, the Finance Committee has decided on a course of action.

These projects include:

- Replacement of rectory windows.
- Replacement of 2 roof top condensing units for air conditioning. One has failed, and another is the same age. This may also include a Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) unit on the rectory roof.
- Replacement of the 40+ year old roof over the rectory, major repairs to the roof beneath the North East facing stained glass windows and required eavestroughs and snow dams.
- Replacement of some of the cedar shake fascia around the rectory, front entrance and accented areas including on the church bell tower; and
- A 15mm micro-surfacing of the parking lot to significantly extend its useful life and eliminate the need for major repairs.

The plan is to do the work in a staged process starting with the rectory windows this fall and winter.

In addition, we need professional consultants to help design, prepare specifications and assist with tendering and construction aspects of the roofing, cedar shake replacement and eavestroughs/snow dams. We will be tendering each of the various projects to complete them in a timely fashion, as weather permits.

We have adequate funds in our Savings and Parish Development Fund (PDF) to cover the expected costs of \$450,000 to \$500,000 for all of those projects described above, and plan to draw down funds as projects require.

The Building Sub-Committee has also prepared a forward-looking capital asset repair plan to address further roofing needs, cedar shakes on other areas of the facility, HVAC replacement, furnaces, music equipment and so on. On the basis of this, the Finance Committee has determined it is prudent to restrict the use of the remaining funds in Savings and the PDF for major capital asset replacements and repairs.

As parishioners your regular weekly contribution is needed and appreciated to sustain our daily operations and ministries on a break even basis.

We thank the parishioners who generously contributed over the years to support this faith community and to past church leadership for putting us in a financial position to maintain Holy Spirit Church well into the future.

Finance Committee

Holy Spirit Parish

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>



CCCB webinar – Four Constitutions of Vatican II

In preparation for *Jubilee 2025*, the year 2023 is dedicated to Vatican II. The CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will host an online webinar series, “**The Four Constitutions of Vatican II**”, inviting the faithful to reflect on the meaning of these documents for the life of the Church today.

Simultaneous interpretation (French/English) will be available for all four sessions of the webinar series held from **noon to 1:30 p.m.** (Sask. time) on **Tuesday afternoons in November**:

Nov. 7 – “[Sacrosanctum Concilium](#)” with Monsignor Murray Kroetsch, PH, VG

Nov. 14 – “[Dei Verbum](#)” with Bishop Yvan Mathieu, SM

Nov. 21 – “[Gaudium et Spes](#)” with Sr. Donna Geernaert, SC

Nov. 28 – “[Lumen Gentium](#)” with Dr. Catherine Clifford.

All webinar sessions will be recorded and packaged with a reflection guide for later release.

To attend any of the sessions, or to be notified when the recordings are available register at:

[REGISTRATION LINK \(Zoom\)](#)



Diocesan Bulletin

Nov. 5, 2023 - 31st 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

African-Canadian Catholic Community monthly Mass is held at St. Michael Parish, 18-33rd St. E. Saskatoon, with the next celebrations at 2 p.m. **Sunday, Nov. 5** (Mass is in English, featuring liturgical music in many African languages with traditional drums). Everyone is welcome!

"I am with you" online discussion about supporting women and families through pregnancy and after, will be presented by deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research with the next session at 7 p.m. **Tuesday, Nov. 7**. See: www.deveber.org.

Pre-Planning your final wishes free workshop by Saskatoon Funeral Home will be hosted at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cr. E., Saskatoon at 2 p.m. on **Tuesday, Nov. 7**. Registration is required. To register, call or e-mail Vanessa at (306) 652-0033 or parish@stpaulcathedral.ca.

"Who Do You Say That I Am? How Christians and Others Have Answered This Question" is a series offered at Queen's House, 601 Taylor St. W., Saskatoon from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on five **Wednesdays, Nov. 8 to Dec. 6** with facilitator United Church minister Don Schweitzer. This event is available both in-person or online, via Zoom. Cost is \$95 in person, \$75 on Zoom. Visit www.queenshouse.org/programs to register, or call (306) 242-1916, Extension 226.

Treaty Learning Journey - St. Philip Neri Parish in Saskatoon has organized a Treaty Learning Journey series to be led by a team from the Office of the Treaty Commissioner. Sessions will continue 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). Learn more about the series at: www.otc.ca/blog/blog_details/otcs_treaty_learning_journey.html or questions may be e-mailed to: office@stphilipneri.ca.

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: Advent is a special time for Catholics to slow down and remember who we are called to be in light of the Gospel. The Catholic vision of the human person is the answer to the pain and frustration of the current age. Find more information or register for this all-inclusive weekend (child-care provided) at: www.sttherese.ca/upcoming-public-events or call (306) 369-2555.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

"You Will Be My Witnesses"

Thank you to all those who have supported the Bishop's Annual Appeal 2023! There is still time to make a gift, as together we work to strengthen faith and serve others through the many ministries and programs supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. You can make your gift at your local parish, or you can learn more, donate online, or view the 2023 BAA video on the website: dsccf.ca/baa or scan the QR code below:



Queen's House 20th Anniversary "Gala of Gratitude" **Thursday, Nov. 23**, includes dinner, entertainment, auction: <https://events.readysetauction.com/queenshouseretreat.andrenewalcent/gala2023>.

Classic Christmas II – Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan presents an evening featuring performers Trevor Wingerter and Martin Janovsky, Saturday, Nov. 25 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, beginning with cocktails at 5:30 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m. catered by Touch of Ukraine. Tickets are \$100 each (partial tax receipt): (306) 653-0138 (Ext. 223) or see: <https://ucfsask.org>.

Indigenous Pastoral and Lay Leader (IPL) Ministry Education Mini-Conference and Graduation Ceremony will be held 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, Dec. 2** at the 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 diocese's IPL certificate program. Cost is \$25 for non-grads. Everyone is welcome. RSVP by Nov. 15 at: <https://form.jotform.com/232625822664257>. The IPL program is partially funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Message Board

Rosaries requested for prison ministry - The diocesan Restorative Ministry Office is seeking donations of sturdy rosaries (metal chains) for prayer with those who are in prison. Donations can be dropped off / sent to the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1 (hours are: 9 am to noon, 1 p.m. to 4:30 pm weekdays). *Prison Ministry is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*

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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.

Humanitarian response in Gaza - Development and Peace - Caritas Canada (DPCC) is raising funds for the Palestinian people besieged in the southern Gaza Strip, who are in urgent need of help. Facing a blockade and ongoing bombardment, DPCC partner Caritas Jerusalem urgently needs help to provide food, water, shelter, hygiene kits, healthcare and support to the wounded, the displaced and the bereaved. To give, please visit www.devp.org (click on the main page banner), or learn more: <https://devp.org/en/please-help-families-in-need-in-gaza/>.

Come and See the Life of Franciscans for young men (18-40 years of age) will be held **Nov. 9-12** at St. Francis Friary in Edmonton, including Masses, fraternal prayer, personal time, an inner city experience, presentations, and interaction with Franciscans. Contact: friardan47@gmail.com.

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



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Diocesan World Youth Day Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 26

Diocesan World Youth Day will be marked on the Feast of Christ the King in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, including celebration of Mass with Bishop Mark Hagemoen **6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, with testimonies from young adults who participated in the international World Youth Day (WYD) held this summer in Portugal. Everyone is welcome.

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. The applicant should share the CWL Clothing Depot's value of service to those in need. Contact Bea at the CWL Clothing Depot, by bringing a resumé to the store, 610 20th Street West, Saskatoon or calling 306-242-5042. Resumés can also be dropped off at the back door of the Clothing Depot (ring the bell) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday.

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 (619 - 20th St. W.) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday – ring the doorbell.

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

Canadian Children's Grief Symposium will be held online **Nov. 14-15**, assisting those who support grieving children, youth and families. Over 25 sessions will be delivered by experienced practitioners and educators in children's grief. Find more info: <https://grievingchildrencanada.org/grief-symposium>.

Diocesan Prayer - We pray for the ministries and programs in our parishes and at the diocesan Catholic Pastoral Centre, continuing to give thanks for God's Word. May they always be faithful to God, to their ministry and to others. Amen.

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Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
November 5, 2023

A Priest's Lot

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Today's readings are a stern call to conversion for priests who obviously have a special call to holiness. Like a parent cares for his or her children, a priest is entrusted with the spiritual children of God's family. His example, his words, and his way of carrying out his service all have profound effects on the holiness of the Church.

The last book of the Old Testament, Malachi, condemns the priestly class of the Jewish people because they had turned away from God's commands and led people astray with faulty instruction. This rule of thumb from the Old

Testament is still valid today: so go the priests, so go the people!

Jesus himself had harsh words for priests and religious leaders as well. It is clear from the Gospel that one of the main reasons why Jesus was ill-received by so many of his contemporaries was because the priestly class opposed him. "He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him" (John 1:11).

Saint Paul gives us the example of what priests should be. They should so love their people that they become one with them in their suffering, joys, and victories. Rather than build up heavy burdens, they should make them lighter by lending a hand to lift them. They shouldn't dilute the gospel and its demands but, with brotherly love, show the beauty of the gospel by the joy and charity with which they live. Like a good parent, they should be the first to wake up and the last to go to bed. Slow to judge, quick to forgive. †

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A Word from Pope Francis

That expression—"We have always done it that way"—is poison for the life of the Church. Those who think this way, perhaps without even realizing it, make the mistake of not taking seriously the times in which we are living. The danger, in the end, is to apply old solutions to new problems.

ADDRESS OPENING THE SYNOD,
ROME, OCTOBER 9, 2021



Sunday Readings

Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8–10

You do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your instruction.

1 Thessalonians 2:7b–9, 13

With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us.

Matthew 23:1–12

Do and observe all things whatsoever [the priests] tell you, but do not follow their example.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTION REFLECTION

- Are you ever tempted to reject the truth spoken by someone you don't admire?
- Do you live up to every truth you speak?

Appreciating Firsts and Lasts

Paige Byrne Shortal

I was thirteen when the Byrds made famous Pete Seeger's song: "To everything, turn, turn, turn; there is a season, turn, turn, turn...." It was a hard time in our family and I sang the lyrics with little understanding and no knowledge that they came from the Bible (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). I thought I'd always be sad.

Fast-forward forty years to a Sunday afternoon in June. The weather couldn't have been better in Eden. The air smelled of peaches and we were picking them by the bushel. My husband's parents were with us for the weekend—two lovely and lively people in their eighties. Our two oldest grandchildren ran through the garden while their baby brother crawled around on the quilt under the oak tree.

Friends Dan and Mary came to help pick with us and stayed for dinner. Dan brought recordings by a favorite jazz band and we watched our littlest grand do his baby dances. Friend Peggy came with her two daughters, bearing their pet chickens, Buffy and Jody, who had outworn their welcome in their city neighborhood. The hens were made



welcome in the new coop and Peg and her daughters stayed and picked peaches while the city hens and the country hens competed for Queen of the Coop. After dinner we played Scrabble with Mom and Dad and ate leftover peach cobbler. A perfect day.

Fast-forward another month. The peaches are all processed for the winter. The sweet corn and tomatoes are ripe. The grand-boy who could only crawl is now walking. And Dad Shortal had a stroke. It could have been worse. He is in no pain, but his memory is not the same and he says the same things many times. But, oh, what he says: "I'm so

blest." "Aren't my children lovely?" "It's a beautiful world."

We have baby books to record a child's firsts: their first word, first step, first solid food. But what about marking the lasts? The last time a child crawled onto our lap. The last time we embraced a loved one. The last Scrabble game with our dad. "To everything there is a season, turn, turn, turn."

November is about the passing of time. We remember the saints and the souls who have left our midst. We remember veterans of wars with enemy nations, some of which are now our friends. "Turn, turn, turn."

In November we also stop to give thanks. When times are hard, when you are suffering, when someone you love is dying, when the unthinkable has happened—give thanks, for this too shall pass. And when life is good, stop and notice and give thanks. Pay attention so that those last precious hugs and Scrabble games are etched in your memory. And pray, "O God, you who have given so much to me, give me one thing more: a grateful heart." †

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Holy God, give us the grace to hold ourselves to the same standards we hold others, and to forgive ourselves and others when we fail. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 6-11

Monday, Weekday:

Rom 11:29-36 / Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday, Weekday:

Rom 12:5-16ab / Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, Weekday:

Rom 13:8-10 / Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, Dedication of the Lateran

Basilica: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 /


1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 / Jn 2:13-22

Friday, St. Leo the Great:

Rom 15:14-21 / Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, St. Martin of Tours:

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 / Lk 16:9-15

Bringing Home
the Word 

November 5, 2023

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Sunday, Nov 05, 2023

Vocation 101

It's National Vocation Awareness Week! What's your parish or Catholic organization doing to promote the call to ordained and religious life in your community? Consider the threefold tasks of "prayer, invitation, and education": to *pray* for vocations, *invite* likely candidates to consider them, and *educate* others about the joy of service to Christ and his church. Also check out the website of the National Religious Vocation Conference. They offer Conversation Cards to keep handy: business-style cards that say "You would make a great priest/ sister/ brother/ nun" on the front. The back reads: "Imagine the possibilities."

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12 (151). *"With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well."*

Monday, Nov 06, 2023

All paths designed to lead to holiness

Some people hear their call early in life, and it's loud and clear. Others grapple longer and harder with figuring out their vocation. Regardless of where you fall on that spectrum of discernment, and no matter what state of life God intends for you, keep in mind during this National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 5-11) that we are all called in essence to the same thing. Let the words of Carmelite nun Saint Thérèse of Lisieux to her friend upon her marriage reassure you: "The road we are following is different, however, the goal is the same purpose: to become holy in the way God has traced out for us."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14 (485). *"You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

Tuesday, Nov 07, 2023

Honor wise council

On this day in 680, the Third Council of Constantinople convened. Ecumenical councils summon a representative constituency of church leadership to settle important questions and fine-tune church teaching. Earliest councils, beginning in 325, solidified basics of Christian faith, often tackling heresies about the true nature of Jesus Christ. Later councils wrestled with institutional growing pains. Let us be grateful that our ancestors cared about the deposit of faith enough to gather and debate at length in order to hand down to future generations such as ours the best the tradition has to offer.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 12:5-16b; Luke 14:15-24 (486). *"We, though many, are one Body in Christ and individually parts of one another."*

Wednesday, Nov 08, 2023

Act decisively for justice

Today, we remember our forebear Joseph Rummel, the longtime archbishop of New Orleans during the era of Jim Crow segregation in the Deep South. As head of the diocese with one of the largest black populations in the nation, Rummel set out to desegregate local Catholic parishes and schools, including the archdiocesan seminary, beginning in 1948. After a letter from local segregationist Catholics to the pope was rebuffed by the holy father, Rummel declared all parochial schools desegregated in 1962. Famously, he later excommunicated several vocal holdouts

who protested his move. Where is such decisive action against racism among bishops today? We are all responsible for opposing injustice. How will you act for the common good?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33 (487). *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."*

Thursday, Nov 09, 2023

Let the good times roll

Catholics have lots of words with their own twists, and one of them is "feast." While we don't all sit down to a giant meal for every "feast," in some corner of the world, Catholics may well be doing just that. In church language, "feast" means something special is celebrated on a particular day. Feasts range from the death days of saints, to events in Jesus' life, to the foundation of a church with a special history (such as today's feast of the Lateran Basilica). Many feasts have special followings in particular cultures. Let feast days remind you that sometimes devotion also calls for a good party!

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). *"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me."*

Friday, Nov 10, 2023

You are simply divine

Known for his accessible preaching style, Pope Leo I helped his fifth-century flock and Christians down through the ages understand more fully the true nature of Christ and his saving gifts. By becoming human, explains Leo, "Jesus assumed the form of a servant without the stain of sin—enhancing what was human, not detracting from what was divine." As children of the light, we share in God's own nature. Therefore, our heads and hearts should reflect this holy inheritance. Or put simply by Leo: "Christian, remember your dignity."

MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8 (489). *"I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me."*

Saturday, Nov 11, 2023

A veteran worthy of his day

Because Saint Martin of Tours (c. 320-397) was the son of a Roman army officer, he was required by law to serve in the Roman military. Two years after his conversion to Christianity he announced, "I am the soldier of Christ: it is not lawful for me to fight." He was arrested and charged with cowardice. So he volunteered to go into battle unarmed. Before he could make good on his offer, he was discharged from the military. This Veterans Day, we can remember those, like Saint Martin and Venerable Emil Kapaun, Army chaplain, who, for the sake of Christ, go into battle armed only with the love of Christ.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15 (490). *"No servant can serve two masters."*

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



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taken away."***

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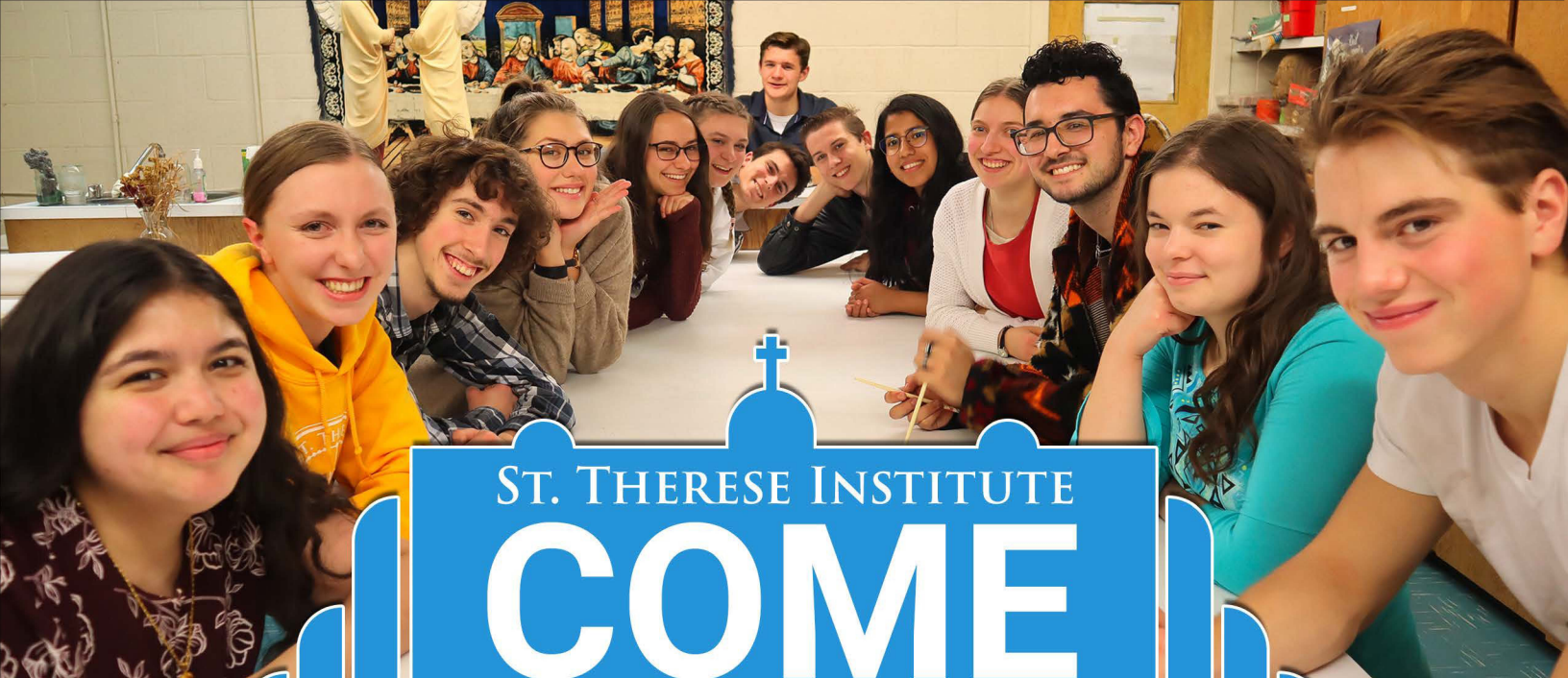
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Come & See Days - November 2023 — Daily Schedule

Sunday, November 6

7:00pm Early arrivals/Community Rosary
8:30pm Rec Time (*Dodgeball, with Bishop Mark Hagemoen*)
10:30pm Dorm time / 11:00pm Lights Out

Monday, November 6

7:00am Morning prayer + personal prayer
8:00am Mass (*St. Therese Chapel, with Bp. Mark*)
8:45am Breakfast + Hangout time
9:45 am Community Teaching/Tour for Prospective Students
10:15am Book Discussion / Study period
12:00pm Lunch
1:30pm Study period
4:00pm Rec Time (*Volleyball*)
5:30pm Supper
7:00pm Musical Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 pm Men's & Women's sessions
9:30pm Hangout time
10:30pm Dorm time / 11:00pm Lights out

Tuesday, November 7

7:00am Morning prayer + personal prayer
8:00am Mass (*St. Bruno Parish, with Fr. Pius*)
8:45am Breakfast
9:25am Praise and Worship
10:00am Class (*Way of Magnanimity*)
12:00pm Lunch
1:25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
2:00pm Class (*Church History*)
4:00pm Rec Time
5:30pm Supper
7:00pm Rosary
7:30pm Study period (*Alumni night moved*)
9:15pm Hangout time
10:30pm Dorm time / 11:00pm Lights out

Wednesday, November 8

7:00am Morning prayer + personal prayer
8:00am Mass (*St. Bruno Parish, with Fr. Pius*)
8:45am Breakfast + Hangout time
10:00am Class (*Scripture*) or Study Period
12:00pm Lunch
1:25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
2:00pm Class (*Philosophy I or Philosophy II*)
4:00pm Rec Time
5:30pm Supper
7:00pm Rosary
7:30pm Class (*Morality*) or study period
9:30pm Hangout time
10:30pm Dorm time / 11:00pm Lights out

Thursday, November 9

7:00am Morning prayer + personal prayer
8:00am Mass (*St. Bruno Parish, with Fr. Pius*)
8:45am Breakfast
9:25am Praise and Worship
10:00am Prospective Students: *Coffee Chat with the Directors - Q&A about St. Therese and the Faith*
Alumni: *Development of the Mission - Q&A about the Trajectory of St. Therese*
12:00pm Lunch
1:25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
2:00pm Class or Study Period
4:00pm Rec Time (*Dodgeball*)
5:30pm Supper
7:00pm Rosary
7:30pm Alumni Night: (*note: new night*)
Adoration & Wine and Cheese
Study period for students
9:30pm Hangout time
10:30pm Dorm time / 11:00pm Lights out

Friday, November 10

7:00am Morning prayer + personal prayer
8:00am Mass (*St. Therese Chapel, with Fr. Pius*)
8:45am Breakfast
10:00am Study period or Class (*Foundations I*)
12:00pm Lunch
1:25pm Adoration
2:00pm Class (*Scripture or History*)
4:00pm Preparations for Departure

Come & See for as many days as you are able to attend!

Cost: \$40/day (incl. up to 3 meals/day and overnight accomm.)

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