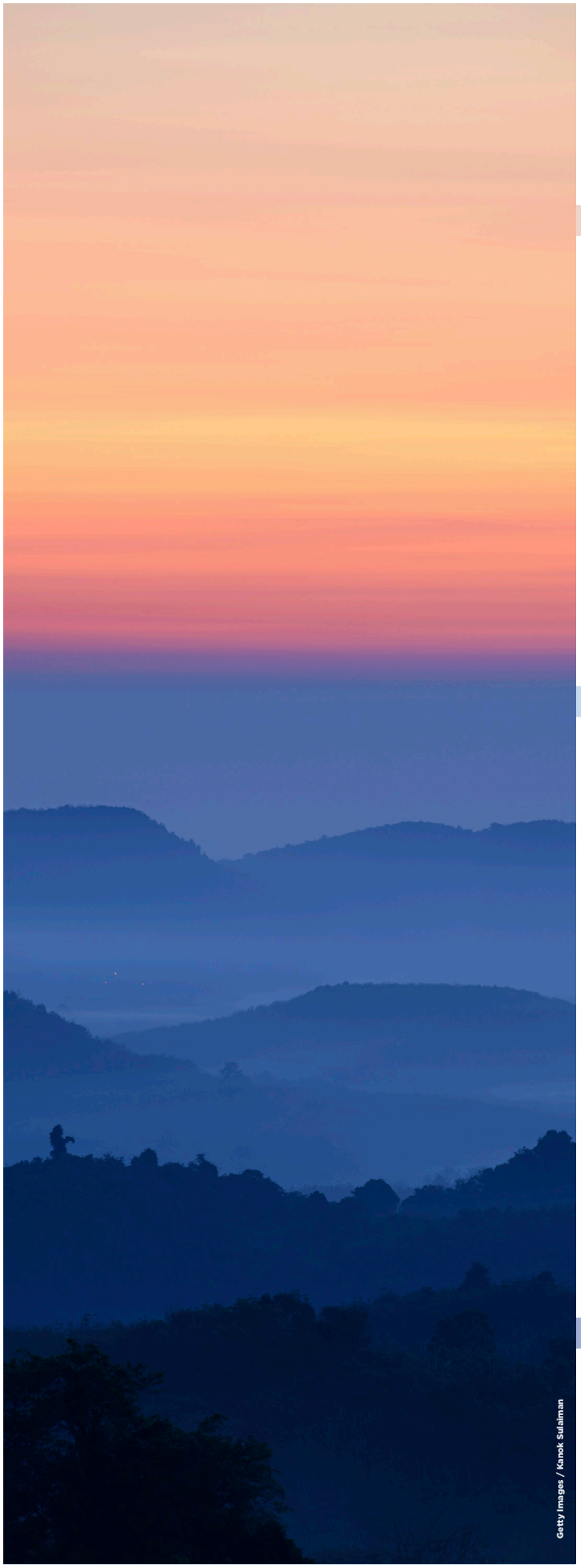


November 8, 2026

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

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

Have you ever gotten up early to watch the sunrise? It certainly takes commitment! One has to go to bed early and set an alarm, then get up in the stillness of the early hours before stepping outside. Although catching a glimpse of the sun peeking over the horizon can be a magical moment, our first reading tells us that finding wisdom is far better. It says wisdom is "readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." In other words, it takes commitment. Persistence. Active involvement. Just like getting up before the break of dawn to catch the sunrise. If we want our lives to be shaped by wisdom, we must actively seek her. And Scripture promises that "whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our Gospel today offers a parable of individuals (wise virgins) who are ready to wake up at midnight to meet the Lord when he comes. But not everyone in the parable is so prepared. Upon discovering they would not have enough oil, the foolish virgins ask the wise ones to share theirs. The wise virgins say no, telling them to go and buy some for themselves. At first glance, one may wonder why the wise virgins wouldn't share theirs. Are they being selfish? But another important detail in the text gives us further perspective: we read that the bridegroom was "long delayed" in his return. What this suggests is that the foolish virgins had all the time in the world to go and buy the oil they needed. And yet they procrastinated doing the one thing necessary to be ready when the bridegroom arrived. Through the years, the Church has read this text as a reminder that we can't put off conversion, deluding ourselves into thinking that we still have time to get right with God. In reality, the time for repentance is *now.*

INVITATION

This week, consider making a commitment to fast from hitting the snooze button. Offer up this sacrifice for someone whose conversion to the Lord you are earnestly praying for. And may this simple act also help you to overcome, with the assistance of God's grace, any procrastination that may be subtly taking root in your heart so you will be ready to meet the Lord when he comes again.

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'Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God
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MONTH of Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday November 8	Monday November 9	Tuesday November 10	Wednesday November 11	Thursday November 12	Friday November 13	Saturday November 14
CWL Food Drive **10a Mass** **12:30p Mass** **1:30p-4pm Adoration** **7p Mass**	**9:30a** CWL Quilters **6:30p** RCIC **6:30p** RCIA **7p** Millions of Monicas	**8:30a** Mass **6:30p** CWL	**Remembrance Day** Church and Office Closed	**8:30a** Mass **6p** Youth Choir	**8:30a** Mass **9a-12p** Adoration	**11a-12p** Confession **5p** Mass

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Remembrance Day

Wednesday, November 11

THE CHURCH AND OFFICE ARE CLOSED

You are encouraged to attend a Remembrance Day service to remember those who gave their lives in times of war and to pray for peace.

Saskatoon Remembrance Day Service at Sasktel Centre

Doors Open: 8:45 AM
Musical Performances (local orchestra): 9:30 PM
Program Starts: 10:00 AM
Moment of Silence: 11:00 AM
Wreath Laying Ceremony: to follow
Free to Attend & Open to the Public

Drop-in Bible Study

The Book of Revelation: a story about the past, present, and future

Wednesdays November 18 & 25
9:30AM | AFTER MORNING MASS

Millions of Monica's

Monday, November 9 **7PM**

Musical Adoration

Wednesday, November 18
7-8PM

Come pray in the Presence of Jesus while music is played and sung to help focus our hearts.
The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available

55+ Cards

Thursday, November 19
1:30-4PM

High School Youth Group

Grades 8-12
Trivia Night & Pizza
SAT | NOV 21 **6:30-9PM**
JOIN US FOR 5PM MASS TOO!
Message Krista 306.220.7431

Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

All Masses November 21 & 22

All new and returning EMOHC must be commissioned each year. Check in at the Connection Corner before Mass.

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THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION

For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less. NOVEMBER 2026

CWL Mass & Meeting

Tuesday, November 10 **6:30PM**

We will be having a special service to honour our deceased members.
CWL is open to all women of the parish 16 years or older.

Your Advent on formed

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LET US PRAY

- **For the sick and all those who care for them, today we pray for:** Vera Wolkosky, Frederick Vizeacoumar, Vijaykumar Soupramania Modaliar, Evangeline Manzon, Adel Gorges, Mary Cody, Camilla Wren, Zelpha Rolph, Marygold Uchendi, Stephen Faytaren, Wayne Hackl
- **For all those who have died, today we remember:** Don Heit
- **And on the anniversary of death:** Frank Lipinski, Juan Solitana Jr.

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. Amen.

Quilted Items for Sale

November 9 **10AM-2PM**
Holy Spirit Parish Hall
IN SUPPORT OF THE SASKATOON REGIONAL QUILTERS

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays **7-8PM**
Fridays **9 AM - 12 PM**
Sundays **1:30 - 4 PM**

Ministry of Care

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** kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca or call 306-374-1425

MASS TIMES	ADORATION	CONFESSIONS
Saturday 5 pm	Wednesdays 7-8pm	Saturdays 11 am - 12 noon
Sunday 10 am, 12:30pm, 7 pm	Fridays 9 am - 12 pm	*or by appointment.*
Weekdays Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am	Sundays 1:30 - 4 pm	

For more news and events in our diocese, see the Diocesan Bulletin at rcdos.ca under the News and Events tab.

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DIOCESE OF SASKATOON

Diocesan Bulletin

Nov. 8, 2026 – 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

St. Therese Open House Week will be held **Nov. 9 - 15** at St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission (STIFM) at Bruno, SK. Attend one, two, three, or more days, living like a student alongside current students attending classes, joining in community prayer, Mass, meals, sports, crafts/projects at rec time, and daily chores. This Open House is for new prospective Catholic Gap-Year attendees (age 17-27 years) who want to experience St. Therese life; for STIFM Alumni who want to re-engage with St. Therese; parents of students; supporters of the St. Therese mission; and members of the wider Catholic community. Choose anything from a single day trip without overnight stay, to a full five-nights. Cost is $75/day (includes accommodations and three meals). Call (306) 369-2555 or visit the website: **https://sttherese.ca/event/open-house-fall-2026**.

Provincial Pro-Life Summit dinner and guest speaker Kyle Coffey, presented by Pro-Life Saskatchewan and the Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform, will be held **Monday, Nov. 9** at Saint Anne Catholic Church, 217 Lenore Dr., Saskatoon, with doors opening at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are $50/person; $25/ages 4 to 11 years; free for those under 3 years. Tickets available via e-transfer to info@saskprolife.com or by calling (306) 992-6941.

Hope at the End of Life is a free online webinar at 7 p.m. **Thursday, Nov. 12** with a palliative care physician and an ethicist discussing medically-provided death ("MAiD"), palliative care, and hope in hard moments. The Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada is offering the free public webinar featuring palliative care physician Dr. James MacMillan, and ethicist Dr. Mary Heilman discussing questions surrounding end-of-life and euthanasia, as well as the protection of conscience rights for healthcare professionals. Register at: **https://hopedoesnotexpire.ca.** CMDA is also seeking 300 signatures from Saskatchewan healthcare professionals and students in support of stronger MAiD safeguards. See the website for more information: **https://hopedoesnotexpire.ca.**

Apostolate of the Precious Blood will meet at 10:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, Nov. 10** and **Nov. 17** at Saint Anne Church, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon, to pray the rosary, as well as the Litany and Chaplet of The Precious Blood of Jesus. Everyone is welcome.

Search Youth Retreat

Nov. 13 - Nov. 15

A Search live-in faith enrichment weekend for Grades 9-12 will be offered in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, held at E.D. Feehan Catholic School; $100, includes food and accommodation *(funding assistance is available)*.

Pre-register online by Nov. 9 deadline at https://**saskatoonsearch.ca**
or for more information, contact Evangelization and Mission Leader John Hickey at jhickey@rcdos.ca

(Youth Ministry is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal)

Dabar is a monthly prayer gathering to dive deeper into the Word of God, attuning oneself to God's will and allowing God's Word to be effective in life. Dabar is held from 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of the month – including **Saturday, Nov. 14** – held at 1132 Temperance Street, Saskatoon. RSVP to the Verbum Dei Missionaries at verbumdeisk.ca@gmail.com.

A World Youth Day celebration will be held on the Feast of Christ the King, **Nov. 22** as part of the 11 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, with Fr. Gerard Cooper presiding. This is a great moment to celebrate together the joy of our faith! Fellowship will follow.

Hope in Health Care – Support for health care professionals: The Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan in partnership with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, invites healthcare professionals to "Hope in Health Care" to explore the challenges and opportunities in living their vocations in a health-care environment that includes practices such as medically-provided euthanasia (MAID). The next gathering is 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Nov. 24** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd Floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. For more information, contact Jackie Saretsky, diocesan Coordinator of Hospital Chaplaincy at (306) 659-5839 or Dr. Mary Heilman, PhD, of CHAS at (306) 655-5197 or e-mail hope@chassk.ca. *(Hospital Chaplaincy in the diocese of Saskatoon is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal – dscf.ca/baa.)*

Message Board

The Catechetical Forum is a day to renew, encourage, and equip those who teach the faith in parishes across the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, offering focused teaching, round-table discussion, prayer and reflection, and the sharing of practical ideas and best practices, held at:

- **St. Joseph Parish, Kelvington:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Nov. 14** *(Wadena deanery)*;
- **St. Mary Parish, Macklin:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Nov. 21** *(Kerrobert deanery);*
- **St. Augustine Parish, Humboldt:** 6:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Nov. 25** *(Humboldt deanery);*
- **St. Joseph Parish, Kindersley:** 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. **Sunday, Nov. 28** *(Eatonia deanery, new date/time).*

For information and/or links to register, please contact diocesan Rural Catechesis Coordinator Quin Kleiboer, at (306) 659-5857 or qkleiboer@rcdos.ca. *(Rural Catechesis is supported the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

Anchor is a prayer group ministry for people living with chronic illness and their caregivers. Even if illness is stabilized, there are always daily challenges. Anchor meets on the third Monday of each month to support one another through prayer, faith, hope, and gratitude, with the goal to create and build supportive relationships. The next Anchor prayer group meeting is from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., **Monday, Nov. 16** at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Dr., Saskatoon. For registration or more information, please contact Dietta Todos by e-mailing: durr2todos@gmail.com.

"Walking in the Spirit of St. Angela Merici" as an Ursuline Associate: For over 100 years, Ursuline Sisters have ministered in many locations in Western Canada, as well as Brazil, Swaziland and Zimbabwe, always in the spirit of founder St. Angela Merici (1474-1540). The Ursuline Associates are lay women and men who desire to deepen their connection to Ursuline spirituality and help carry the values and mission of St. Angela into their families, parishes, and communities. Associates gather four times each year to build relationships and create opportunities for awareness, faith, and service. To learn more or to become an Ursuline Associate, please contact Sr. Dianne Sehn, OSU, of the Ursulines of Prelate, at osu.secretary@ursulines.ca and help continue the Ursuline spirit of faith, courage, service,

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Red Wednesday Nov. 18

Prayer, awareness, and advocacy for persecuted Christians around the world.

An ecumenical prayer service will be held 7 p.m. Nov. 18 at Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Church, 301 Avenue Y, Saskatoon.

All are welcome. *Note:* Volunteers are needed to assist with the event; if you can help, please contact Myron Rogal at mrogal@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5841.

(Justice and Peace is supported by gifts to the BAA)

"Red Wednesday" is an annual event organized by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) that aims to raise awareness about the persecution suffered by our brothers and sisters in the faith. Currently, 413 million Christians live in countries where religious freedom is severely violated. Suggested "Red Wednesday" activities include wearing red or lighting up buildings in red and/or organizing prayer services to pray for persecuted Christians.

See: https://acn-canada.org/red-wednesday/

Establishing the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in the Diocese of Saskatoon: What might the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) look like in the diocese and who will it serve? Learn about successes elsewhere and imagine what might be possible in our parish settings 6:30 p.m. **Monday, Nov 23** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre Library, 2nd floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon (elevator available). **Register online at https://form.jotform.com/263048335881260** or for more information, contact Justice and Peace Coordinator Myron Rogal at mrogal@rcdos.ca or call (306) 659-5841. Learn more about the society at **https://ssvp.ca.** (*Justice and Peace is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal).*

"Keep Christ in Christmas" - Outdoor Nativity Sets for Sale: Knights of Columbus of Saskatoon Council 8215 is selling weather-proof outdoor wooden Nativity silhouette sets four feet by four feet. Made from sturdy half-inch plywood, and ready for personalized painting, staining, or lighting, the Nativity sets are easily assembled and stored; $90 each. Call or text (306) 514-3499 or (639) 597-4811.

Diocesan Prayer - As this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal continues in our diocese, we pray that our gifts of time, talent, and treasure are always given as a joyful response to God's generosity, and a visible sign that we are committed to living the Father's will. May all the ministries supported by the BAA continue to proclaim Christ and God's Kingdom today.



Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
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The Light of Wisdom

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

The dark of night can unsettle and frighten children, but darkness can disturb adults, too. It's not so much the feeling when the lights go off that unsettles us grown-ups as it is the dark of uncertainty. We graduate from school and wonder what to do with our lives. Should we stay in a relationship? How do we find meaning again in the midst of grief and the loss of someone we love? And, sometimes most of all, where is God when we need God? We may even wonder whether to believe. At such times, we bump and bruise our way through the obstacles that life's darknesses cause.

Leonard Cohen's song "Anthem" echoes a note of hope when we feel lost in the dark as he sings about how light always seems to find a way to seep in between the cracks of our everyday living. Like stars that are visible only at night, new opportunities are often most readily recognized when we find ourselves stumbling through the dark.

Long before Leonard Cohen, Jesus told the parable of ten virgins, some wise and some foolish. In the midst of that story, he tells of a bridegroom who comes to the waiting virgin attendants at midnight. In other words, it is the Lord God who comes into our lives in the darkest times, if only we are wise enough to recognize such a coming.

How, then, do we negotiate the darkness? Stay the course. In time, wisdom reveals a path. Trust that light will come, all in God's time—not ours. Finally, wisdom always comes in the darkest of times, seldom when our lives are bright as day. ✝

Wisdom always comes in the darkest of times.

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.

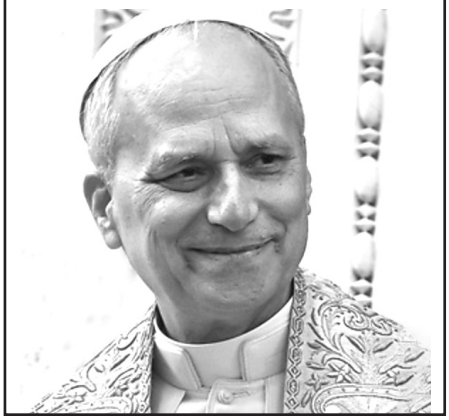
Matthew 25:1–13

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

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

Brothers and sisters support each other in hardship; they do not turn their back on those who are in need; and they weep and rejoice together in the active pursuit of unity, trust, and mutual reliance. The dynamic is that which Jesus himself gives to us: "Love one another as I have loved you."

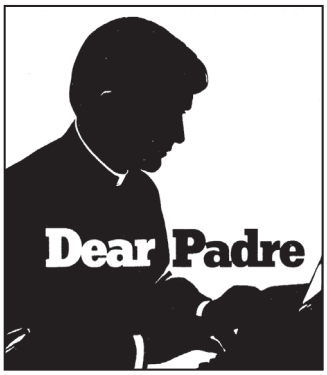
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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- When has God entered my darkness?
- Have I ever waited for wisdom?

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Dear Padre,
I was taught that Catholic churches are built on consecrated ground. How can a church be torn down and replaced by a shopping mall if it's sacred ground?

Church buildings are blessed and considered by the Church to be sacred places. But when a church is damaged and can no longer be repaired, or its repair is impractical, or it no longer effectively serves its purpose for the faithful of God, the bishop can remove that blessing. By doing this, the bishop opens the building for nonsacred use. Subsequently, a church building can be torn down or sold, as long as its new purpose is not scandalous to the people of God.

In the end, what is truly sacred is not the brick and mortar or even the soil, but the purpose for which churches were built. Churches are blessed and declared sacred because we perform sacred rituals within them. When those rituals are no longer being performed in that location, there is no longer a need for them to be declared sacred.

When a church is closed, it is often a sad event. Many people carry deep emotional ties to their parish churches. But a diocese cannot always maintain all of its churches. Catholic populations shift; local needs change. Money is limited, and good stewardship demands that bishops sometimes make the difficult decision to close or merge parishes. Remember what is truly important and of ultimate and sacred value—our worship and service of God. ✝

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to ***DearPadre.org*** to send your question and to learn more about ***Dear Padre***.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From *Faith-Sharing in the Family* by Bob and Maggie McCarty

When our grandson, Thomas, was younger, he loved maps. Once, we were lying on the floor, looking at a map of the world. Thomas asked all sorts of questions: "Pop Pop, where do I live?" "Pop Pop, where do you live?" and "Pop Pop, where does God live?"

Recognizing a teaching moment, we explained that God lives everywhere, is all around us—and also lives inside each of us. Taking Thomas' hand, we placed it on his heart and then on each of our hearts and told him God lives within all of our hearts. "Ah," Thomas said, and then continued, "Pop Pop, where's the beach we go to for vacation?"

The children in our lives need to hear from us about our own faith. They're looking for role models and mentors to show them in word and action how faith works in the lives of faith-filled adults.

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PRAYER

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

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 9–14

Monday, Dedication of Lateran Basilica, Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17 / Jn 2:13–22

Tuesday, St. Leo the Great, Ti 2:1–8, 11–14 / Lk 17:7–10

Wednesday, St. Martin of Tours, Ti 3:1–7 / Lk 17:11–19

Thursday, St. Josaphat, Phlm 7–20 / Lk 17:20–25

Friday, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, 2 Jn 4–9 / Lk 17:26–37

Saturday, Weekday, 3 Jn 5–8 / Lk 18:1–8

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Sunday, Nov 08, 2026

Open the door to virtue

Some of us can still recite the four Cardinal Virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. They're good not just to recite but also to practice. Virtues are good habits; i.e., things we *don't* have to surrender for Lent. *Cardinal*, meanwhile, means "hinge." Put together, the four hinge virtues swing open the door to a life well lived. Prudence is called the pilot of the virtues because it enables us to discern the good and how best to accomplish it. When a decision is important, reflect on it through the lens of scripture. How is God inviting you to proceed?

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13 (154). *"Wisdom ... is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her."*

Monday, Nov 09, 2026

Inside sacred spaces

The Lateran Basilica was the first building dedicated as a church for the purpose of celebrating the sacraments. It is the mother of all churches, including our own parish churches where we are baptized, confirmed, married, and buried; where we pray, learn, grow, and are fed with the Body and Blood of Christ. Our churches are sacred places. Yet within each of us is a place more sacred still. We are like little churches where God is present and the word of God is spoken in silence. Take some quiet time today to be still and know all that is good and holy and true within you.

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). *"But he was speaking about the temple of his Body."*

Tuesday, Nov 10, 2026

The secret to greatness

What makes a pope "great"? Only three were so defined (Leo I, Gregory I, and Nicholas I). And only time will tell whether Pope Saint John Paul II will be another. We also have saints like Albert the Great, as well as Gertrude the Great—a rare woman so described. It's not an official title, more an honorific by those who admire the wide-sweeping influence of these faith-filled leaders on the universal church during their lifetimes and beyond. Yet greatness is within reach of all of us. As Saint Leo says, "No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross." Claim your share in greatness by living with love.

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

Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10 (492). *"The grace of God has appeared, saving all."*

Wednesday, Nov 11, 2026

Commit to a global peace plan

Veterans Day has its origins in the armistice that ended the fighting of World War I—a moment when America and the world turned from the violence of war toward a period of peace. By commemorating this day, we recognize the sacrifices of those who have served and the importance of conversion away from violence. On this day, we also honor Martin of Tours, a decorated Roman soldier whose conversion to Christianity led him to renounce a life of warfare. He, instead, turned to the peace of Jesus Christ, declaring: "With the sign of the Cross, I shall more certainly break through the ranks of the enemy than if armed with shield and sword." Look to this day as one to begin your personal turn toward peace and away from conflict and commit to promoting the peace of Christ to everyone, everywhere.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP; VETERANS DAY

Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19 (493). *"[Christians] are to slander no one, to be peaceable, considerate, exercising all graciousness toward everyone."*

Thursday, Nov 12, 2026

Strength in unity

When people use the word *Catholic*, just about everyone thinks Roman Catholic. But there are other kinds of Catholics, too, like some churches found in Eastern Europe, who are in communion with the Roman Catholic Church but who celebrate liturgy much like the Eastern Orthodox Church. Way back in the 15th and 16th centuries Saint Josaphat worked to bring the Eastern and Western churches closer together, and for his efforts was killed in 1623. Of this unity he said to the people of Vitebsk, in present-day Belarus, where he was bishop: "I am here among you as a shepherd, and you should know that I would be happy to give my life for you. I am ready to die for the union of the church." In memory of Josaphat pray for the unity of Christians today.

MEMORIAL OF JOSAPHAT, BISHOP, MARTYR

Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25 (494). *"Behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."*

Friday, Nov 13, 2026

Teaching and learning require a whole lot of love

Reading, writing, and 'rithmetic are important skills to master. But even in the late 1800s, Mother Cabrini insisted that children needed more than these fundamentals to thrive. In her schools she stressed the need for music, drama, art, and physical education as well, calling it a God-centered approach rooted in love of the whole person. By creating an environment of warm relationships, "education becomes an act of love," she instructed the sisters of the religious order she founded, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We learn best from those who love us.

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37 (495). *"For this is love, that we walk according to his commandments."*

Saturday, Nov 14, 2026

Do justice to others

Justice is a good thing, right? But what exactly is it? Treating everyone the same? Being fair? According to some philosophers, justice is giving each person their due—what they deserve and have a right to as a human being. Christians take justice a step further. As the United States bishops wrote in the 1986 letter *Economic Justice for All*, "The quest for justice arises from loving gratitude for the saving acts of God and manifests itself in the wholehearted love of God and neighbor." Christians do justice not only to treat people well but also because the only true response to God's love is to love back. How can you bring a little more love and justice into the world today?

3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8 (496). *"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"*

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Cabrini

From Alejandro Monteverde, award-winning director of Sound of Freedom, comes the powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini builds an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen.



The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2

What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.



How to Advent | Episode 2

The Advent wreath is an invitation to enter into the waiting and preparation for the birth of our Savior! As we explore the meaning of the Advent wreath – its light, colors, and components – we can better grasp how we should be preparing our hearts. As the light from the candles grows brighter and brighter throughout the four weeks of Advent, so too grows our longing for the coming Light of Christ.

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