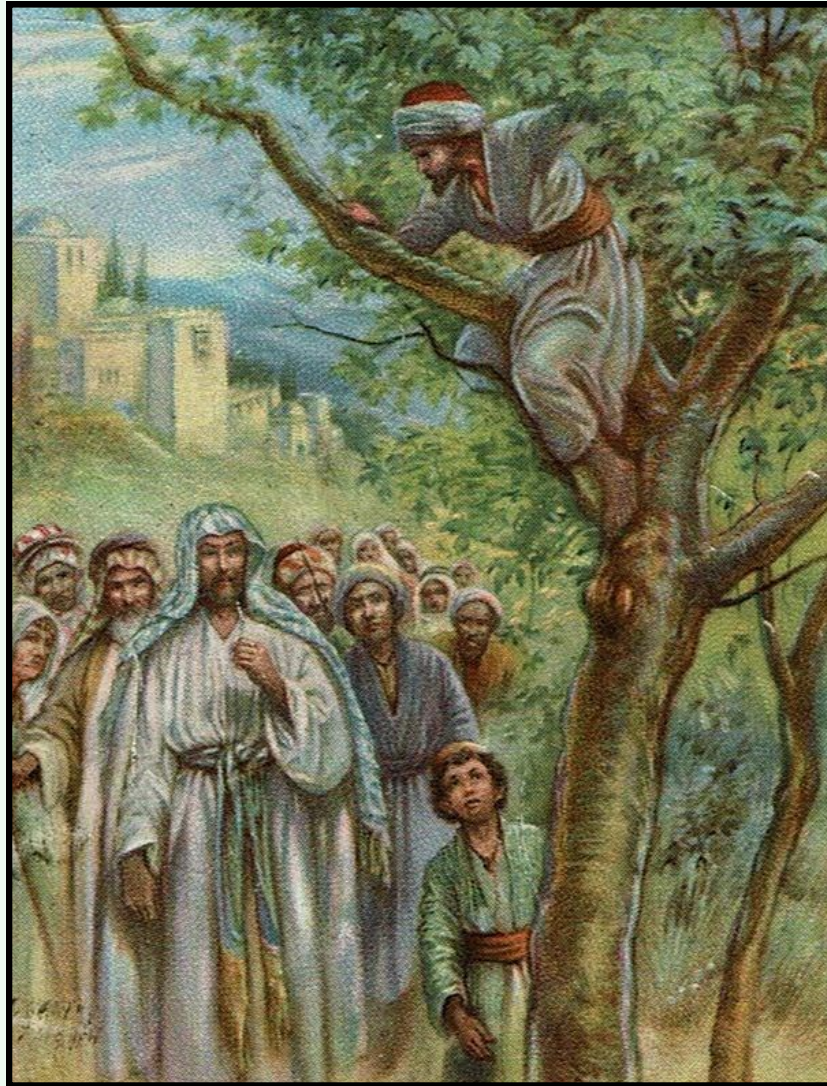


THE 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 30, 2022



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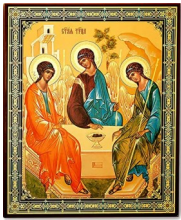
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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



October 30, 2022
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Barry had a life sentence in prison for doing unthinkable crimes. He would often remark to the chaplain that he was an atheist and could not bring himself to believe in any "god." When the chaplain asked why, Barry quickly retorted that the book of Genesis speaks of God creating everything and feeling very good about it. God's creation of people and things is beautiful. Barry continued, "If there is a God who creates something and likes what He makes and that God is good, then how could He have created someone as evil as me?" The chaplain fell silent as tears welled up in his eyes. "God loves you too, Barry. The stuff that you did is another matter. God puts His image and likeness in each one of us, in our souls. How can God not love himself?" God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. He made you. Life hurt you. He is always about unconditional love and mercy. Barry found a glimmer of hope that day and was touched by love.

Zacchaeus met love incarnate in Jesus. He knew there was something special about him, and he had to see Jesus for himself. Realizing and knowing God's unconditional, penetrating love is a game-changer. Sinners don't repulse Jesus, he wants to eat with them! We can often find ourselves conflicted about how God sees us. We want to believe that He loves us, but other tapes playing in our heads convince us that this cannot be true. We carry our sins around like heavy sacks weighing on our shoulders. We are crippled.

God's divine blessing lives in each of our souls. It is our essential goodness, a free gift given to us by God. The beginnings of salvation's blessings are discovered when we begin to understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We become more focused and courageous, eager to gather up all of the fragments of our lives and become whole. Zacchaeus, after meeting Jesus, finally knew who he was. He saw his sins and his potential for goodness as a blest child of God. When we allow God to meet us and touch us in such a profound way, we find what our selfishness has lost. We are on the road to salvation.

Readings for the week of October 30, 2022

Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-14/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10
Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1-3/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12
Wednesday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6-7, 17-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1-6, 8-9/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1-8, 15/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452.3395) from St. Stanislaus, or Kathy (392-8974) at Holy Trinity.

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Sue (450-2987).

THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray (882-1032).

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY

This ministry makes prayer candles from the church's left over bee's wax. They meet on Wednesdays, from 10AM - Noon in St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. No experience necessary.

ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Telephone Number

☐ Change of E-mail ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome

Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Oct. 31st - Private Intention
Tues., Nov. 1st, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus
Wed., Nov. 2nd - The Souls in Purgatory
Thurs., Nov. 3rd - Louis & Martha Malinowski (Irene Mielnik)
Fri., Nov. 4th - Stanley Widomski (Janice Grande)
Sat., Nov. 5th, 4:00PM - Doleski Family (Family)
Sun., Nov. 6th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **JERRY STANKIEWICZ**, as gifted by Kay.



DO WE WATCH JESUS FROM A DISTANCE?

It seems to me that Zacchaeus may have gotten more than he bargained for when he scaled that sycamore tree. We can only speculate as to what the original intentions of the wealthy tax collector were. We know he wanted to see Jesus, of course — but what does that mean? Was he simply curious about this famous and controversial man? Was he moved by what he heard of Jesus' teachings? Was he trying to catch a glimpse, or to get close? Whatever his initial motivations, we can safely assume he did not expect Jesus to look up and say: "Get down. I am coming to your house today." I often find myself taking the same posture as Zacchaeus in the tree. Perhaps I have a problem I'm wrestling with or a personal fault I need to overcome. At times I know I need to give of myself in ways that scare me. Whatever it is, I am watching Jesus from a distance. I am removed. Because I worry that when he gets close, he will get in my space. He will see whatever it is I don't want to deal with or tackle. I need to remember that Jesus does not come to condemn, but to assist. It is God's desire to make us "worthy of His calling." To do that, He knows we need help. He knows we need Him in our space. I'll say this for Zacchaeus — he was ready. He jumped right down, acknowledged what he had to be ashamed of, and vowed to do better. He brought Jesus home. May we all have that same courage.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

IN MEMORIUM

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Theresa Klan on October 6th, and for Helen Janka on October 18th. Please keep their friends and family in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord..."

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

I believe that part of Eucharistic Revival is to enhance our liturgical celebrations. To that end, I am asking all of our parishioners to *prayerfully discern* if God may be calling you to serve our community as a Lector or a Eucharistic Minister. We will be hosting a brief "ministry formation" event on **November 20th**, following the 9:00AM Mass for anyone interested in assuming these ministries. I would like to incorporate all of our current and potential new ministers into the next ministry schedule, which will begin on the First Sunday of Advent (November 27th).

- Fr. Jason

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

We have a beautiful space to celebrate liturgy. We also have creative people to enhance our worship space by decorating our church. The committee would *love* to have additional parishioners to contribute their ideas and time to this endeavor. If interested, we will have a brief gathering following the 9:00AM Mass on **November 6th**. Thanks for considering this ministry.

CORRECTION: THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY

... will meet next on November 6th at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall (not on November 13th, as previously reported).

WEEKLY OFFERING (OCTOBER 23RD, 2022)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$70,652.00
Amount Received	\$2,197.00	\$41,642.00
Net over/under	(\$1,959.00)	(\$29,010.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 48; 9:00AM = 55
Envelopes: 52/168



MUSIC MINISTRY

We are always looking to grow our music ministry. If you are willing to contribute your voice at weekend Masses or for special occasions (or both!), please talk to Tad after any Mass. With the upcoming holidays and special occasions, now might be the time to join this ministry!

NOVEMBER: A MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

A memorial "garden" will be created in the church to remember our beloved dead during the month of November. If you would like your loved one(s) remembered, please complete the forms that are available at the entrance to the church.

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in honor of **TED RZODKIEWICZ** as gifted by Pearl & Kathy.



11/3 - Jeannie McGinley
11/4 - Kathy Smith

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Oct. 31st - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
Tues., Nov. 1st, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity
Wed., Nov. 2nd, 8:00AM - All Souls
Thurs., Nov. 3rd - All Deceased Mothers
Fri., Nov. 4th - All Deceased Fathers
Sat., Nov. 5th, 5:15PM - The People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)
Sun., Nov. 6th, 10:30AM - Charles Joint, Jr. (Ray, Edie, & Roman)

It is easy to view each other with suspicion or at least a certain guardedness in the modern world. Of course, it's wise to be prudent in our dealings with people. But stewardship calls us to a different outlook towards others. It calls us to approach everyone with an open heart through the lens of loving hospitality. This is the attitude of our heavenly Father when He looks upon creation, as we see in our first reading from the Book of Wisdom: "For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for you would not fashion what you hate." God's imperishable spirit is in every person because every person is made in God's own image and likeness. Far deeper than good manners or a superficial exchange of pleasantries, the virtue of hospitality is the outward expression of this way of seeing people as God sees them. Our Gospel reading from Luke tells the story of how Jesus models this transforming hospitality in His encounter with the tax collector, Zacchaeus. He was not content exchanging a friendly hello with Zacchaeus, so Jesus sought him out of the crowd and insisted on having dinner in his home. This gesture of intimacy and true fellowship was commonplace in that day and culture. Jesus saw the goodness within the man. We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the gifts we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but everyone is called to give equal sacrifice. Open your heart and talk to God about how you use your money. How is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

PARENTING POINTERS

Does your home need cleaning? One person's clutter in another's treasure. Ask each member of your family to choose at least one personal possession to give to someone in need.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus is saying to you what he said to Zacchaeus, "I must stay at your house today." It doesn't matter if, in today's gospel, Jesus "intended to pass through Jericho to another town." In families we sometimes stop at the wrong places. It is wisdom to "pass through" annoying family situations so we can enjoy the goodness of each other.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

What scares you about your marriage or your beloved? (That you might fall out of love? That your spouse might die before you? That you might not have enough money?...)
Share your deepest and/or trivial fears. Talking about them can bring you closer.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR OCTOBER 23, 2022

Regular Offering: \$1,614.00 (26/130)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$62,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$36,000.00
Total Offertory:	\$1,614.00	\$36,929.00
Net (over/under):	(\$786.00)	\$929.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 36; 10:30AM = 55

Zacchaeus Meets Jesus

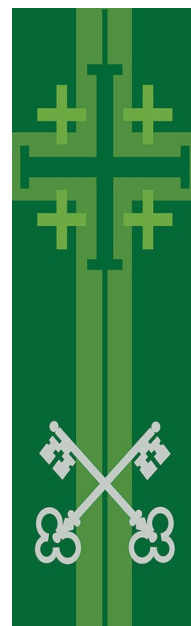
When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. Luke 19:5-6 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 19:1-10 (NIV).



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"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

- Luke 19:10

News for Our Partnership

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS (November 1st)

9:00AM - St. Stan's / 5:15PM - Holy Trinity (Dom Boze)

FEAST OF ALL SOULS (November 2nd)

8:00AM - Holy Trinity (Dom Boze) / 9:00AM St. Stan's

THE HOLY TRINITY USHERS' SOCIETY

... invites everyone to their annual "Pre-Election Get-Together" on Sunday, November 6th, from 4:00PM - 7:00PM at the Holy Trinity Social Hall. Candidates running for political office will be introduced at 6:00PM. Admission is \$15.00 and includes Ox Roast Sandwiches, Sausage Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Chicken Wings, and Beverages. You *must be* 21 to attend.

Val V. Jaskiewicz and Ron Bukoski

Annual Memorial Fall Fest

\$2,500 Divided Among 18 Winners

1 - \$1,200 Winner

1 - \$300 Winner

4 - \$100 Winners

12 - \$50 Winners

Sponsored by St. Stanislaus Holy Name Society

SAT., NOVEMBER 5, 2022 - 5 to 9PM

St. Stanislaus Parish Hall - 520 East 13th St.

Food and Refreshments

1st ticket drawn \$100; every 12th ticket drawn - \$50;

146th to 148th tickets drawn - \$100;

149th ticket drawn \$300; 150th/last ticket drawn \$1,200

Last two tickets drawn must be present to split

Benefits ST. STANISLAUS PARISH

Tickets Courtesy of St. Stan's Holy Name Society

Donation: \$25.00

Only 150 Tickets Sold

Admits Two

Winner need not be present

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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

We cannot just talk about Christ's presence in the Eucharist; we have to believe it, celebrate it, and live it both individually and as a community of the faithful. And we must cultivate a culture in our parishes that treats Real Presence not only as an important Catholic doctrine, but also as the most important part of our parish identity.



November 1 and November 2 are two very special days in the liturgical life of the Church. On the one hand, we prayerfully ask the saints to intercede to God for us in a special way on All Saints' Day (November 1), while on the other hand, we commemorate and pray for the souls of all of our faithful departed on All Souls' Day (November 2). An interesting dynamic

is that the latter of these two days likewise involves asking the saints in heaven to intercede to God for the dead whose souls might be in Purgatory. Beyond merely these two days, we can thus pray constantly throughout the year, although especially during the month of November.



Panna Maria, Texas (meaning Virgin Mary) is the oldest Polish settlement in the United States. Panna Maria was founded by Father Leopold Moczygemba with about 100 Silesian families from Pluznica, and surrounding villages of

Silesia, Poland.

They left Poland and after a nine-week voyage at sea, they reached the Port of Galveston. They hired carts to carry their belongings and walked over 200 miles to the junction of the San Antonio River and the Cibolo Creek.

They celebrated their first Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1854, under an oak tree. In 1855 they built their first church next to the oak tree and dedicated it to the Virgin Mother's Immaculate Conception.

Today this church is still active and a Polish Heritage Center is near it for the many visitors to learn about our heritage.

-Bobby J. Sulecki, *Erie Polonia History*

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, November 13: St. Benedict alumnae bingo at Polish Falcons (431 East 3rd). Doors open noon; Bingo at 1PM. Kitchen and Bar will be open. Packet \$25.00. Bring a pair gloves, hat, or scarf for a child, and get another packet free. 50/50, \$100.00 lottery wreath, tips/instant.

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

10/31) Bobby Sulecki; 11/1) Kathy Smith, Debbie Majewski, & Mary Speice; 11/2) **[OPEN]**;
11/3) Jeannie McGinley, Judy Tucceri, & Jackie Vargo; 11/4) Patty & Ed Czulewicz, & Marie Przepierski;
11/5) Mary Ann Merski & Michelle Inter; 11/6) Msgr. Dan Magraw

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

10/31) Fr. Mike DeMartinis; 11/1) All Vocations; 11/2) Fr. David Perry; 11/3) Fr. Tom Trocchio;
11/4) Fr. Mike Ferrick; 11/5) Fr. Leo Gallina; Fr. Bruce Allison

Sunday, Oct 30, 2022

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10 "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for... I must stay at your house."

Small is beautiful

"I am only one person," we hear people say. "I'm nobody special. I don't have any power over what happens." We can all summon up plenty of reasons why our contribution to creating a more just global society is withheld. Mother Teresa of Calcutta had a different perspective. "There are no great things, only small things with great love," she said. "Happy are those." A little man named Zacchaeus once climbed a tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus. Take the small step of lifting your vision just a little higher today and you may encounter love.

Monday, Oct 31, 2022

Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame..."

Hallowed be the Eve

Given its association with witches, goblins, and the like, it might seem strange that Halloween is actually a Catholic holiday. Halloween, or Hallowe'en, is an abbreviation for "All Hallows Eve," a celebration the night before All Saints' and All Souls' Days (November 1 and 2). Just like on the night before Christmas or before Ash Wednesday, people make merry on October 31—with costumes and parties for kids and adults alike—before the more solemn days to come. Take a cue this week from Mexican culture's festive Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) to pay respects with a joyful heart to those who have gone before us.

Tuesday, Nov 01, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."

It's the company you keep

"Seek the company of the saints, for those who seek their company shall be sanctified," instructed Pope Clement of Rome. Catholics believe in the communion of saints: all who have attained a place at the heavenly banquet—and from whom we seek inspiration, example, and intercession. They include Saint Francis as well as someone's Uncle Frank, Saint Gertrude the Great along with a great many grandmas. Images of both famous and ordinary saints informed the work of artist John Nava for the stunning Communion of Saints tapestries at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles; let them grace your prayer today.

Wednesday, Nov 02, 2022

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40

"The souls of the just are in the hand of God."

Dressing for the dearly departed

All Souls' Day is celebrated in many different ways, depending on one's culture. Some celebrate the season by dressing up. Others honor Día de los Muertos by having feasts at cemeteries, where stories are told and gifts are offered to the ancestors. Some spend the day with doors and windows wide open as a symbol of welcoming the dearly departed. In all different ways, life is celebrated, the life we shared with loved ones who have died, and the life we continue to share with them and one another in new ways. What will be your All Souls' Day custom today?

Thursday, Nov 03, 2022

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN DE PORRES, DOMINICAN BROTHER

Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10

"He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail."

The struggle for racial justice continues

In 1947, the Catholic Interracial Council of Los Angeles sued the state of California to challenge the law that prohibited interracial marriages. At the time laws in 30 states made interracial marriages illegal. The challenge cited Catholic teaching to argue that racism is inherently evil and irrational. The lawsuit succeeded, a step along the long road to racial justice. Peruvian Saint Martin de Porres, born out of wedlock in 1579 to a Spanish nobleman and a formerly enslaved African woman, is patron of mixed-race people and all those seeking racial harmony. Ask Saint Martin to help us keep up the fight for racial justice.

Friday, Nov 04, 2022

MEMORIAL OF CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP

Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8

"Prepare a full account of your stewardship."

An inspiration in trying times

Many lessons can be drawn from our experience these difficult years of the epidemic. Foremost among them is that we have to be there for each other. During the 1576-78 Plague of Milan, when many city officials fled the scene, Archbishop Borromeo stayed the course, not only organizing a wide-ranging clerical response to the temporal and spiritual needs of the people, but even selling his own possessions and borrowing funds to care for the many hungry, homeless, and dying souls. Dismissing concerns over infection, he made visitations across the diocese and personally ministered to the sick. What can we do today to honor his memory and serve those in need?

Saturday, Nov 05, 2022

Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?"

Loosen that grip

Imagine going through an entire day having left your wallet or purse at home, carrying no money of any kind (cash, credit card, or otherwise). Now imagine going through your entire life that way! More than likely, that's how Jesus lived. He had a lot to say about money, especially our relationship to it, but we never read of Jesus carrying any himself. When he's challenged about paying taxes, he asks to be shown a coin in order to respond, so he likely wasn't carrying any of his own. While Jesus did not command us to live without money, he cautioned us to use it ethically and to be careful how tightly we hold it in our hands - and our hearts.

All Saints Day
To Remember and Give Thanks