

Holy Spirit Parish Family

October 31, 2021 — Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

YOU SHALL LOVE
THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
WITH ALL YOUR MIND,
AND WITH ALL
YOUR STRENGTH.

Mark 12:30



October 31, 2021

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OUR MISSION:

We, the community of Holy Spirit Parish, centered in the Eucharist, and guided by the Holy Spirit, will use our shared wisdom to be a joyful, accepting and forgiving community. We encourage all to grow in the Catholic faith by teaching and proclaiming the Gospel, serving others and praising God.

**Masses are LIVE-STREAMED at 6:30 am Mon/Tues/Wed;
8:00 am Thur/Fri; and 9:00 am on Sundays
(YOU TUBE Holy Spirit Church Maryland Heights)**

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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday to Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm

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PARISH ANNEX

3111 Parkwood Lane,
Maryland Heights, MO 63043,
Pre-School, Pre-K.....314-739-5020

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday thru Wednesday.....6:30am
Thursday and Friday.....8:00am
Holy Days Consult bulletin
Saturday:8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL HOURS

Weekdays: 12am to 6am and 9am to 12 midnight.
Saturdays: 12am to 7am
Chapel will close at 7am Saturday until 9am Monday.
Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Suspended until Further Notice

BAPTISMS

Baptism Class for parents/godparents is normally held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church. To register for the meeting and/or to arrange for a baptism, call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Parish Office to request Communion if someone is unable to attend Church.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Please notify the Parish Office concerning hospitalization.

REGISTRATION

New parishioners may register at Parish Office or download a registration form, www.holyspiritstl.org. New information e.g. address, phone numbers or moving from the parish, please call Parish Office.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Please submit information for the bulletin by Noon TWO Fridays before publication. Include name, daytime phone number of person submitting information, and group name. Items can be e-mailed to mwelsh@holyspiritstl.org.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for October 11-17, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 9,481.00
Loose Collection	\$ 433.00
Online Donations	\$ 3,210.00
Holy Days	\$ 20.00
Total	\$13,144.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ (7,046.38)

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$ 170.00	\$ 455.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, October 31

7:00 pm—Al Anon, Rigali Rm.

Monday, November 1

6:30 am—Feast of All Saints Mass

6:00 pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, November 2

9:00 am—Quilting, Annex

7:00 pm—Feast of All Souls,
Mass of Remembrance

Wednesday, November 3

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

7:00 pm—RCIA; Parish Hall

Thursday, November 4

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

6:00 pm—Bells, Church

7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal, Church

Friday, November 5

2:30 pm—Grief Support Group

Sunday, November 7

7:00 pm—Al Anon, Rigali, Rm

HOLY SPIRIT ACTS

2022 WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT!

Upcoming Women's Retreat: is January 6-9, 2022

Anne Kinealy, Director: 330-7752

or anne.kinealy@gmail.com

Questions? Want to help?

Please contact Alli Kleitz, Core Team Communications,
344-9034 (H), 239-3015 (C),
or kleitzfamily@gmail.com.



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of

- Mary Metcalf
- John Roberson, Wife of Rita

May their souls rest in the Peace of Christ.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

Gluten allergy? Would you like a gluten-free host? Please contact the Parish Office, 739-0230.

A Note From Fr. Bob



Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

As mentioned last week, Monday is the Feast of All Saints. Since it falls on a Monday this year it is not a day of obligation. Consequently, Mass will be at 6:30 am.

Tuesday is The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, All Souls Day. Masses will be at 6:30 am and 7:00 pm. During the 7:00 pm Mass we will pray for all the faithful departed and, specifically, for all in our parish who have passed to eternal life in the past year. As a further remembrance, we will inscribe candles with the name of each of the deceased. These candles will then be placed in our Sanctuary Lamp throughout the year. All are invited to attend this Mass as we come together as a community of faith to remember all our deceased family, friends, and all the faithful departed. The Shrine of our Deceased is in place, and you are welcome to bring photos of your loved ones. The shrine will remain in place through the last weekend of November. You may also record the names of your loved ones in our Memorial Book, and we will pray for them each week at Sunday Masses.

Thank you to all who helped with our Parish Workday last week. Many volunteers helped with painting the Gathering Area and cleaning up and pruning the plants around the parish grounds. Your help really makes a difference! Thank you!

Thank you again for all your prayers and concern as I have dealt with severe back issues. Hopefully by the time you read this that will all be behind me.

Let's pray for each other this week.

Peace,

Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 31

7:30am Dennis Eise
9:00am Noreen Kelly
11:00am People of the Parish

Monday, November 1

6:30 am Larry Chik

Tuesday, November 2

6:30am-Deceased Members Villadiego/Agasino Family
7:00pm Pam Zika

Wednesday, November 3

6:30am George Steffens

Thursday, November 4

8:00am Dorothy Burkard

Friday, November 5

8:00am Herman Ponder

Saturday, November 6

8:00am Ben Magparangalan
5:00pm Dennis/Nell Moll Family

Sunday, November 7

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Charles Kindleberger
11:00am Madonna Kirts

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your prayers, please remember all the sick and home-bound parishioners and those who care for them.

Don Abramovitz	Jim Gerdes	John Rizzello
Janet Allan	Karl Gill	John Roberson
Renee Armon	Eric Hill	Pat Romano
Kathryn Arnold	Betty Hirschmugl	Mike Sampson
Jane Audrain	Suzanne Holzum	Jean Schepers
Greg Bamert	Bill Hughes	Anita Schiermeyer
Sonny & Donna Bolm	Brenda Jaeger	Norma Schwaninger
Carol Bonner	Diane Javaux	Jimmy Smith
Becky Bonner	Kathy Johnson	Jan Telthorst
Nancy Brand	Kenneth Jordan	Rebecca Tobar
Jim Brockmeyer	Sharon Knoppe	R u d y / B r e n d a
Connie Buenemann	Mike Lemp	Torricelli
Linda Buttry	Joan Mason	Ron Unterreiner
Maisy Grace Casey	Jerry McGuire	Nanci Van Amburgh
Nicole Chapman	Susie Meyer	Joe & Jean Wangler
Margaret Cima	Karen Newcomb	Angeline Weber
Ed Cody	Matt Niedringhaus	Gene Weckherlin
Matthew Cody	Jacob Null	Bill & Joan
Peggy Cody	Bob/Donna Pedrotti	Weinzirl
Leon Deimeke	Maisy Grace Pina	Tom Zemblidge
Charles Dent	Bob & Tootie	
Tom DuBois	Poder	
Martha Elmore	Brian Ponder	
Till Fehrenbacher	Carolyn Putnam	
Ray & Betty Garvels	John Rath	

PRO-LIFE NEWS

"St. Joseph: Faithful Protector of Mother and Child"

The infant Christ "came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph" (PC 5).

The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to Joseph in a series of dreams how God's plans would be brought to fulfillment. Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, "in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat'" (PC 3).

Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us. During this Year of St. Joseph,... Joseph shows us how to say "yes" to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life.

Dear St. Joseph, help us
to imitate your faithful trust and courage.

Sick Relatives and Friends:

Judy Bauman	Michael Gill	Nancy Rofkahr
Kendell & Tina	Chris Gooch	Sheryl Sanfilippo
Bedell	Richard Hahl	Albert Schiermeyer
Jeri Burch	Diane Hermann	er
Chris Burns	Suzanne Johnson	Robert Schneider
Violete Casasus	David Kasprzyk	Ken Schutz
Debra Cates	Jenny Lemke-	Ruby Smith
Wayne Cates	mann	Alford Snowden
Nancy Chik	Trish Merklin	Grace Solimando
Diane Chorzel	Betty Merritt	Jerry Sutterer
Beau Dempewolf	Lou Merritt	Judy Taylor &
Margaret Dickinson	Mary Mudd	Family
	Melinda Oeth	M s g r . J i m
Debbie Ditch	Shirley Pankey	Telthorst
Jack Dowd	Shirley Petrosky	Jim Wamhoff
Fran Ebers	Liz Prange	John Wamhoff
Kayla Emerson	Mike & Cindy	Chris Wells
Chris Essner	Prinzi	Paul Williams
Sandi Essner	Paul Provost	Michelle Wilson
Colleen Evans	Dianne Rellergert	Bonnie Wittman
Harold Feltmann	Sr. Pat Rode-	Joe Wolf
Kim Fortier	mann	

Anyone interested in bringing up the Gifts during the Offertory, please see an Usher before any Mass!

DO GOOD WITH BURRITOS



Join us at our restaurant for a fundraiser to support Holy Spirit Catholic School. Just come in to the Chipotle at 3533 McKelvey Rd in Bridgeton on **Tuesday, November 9th** from **4:00pm to 8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Holy Spirit Catholic School.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code CBHLETG before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

ButterBraid Fundraiser

Thank you to all that supported our school fundraiser! We reached our \$5,000 goal which will be used to support the needs of the school and students.

**Orders must be picked up Friday, November 5th
between 2:30-3:30 at the Parish Hall.**

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Oct 25 Red & Blue winner of \$25; Kathy Felstein

Thank you for supporting our school!

Mon., Nov. 1: All Saint's Day—NO SCHOOL

Thur., Nov. 4: 8:00 am. Mass, Kindergarten-Gr 4,
Prepared by Grade 4
Scholastic Book Fair

1:50-2:45pm, Harvest Parties
Fri., Nov. 5: 8:00 Mass, Grades 5-8.
Prepared by Grade 7

Sat., Nov 6: Set your clocks before bed—FALL BACK!

Tues., Nov 9: Chipotle Fundraiser; 4-8:00pm

Scrip Gift Cards:

Scrip gift cards are available on Fridays 7:30-8am (school days) and Sundays 8am-11am (non-holiday weekends).

Find us outside church or in the Parish Hall.

We carry gift cards for local & national chains.

Come by and pick up fast food, grocery and discount stores like Target, Walmart & more!

Thank you for supporting Holy Spirit Catholic School

PSR NEWS

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a program in which the Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to ages 4-10 at both the 9:00 and 11:00 am Sunday Mass from September through May. Any child in this age group may participate – registration is not necessary.

How it works: The children gather with their leaders in the front of the altar after the Opening Prayer and are sent forth by the presider. They process to the Chapel. After a brief Welcome and Opening Prayer, they listen to the First Reading proclaimed from the Children's Lectionary. They are then led in singing a Psalm and Gospel Acclamation. Next, the Gospel is proclaimed by one of the adult leaders. An age-appropriate reflection on the Word is shared by the leader through stories, discussions, or pictures – whatever the leader finds most appropriate to conveying the meaning of the scriptures. The children are then invited to share their own thoughts and ideas. Following this, the children profess a simple Act of Faith, pray their Prayers of Intercession, and finally return to their families at the time of the Presentation of the Gifts

PSR Catechists - Important Dates

Wed. Nov. 3 - Progress Reports Due

Fri. Nov. 5 - "Share the Spirit" catechist workshop 6:00-8:00pm at ICD

Important Information

Tues Nov 2: No PSR class—Attend the All Souls Mass

Tues. Nov. 9: Progress Reports Emailed to Parents

~ Live the Spirit



The 41st Annual All Saints Craft Bazaar
will be held **Nov. 6** at
All Saints Parish in St. Peters, MO.

Beautiful Holiday Décor and Handmade
Gifts! AND Our Famous Turkey
Sandwiches have made their return!
Hope to see you there!

WE SAVED YOU A SEAT FOR A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT!

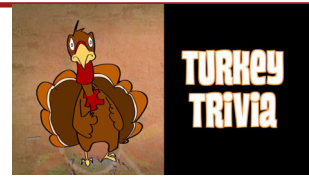
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All are invited.

Invite a family member, friend, or neighbor to join us! Kids are welcome (childcare will be provided). Light refreshments served afterwards.

We look forward to seeing you!



Turkey Trivia at Our Lady of the Presentation Saturday, November 20

Great Family Fun for the Thanksgiving Holiday!

When: Doors Open at 6pm—Games start at 7pm

Where: 8860 Tudor, St. Louis 63114

Cost: \$20 (includes Free Beer, Soda, Water & Popcorn)

Raffle Baskets/Attendance Prizes & More!

Feel Free to bring your own Snacks.

For more information, call Joan Willey at
314-427-0486, Ext. 201



The **2021 St Ferdinand Thanksgiving Dinner** continues a tradition of their free community Thanksgiving dinner. All Are Welcome!

When: Thursday, November 25, 11:30am—1:30pm

Where: St. Ferdinand Catholic Church
1765 Charbonier Rd., Florissant

Want to Volunteer?

Please call the Parish Office at St. Ferdinand:
314-837-3165

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT BRAVED THE CHILLY MORNING
AND PARTICIPATED IN THE FALL CLEAN-UP DAY LAST SATURDAY!
YOUR TIME AND TALENT IS SO APPRECIATED!**





It's That Time of Year Again!

HandS is once again asking for Food or Monetary Donations for our Thanksgiving Food Baskets. We have 16 families on our list and, no doubt, will continue to grow!

If you prefer to contribute money, make your check payable to 'Holy Spirit HandS'; Please mark your envelope as 'HandS Thanksgiving Baskets' and place in the Weekend Collection basket.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATIONS NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

GROCERY ITEMS NEEDED:

• **TURKEYS or TURKEY BREASTS -**
(PLEASE CALL NORMA (739-3159) BEFORE PURCHASING AS WE ONLY NEED A LIMITED NUMBER OF THESE)

- LARGE FOIL ROASTING PANS
- BOXED STUFFING MIX
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- CANNED SWEET POTATOES
- CANNED CRANBERRY SAUCE
- CANNED CHICKEN BROTH
- CANNED CHICKEN GRAVY OR GRAVY PACKETS
- CANNED FRUIT
- BROWN AND SERVE ROLLS
- JELLO

• **For FROZEN PIES or BUTTER, please contact Norma (739-3159), Or Cheri (753-4528 to arrange delivery time)**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.

A MINISTRY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS



Naming & Commendation Rite



"I am the Resurrection and the life." - John 11:25

All are welcome to attend Naming & Commendation, a prayer service developed by the Archdiocese of St. Louis to meet the needs of families whose child died before birth for any reason (including miscarriage, accident, abortion or still birth). Parents and families of any religious background are invited to attend, whether the loss was recent or long ago.

Naming & Commendation will start at 2 p.m. at St. Monica Parish in Creve Coeur on Sunday, Nov. 7. The rite, celebrated by Fr. Tom Wyrsh, will offer parents and families an opportunity to name the child, bring peaceful closure to great loss, and unite with our merciful God.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Diann Bomkamp at dbomkamp@sbcglobal.net or 314-432-7719 (leave a message).



Save-The-Date

**Holy Spirit Parish
Advent by Candlelight**

Sunday, December 5, 2021

**6:30pm in the Holy Spirit Church
Doors open at 6:00 pm**

"Tell my disciples to go to Galilee, and there they will find me." A special pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Mar 23 – Apr 1, 2022) will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience you won't regret! Nazareth, Cana, Mt. Tabor, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea and much more. Scriptures and the Mass will be far more meaningful afterward. It's a trip you'll treasure the rest of your life!
 For more info, contact Mark Wyble at 816-233-8427 or religiousramblers@gmail.com



"And so we lift our gazes not to what stands between us, but what stands before us. We close the divide because we know, to put our future first, we must first put our differences aside:

**Amanda Gorman, Inaugural Poet
"The Hill We Climb"**

YOUTH MINISTRY

FIND HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM www.facebook.com/hsyouth
AND as hs_youth_stl (HS Youth STL) on Instagram

NEED SERVICE HOURS?

Upcoming opportunities – November Drive By Rakings and C2B (Called to Be) Retreat Team (high school students) will be forming in **January**.

GOT COLLEGE STUDENTS?

If you have a child who has graduated high school, and is away at college, I'd like to send them some mail from time to time. Email deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org with their address, and I'll add them to the list. If you have a graduated, young adult who is not away but would enjoy an occasional piece of mail, please send me their address and I will include them as well.

HIGH SCHOOL:

EAT.PRAY.DISCUSS. Join us in October as we talk about the issues you are facing, and find ways to see how God is active within those times. Be there in the Resource Center basement (Holy Spirit Room) from 7-9 p.m. every Thurs. for food, fun and discussions. Bring a friend. All are welcome!

NCYC - The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry is offering a virtual option for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) **November 18-20** at the parish as a small gathered event. This event features some of the best Catholic speakers for youth in the country. It's a fun event with lots of good music and speakers.

Please contact Donna Eisenbath if you are interested.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION FORMATION

ADULTS ONLY meeting on Wednesday, November 3 in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m.

RITE OF SENDING AND RETREAT DAY (mandatory) for **CANDIDATES & SPONSORS** on Sunday, November 7. Plan to attend 9:00 a.m. Mass. The retreat will be immediately following Mass and end at 3:30. Lunch and snacks are provided.

SESSION 11: Made for Mission will take place on Sunday, November 14 for all candidates. We will gather at 10:10 after 9:00 a.m. Mass, and end at 12:15. **CONFIRMATION** is Saturday, November 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica.

Projects Due: Service reflection—was due in Oct.
Saint report—Nov 7 (at Retreat*)

*** Wanted: 2-3 Adults who are willing to help set up, serve, and clean up lunch for our Confirmation Candidates on Sunday, November 7. Time would be 11am-1pm**

Upcoming dates to remember!

Wednesday, Nov. 3 - Parents Only (no young people) 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Upcoming projects:

Nov—Leaf Raking;

Jan—Christmas Party;

April—Retreat

MORE HELP WANTED:

~PGC Adults who are willing to chaperone for high school (Eat. Pray. Discuss.), &/or 7th & 8th grade (MSM—Middle School Madness).

~PGC Adults willing to chaperone large events like retreats or March for Life, or service projects
Adults & Young Adults who are interested in planning new opportunities around Pro-Life issues, Justice and Service!



**ST. LOUIS
UNIVERSITY HIGH**

Believe It. Become It.

Open House

November 7th; 11:30-4:00

No Registration Required

Did you know that 8th graders can shadow at SLUH? There are still dates available for boys to join us for a morning of classes hosted by a freshman or sophomore Jr. Billiken!

For More information, Call (314) 269-2097



St. Joseph's Academy welcomes young women in grades 6-8 to tour our school, meet our teachers, and learn more about our academic programs. Families will be paired with a St. Joe Angel Ambassador who will serve as your tour guide.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for Open House on Sunday, November 7, 2021

from 11:00 until 4:00 p.m.

Please call 314-394-4300 to pre-register!

The Grief Ministry Support Group

will resume weekly from **Oct 29—Dec 17.**

(No meeting on Nov. 26)

The Ministry is based on Fr Joe Kempf's book, "No One Cries the Wrong Way: Seeing God Through Tears". Meetings are at 2:30 PM in the Resource Center, St. Lawrence room.

This program is designed to provide a faith-based, confidential setting for anyone suffering grief; including the loss of a loved one through death, divorce or termination of employment.

If you are interested in attending the program, please call Linda at the Parish Office to register at 314.739.0230 ext. 108.

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BIBLE STUDY

Lauren and Nick Trautner lead a **Bible Study** for young adult engaged and married couples.

Meetings are on a bi-weekly or monthly basis, depending on group preference, and will meet in the Maryland Heights area.

**If interested, please contact
Lauren at lotrautner@gmail.com.**



A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend

Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who has suffered a loss or is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them—tell them about our Stephen Ministry!

Stephen Ministers are members of Holy Spirit who have received special training to provide high-quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. They meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, call the Stephen Ministry confidential Hotline today: (314) 739-0230 ext.130

Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!*

True Love of Neighbor

Jesus highlights the importance of loving our neighbor. Faith is not a private matter but must be shared and actively lived in charity toward our brothers and sisters.

Woe to us if we observe a neighbor in need and do not seek to minister to his/her needs. In the Old Testament, God instructed the Jewish people to show love and mercy toward Gentiles, aliens, and the poor.

Now Jesus reiterates and expands this commandment to all people. As John writes in his first letter, "But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?" (1 John 3:17).

If we truly love God, then we will have deep concern for the welfare of those in need.

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BECOMING SAINTS

Follow the saints because those who follow them will become saints.

—St. Clement I

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 12:28b-34

Monday November 1
All Saints Day
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

Tuesday November 2
All Souls Day
Wisdom 3:1-9
Romans 5:5-11
or Romans 6:3-9
John 6:37-40

Wednesday November 3
Romans 13:8-10
Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9
Luke 14:25-33

Thursday November 4
St. Charles Borromeo
Romans 14:7-12
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Luke 15:1-10

Friday November 5
Romans 15:14-21
Ps 98:1-4
Luke 16:1-8

Saturday November 6
Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Ps 145:2-5, 10-11
Luke 16:9-15

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus asserted the two greatest commands of the Law, quoting from the ancient Hebrew scriptures, which we have in the first reading. And the second reading, from the New Testament letter to the Hebrews, explains how the Law of Love supersedes or fulfills all other laws. Jesus, who loved perfectly and never sinned against anyone, sacrificed himself for sinners. Therefore, we who want to follow him to heaven need to follow in his footsteps of love, by loving God and everyone else whole-heartedly.

Try as we might, though, we love imperfectly; we sin. The best penance, then, is an act of love, especially if it's a sacrifice offered to (or for) those who were harmed by our sin. But the damage we've caused has a ripple effect that goes far beyond anything we can see. This is remedied in the Catholic Church's Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus – through the priest – ac-

cepts our remorse and absolves our sins, while the entire earthly Body of Christ (the Church) – through the priest – accepts our penances for the earthly damage that our sins have caused.

Penance is not only an act of love, it's designed to strengthen our resolve to choose love when tempted to sin again. If the priest gives us an easy penance (for

example, "Say the Lord's Prayer and three Hail Marys"), if we really want to become holier, we should ask God



during those three Hail Marys for a penance that's a more difficult act of love. We should choose a sacrifice, something that requires loving God with our whole heart, soul, and mind as well as loving ourselves and our neighbors just as much.

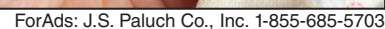
Saint Anthony Mary Claret said, "The love of Christ arouses us, urges us to run, and to fly, lifted on the wings of holy zeal." How high is your love flying? Zeal is a good measuring instrument of how much we love God.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Whom have you loved imperfectly this week?
2. What act of penance could you do that would be an exercise in loving them better, treating them the way Jesus would? When will you complete the reconciliation through the sacraments of the Church?
3. What does "zeal" mean? Name some of the ways that we love God with zeal.
4. Tell the story of a time when you made a sacrifice because of love. How did this reveal Jesus to others?

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — (NOVEMBER 7 2021)

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]





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