Holy Spirit Parish Family

November 17, 2019 — Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the December 1 bulletin is

NOON, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

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.

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Stephen Ministry
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kayres@holyspiritstl.org

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION (BEGINNING OCTOBER 14)
Mondays, 1 to 7 p.m. (closing with Benediction at approximately 6:50 p.m.).

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 Karen Rychlewski.

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 see one of the priests after Mass. 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, Commission and group name. Items can be e-mailed to mwelsh@holyspiritstl.org.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
Stewardship for October 28-November 3, 2019

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HandS: Parish Improvements
$2,119.00: $462.00

What’s Happening This Week
Sunday, November 17
8:00 am—Blood Drive, Rigali Rm.
—Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast, Gym
9:00 am—Liturgy of the Word for Children, rm. 106
12:00—CFC Assembly
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Community Rm.

Monday, November 18
1:00 pm—Exposition/Benediction, Church
6:00 pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, November 19
9:00 am—Quilting, Annex
7:30 pm—Fire in the Spirit, Community Rm.

Wednesday, November 20
9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
7:30 pm—Teen Choir Practice, Church
—Food Addicts Anonymous, Rigali Rm.
—RCIA Inquiry, Parish Hall

Thursday, November 21
9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
1:00 pm—Prayer Shawl, Rigali Rm.
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Rm. 2
—Choir Rehearsal, Church

Sunday, November 24
7:00 am—Sarah Sunday, Parish Hall
9:00 am—Liturgy of the Word for Children, rm. 106
1:00—Drive by Rakings, Off Property
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Community Rm.

Holy Spirit’s Annual Quilt Bingo
Sponsored by the Ladies Club
And, the winners are....

First Prize, Queen-size Quilt: Julie Andert
Second Prize, Full-size Quilt: Jean Martin
Third Prize, Baby Quilt: Charles Van Doren
Fourth Prize, Afghan: Gina Prather
Fifth Prize, Wine Basket: Mary

Mark your calendars for next year....
Sunday, November 8, 2020

ACTS Core Team needs YOU!
We are looking for 6 new members: 2 women & 4 men. Everyone who has served on one or more ACTS teams is invited! You can submit your own name and/or other names. Please contact Joan Gettemeyer by Dec. 9.
jgettemeyer@sbcglobal.net

We meet once a month. Thanks for prayerfully considering this leadership role to support Holy Spirit ACTS.
### Mass Intentions

**Sunday, November 17**
- 7:30am: Mike Markham
- 9:00am: Francy Beine
- 11:00am: Lou Difani

**Monday, November 18**
- 6:30am: James Bonner

**Tuesday, November 19**
- 6:30am: Mike Rooney, Special Intention

**Wednesday, November 20**
- 6:30am: Carol Kersting

**Thursday, November 21**
- 8:00am: Dr. Craig Aubuchon

**Friday, November 22**
- 8:00am: Faithful Departed

**Saturday, November 23**
- 8:00am: Mike Rolfes
- 5:00pm: Don Stuckey

**Sunday, November 24**
- 7:30am: Terry Moran
- 9:00am: Fred DeWitt
- 11:00am: For Our Parishioners

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### Ministry Schedule — Nov. 23-24

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### Prayers for the Sick

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

- Irene Biggins
- Jim Brockmeyer
- Connie Buenemann
- Nicole Chapman
- Ed Cody
- Matthew Cody
- Peggy Cody
- Charles Dent
- Dorothy Faerber
- Till Fehrenbacher
- Joe Greco
- Kenneth Jordan
- Al Katzler
- Marie Knox
- Charles Kraemer
- Mike Lemp
- Jerry McGuire
- Mary McGuire
- Karen Newcomb
- Matt Niedringhaus
- Jacob Null
- Dave Peters
- Bob & Donna Pedrotti
- Brian Ponder
- John Rizzello
- John Roberson
- Mike Sampson
- Bill Schneider
- Norma Schwantzinger
- Rudy & Brenda Torricelli
- Nanci Van Amburg
- Joe & Jean Wangler
- Syl Wayer
- Gene Weckerlin
- Bill & Joan Weinzi
- Tom Zemblidge

### Sick Relatives and Friends:

- Lauren Castellana
- Nancy & Larry Chik
- Jackie Craven
- Anne DeSchruser
- Jim Eisenbath
- Colleen Evans
- Steve Hartnett
- Bethany Henderson
- Shane Katzler
- Irene Lee
- Sharon Lewis
- Lisa Masek
- Cameron Meyer
- Christine Meyer
- Luke Meyer
- Ron Meyer
- Marcia Mohrman
- David Rychlewski
- Dody & Joe Scaglione
- Grace Solomon
- Baby John Szever
- Bonnie Wittman

### From Death to New Life

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

- **Gwen Mugan**, wife of John;
- **Joseph Regan**, father of Theresa (John) Farrell, grandfather of Catherine and Bridget; and
- **Steve Ditch**, stepfather of Jackie Cusumano, and step-grandfather of Rebecca and Alexandra.

May their souls rest in the Peace of Christ.
SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Nov. 4 Red & Blue winner of $100: Chris Bergen and the Nov. 11 winner of $25 is John Weber. Thank you for supporting our school!

Second Quarter is halfway over this week! Be sure to check your grades. From now until Christmas everyone only gets busier. Be sure to check your teacher’s Fast Direct bulletin board regularly to stay on top of what is going on in the classroom.

Fri. Nov. 22 All School Mass Prepared by grade 6

Wish List

* Wax Paper (Art)
* Paper Bowls (Art)
* Tin Foil (Art)
* Plastic Shopping Bags (Art)
* Pipe cleaners (Art)
* Pom poms (Art)
* Modge Podge (Art)
* Tacky Glue (Art)
* Black Sharpies (Art)
* 2 Stop Watches (Speech Team)

With God all things are possible!

Mrs. Hewitt

PSR NEWS

PSR Mass

On Tues., Nov. 26, 7pm, PSR students & their families & grandparents will celebrate Mass for Thanksgiving. Students will arrive by 6:45 as usual and meet their catechists in the Gathering Space for attendance and to get their thankfulness cutout. There will be bins in the Gathering Space to drop off the donations for HandS for our Thanksgiving Service Project. Students will sit with their families in Church. There will be paper hearts or turkeys in the pews for family members to write something you are thankful for. All cutouts will be collected at the offertory.

PSR Thanksgiving Service Project

We are collecting donations for HandS at the PSR Thanksgiving Mass Tues., Nov. 26.

Please choose from the suggestions below:

- Macaroni & Cheese
- Soup
- Peanut butter and/or Jelly (plastic containers only)
- Canned fruit and/or canned vegetables
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken)
- Paper products, i.e. Paper towels, toilet paper
- Cereal
- Spaghetti sauce (plastic containers or cans only) and/or pasta

Poinsettias for Sale!

$12 each or 2 for $22

Dec. 7 & 8 after all masses

Proceeds help support 6th grade camp 2020

SAVE THE DATE!

MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, January 25, 2020

Holy Spirit Gym, 7pm

FUNDRAISER for the graduating class of 2021

SAVE THE DATE!

BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 7

Watch the bulletin for more information.

CHILDREN’S RAFFLE

New or gently used items for the Children’s Raffle that takes place at Brunch with Santa are needed. Donations may be dropped off in the Parish Hall.
SERVICE PROJECT: DRIVE BY RAKINGS
Join us for some service on Sun., Nov. 24. We'll meet for pizza at 12:30 & rake from 1-4. It's a great way to use your gifts for others & have some fun with friends while we do it!

CONFIRMATION

8th Grade:
Session 11: Made for Mission is Sun., Nov. 24. Join us to talk about “Stirring it Up,” and to celebrate Confirmation with friends and food.

7th Grade:
Session 1: Life is Choices will begin January 15. This session is for parents and their child.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS
All 6th-8th grade students are invited to attend a night just for you! We'll pray & play from 7-9 in the Annex. Bring a friend & join the fun. Nov. MSM will be Nov. 22.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS & SENIORS – ALL ARE WELCOME:
Eat, Pray, Discuss for high school teens meets every Thurs, in the Resource Center (enter through the basement door), 7-9. All 2019-2020 freshmen, sophomores, juniors & seniors are welcome anytime. Drop in when you can. Bring a friend if you like.

Want to be a part of our retreat team? Plan to start coming to Thursday meetings in January. We’ll begin working on our new retreat for this spring.

ADULTS WE NEED YOU!
Looking for PGC adults for our fall, winter and spring events. We need your help to make all these things possible. Young adults, parents & empty nesters are all welcome. Our young people benefit from your life, your faith & YOU! They truly appreciate your help.

SPRING will be here before we know it. We can always use overnight chaperones, drivers, & chaperones for our weekly & monthly meetings, March for Life, & C2B (Called to Be) spring retreat.

CONFIRMATION: A new Confirmation cohort will begin in January. If you are interested in being a catechist, or helping with meetings, contact Donna E.

FOOD! WE CAN ALWAYS use snack and/or soda donations for high school meetings (every week), and Middle School Madness (once a month). Contact Donna Eisenbath if you are interested in helping.

PRO-LIFE GENERATION LIFE PILGRIMAGE: We have several high school & 8th grade teens attending the March for Life. Donations for meals, Metro Cards for getting around D.C. or to help us buy tee shirts are appreciated. We are doing fundraising to help with the cost. If you would like to donate to help families afford the trip, it would be much appreciated. We are grateful to have such a generous community.

Interested? Want to help our teens encounter Jesus through participation in our parish community? Contact Donna, 954-1326 or deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org

STEPHEN MINISTRY
Stephen Ministry has specially selected & trained men & women to listen with care to all they serve, & to keep all that is shared with them in strict confidentiality. Whether your struggle with emotions is what you consider small, or even if it is larger, Stephen Ministry awaits your call for help. 739-0230, ext.130, leave a confidential message. Compassionate & caring listening for you!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

JUST LIVING
“We can never accept a separation of our religious faith and moral convictions from our public ministries or our political engagement. It’s impossible. And even trying to do so is evil because it forces us to live two different lives, worshiping God at home and in our churches; and worshiping the latest version of Caesar everywhere else.”


BLOOD DRIVE
Holy Spirit Parish
In the Rigali Room of the Annex
Sunday, November 17
8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Be a Steward of Christ!
Appointment Preferred.
Walk-in’s welcome.
To schedule an appointment, log on to www.bloodcenterimpact.org.
Use group sponsor code 10414

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REQUEST FOR HANDS
THANKSGIVING DINNER\DONATIONS

IT’S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!
HANDS IS ONCE AGAIN ASKING FOR FOOD OR MONETARY DONATIONS FOR OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS. WE HAVE 28 FAMILIES ON OUR LIST AND WILL MORE THAN LIKELY BE ADDING A FEW MORE!

IF YOU PREFER TO CONTRIBUTE MONEY, PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO “HOLY SPIRIT HANDS.” PLACE THE CHECK OR CASH IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED “HANDS THANKSGIVING BASKETS” AND PLACE IT IN THE WEEKEND COLLECTION BASKET.

TO MAKE A DONATION OF TURKEYS, BUTTER OR PIES, PLEASE CALL NORMA (739-3159), OR CHERI (753-4528) TO ARRANGE A TIME FOR DELIVERY TO THE FOOD PANTRY.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATIONS NO LATER THAN TODAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

GROCERY ITEMS NEEDED:

- TURKEYS
- TURKEY BREASTS
- 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
- FROZEN PIES
- BUTTER
- LARGE FOIL ROASTING PANS

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.

Norma Wibbenmeyer
Thanksgiving Dinner Chairperson

Holy Spirit Parish
Annual Advent by Candlelight
Sunday, December 8, 2019
5pm-8pm – Holy Spirit Parish Hall

Doors open at 4:30pm

Contact information for this event:
Lisa Ahern, lisaahernathome@gmail.com, 605-4346
Ann Allman, anncallman@gmail.com, 724-2124

HOW DO I SIGN UP?
If you would like to attend, and already know who your hostess is, she will be contacting you.
If you would like to attend, and do not have a hostess in mind, please RSVP to Lisa Ahern or Ann Allman and we will seat you at a table.
If you would like to be a hostess, please RSVP to Lisa Ahern or Ann Allman and we will provide you with more information.

We must have all reservations by Wednesday, December 4.

WHAT IS ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT?
An evening spent with women of faith as we wait and prepare with MARY during this Advent Season and also honor MARY on her Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception.

Our speaker this year:
Jane Guenther,
Director of The Catholic Renewal Center.

WHO IS INVITED?
All the ladies of the parish are invited...
And your adult lady friends from any parish...
And your adult lady family members from any parish.

HOW DOES IT WORK?
Each table will have a hostess who will decorate her table.
Each table will provide dinner and/or snacks and/or desserts for just their Table of 8.
Each table member will be contacted by their hostess with details and instructions about the evening.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Norma Wibbenmeyer
Thanksgiving Dinner Chairperson
Donations needed!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry serves over 1,000 meals EVERY Thanksgiving Morning.

Many volunteers come to help prepare and deliver these meals. Holy Spirit Parish has been asked to help by providing breakfast items to feed about 100 volunteers.

Donated items can be homemade or store bought. Suggestions: donuts, muffins, pastries or danishes, coffee cakes, bagels, bananas, apples, gallons of orange juice or apple juice, bottled water.

If you’d prefer, cash donations are accepted and we will do the shopping for you.

For more information, please contact Deacon Scott Kaufman 314-229-6633 or skauf84@sbcglobal.net

Donations may be dropped off in the Parish Hall after all Masses, November 23-24 or at our home, 3616 Bostons Farm Drive by Wednesday afternoon 11/27.

The Giving Tree will be in the Gathering Area of Church through Sunday, December 1st.

You may take an ornament from the tree, purchase the gift noted on the ornament, and attach the ornament to the UNWRAPPED gift.

OR

Purchase one of the suggested gifts from the list below, do NOT wrap it and, if possible, leave the price tag on it.

- **Toys:** cars, trucks, dolls, games, games for teenagers, sports items (Please NO Candyland, Chutes and Ladders or soccer balls.)
- **For All Ages:** clothes, pajamas, sweaters, jackets, underwear, socks, sweat suits (Large & X-Large & 2X)
- **Household:** sheets (full & queen size), kitchen & bath towels, dishes, glasses, pots & pans, toasters, tools, flatware, flashlights, clocks (wall & radio) & storage containers, electric can openers, waffle makers, roasters, toaster oven, electric skillets, electric heaters, blenders, crockpots 5 quart
- **Other:** men and women fragrance or soap gift sets, hand lotion, holiday food gift packages (example: Hickory Farms), popcorn tins, jewelry, radios, cameras & watches.

RETURN THE UNWRAPPED GIFT(S) TO CHURCH BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST.
WE NEED YOUR HELP
TO WELCOME THE RCIA CANDIDATES & CATECHUMENS

Because hospitality is a quality of the RCIA, just as it is in the life of the Christian community, please help welcome the catechumens and candidates for membership into the Catholic Church and specifically to our parish. To make their Sunday gatherings more hospitable we are asking members of our parish family (you – the sponsoring community) to provide coffee cake, donuts, etc. Please call Karen Rychlewski (739.0230) or email krychlewski@holyspiritstl.org or fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket as soon as possible. THANK YOU!

I would like to welcome new members into our parish by providing snacks during their gathering time.

Name ______________________________________________________________________

Phone # ____________________________________________________________________

Email ______________________________________________________________________

SALAD SUNDAY—NEXT WEEKEND!
Holy Spirit Parish provides dinner salads the fourth Sunday of the month to be served to the homeless at St. Patrick’s Center. Please leave your donation in the big green bin in the Parish Hall as you come in for mass: 5 PM Sat., Nov. 23, until the start of 11 AM Mass Sun., Nov. 24. We appreciate your help! For more information please contact, Ellen Staples, 422-2381.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
Prayers shawls are hand made items, blessed at Mass, that provide comfort & peace to the recipient. Our prayer shawl ministry makes shawls available to anyone who would like one with no expectation of return. In addition to shawls, we have lapghans (lap-sized afghans), scarves, pocket prayer shawls & wristbands. We have items appropriate for everyone.

Our next meeting is in Parish Annex Nov 21 at 1pm. If you already knit or crochet you are already ready to make prayer shawls. If you’re not sure where to start we have patterns, yarn, needles & hooks that you can have to make a prayer shawl. There are no time limits or requirements of any sort.

If you don’t knit or crochet & would like to learn, we will teach you. We have needles & hooks as well as yarn to get you started.

Call Mary, 497-5048 to get a shawl or with any questions you might have.
AROUND TOWN

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” Persevere in your marriage by using the tools learned on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in the St. Louis area. The next weekends are Dec 6-8, 2019 or Feb. 7-9, 2020, Courtyard Marriot, St. Peters. [link] or call or text 314.649.7317.

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN ITALIAN MASS

We wish to invite all to join St. Ambrose on the Hill, located on Marconi & Wilson, on the First Sunday of each month at 11 AM to worship at an Italian Mass. The first two readings are in Italian and the Gospel is read in English. Our choir will be singing Italian songs. Everyone is welcome to join us in this worship.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE!

THE LAST THINGS

Scientific discoveries about the vastness of the universe may dovetail perfectly with the Christian understanding of the “last things.” How? Once all is consummated at the end of the world, we Catholics believe that the universe itself will be “renewed” and the new heavens and earth will be the ultimate realization of God’s plan for creation. Buckle up! It may be impossible for us to explore every galaxy this side of heaven, but in eternity? Our universe just might be in reach. (CCC 1020-1050)


MARYGROVE’S RESIDENT TRIBUTE DINNER

We invite you to join us as we celebrate some of Marygrove’s rising stars at the annual Resident Tribute Dinner Tues., Nov. 19. Four Seasons St. Louis! These youth have demonstrated exemplary behavior, acts of kindness & achieved wonderful milestones to move towards a brighter future. For info or to register, contact Gabrielle Ballard, gbballard@mgstl.org or 314.584.6124. OR visit marygrovechildren.org.

28TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Plan your Christmas shopping early! St. Mary Magdalen’s juried Arts & Crafts Fair is Sat., Nov. 23, 9am - 3pm in the former St. Mary Magdalen school building, 4924 Bancroft. This is one of the oldest & best craft fairs in the city. Approximately 40 juried crafters will present handcrafted items. A quilt raffle and baked goods will also be available. BBQ dinners served 11am-3pm. For more info call Cookie, 314-832-4531 or Eileen, 314-898-8896.

DR. PETER KREEFT

To speak at Immaculate Heart of Mary, New Melle, Sun., Nov. 24, 1-4 pm. Two small talks on the culture followed by a lengthy time for Q & A. Tickets only $5. Call 636-398-5270 or Google "EventBrite Peter Kreeft New Melle."

CHRIST ALIVE THROUGH MARY

The women’s witness ministry, Christ Alive Through Mary, will be having it’s next prayer breakfast Dec. 7, the Rigali Center. Tina Ferder will be sharing her faith journey and how she has found transformation in God’s time. For more information and registration go to the Catholic Renewal Center website, archstl.org/renewal

CELEBRATION OF LIFE BANQUET

Where: Orlando’s Event Center, Maryland Heights, MO
When: Sunday, Dec. 8
Time: Cocktails 5 p.m., Dinner 6 p.m.
Keynote Speaker: Claire Culwell, abortion survivor
Cost: Complimentary; Guests will have an opportunity to support our pro-life efforts.
Contact: mrl.eastern@yahoo.com, 314-434-4900, www.easternregionmrl.org/dinner

Pro-Life

All are welcome to the monthly Holy Hour for Life. Join us every 3rd Monday of the month: Mon., Nov. 18, 6-7pm in the church. Come spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in prayer dedicated to pro-life intentions. Come for 5 minutes or the whole hour!

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars for December 9th: the start of the 2020 Respect Life Creative Writing Contest. More details to come.
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20a
Ps 98:5-9
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-10

Monday November 18
1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63
Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158
Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday November 19
2 Maccabees 6:18-31
Ps 3:2-7
Luke 18:1-10

Wednesday November 20
2 Maccabees 7:1,20-31
Ps 17:1bcd,5-6,8b,15
Luke 19:11-28

Thursday November 21
Presentation of Mary
1 Maccabees 2:15-29
Ps 50:1-2,5-8,14-15
Luke 19:41-44

Friday November 22
St. Cecilia
1 Maccabees 4:3-37,52-59
1 Chron 29:10b-12
Luke 19:45-48

Saturday November 23
1 Maccabees 6:1-13
Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19

Jesus says that the day will come when not one stone of the temple will be left mortared to another, because it will all be torn down. He’s reminding us that everything here on earth is temporary.

Think of what you enjoy here on earth. It’s temporary. What causes you to suffer? It too is temporary. What of this world do you depend on? It’s temporary. What do you admire, trust, save, hope for, spend working hours to achieve and plan relaxation hours for a reward? It’s all temporary — unless we are using it for the Kingdom of God.

We know that we’re supposed to focus on the things of God, things that will last for all of eternity, but we’re uncomfortable with the blind faith that this requires. We are like the disciples who looked for God’s vindication against injustices and immorality in the temporal world: wars, earthquakes, plagues and famines. We wish that Jesus would hurry up with his Second Coming and stop all the evils and hardships.

In our daily lives, we seek God’s help, but we look for something tangible upon which to base our faith. We want to know the future; we don’t like the insecurity of not knowing what God has planned. We depend on what we can see more than we depend on God whom we cannot see, so we ask God for signs.

However, the best way to walk forward with God is to raise one foot in air for the next step, and — while that foot is still in the air — ask God: “Where do You want me to place my foot next?”

This takes balance; if we don’t remain centered in God, we teeter and fall. If God doesn’t show us immediately where to put our foot down to move forward, we can either fall away or fall into his hand.

God’s hand is never temporary! God’s hand provides true security based only on his endless, all-powerful, all-knowing love. It doesn’t always feel that way, but his love and protection never fail.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What help from God are you waiting for? What battles plague your life? Do you believe that your problem is temporary or do you fear that it’s permanent?

2. What will you do this week to entrust yourself to the wisdom and guidance of Jesus?

3. When waiting for God’s guidance, how do you stay centered on God? How do you find and hold your balance while you’ve got one foot wavering in the air?

4. What if you were to put your foot down in the wrong place and move in the wrong direction? Does God protect you then? How?

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE — (NOVEMBER 24, 2019)
2 Sm 5:1-3 — Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 — Col 1:12-20 — Lk 23:35-43