



Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021

**76 W Sycamore Street
P. O. Box 330
Williamsburg, KY 40769**

**Telephone:
(606) 549-2156**

**Email:
olph.boniface@gmail.com**

**Fr. Prashanth Lobo
plobo@cdlex.org**

MASS SCHEDULE

**St. Boniface:
Saturday - 5:00 pm**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
Sunday: 8:00 am Adoration
& Rosary
8:30 am Confession
9:00 am Mass**

**Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30
pm**

***Rosary*
30 minutes prior to Mass
Tuesday & Thursday
7:00 pm on Wednesday**

Mission Statement: We are a welcoming parish of Roman Catholic Christians with diverse roots deep in Appalachia and beyond. We are committed to growing in our faith and community through our worship and celebrations, with particular attention to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and The Holy Eucharist. We are a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit, filled with hope, to love and serve God and neighbor in the name of Jesus Christ; and through our sharing of the Good News in word and deed, we seek to live and reveal to all the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Take to Heart These Words

"Hear, O Israel!" (Deuteronomy 6:3) are the first words of the most important declaration of faith for Jewish people, a declaration that is the centerpiece of the morning and evening Jewish prayer services. It is a kind of "pledge of allegiance" that observant Jews say even today, reminding themselves of the uniqueness of their God and the covenantal relationship they have with this God. In it they confess that the Lord is their God, their only God. Out of reverence, they do not pronounce God's personal name. In its place they substitute the word *Lord*. Behind this act of faith is the covenantal promise of God: "I will be your God and you shall be my people" (Jeremiah 7:23).

This covenant carries mutual responsibilities. God will be their God and will be faithful to all that this blessing entails. As God's people, they will live according to the standards set by God, witnessing to the world the holiness in life lived for and with God. They are to love God with all their heart, soul, and strength.

Jesus did not change this declaration in any way. It is at the heart of the Christian way of life as well. What he did was throw light on the meaning of living for and with God, of loving the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength. He insists that to love God is to love others, and to love them as we love ourselves. "Hear, O Israel!" "Take to heart these words" (Deuteronomy 6:6).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * *How in your family or workplace might you show love by being kinder, more patient, and willing to forgive slights?*
- * *How open are you to changing your understanding when a new point of view is offered to you?*



*[The scribe said to Jesus,]
"To love your neighbor
as yourself" is worth more
than all burnt offerings
and sacrifices."*

MARK 12:33

Upcoming Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>OLPH</i>	<i>Saint Boniface</i>
<i>October 31 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am ~ Adoration & Rosary 8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	11:00 am ~ Mass, Blessing of the Cemetery & Rosary <i>Bishop John Stowe, Celebrant</i>
<i>Monday All Saints Day</i>	10:00 am ~ Mass	
<i>Tuesday</i>	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
<i>Thursday</i>	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
<i>November 6 / 7 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass

***Mass on Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30
have resumed. Would you please join us?***

	<i>OLPH Mass 9:00 am</i>		<i>ST. BONIFACE Mass 5:00 pm</i>	
Date	October 31	November 7	October 31	November 6
Lector	Joe McNaughton	Mandy Hall	Mary Jo Leygraaf Jerry Nowak	Jerry Nowak
Server	Matthew Davis	Joe McNaughton	Norma Jones, Matthew Davis & Joe McNaughton	

Mass Intentions	OLPH	St. Boniface
October 31	Intentions of Parishioners	Intentions of Parishioners
November 6 / 7	Intentions of Parishioners	† Mary Jospine DiTomaso

Our Gifts	OLPH	St. Boniface
October 23 / 24	\$500.00	\$

*May God bless you for your generous contributions
to our Church.*

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Dt 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying:

"Fear the LORD, your God,
and keep, throughout the days of your lives,
all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you,
and thus have long life.

Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them,
that you may grow and prosper the more,
in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers,
to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!

Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God,
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength.

Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength,

O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.
I love you, Lord, my strength.
My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,
and I am safe from my enemies.
I love you, Lord, my strength.
The LORD lives! And blessed be my rock!
Extolled be God my savior.
You who gave great victories to your king
and showed kindness to your anointed.
I love you, Lord, my strength.

Reading II

Heb 7:23-28

Brothers and sisters:
The levitical priests were many
because they were prevented by death from remaining in office,
but Jesus, because he remains forever,
has a priesthood that does not pass away.
Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through
him,
since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest:
holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners,
higher than the heavens.
He has no need, as did the high priests,
to offer sacrifice day after day,
first for his own sins and then for those of the people;
he did that once for all when he offered himself.
For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests,
but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law,
appoints a son,
who has been made perfect forever.

Alleluia

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord;
and my father will love him and we will come to him.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 12:28b-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him,
"Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:

Hear, O Israel!

The Lord our God is Lord alone!

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your mind,

and with all your strength.

The second is this:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these."

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher.

You are right in saying,

'He is One and there is no other than he.'

And 'to love him with all your heart,

with all your understanding,

with all your strength,

and to love your neighbor as yourself'

is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding,
he said to him,

"You are not far from the kingdom of God."

And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, a Scribe asks Jesus to summarize the most important of the Mosaic Laws in one sentence. Jesus cites the first sentence of the Jewish *Shema* prayer: "*Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength*" (Dt 6:4). Then He adds its complementary law: "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself*" (Lv 19:18). Thus, Jesus says that true religion is loving God and loving our fellow human beings at the same time. It is by showing genuine, active love for our neighbors that we can demonstrate that we really love God.

How do we love God?

We must keep God's commandments, and offer daily prayers of thanksgiving, praise, contrition for our failings, and petition. We also need to read and meditate on His word in the Holy Bible and to participate actively in the Holy Mass and other liturgical functions. If I am going to love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, then I am going to have to place His will ahead of mine, and to ask Him for help when I have to say no to some things that I might want to do. I am also going to have to seek the Lord's will and make it supreme in my life.

How do we love our neighbor?

We love our neighbor by helping, supporting, encouraging, forgiving, and praying for everyone, without discrimination based on color, race, gender, age, wealth, or social status. If I am going to love my neighbor as I love myself, or as Jesus has loved me, it will cost me suffering as it did Jesus! I may have to seek forgiveness when I think I have done something wrong. I may have to sacrifice something I think I need, to meet a brother's need. I may have to spend time in prayer for other people and reach out to them, helping, encouraging, and supporting them in the name of the Lord.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray to end Abortion, Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Dennis Parks & Family, Erica Davis, Chris & Amanda Decker, Marian Colette, Debbie Moses Haggins, Rose Grant, Sandy Hurts, Dominic Cureton, Todd Morris,

Alex Woods, Christopher Braden, Bonnie (Warfield) Bishop, Sister Alice, Curt and LeeAnn Hall, Jay Baird, Gary Hackler, Gail Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bisceglia, loved ones who are ill, Brody Beavers and family, Shawn Lee Day, all those of our families who are affected by Covid-19, Jessica Davis, Harold Couch, Deana Vanover Monhollen, Judy Delisle, Dal Macon and Judy Patrick.

UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS

ALL SAINTS ~ Solemnity

November 1

***The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)***

November 2

Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

November 3

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop ~ Memorial

November 4

BVM

November 6





Please join us in prayer and gifts of support for those who call upon us throughout our diocese.

Why do we have a Diocesan Annual Appeal?

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

As a designated Mission Diocese, the Catholic Diocese of Lexington and our parishes raise money each year to provide for those we serve through missions and ministry throughout our 50-county geographic area. We walk alongside our brothers and sisters in mutual support and ask you to join us. All funds given to the Diocesan Annual Appeal are crucial to provide support for:

- Charitable outreach in the forms of food, clothing, counseling and emergency assistance in Eastern and Central Kentucky
- Formation of a new generation of Priests and permanent deacons
- Sustaining parishes including parishes with missions in remote parts of the diocese
- Educating students in our Catholic schools
- Programs and ministries that are beyond the resources of any one individual parish that are shepherded by the Chancery office

Why can't some parishes support themselves?

"I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus." 1 Corinthians 1:4.

Our diocese encompasses 16,423 square miles with 59 parishes. Almost 40 of those parishes cannot pay for their operational and salary expenses from their offertory collections and fundraisers alone. Many of our parishes are in rural counties where less than 1% of the population are Catholic. While Catholics are low in number in these areas, the church is known as a source of comfort and support for all who are in need. We are called to thrive in all our parishes through evangelization and our service of others. The Diocese of Lexington is committed to maintain an active and highly visible Catholic presence in these counties by walking alongside our sister parishes and missions that need support to serve their local communities.

**We can transform lives through our Catholic faith with your help.
With the complications from the Covid-19 pandemic, support is
needed now more than ever.**

Please consider participating in the 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal.

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ANNUAL APPEAL ENVELOPE
AS YOU EXIT THE CHURCH**

***TIME CHANGES ON NOVEMBER 7, 2021,
AT 2:00 AM***



Dear Padre,

Does the Church have a position on cosmetic surgery?

For clarity, we understand cosmetic surgery to be a medical intervention that's purely optional and not required to maintain or restore physical health. For example, we aren't considering here plastic surgeries in response to serious injuries from fire or trauma. It's impossible to give a single response about all cosmetic surgery, and the Church has no explicit teaching on the matter. Perhaps some general suggestions will help guide our thinking.

We must first ask what the goal of the surgery is. Face lifts, "nose jobs," "tummy tucks," and such are elective surgeries usually pursued because persons are unhappy with their appearance. While there may be instances where people are so distraught over these matters that cosmetic surgery would help them attain some peace and comfort, often these surgeries are motivated by vanity. When these feelings are present, one might ask whether more profound

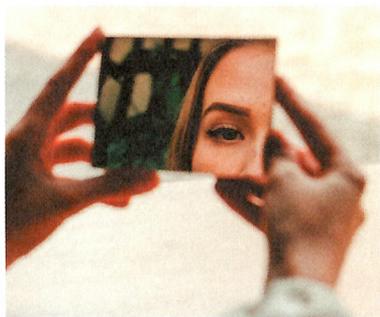
issues about self-acceptance should be addressed, rather than resorting to changing one's appearance. One should ask how this particular cosmetic surgery would enhance our dignity as one made in God's image.

In a broader context, we might consider how much is spent on "looking better" when many have neither food, shelter, nor proper clothing. A good meditation is to think first of Jesus' concern for the poor and then how he wishes to work through us to take care of his poor as the body of Christ.

From *Life, Death, and Catholic Medical Choices*, © 2011 Liguori Publications
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



DIMITRY ZUB / PEXELS

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Vanity never heals. Rather, it is poisonous, it goes on bringing the disease in your heart, bringing you that hardness of heart that tells you: "No, do not go to the Lord, do not go. Stay by yourself." Vanity is precisely the place to close ourselves to the call of the Lord.

HOMILY, MARCH 10, 2020

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 1
All Saints
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 2
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
Wis 3:1-9
Rom 5:5-11
Jn 6:37-40

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 3
Weekday
Rom 13:8-10
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

NOVEMBER 4
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Rom 14:7-12
Lk 15:1-10

Friday

NOVEMBER 5
Weekday
Rom 15:14-21
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

NOVEMBER 6
Weekday
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

NOVEMBER 7
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:10-16
Heb 9:24-28
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

