



## Thirtieth-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**October 30, 2022**

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**St. Boniface:**

***Saturday***

**5:00 pm**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

***Sunday:***

**8:00 am-8:45 am Rosary**

**8:30 am Confession**

**9:00 am Mass**

***Tuesday & Thursday:***

**5:30 pm**

***Bible Study***

**Thursday 8:00 pm**

**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 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.



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 30, 2022

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis 11:22–12:2

2 Thes 1:11–2:2

Lk 19:1–10

## “For God So Loved the World...”

**W**hen we hear this phrase from **John 3:16**, we think of God’s love for human beings—and rightly so. However, today’s first reading reminds us that God’s love is much broader. This reading offers us a glimpse into God’s love of all natural creation. The Greek word translated “world,” the word found in the passage from John as well as today’s reading, is *kósmos*, a word we think of today as “universe.” So we could say: “God so loved the cosmos.”

The author of the Book of Wisdom insists that God loves whatever God has made; that the power of the Creator is matched by the Creator’s love; and that this love is manifested through mercy to all. We are accustomed to hearing how God cares for us with holy abandon. This reading expands that love to include a tiny grain of sand or the morning dew. An even more daring statement claims that God’s imperishable spirit is in all things. How else could anything exist? This fact is the basis of what is referred to as “the intrinsic value of the entire natural world,” which means that everything has unique value simply because it was created by God—not because we can use it to enhance ourselves.

This kind of thinking might be new to many. However, it calls us to revere elements of nature like trees, flowers, wolves, and even mosquitos, because they are creatures of God. Our faith insists that “God so loved the cosmos.” —Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Read the first reading slowly and thoughtfully. What new thinking does it suggest for you?*
- ★ *Think of how dependent you are on earth, water, air, and plants, for example, and give thanks.*

*For you [the Lord] love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made;  
for you would not fashion what you hate.*

WISDOM 11:24



<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>OLPH</b></i>	<i><b>Saint Boniface</b></i>
<i><b>Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></i>	8:00 – 8:45 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> Luncheon
<i><b>Tuesday Solemnity of All Saints Holy Day of Obligation</b></i>	7:00 pm ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass
<i><b>Wednesday</b></i>	5:30 pm ~ Mass of Remembrance	
<i><b>Thursday</b></i>	5:30 ~ NO Mass 8:00 pm ~ Bible Study	
<i><b>Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></i>	8:00 – 8:45 am Adoration & Rosary 8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass

	<i><b>OLPH Mass 9:00 am</b></i>		<i><b>ST. BONIFACE Mass 5:00 pm</b></i>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>October 30</b>	<b>November 6</b>	<b>October 30</b>	<b>November 5</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Hannah Steen	Monica Soliz	Jerry Nowak	Mary Jo Leygraaf
<b>Server</b>	Creed Farthing	Norma Jones	Norma Jones Joe McNaughton Henry Williams	



<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>OLPH</b>	<b>St. Boniface</b>
October 30	† Father Kiran Varaparla	Intentions of Parishioners
November 5 / 6	† Rose Lewis	† Lorenzo (Lawrence) Comparoni Jr.

<b>Our Gifts</b>	<b>OLPH</b>	<b>St. Boniface</b>
October 22 / 23	\$481.00	\$60.00

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

***Please join us for refreshments in the  
Parish Hall immediately after Mass.***

## **Reading 1**

Wis 11:22-12:2

Before the LORD the whole universe is as a grain from a balance  
or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth.  
But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things;  
and you overlook people's sins that they may repent.  
For you love all things that are  
and loathe nothing that you have made;  
for what you hated, you would not have fashioned.  
And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it;  
or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you?  
But you spare all things, because they are yours,  
O LORD and lover of souls,  
for your imperishable spirit is in all things!  
Therefore you rebuke offenders little by little,  
warn them and remind them of the sins they are committing,  
that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, O LORD!

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14

***I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.***

I will extol you, O my God and King,  
and I will bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day will I bless you,  
and I will praise your name forever and ever.

***I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.***

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.

***I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.***

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,  
and let your faithful ones bless you.  
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might.

***I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.***

The LORD is faithful in all his words  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD lifts up all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

***I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.***

## **Reading 2**

2 Thes 1:11-2:2

Brothers and sisters:  
We always pray for you,

that our God may make you worthy of his calling  
and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose  
and every effort of faith,  
that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you,  
and you in him,  
in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

We ask you, brothers and sisters,  
with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and our assembling with him,  
not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly, or to be alarmed  
either by a "spirit," or by an oral statement,  
or by a letter allegedly from us  
to the effect that the day of the Lord is at hand.

## **Alleluia**

Jn 3:16

***Alleluia, alleluia.***

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

***Alleluia, alleluia.***

## **Gospel**

Lk 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town.  
Now a man there named Zacchaeus,  
who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man,  
was seeking to see who Jesus was;  
but he could not see him because of the crowd,  
for he was short in stature.  
So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus,  
who was about to pass that way.  
When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said,  
"Zacchaeus, come down quickly,

for today I must stay at your house."  
And he came down quickly and received him with joy.  
When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying,  
"He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner."  
But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord,  
"Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor,  
and if I have extorted anything from anyone  
I shall repay it four times over."  
And Jesus said to him,  
"Today salvation has come to this house  
because this man too is a descendant of Abraham.  
For the Son of Man has come to seek  
and to save what was lost."

## **REFLECTION**

The common theme of today's readings is the benevolent, compassionate, forgiving mercy of God for sinners and the response of repentance and conversion expected from us.

The first reading reminds us that God's Almighty Power includes His strength to be merciful. That is why God, Who created the universe mercifully, waits for sinners to repent. God continues to love us, even when we do not love Him in return. The reading focuses on the love God has for all He has created, the love that overlooks sin so that we all have time for repentance. God shows us His redemptive love through His mercy. The Gospel presents the story of the immediate conversion of the tax-collector, Zacchaeus, whom God's grace led to a moment of conversion. The account describes how Jesus recognized Zacchaeus for exactly what he was, a lost sinner in need of a Savior, and shows us how God's grace worked in Zacchaeus to lead him from idle curiosity to repentance, conversion, and restitution. The episode emphasizes the fact that such a conversion can only result from a person's fully receiving the love, acceptance, and grace offered to everyone one by a merciful Lord.

We need to accept the Divine invitation for repentance. We are all sinners to

a greater or lesser degree. Jesus is inviting each one of us to total conversion today. Let us remember that Jesus loves us in spite of our ugly thoughts, broken promises, sullied ideals, lack of prayer and Faith, resentments, and lusts. Hence, let us admit our sinfulness and accept God's call to repentance, conversion and renewal of life.

Let us love others as Jesus loved Zacchaeus, despite his sins. Parents and teachers need to accept children lovingly, without first setting up standards of behavior as conditions for being loved. Husband and wife may have qualities that irritate each other. But they should not, because of that, withhold love from each other. Nor should they withhold their love from a rebellious teenager making stupid and even dangerous choices because of immaturity and peer-pressure.

- We are called to generosity: Jesus wants us to move from our small and feeble Faith to a greater and more powerful Faith, just as Zacchaeus did. He also wants us to be financially and spiritually generous.

## **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 5



## **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, Gail Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bisceglia, loved ones who are ill, Brody Beavers and family, Shawn Lee Day, Geneva Couch, Judy Delisle, Dal Macon, Linda Mills, Judy Patrick, Bob and Marie Alvaro, JoAnn Brown, Cathy Sims, Eric Vore, Robert Moses, Kristina Neitsch, Danny Ezell, and Sharon Nowak.

### ***Mass of Remembrance*** ***Wednesday, November 2, 2022*** ***5:30 pm***

The ***Mass of Remembrance*** is a special liturgy to celebrate the lives of our loved ones' who have gone before us to live in the light of the Lord. All are welcome. Invite your family and friends to join us on this special evening to cherish those we love so much and to honor their lives as the gifts they will forever be.

Please bring a photo of your loved ones with you or provide a list of your loved ones to be read before Mass.

Vote ***YES*** on Amendment #2 to  
Support the Right to Life

# Dear Padre,

**My aunt has terminal cancer. Her doctors have advised her to stop chemotherapy and begin palliative care, but she says that's equivalent to assisted suicide. Is that what the Church thinks?**

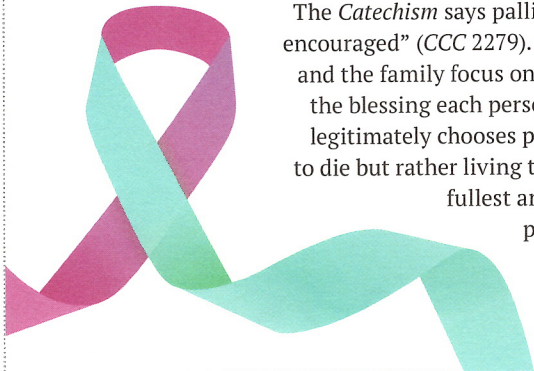
**P**alliative care doesn't prolong life, but neither does it cause life to end. The bishops are quite clear that palliative care is neither euthanasia nor assisted suicide, both of which are always sinful.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says treating or not treating a patient in a way that will cause death is always murder (CCC 2277). However, a patient's choice to discontinue "burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary" treatment "can be legitimate" when it's done not to cause death, but in recognition of "one's inability to impede it" (CCC 2278). But even when death seems to be close, "ordinary care" that would be given to any sick person cannot be interrupted (CCC 2279).

Palliative care does not cause death. It gives terminally ill people spiritual support and relief from their physical symptoms. An excellent resource on this topic, "Killing the Pain, Not the Patient: Palliative Care vs. Assisted Suicide," is available at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

The *Catechism* says palliative care "should be encouraged" (CCC 2279). It helps the dying person and the family focus on the gift of life and the blessing each person is. The patient who legitimately chooses palliative care is not waiting to die but rather living those last moments to the fullest and as comfortably as possible.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Even if we know that we cannot always guarantee healing or a cure, we can and must always care for the living, without ourselves shortening their life, but also without futilely resisting their death. This approach is reflected in palliative care, which...opposes what makes death most terrifying and unwelcome—pain and loneliness.*

MESSAGE TO WORLD MEDICAL  
ASSOCIATION, NOVEMBER 7, 2017



## Calendar

### Monday

OCTOBER 31

Weekday

Phil 2:1–4

Lk 14:12–14

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 1

All Saints

Rv 7:2–4, 9–14

1 Jn 3:1–3

Mt 5:1–12a

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 2

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

Any readings from  
no. 668 or from the  
Masses for the Dead

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 3

Weekday

Phil 3:3–8a

Lk 15:1–10

### Friday

NOVEMBER 4

St. Charles Borromeo,  
Bishop

Phil 3:17–4:1

Lk 16:1–8

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 5

Weekday

Phil 4:10–19

Lk 16:9–15

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 6

Thirty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

2 Mc 7:1–2, 9–14

2 Thes 2:16–3:5

Lk 20:27–38

or 20:27, 34–38