



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5 / 6, 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

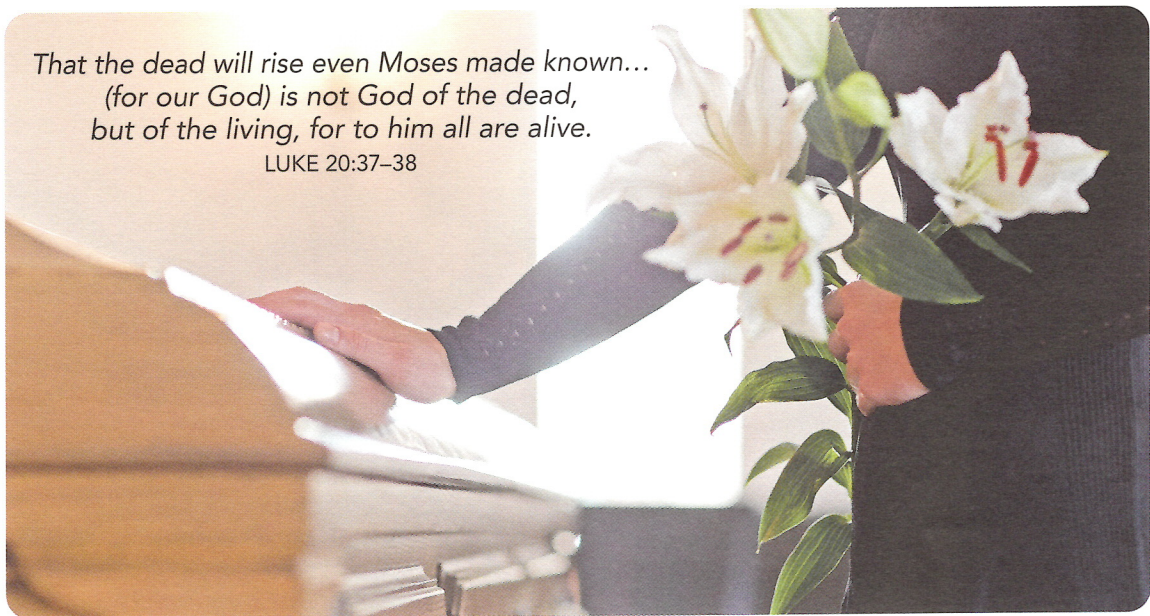
Bible Study

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.

*That the dead will rise even Moses made known...
(for our God) is not God of the dead,
but of the living, for to him all are alive.*

LUKE 20:37-38



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I Believe in the Resurrection of the Dead

We say this every time we pray the Creed. It is such a familiar statement that we might fail to be astounded.

The ancient Israelites did not think that death was the ultimate end. They believed the dead went to a place called Sheol. This was a place just for the dead; there was neither reward nor punishment. Some scholars think that it was only much later, when Israel encountered Greek culture, that we see a more developed teaching on the afterlife. We hear that teaching in the first reading. Facing martyrdom for his faith, one of the brothers insisted, “The King of the universe will raise us up to live again forever” (2 Maccabees 7:9). His faith was based on his assurance that his covenant bond with God would not be severed, even by death.

In the Gospel, the Sadducees are trying to make Jesus look ridiculous. There was a custom that if a man died without an heir, his brother was to have relations with the

widow. The child born of that union was considered the legal heir of the deceased man. This custom was meant to ensure that the inheritance remained within the family. The Sadducees, who do not believe in resurrection, are mocking Jesus with their question. Jesus, aware of their intention, does not fall into their trap. Instead, he replies that in the coming age, marriage will not be necessary because resurrected life will not end. Finally, if God is a God of the living and not the dead, as Moses declared, then all are somehow resurrected.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *Reflect on the implications in your life of this teaching on the resurrection of the dead.*
- ✦ *How prepared are you for the inevitable reality of death?*

| <i>Date</i> | <i>OLPH</i> | <i>Saint Boniface</i> |
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| <i>Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 8:00 – 8:45 am Adoration & Rosary 8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass | 5:00 pm ~ Mass |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | NO Mass | |
| <i>Thursday</i> | 5:30 pm ~ Mass 8:00 pm ~ Bible Study | |
| <i>Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 8:00 – 8:45 am Adoration & Rosary 8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass | 5:00 pm ~ Mass |

| | <i>OLPH Mass 9:00 am</i> | | <i>ST. BONIFACE Mass 5:00 pm</i> | |
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| Date | November 6 | November 13 | November 5 | November 12 |
| Lector | Monica Soliz | Creed Farthing | Mary Jo Leygraaf | Jerry Nowak |
| Server | Norma Jones | Joe McNaughton | | |

| Mass Intentions | OLPH | St. Boniface |
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| November 5 / 6 | † Rose Lewis | † Lorenzo (Lawrence) Comparoni Jr. |
| November 12 / 13 | Intentions of Parishioners | † Doris Symack |

| Our Gifts | OLPH | St. Boniface |
|------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| October 30 | \$95.00 | \$1,137.00 |
| Cemetery Fund | | \$2,300.00 |

*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

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

It happened that seven brothers with their mother were arrested and tortured with whips and scourges by the king, to force them to eat pork in violation of God's law. One of the brothers, speaking for the others, said: "What do you expect to achieve by questioning us? We are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors."

At the point of death he said: "You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying."

After him the third suffered their cruel sport. He put out his tongue at once when told to do so, and bravely held out his hands, as he spoke these noble words: "It was from Heaven that I received these; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again." Even the king and his attendants marveled at the young man's courage, because he regarded his sufferings as nothing.

After he had died, they tortured and maltreated the fourth brother in the same way. When he was near death, he said, "It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by him; but for you, there will be no resurrection to life."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Hear, O LORD, a just suit;
attend to my outcry;
hearken to my prayer from lips without deceit.

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

My steps have been steadfast in your paths,
my feet have not faltered.
I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me; hear my word.

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Keep me as the apple of your eye,
hide me in the shadow of your wings.
But I in justice shall behold your face;
on waking I shall be content in your presence.

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Reading 2

2 Thes 2:16-3:5

Brothers and sisters:
May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father,
who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement
and good hope through his grace,
encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed
and word.

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us,
so that the word of the Lord may speed forward and be glorified,
as it did among you,

and that we may be delivered from perverse and wicked people,
for not all have faith.

But the Lord is faithful;

he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.

We are confident of you in the Lord that what we instruct you,
you are doing and will continue to do.

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God
and to the endurance of Christ.

Alleluia

Rv 1:5a, 6b

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
to him be glory and power, forever and ever.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection,
came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying,

"Teacher, Moses wrote for us,

If someone's brother dies leaving a wife but no child,

his brother must take the wife

and raise up descendants for his brother.

Now there were seven brothers;

the first married a woman but died childless.

Then the second and the third married her,

and likewise all the seven died childless.

Finally the woman also died.

Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be?

For all seven had been married to her."

Jesus said to them,

"The children of this age marry and remarry;
but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age
and to the resurrection of the dead
neither marry nor are given in marriage.
They can no longer die,
for they are like angels;
and they are the children of God
because they are the ones who will rise.
That the dead will rise
even Moses made known in the passage about the bush,
when he called out 'Lord, '
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob;
and he is not God of the dead, but of the living,
for to him all are alive."

REFLECTION

The gospel reading assures us that there is indeed life after death. Jesus tells us that those who are worthy will be like angels who will no longer die but will become alive as children of God. Wow, what a beautiful day on the resurrection of the dead! In the coming age, God will wipe away every tear from our eyes and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away (Revelation 21:4).

In our new life in heaven, the focus will be our joyful relationship with God and thus there will be no more marriage relationships because everyone will be a brother and sister to each other. In fact, there will be no distinction as to gender or nationality. All will be equal before God.

The promise of a new life with God in eternity gives us hope in this age of confusion and suffering. God is in control of everything. He is indeed the God of the living. In the end, good will triumph over evil. Let our eyes be focused on this coming scenario and not on trivial matters such as husbands and wives in the afterlife.

Marrying and remarrying, like eating and drinking, in this present life maybe an important human activity. Yet Jesus wants us not to lose sight of what is important of all – our relationship with God. Otherwise, we might not be part of those who will rise on the last day.

The vision of eternal life may not be clear to us today. Saint Paul tells us that no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him (1 Corinthians 2:9). However, our faith in the resurrection of the dead is enough for us to live in joy and hope that our problems in life will soon end and that a mansion in heaven is being prepared for us (John 14:2-3).

UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica ~ Feast

November 9

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church ~ Memorial

November 10

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop ~ Memorial

November 11

Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr ~ Memorial

November 12

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.

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

Dear Padre,

What is the purpose of confession if we're punished anyway when we die?

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, sin has a double consequence: eternal punishment and temporal punishment. "Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life." This consequence is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. "On the other hand, every sin, even venial...must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the 'temporal punishment' of sin" (CCC 1472). Thus, with the remission of the eternal punishment incurred by mortal sins, and the remission—at least in part—of the temporal punishments resulting from sin, the sacrament of penance allows penitents to attain complete purification "in such a way that no punishment would remain" (CCC 1472).

Because our relationship with God was ruptured by sin, Christ instituted the sacrament of penance so that our friendship and communion with God can be restored, including our unity with his body on earth, the Church. In fact, "reconciliation with the Church is inseparable from reconciliation with God" (CCC 1445). The words of absolution in the sacrament attest to this reality: "Through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace."

God is loving and merciful, not vindictive and unforgiving. Our Creator, who made us to be with him for eternity, doesn't desire an eternal punishment that prevents the very purpose for which we were created!

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

It is of great comfort and hope to listen to this simple and clear word of Jesus about life beyond death; we need it very much especially in our time, so rich in knowledge about the universe but so lacking in wisdom about eternal life.

ANGELUS, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 7

Weekday

Ti 1:1–9

Lk 17:1–6

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 8

Weekday

Ti 2:1–8, 11–14

Lk 17:7–10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 9

*Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica (Rome)*

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17

Jn 2:13–22

Thursday

NOVEMBER 10

*St. Leo the Great,
Pope and Doctor
of the Church*

Phmn 7–20

Lk 17:20–25

Friday

NOVEMBER 11

*St. Martin of Tours,
Bishop*

2 Jn 4–9

Lk 17:26–37

Saturday

NOVEMBER 12

*St. Josaphat,
Bishop and Martyr*

3 Jn 5–8

Lk 18:1–8

Sunday

NOVEMBER 13

*Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Mal 3:19–20a

2 Thes 3:7–12

Lk 21:5–19