

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12,  
15-17**

This passage beautifully describes how the Lord God, as shepherd, will tend his flock. He will rescue those who are lost, bring back those who stray, heal the sick, and “pasture” all.



**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28**

Paul once again stresses the significance of Christ’s resurrection in the total divine plan, emphasizing that Christ’s rising means that those who believe in him will also rise after death. Christianity, he argues, is meaningless if it concerns only this life on earth. In the end, even death will be destroyed, and “God will be all in all.”

**Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**

With words both poetic and vivid, Jesus tells the disciples that since he is present in all people, whatever they do to “one of my least brothers” they do to him; and whatever they fail to do to his “least,” they fail to do to him.



### For the Week of November 26<sup>th</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Sunday

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

#### Monday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

#### Tuesday

Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

#### Wednesday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;

Lk 21:12-19

#### Thursday

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

#### First Friday

Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

#### First Saturday

Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36



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The US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a full listing of the Sunday and Daily Readings, in print and audio format, on its website, <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

**Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. William Foley

10:00 a.m. Marilyn Natoli

**Monday November 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Philip H. Broadhurst, Jr.  
(living)

**Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Jacob Thomas Pratt

**Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Jacob Pratt

**Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

4:00 p.m. Jack DePoulter

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz

10:00 a.m. Marilyn Natoli

REMEMBERING  
THE SICK OF THE  
PARISH: Remember  
in your prayers the  
sick of the parish:  
*John Troffo, Valerie  
Lindyberg, Patricia  
Dana, Elizabeth  
Montague, Angela*



*Wilmer, Faith King, Laurenson Ward, and all those  
whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF  
INTENTIONS.*

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**NEW TO THE PARISH:** Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to [sacredparish.org](http://sacredparish.org).

## PREP

### Parish Religious Education Program



## Bringing the Gospel Home Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Matthew 25:31-46

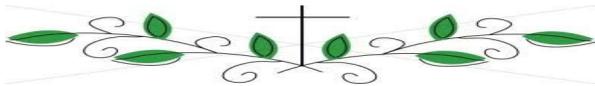
**REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES:** It is easy to see the meaning of this gospel through our actions toward our children. Never in true thirst or hunger would we deny them. If they were sick or cold we would take care of them ourselves or see to it that someone helped us. It's taking this gospel to the next level that will help our children see the meaning of love through our example. Not only will they witness love through our loving actions toward others, but there will be many opportunities along the way to have our children share in these actions of love.

### **BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:**

Through our parishes, schools, and communities, there are a number of opportunities for adults to demonstrate God's love - not through some sense of obligation, but from a genuine love of others. Most of these opportunities allow for the whole family to participate. For example, adults may make communion calls to someone who is homebound. Often these folks eagerly welcome the sight of a child or if that's not possible, children can make care cards to be delivered at the call. Think of one way as a family you might carry out at least one of the actions of the gospel.

### DISCUSSION STARTERS

1. There was a time I recall being moved completely by love to help another person when...
2. The hardest part about this gospel passage for me is...
3. I was one of the "the least" and someone helped me out of love. I remember feeling...



### PARENTING POINTERS

**Sunday November 26:** Discuss with your family one new habit each of you would like to develop between now and Christmas. Let lighting a candle on your Advent wreath be time to remind you of your resolve to begin again to be a better person.

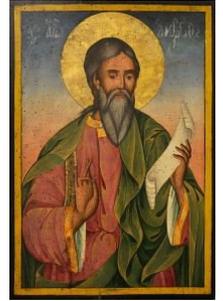
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## NOVEMBER SAINTS

### Andrew the Apostle – November 30



Andrew was a fisherman. But he was searching for something more important than life on the sea could give him. Like many faithful Jews of his time, Andrew was waiting for God to send the Savior he had promised.

Andrew first learned about Jesus from the preaching of John the Baptist. John told the people, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" (Mark 1:7-8). One day, Andrew and his friend heard John the Baptist say, "Behold, the Lamb of God" (John 1:36) as a stranger walked by. The stranger was Jesus! The two men immediately began to follow Jesus, who invited them to join him. Andrew could not keep this good news to himself. He ran to get his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus. These three men became Jesus' first disciples.

Nothing made Andrew happier than bringing people to meet and believe in Jesus. In John's Gospel, we learn that it was Andrew who found a boy with five loaves of bread and two fish and brought him to the Lord, and Jesus was able to feed a crowd of more than 5,000 people.

After Pentecost, the Holy Spirit helped Andrew continue to bring people to Christ. His stories about Jesus convinced many people to be baptized. Andrew was a true missionary for Christ, preaching in Greece and Russia.

Like our Lord, Andrew was crucified, but his cross was in the shape of an "X." That "X" is an important part of one of the legends that is told about how Andrew came to be the patron saint of Scotland.

Scottish tradition says that many years ago, the country was being threatened by a much stronger army. King Angus prayed that God would save his country from the invaders. As he prayed, an "X"-shaped cross appeared in the sky. The King recognized the cross as a sign of St. Andrew's protection. The Scots were victorious, and King Angus immediately decreed that Andrew would forever be the patron saint of his country. Today, if you look closely at a picture of the flag of Scotland, you will see the X-shaped cross that recalls St. Andrew the Apostle. His feast day is the national day of Scotland.

## PARISH NEWS

### TIS (almost) THE SEASON

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. Join our parish for *Best Advent Ever*, a free e-mail program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a unique way. Each day you will receive an e-mail with:



- Short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt.
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories of hope.

To sign up, visit [BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope](http://BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope).

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On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the **Samaritan Group of Kent County** will again open the emergency winter shelter for our brothers and sisters in Kent County who have no safe and warm place to stay during the winter months. Volunteers are needed each evening from 5:30-11:00 to share a meal and conversation with shelter guests.

Volunteers are also needed to prepare the evening meal during one week in February when Sacred Heart Parish will again volunteer to undertake this corporal work of mercy.

If you would like to volunteer as an evening chaperone, please contact Barbara Harrison at [barbara.hrrsn@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.hrrsn@gmail.com).

If you would like to volunteer to prepare a meal (specific week in February TBD) for shelter guests, or if you would like more information regarding the shelter, please contact Barbara Kelly at [barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com)

‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ....’ **Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.**

Matthew 25: 37-40

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**POSTER CONTEST:** The Father George S. Bradford Council Knights of Columbus is sponsoring its annual “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest. Prizes will be awarded in three categories: 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade; and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. **Posters will be collected by December 10<sup>th</sup>.** The winners will also be invited along with their families to the Knights of Columbus Christmas Party on December 14<sup>th</sup>.



**GIVING TREE:** Sacred Heart Parish will once again support our community this Christmas through donations to the Giving Tree. Please take an ornament, read it for information about the recipient, purchase and wrap the gift and attach the ornament securely to the outside of the gift. Please place the gift under the tree located in Church. **All gifts are needed by Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.** Your generous giving allows us to bring Christmas joy to many families. For more information, contact Jeanne Yeager, [jyeager@mscfv.org](mailto:jyeager@mscfv.org) or 410-778-0554.



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**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** Our Parish Religious Education Program will be presented on **Saturday**

**December 16<sup>th</sup>**, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Please join the children of the parish as they once again tell the story of our Lord’s birth, accompanied by the singing of some of your favorite Christmas carols. *After the pageant, there will be dinner served in the Hall.*



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### MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO

**PARADISE:** Please remember in your prayers Jacob Pratt and Francis Fierko, and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** It is possible to make your weekly financial commitment to the Parish using Electronic Funds Transfer. We are encouraging everyone to consider using this contribution method. Contact Senta Burton with any questions at 410-778-3160, or [senta.burton@sacredparish.org](mailto:senta.burton@sacredparish.org). Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

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### COMMUNITY NEWS:

**COMMUNITY SING ALONG:** There will be a Community Sing-Along on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** at Fountain Park, Chestertown. Everyone is welcome as we come together as a community to celebrate the season with Christmas Carols and Holiday Songs. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. This event is sponsored by the Chester Valley Ministers Association. Donations are accepted and the proceeds after expenses will be donated to the Good Neighbor Fund.