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“[GOD] IS NOT GOD OF THE DEAD,
BUT OF THE LIVING,
FOR TO HIM ALL ARE ALIVE.”

LUKE 20:38

**THIRTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

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Dear People of God,

Today we celebrate the Thirty-Second Sunday of the year. The end of the Church or Liturgical year is now two weeks away. The readings these last Sundays of the year invite us to lift our thoughts to matters that relate to the 'End Times'.

The focus this Sunday is on **life after death**. Bismarck is famously quoted to have said; **"Without the hope of an afterlife,"** he said, **"this life is not even worth the effort of getting dressed in the morning."** How so true! Belief in the afterlife is one of the most important of our beliefs as Christians. Without it, life would be a journey to nowhere. On the contrary, with a belief in the afterlife, life attains deeper meaning as it becomes a journey to the promised land of eternal life. That is why every Sunday, we profess our faith and re-affirm that **"..I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."** Our faith in the resurrection influences our whole way of looking at human existence.

The first reading today in a very profound way reveals to us the first solemn statements in Sacred Scripture (the Bible) regarding life beyond death. It is one of the readings that reassures us of the reality of heaven and of life after death. In order to appreciate it, I think it is important to look at it in its historical context.

In 12 years, Alexander the Great conquered every nation from Sicily and Egypt all the way to India. This area included Israel. Alexander died in 323 BC at the tender age of 32 and his empire was divided by three of his generals who with their successors ruled for about 250 years until the Romans gained power. Our first reading today takes us about 150 years after Alexander to the year 175 BC when an ambitious Greek ruler named Antiochus IV came to power and decided to create a religious unity throughout his kingdom. In so doing, he made it a crime for the Jews to practice their faith; their Scriptures were burned, they were not allowed to worship God or to follow their religious dietary practices. Instead, they were forced to worship pagan gods and goddesses. With the threat of death, some of the Jews gave in while others fought hard to hold on to their traditional faith.

Today's first reading is part of the inspiring story of the bravery of a family that defended their faith. The reading omits verses 3 through 8, which gives the details of their inhumane martyrdom — cutting out the tongue of one who had spoken up, scalping

him, cutting off his hands and feet, and frying him while still alive; and with a second, tearing off the skin and hair of his head. Each of the seven brothers, as he approached death, was inspired by their mother. She urged them all to be strong, put their faith in God, and die like men. Their hope was in the glory of the resurrection to come is so powerfully manifested in the statements they made before their death. They had the assurance of life after death. St Paul would later state that: I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us (Rom. 8:18).



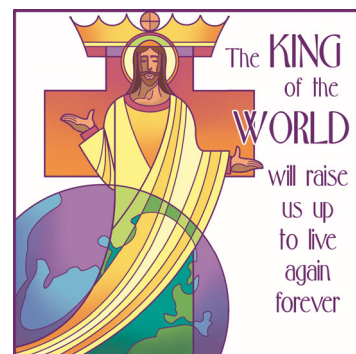
My dear brothers and sisters, as we come to the end of the liturgical year and soon thereafter the end of the calendar year, each one of us is a year older and closer to the end of our earthly life. We should be increasingly aware of how fleeting life is and how precious is our hold to it. Inevitably, we are forced to think about death. The message for us today is that this need not be a negative or morbid thing. In fact, it can be and should be a positive thing. Thinking about death in the light of faith can result in a true love of this life because when we are familiar with death, we accept each day as a gift.

A great example for us is Saint Francis of Assisi who died on October 3, 1226. Death was not something that simply "happened" to Francis, but a human reality that the saint of Assisi embraced as his sister. In the song which he wrote praising God for creation, Francis added the line: **All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Death, from whose embrace no mortal can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin! Happy those she finds doing your will! The second death can do them no harm. Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks. And serve him with great humility.**

My brothers and sisters, let us get ready for our death, the doorway to eternal life with God.

God bless,

Fr Simon Peter



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WHAT IS #iGIVECATHOLIC?

#iGiveCatholic is a one-day online giving event for the faithful in dioceses across the nation (and the *world!*) to come together and raise as many charitable dollars as possible for Catholic parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries on #GivingTuesday, November 29, 2022.

WHAT IS #GIVINGTUESDAY?

#GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

WHEN IS #iGIVECATHOLIC?

This year **#iGiveCatholic** is on #GivingTuesday, November 29, 2022, from 12:01 AM to 11:59 PM (midnight to midnight) CST and takes place at iGiveCatholic.org.

ADVANCE GIVING

You don't have to wait for #GivingTuesday (December 3, 2019). Advance Giving opens on Monday November 14, 2022. Please invite your family, relatives and friends to give towards our parish.

ST BRIDGET iGiveCatholic 2022 PROJECT

The funds raised will go towards the renovation of the Adoration Chapel. **The goal is \$35,000.**

That day which you fear as being the end of all things is the birthday of your eternity.
—Seneca



National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated **November 6-12** is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education

HOW TO DISCERN YOUR VOCATION

PRAY

Establish a routine prayer life of attending Mass regularly, praying the Rosary, meditating on Scripture, journaling, making a retreat, and spending time with the Lord in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

TALK

Contact your Diocesan Vocations Director and speak to them about your discernment thus far to get their advice on next steps.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction, often by a priest or consecrated person, attunes the heart to the voice of the Lord and will help you identify how the Holy Spirit is moving in your life.

COME & SEE

Often coordinated by the diocesan vocation office, these "Come & See" events offer a glimpse into the life of a seminarian / religious sister and will help you identify if this is the life to which God is calling you.

GET INVOLVED

Consider volunteering in your parish or community and finding trusted friends who can provide support and accountability for your discernment journey.

REST

Discerning a vocation should not be considered an "accomplishment" that you check off your to do list. It's a daily walking with God that involves the whole person. A healthy life balance of eating well, exercising, and getting the proper amount of rest will positively contribute to your spiritual well-being!



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Any who have a relationship with a child—parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, special friends—know the power of love it is possible to feel for another. It is not that the child is incapable of doing wrong; we know they can and will. Rather, their mistakes do not change our love for them. In fact, the love makes us want what is best for them. Often, we can see their potential with greater perspective than they themselves can. They're the apple of our eye. We are the apple of God's eye, beloved children of our Lord. God knows (God really knows) that we can and will fail. We fall short of the potential that God is certain we have. Yet God does not cease to love us and to call us to live as God's own in the world.

HIDDEN IN THE SHADOW OF GOD'S WINGS

Certain that we are held closely by God frees us to live the challenge of the gospel, to give our lives for the sake of others. We will be tempted to take the easy route and ignore the voice of the Lord, listening instead to the call of wealth, power, acceptance, status, and earthly security. Today's readings remind us that we can face temptation, secure that we are hidden in the shadow of God's wings, strengthened and guarded from evil by our Lord Jesus Christ. What challenging thing are you called to do today as a follower of Jesus? About what must you take a stand? What might be the consequences of discipleship at this time in your life? "May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and the endurance of Christ."

Today's Readings: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38

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Happy are they who grieve not for what they have not, but give thanks for what they do have.

Co-Workers in the Vineyard

Let us Dream together as we work together in building up the Kingdom of God. The Divine Calling of single and married faithful are asked to use their God-given gifts for the benefit of the church in public recognition worthy of direct support and training and mission.

Ushers are members of the church family who also welcome parishioners and visitors to Holy Mass. They are responsible for passing the collection and counting the number of people in attendance. If seating becomes limited, Ushers assist in guiding others toward seating and invite a family (parishioner or visitor) to bring up the gifts. This Ministry is open to anyone and communication between members is required for every Mass to be covered.

It isn't ours to do alone. Let us work together in full and active participation and be faithful in using our gifts. Here we will be held together by the Love of Christ in love, truth and service.

TODAY'S READINGS—THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading — The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever (2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14).

Psalms — Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full (Psalm 17).

Second Reading — May the Lord encourage and strengthen your hearts (2 Thessalonians 2:16 — 3:5).

Gospel — Those who are deemed worthy of the coming age can no longer die (Luke 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]).

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Prayer of the Week

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
 Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
 Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time ends
 Tuesday: Election Day
 Wednesday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
 Thursday: St. Leo the Great
 Friday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day; Remembrance Day (Canada)
 Saturday: St. Josaphat

ETERNAL LIFE

What happens after we die? Most religions and philosophies provide some notion of this, but we are confounded by the mystery of it all. Today's readings give us a glimpse through the faith of martyrs and in the words of Jesus. In the Old Testament reading, the Maccabee brothers assert with total confidence that the God who gave them life would also raise them to eternal life. This was not universally accepted in ancient Israel. The Sadducees, who denied any resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus with a hypothetical riddle. Jesus, known for turning such things around, dismisses their unbelief, noting that even Moses knew that all are alive in God. Saint Paul tells the Thessalonians that we live in everlasting encouragement and hope, and Psalm 17 echoes this with words of faith that we will see God's face, waking in God's loving presence.

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REFLECTION - HOW DOES ADVERSITY HINDER ME FROM PURSUING THE THINGS OF GOD?

saint snippets



*I fear nothing—
I take the Master
with me.*

Bl. Joan Roig i Diggle
20th-century Spanish 19-year-old who spoke
out against communism. He gave his life
while protecting the Eucharist.

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November 6

Election Day

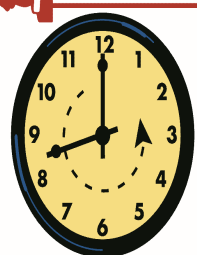
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Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Prayerfully prepare for your vote

Turn Clocks Back



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Veterans Day

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Friday November 11
Honor our Veterans



**Freedom of
Enterprise** **Freedom of
Worship** **Freedom of
Speech** **Freedom of
Press**

**Your right to vote
is your opportunity
to protect, over here
the freedoms for
which Americans
fight over there.**

SANCTUARY LIGHT

November 5 - November 11

Odile Olivier by Earline and Family

MASS INTENTIONS

November 5	4:00 PM	Olema & Ida Darcey, Charles Darcey, Anthony "Rod" Rodrigue, Kirvey & Vilrey "TV" Gagneaux by Faye Seal, Vanessa Knight & Families Rudy, Eric & Wendy Thibodaux by Family Wilfred & Marie Hebert, Tim Hebert by Sandra and John Leonard & Doris Besson, Jonathan Besson by Sandra and John
November 6	8:00 AM	Marion Olivier by Family, Theresa Giles by The Olin Family Odile Olivier, and Roy Boudreaux by Earline and Family
	10:30 AM	Deanna Dufrene and Venice Dufrene by Karen Dufrene Ralph Melancon by Roger and Lisa Dupre Margaret Melancon by Ava Percle & April Mayo
November 7	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Bridget
November 8	8:00 AM	Arthur Landry by Dee Landry,
November 9	8:00 AM	Jules and Joyce Leboeuf by Family
November 10	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Bridget
November 11	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Bridget

PRAYER LINE

To be added to the prayer line, call Nina Richard at 446-1206 or the rectory at 446-6801. In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the sick, elderly, and homebound. Please pray for: Elaine Ables, Debbie Andras, Susan Arceneaux, Donnie Aucoin Jr, Jacob Aucoin, Jeannie Aucoin, Sara Aucoin, Elvin Babin, Tommy Badeaux, Chad Barrileaux, Ronnie Bednarz, Chuck Beebe, Gertrude Benoit, Fr. Paul Bergeron, Mitzy Bettridge, Gretchen Bilello, Preston Billiot, Alvin & Gail Blanchard, Dennis Blanchard, Ronald Blanchard, Al Boudreaux, Aline Boudreaux, Ronnie Bourg, Delores Bourgeois, Patricia Bourgeois, Connie Bouterie, Emma Del Broussard, Susan Caillouet, Gary & Sheila Cavalier, Bessie Chiasson, Randy Chiasson, Jane D. Clement Bryce Comeaux, Huey Cortez Sr., Martha Cortez, George Crnojevich, Randy Davis, Cary Davis, Jr., Dorothy Didier, Barbara & Ronni Duhon, Linda Ekiss, Betty Falgout, Lisa Filardo, Avery "Brother" and Sonja Fonseca, Melissa Fontana, Robin Ford,, Alisa Frederick, Dante Galliano, Toby Gambarella, Leigh Ann Gardner, Carrie Gibbens, Belinda Gil, Brandon Gil, George Gil, The Gil Family, Carrie Mae Givens, Austin Gros, Chad Gros, George Gros, Rosebella Gros, Kendra Guillot, Darlene Vicknair Hamm, Kevin Hardee, Myles Harris, Joy Hebert, Katie Hebert, Jerrell Hebert, Sr., Cheryl Henderson, Jessie Hoffpauir, Samara Holland, Connie Hymel, Kristen Koppel, Eldine LaFleur, Jackson LaFleur, Mona Lambert, Elmay Landry, Joyce Landry, Craig Landry, Mark Landry, Barbara Nell Lapeyrouse, Gwen and Lowell Larson, Allie LeBlanc, Emily LeBoeuf, Evelyn Leger, Tammy Babin Loney, Tim Long, Mila Marsala, Payton Martin, Keith Matherne, Rick Melancon, Asher Miller, Savannah Miller, Emma Mire, Pewee Monson, Bethany Moore, Meghan Naquin, Misty Naquin, Shannon Naquin, Eric Olivieri, Annie Ordoyne, Angie Parr, Kara Pellegrin, Sherry Pennison, Lisa Pennison, Kenneth Pitre, James Pierce, Kip Pierce, Toni Pollet, Huey "Pat" Porche, David Prejean, Sharon Prejean, Ed Raidl, Kerri Reynolds, Bryce Richard, Camden Richard, Ella Richard, Gladys Richard, Lisa Nobles, Lorita Rodrigue, Susan Rodrigue, Cynthia Rogers, Michelle Rogers, Danielle Samanie, Chester Sanchez, Karla Saunier, Kathy Savoie, Earline Simmoneaux, Penny Simmons, Brenda Sonier, Mike Stegall, Louis Stevens, Melissa Tardiff, Trish Templet, Pierre & Mary Theriot, Cammie Thibodaux, Earl Thibodaux, Lacey Thibodeaux, Thibodaux Family, Joyce Touns, Jean Tregre, Ricky Turner, Sara Day Vignes, Allison Walters, and Wanda Wawrose, Freddie Webre, Mike Wiley, Anna Wooten.

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Come Lord Jesus—a scripture study focusing on the weekly readings is held on Monday's from 9 AM –10:30 AM. Call 446-9096 to inquire.

The Rosary is prayed every Wednesday and Friday after the 8 am Mass.

All are invited to join in this experience.

BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

Baptismal seminars are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 PM. Please contact the office to schedule.

OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

This process is offered in Dioceses around the world for those who would like to inquire or become a fully initiated Catholic.

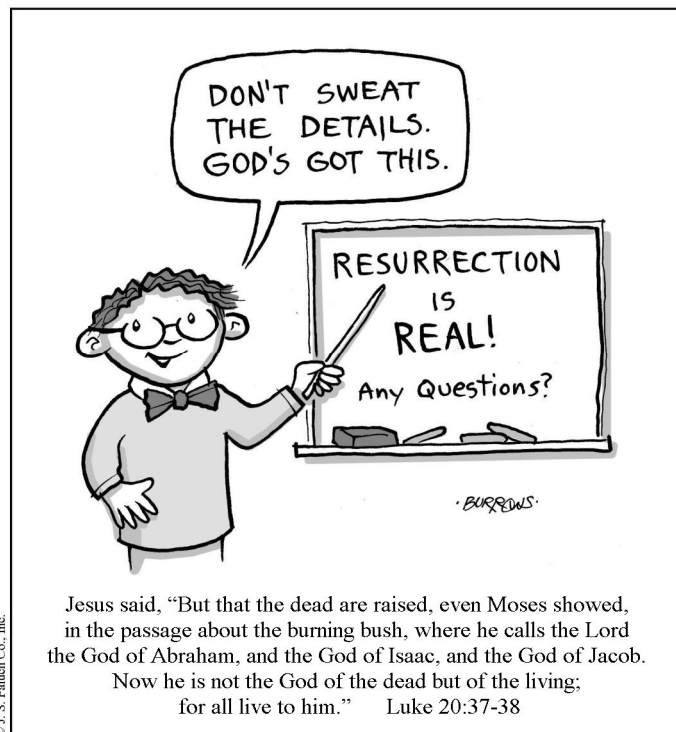
If you know someone who would like to become Catholic, please contact the church office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is a global Catholic fraternal service order founded by Michael J. McGivney on March 29, 1882. Together, the Knights empower young catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. Our Council at St. Bridget meets each 4th Wednesday of the month (Oct. 26) at 7 PM.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



<u>Christian Giving</u>	Envelopes	\$3594.00
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Adult Formation

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BY THE PERFECT EXERCISE OF ONLY ONE VIRTUE, A PERSON MAY ATTAIN TO THE HEIGHT OF ALL THE REST.

—ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN

A Prayer for God's Protective Care during Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world,
hear the humble voices of your children.

The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea.

We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control; the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a storm less eternity awaits us. Amen.

[Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981),
Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973),

Mass Schedule

WEEKDAY MASSES
MONDAY—FRIDAY 8 AM

WEEKEND MASSES
SATURDAY | 4 PM
SUNDAY | 8:00 AM
10:30 AM

CONFESSIONS

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