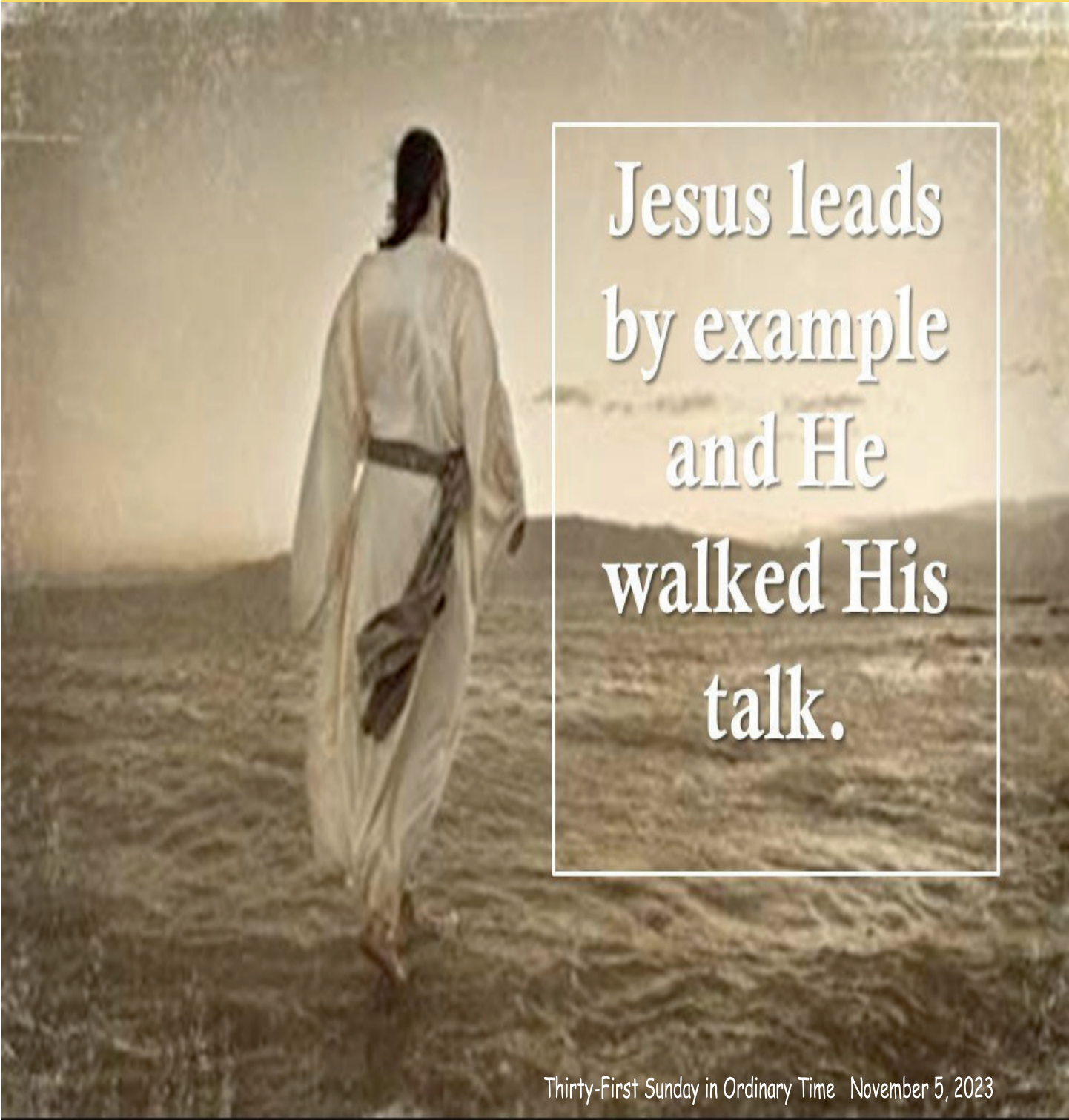


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A person wearing a long white robe with a dark sash is walking away from the viewer across a dry, hilly landscape under a hazy sky. The person's hair is dark and long. The overall tone is sepia or aged.

Jesus leads
by example
and He
walked His
talk.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 2023

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ABOUT OUR PARISH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:00 a.m.
Wed	6:30 p.m.
Thu	8:00 a.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following
8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church
6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament
and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m.
Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing
with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed
by the Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Wed	6:00-6:15 p.m.
Or by request	

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It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."

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If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

MONTH OF OCTOBER WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & EXPENSES

Ordinary Income	000.00
Extraordinary Income	0000.00
Expenses	0000.00
Total	\$ 0,000.00

thank you

WEEKLY EVENTS

GASPP—Monday 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in Classrooms

Antonians—Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in Church

PSR—Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass

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PRAY FOR THE SICK



Audrey Bonnet, May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Kathy Johnson, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Maria Kalcic, Beverly Cosse, Lou Lou Battle, Fay Vogt, I&J Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Vivian Sedgebeer, Romana Smith, Joseph Decaro, Barbara Galino Gonzales, Isaiah Deblanc, Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim Richmond, Catherine Lambert, Ed & Carol Wallace, Frederick Songy, Sue Miller

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 6

(Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, November 7

(Rom 12:5-16ab; Lk 14:15-24)

8:00 a.m. Gail Sanderson†

Wednesday, November 8

(Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, November 9

(Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22)

8:00 a.m. Glen Parker†

Friday, November 10

(Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8)

8:00 a.m. Kerry Bourgeois†

Saturday, November 11

(Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Cpt. Pete Vogt†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Marta Bonilla†, Lawrence Otillio†, Dan Jocks†, Calvin Callais†, Frank Drake, Thomas Guidry

Sunday, November 12

(Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13)

7:00 a.m. Teresa Nguyen Thi Chien

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Glen Parker†, Kelley Milam†, Gail & Ramon Garay, Sr.†, Bennie Garay†, Glenn Bunting, Dan Jocks†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM



Weekly Rosaries: 286

Year to Date: 16,445



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



TABERNACLE LAMP

This week, the Tabernacle Lamp in the Sanctuary burns for

†All Poor Souls in Purgatory†



ALTAR FLOWERS

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NOT MY PROBLEM

Paul was not bragging when he talked about the toil and drudgery he endured while proclaiming the gospel. He makes a point of his working so as not to burden anyone. He worked to support himself, rather than asking the new Christians to support him—just the opposite of what the scribes and Pharisees were doing, according to the gospel. Jesus accused them of laying heavy burdens on people, without helping them to bear those burdens. So what kind of burdens did the Pharisees impose?

The Pharisees and scribes were very familiar with the laws of their Jewish religion. Almost every detail of daily life was covered by some law. And they could be very persuasive about strictly keeping those laws. Originally those laws and regulations were meant to set the Hebrews apart from other peoples, to be a sign of holiness. For example, the Ten Commandments are based on loving God above all else (first three commandments) and loving your neighbor (last seven.) But over the years, rabbis added more and more details to the laws, until it was almost impossible to keep them all straight.

But what if someone needed help on a Sabbath? If you broke a Sabbath rule, even for a good reason, you could not go to the Pharisees to get an exemption. They would say, "Not my problem." Remember the times Jesus cured the sick on the Sabbath, and how they condemned him for working on the day of rest.

Jesus, however, came to remind us that holiness is more important than scrupulosity. If we truly live the ideal of loving God with our whole being and loving our neighbor, we will find that love is much easier to bear than the fear of doing something wrong. Jesus also gave us his Holy Spirit to help guide us in the path of holiness. And through his death on the cross, Jesus gave us forgiveness if we do commit a sin. All we have to do is confess the sin to experience that forgiveness. So keeping the law of love is no problem.

Tom Schmidt



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Advent Retreat in Daily Life (Virtual) Begins Dec. 3

Would you like to begin your Advent journey with an at home retreat? Perhaps you would like to deepen your relationship with God and experience praying with scripture during this sacred time. This retreat is for experienced prayers and those just beginning in prayer. If God is nudging you about beginning spiritual direction, the Advent Retreat is a wonderful opportunity to experience what spiritual direction is. Attend a virtual opening group session; spend time in personal prayer with Scripture for approximately 30 minutes each day; meet with a trained spiritual director weekly during the retreat (private session). Virtual opening Sunday, December 3, 2:00pm – virtual closing Thursday, December 21, 7:00pm. Donation: \$40.00 (Adjustments can be made.) To register on the web: <https://nolacatholic.org/registration> email: archspirctr@arch-no.org or telephone (504) 861-3254.

STRIVING FOR HUMILITY

Have you ever prayed the Litany of Humility? It is probably one of the most radical pleas I've ever encountered. Its power lies in how deeply it embodies Jesus' desire for us to serve. We must strive for this: to be not the greatest, but the least. For everything will be overturned when we face eternal life. Those who are last will be first. Think of Christ's parents on Earth. Joseph, who has not a single spoken phrase recorded in the Bible, and our Blessed Mother, who was also barely mentioned, but within her brief words exclaims, "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done unto me according to your word". We must recall our **littleness** in comparison to Christ, without whom we can achieve nothing.

It is so important to also beware of preaching but not practicing. Is the way we appear to others more important than our image in the sight of God? Do we want to be recognized and praised by people, or by God? In actuality, we can't have both. The first truth the Beatitudes declare is "Blessed are the poor in spirit". Let us strive for true piety through fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, in private, since God sees us in secret.

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh





PASTOR'S CORNER

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

This month we remember those who have gone before us. Our loved ones who have passed away. One thing of importance is that everyone who is in heaven is a saint, even if they have not been named one by the Catholic Church. For to be a in heaven you have to be purified of all sins even venial ones, that is what it means to be sanctified, or be a saint. This is why the church celebrates All Saints Day, so we can remember all who are in heaven. However to sin is to be separated from God. So the Church understands that there has to be a place for those who have died and are not ready to go to heaven. Mere reason suggests there must be a purgatory. So many people seem to be good, but not so perfectly good that they should be fit for heaven at once. God in His love for us does not want for us to go to Hell, but we must be purified, so He has created a place and a means for people to be purified and to pay the debit of temporal punishment for their sins.

There is not much in Scripture on Purgatory except that in Second Maccabees 12:45, Judas sends a collection to the Temple for those fallen in battle, found with amulets on sacred to the false god or demon Jamnia, "that they might be freed from this sin." Luther saw so clearly that this referred to Purgatory--which he rejected--that he rejected this book too, declaring it not part of Scripture. Some have tried to see an implication of Purgatory in Matthew 12:32. There Jesus speaks of the sin against the Holy Spirit that will be forgiven "neither in this world nor in the next." But the expression quoted is known in Rabbinic literature, where it means merely "never." Still less could we deduce purgatory from First Corinthians 3:11-15. Paul means if the work of some Christian worker has been of such low quality that it burns down, he himself will be saved "as through fire." But the fire seems to mean the apocalyptic fire of the last day, not a fire of purgatory.

Our belief in Purgatory rests on the tradition and definitions of the Church, at the Councils of Lyons II, Florence, and Trent. The essential, perhaps the only suffering of Purgatory is the loss of God--it is like what we described in speaking of hell, except that in Purgatory there is no despair, rather, great consolation from assurance of salvation. Is there also something like fire in Purgatory? A host of private apparitions say there is; the Church has never pronounced on it. In fact the Eastern part of the Catholic Church has no such tradition. Many theologians say the suffering in purgatory is greater than anything on earth, and since being burned by fire is one of the worst sufferings we can think of on earth, this is why it was used for so many years.

We do know that the souls there cannot merit or help themselves in any way anymore, they can only suffer. However, a few mystics have been told that the Blessed Virgin Mary does make periodic visits into purgatory to encourage those who are there.

We know we can, by prayers and penances, relieve them of their suffering by praying for their release, and somehow, they are enabled to know it when we do that, and they pray for us in return. How long should we pray and sacrifice for a particular soul? We do not know. St. Augustine in his Confessions (9:13), written 10 to 15 years after the death of his mother, St. Monica, still asked for prayers for her. If we can believe the private apparitions, Purgatory may last the equivalent of forty years (we speak thus, for there is no time in Purgatory). For certain, it is terribly wrong to virtually canonize a person at the funeral, as Protestants do under the influence of Luther's sad mistake. Sadly, not a few Catholics are imitating them. That being said, we must pray for the suffering souls in purgatory. Since they cannot pray for themselves they need our prayers and realize that when we pray for them, you can bet that they will be praying for us as soon as they get to heaven.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

First Reading – Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

God punishes those who turn away from His commandments. Good stewards do not break faith in God, nor in one another in our parish communion.

Psalms 131:1-3

The good steward puts humble trust in God's faithfulness.

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Christian stewards give thanks for God's Word, and are faithful in their ministry to others.

Gospel – Matthew 23:1-12

It is not enough to "talk the talk" of Christian stewardship; we must also "walk the walk" by following Christ's example in our effort to serve others.

Stewardship Thought

"The greatest among you will be one who serves the rest," Jesus says in today's Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others! See Matthew 23:11 (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 14).

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH — OF THE —

Holy Souls in Purgatory

"LET US NOT
HESITATE TO HELP
THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
AND TO OFFER OUR
PRAYERS FOR THEM."
-ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

PRAYING FOR
THE DEAD IS
REFERENCED IN
2 MACCABEES 12:46

"THUS HE MADE
ATONEMENT FOR
THE DEAD THAT
THEY MIGHT BE
ABSOLVED FROM
THEIR SIN."

"ALL WHO DIE IN GOD'S GRACE AND FRIENDSHIP,
BUT STILL IMPERFECTLY PURIFIED, ARE INDEED
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THINK OF A QUICK TASK
YOU DO EVERYDAY AND
PRAY FOR THE SOULS IN
PURGATORY WHILE DOING
IT - FOR EXAMPLE SAY AN
OUR FATHER AND HAIL MARY
WHILE MAKING COFFEE

GO TO A CEMETERY THIS
MONTH AND PRAY FOR THE
DEAD TO GAIN A PLENARY
INDULGENCE FOR THE
SOULS IN PURGATORY

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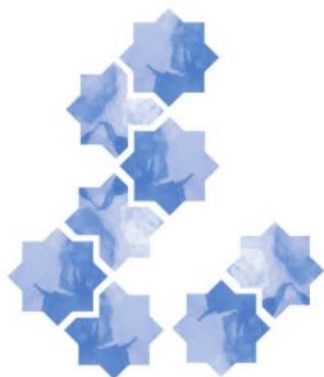
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