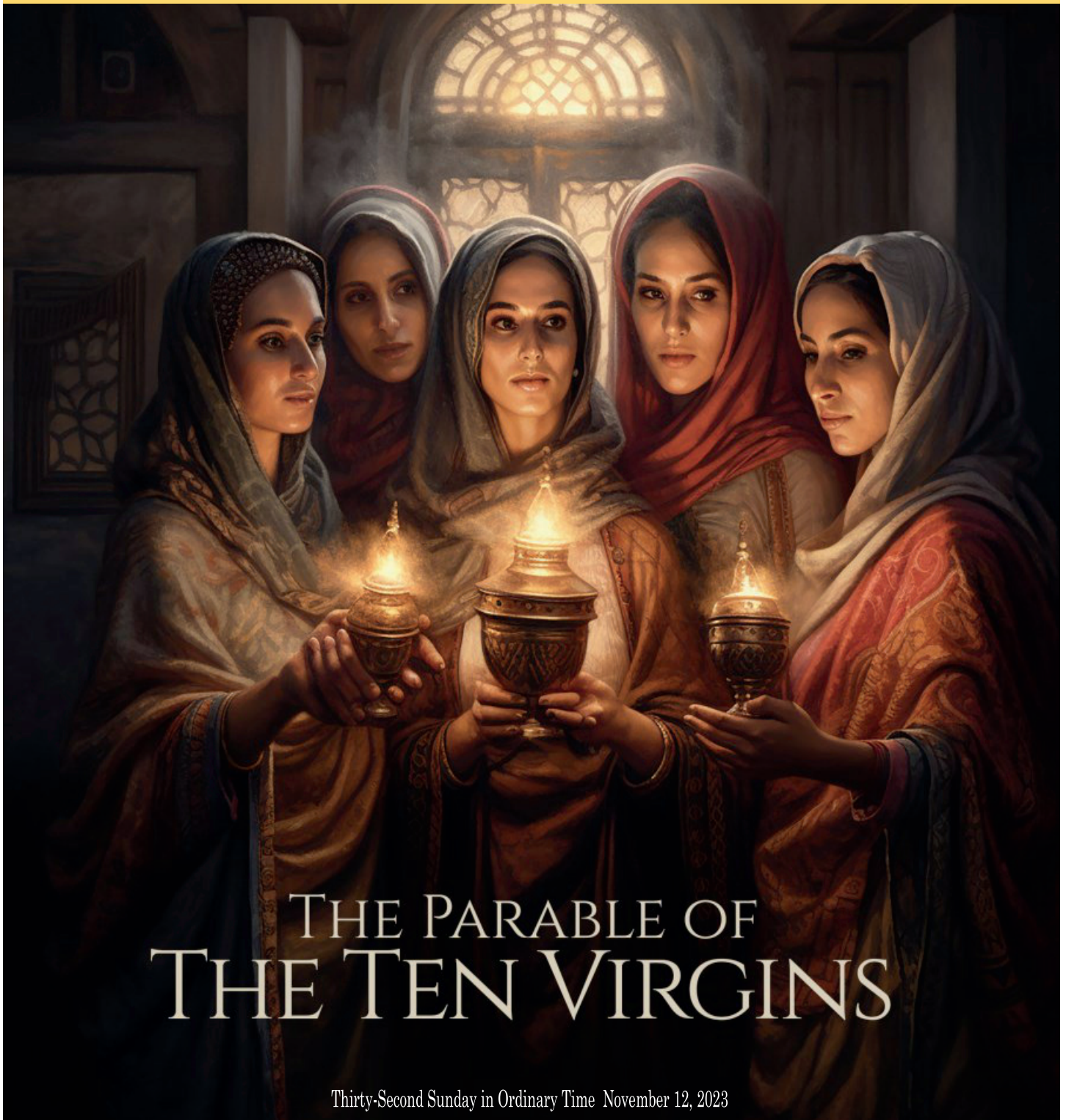


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ABOUT OUR PARISH

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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Parish Mission Statement

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."

REGISTER

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.

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Altar Society Meeting—Thursday 9:00 a.m. Parish Hall

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

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

Thanksgiving Potluck—Saturday 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall

PSR—Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Saturday, November
18th

6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

Bring your favorite
Thanksgiving dish to
share with your parish
family as we gather to
thank God for the
many blessings we
have been given.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 13

(Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, November 14

(Wis 2:23-3:39; Lk 17:7-10)

8:00 a.m. Phillip Gremillion†

Wednesday, November 15

(Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, November 16

(Wis 7:22b-8:1; Lk 17:20-25)

8:00 a.m. Fr. J. Ottavio Barsanti, OFM†

Friday, November 17

(Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37)

8:00 a.m. Glen Parker†

Saturday, November 18

(Acts 28: 11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/
Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee &
Yvonne Tracey†, Cpt. Pete Vogt†, Ken & Adele Salz-
er†, Michael Landry, Antonians & Benefactors, Law-
rence Otillio†, Dan Jocks†

Sunday, November 19

(Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or
Mt 25:14-15, 19-21)

7:00 a.m. John Lacourrege†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Danny Ragusa,
Sr.†, D.J. Bourgeois†, John Luke Charbonnet, Rachael N.
Laughlin, Hank Dietrich, Teresa Nguyen Thi Chien, Glen
Parker†, Kelley Milam†, Blaine & Alyssa Leake, Lisa Garay

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PRAY FOR THE SICK

POWER of PRAYER
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, Bonnie Aguilar, Lucy Reese

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Weekly Rosaries: 266

Year to Date: 16,711





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

The beautiful flower arrangements
adorning the altar this weekend were donated for

All Service Personnel

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

First Reading – Wisdom 6:12-16

Thoughtful and prudent wisdom is a blessed gift from God for which Christian stewards are grateful.

Psalm 63:2-8

Christian stewards thirst for a close personal relationship with God, the source of our joy and worthy of all praise and blessing.

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Christian stewards try to follow God's will in order to be prepared at the end of life on earth with the hope of attaining eternal life with our Lord.

Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13

If the Lord comes tonight, could we provide an accounting of our stewardship of His gifts to us?

Stewardship Thought

Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 14).



DAY THREE PICTURES



Ducale



St. Mark Mosaic



Gondola



St. Marks



Bacilo of St. Mark



PASTOR'S CORNER

PASTORS CORNER ITALY PILGRIMAGE DAY 3

Today, we embarked on a Venetian journey. After leaving our hotel in Padua, we traveled by road to the dock in Venice. Venice is known as "The Queen of the Adriatic." There is a total absence of wheeled transportation which makes Venice the most charming and poetic city in the world. Anything that is brought into Venice is brought in by boat. Food is imported because there is no place for gardens. I only saw a few blades of grass in cracks between pavement stones, as we walked the places that we visited in Venice. As we boarded the boat that took us to Venice, we saw boats everywhere transporting all kinds of goods. Even construction that needed cranes or other construction devices had to be brought in by boat. Every place that you went in Venice you traveled by foot or by boat. When we were riding the boat in we were able to see so many churches across the waterway, as well as the beautiful buildings.

Venice is known for celebrations where people wear masks, hence there is a large number of elaborate masks for sale as well as very ornate glass work. I saw a mask hanging on a wall with a price tag of 1,600 Euros, and the some of the glasswork priced from hundreds to thousands of Euros.

Here is an interesting fact. The reason that Venice sits out in Adriatic is because during the middle ages Attila the Hun had come to town to destroy most of Italy. So the people of Venice saw that the best thing to do was to relocate the city out into the swamps. When the city was built, at first they cut trees down and laid them out across the ground to build their houses. Some of the trees were dug in like pilings. Over time the minerals in the water and soil naturally preserved the trees and turned them into something like stone. Think of the petrified trees in Yellowstone. This is what naturally holds up Venice today.

Today, we celebrated mass in the Church of St. Maria Formosa, while it was a small church, comparatively speaking, with statues paintings and carved columns it was still bigger than our church of Sts Peter and Paul, . In a glass case, I saw relic of St John Paul II, St Martin, and a vile of the Precious Blood of Jesus. The side altar of repose had red marble around the altar and fancy silver oil lamps, as well as medium marble statues of the resurrected Jesus and the angels.

While we were in Venice we visited the Palazzo Ducale (the palace of the Doge, the political leader of the Republic of Venice). This was an incredibly beautiful palace built with stones that stands about 40 feet tall with carved statues surrounding the building and elaborate carvings on the steeples and roof. Inside there were paintings, statues and artwork that were hundreds of years old. In the main hall, the ceiling was covered with murals and intricate wood carvings inlaid with gold leaf. This is the largest free standing ceiling of its kind in Europe. Most ceilings of this size need columns to support the ceiling. The paintings on the ceiling were of life during the middle ages. This palace also doubled as a prison for political prisoners. With lower dungeons for those who were really bad and also upper ones for those where not as bad. The lower dungeon was prone to flooding, the upper one was hard stone, so you would not want to be in either.

One of the highlights of the day was a tour by gondola (the boats of Venice) where we were given a tour of the canals of Venice. The boat driver was wearing the traditional garb of black slacks, a red and white striped shirt with a brown straw hat with a red strip on it. He used a poll to guide us through the waterways. The gondolas themselves were like the boat version of a Rolls-Royce. I was impressed at how intricate they were. The boat itself was polished black with metalwork all around like fancy hood ornaments on fancy cars and gold leaf on the backs of the seats with red leather cushions. Some had gold inlays around other prominent parts of the gondola. Some were more elaborate than others.

After our ride, we visited the museum of arts which had very beautiful glass work, model boats, and masks. There were beautiful flags, some made to be carried on poles, and there were rooms with pole arms, axes, shields, and even a few elaborately carved rifles and hand guns used by the military back in the Middle Ages. There were many marble busts of notable figures of the past, like military men of importance or leaders of the people. There were more than a few paintings of Jesus and Mary, as well as, other religious paintings.

After visiting the museum we went to the Basilica of St. Mark. It is adorned with golden mosaics and religious icons. It was built to honor the body of St. Mark brought in from Alexandria, Egypt. The Basilica itself was built as the private chapel to the Dodge. This was a very beautiful Basilica with gold leaf over vaulted ceilings with arches. There were mosaics on the floor and ceiling and arches. There were marble columns. This is an active church because on a side we were not allowed to get into I could see confessions going on.

Overall this was a wonderful day and I took plenty of pictures to remember it by.



MASS BOOK OPENS TUESDAY, NOV. 14

Masses can only be scheduled as follows: Multiple Intention (several names per Mass) 5:00 pm. Saturday Vigil and 8:30 am. Sunday

Single Intention (only one name per Mass) 7:00 am. Sunday, 8:00 am. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and First Saturday

Purgatorial Society Intention (no others listed) 6:30 pm. Wednesday evening Masses are offered exclusively for the Purgatorial Society.

Parishioner Intention (no others listed) Sunday 10:30 am. Masses are offered exclusively for the parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul.

No Mass Intentions will be taken by phone!

Those who wish to schedule a Mass on a specific date in the upcoming year may request that date by coming to the office, dropping the request in the collection, or mailing it to the office with the appropriate information.

Please include ALL of the following:

Name of person whom Mass is being offered.

Whether Mass is being offered "In Memory Of (for deceased) or as a "Special Intention" (for illness, birthday, anniversary, etc.) so the appropriate card can be mailed.

Name and address of person to whom card should be mailed.

Name of the person requesting the Mass, and how you would prefer the card to be signed. (Mr. & Mrs. John Allen, Mom & Dad, etc.). Also include your phone number, should we have questions.

Prepare a list of requested dates, and leave it with our staff. When all requests have been received we will schedule Masses, with fairness in mind. If a date requested falls on a Single Intention date already taken, Purgatorial Society or Parishioner only date, it will be scheduled on the nearest available date, unless you specify otherwise.

Mass stipends, set by the Archdiocese, are \$5 each, and must accompany your request. Checks are to be made payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Those unable to make a financial offering will not be denied.

PRAYING IS PREPARING

Have you ever known anyone who just seems to ooze hospitality? This person just happens to have a charger if you need one, or an extra sweatshirt or jacket when you are chilled. Maybe \$20 for gas or food gets slipped in your pocket or added to your Venmo. A smile might greet you on an especially bad day or an offer to lend a hand when you are just about to drop the immense load you've managed to carry for much too long.

These are the things that come to mind while reading from the book of Wisdom this morning. A person who is able to reach out to another person on the day's journey no matter the situation. A graceful peace often accompanies this individual even when their own life is busy, and yet there is an intentional welcoming and shared response to those they encounter.

The Psalm, "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord" continues this theme of reaching out. It is a prayer to see God in daily life as well as in eternal life. Being able to see the Lord in the everyday situations of my life is the building block of my faith in Him. As a child I wasn't able to verbalize that it was God's breath or touch I was seeing in a meal on the table or my Mom or Dad's smile. I could recognize when these things were missing and sometimes made it really hard to stay focused or believe that things would be resolved. I wasn't aware that I needed to thank the Lord for providing for me as my parents took care of my needs. I wasn't really aware that having loving and caring parents was itself a tremendous blessing and witness of love and faithfulness.

Today's parable of ten virgins waiting for the bridegroom can seem harsh. Five women turn up their lamps to light the way and accompany the bridegroom into the wedding celebration. The five who were not prepared came back with oil to find the door to the festivities locked. The awareness of what is needed in the moment comes through the faithful practice of God's way of life and is developed by wisdom and grace.

Lord, thank you ahead of time for the grace to ask about and know your Way. Help me to recognize and acknowledge the wisdom shared by those who are an example to me. Allow me to be a witness and light for others. Amen. By Beth Price



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