

**Thirty-Third  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

All of you are children of the light  
and children of the day.  
We are not of the night  
or of darkness.  
Therefore, let us not sleep  
as the rest do, but let us  
stay alert and sober.

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6



**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

**2020**  
**15**  
**November**

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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

### Weekday Masses:

7:00 am (Monday-Friday)

Weekday Holy Days: Call for schedule

### Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)

Saturday: 3:00—4:00 pm

**Registration:** We are happy to welcome new members to our community. Please contact Deacon Frank Kozar at 630.964.0216 x1107.

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## God's Call to Us

### (The St. Joseph Parish Mission Statement)

St. Joseph Parish is a community chosen and called by God to be sent and directed by the Holy Spirit.

It exists to provide the People of God the pastoral care and spiritual nourishment they need to proclaim the good news of Christ in their lives and to the world.

## Our Response to God's Call

### (The St. Joseph Parish Vision Statement)

St. Joseph Parish is a community of God's People empowered by the Holy Spirit to promote God's reign in the world.

Nourished by Word and Sacrament, we will grow together in faith, hope, and in a passionate love of God and neighbor.

In our families, we will teach and learn the love of Jesus Christ.

In our various occupations we will make decisions and set priorities in accordance with the values of the Gospel.

And in the world around us we will stand always for justice, compassion and peace.

## Sacraments

**Baptisms:** We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism every Sunday. Parents are required to attend a Baptismal formation meeting. Baptisms are scheduled at this meeting. Please call the Parish Center for reservations and further information.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance to provide ample time for preparation of this sacrament. Please call the Parish Center for more information.

**Sick or Homebound:** If you or a member of your family is hospitalized or homebound and would like a priest to visit, please notify the Parish Center.

**Parish Boundaries:** North: Tollway; South: 59th St. East: Prospect Avenue and extensions north and south; West: Belmont Avenue

## To Register Your Child at St. Joseph School

Email [register@sjsdg.org](mailto:register@sjsdg.org) and you will receive instructions how to register a new student or returning student online. Registrations accepted anytime throughout the school year. For school tours, please call the school office.

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*from the Pastor*



## Mystery of Faith

**Mysterium Fidei**, (Mystery of Faith) is the title of an encyclical letter of Pope Paul VI published on September 3, 1965. It is on the doctrine and worship of the Holy Eucharist. There is a wealth of splendid papal teaching in this document. Church teaching, because it is rooted deeply in Christ's own divine teaching, serves to deepen the knowledge of all the members of the Church. Such teaching is never something entirely new, but rather a development of that which has always been believed. It may have, for a time, remained hidden from the Church's understanding, but, ever aware of the Holy Spirit's help, the Church acquires, in succeeding ages, a deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith and so also a more fruitful articulation of them.



In his *Catechism On the Real Presence*, the late Father John A. Hardon, S.J., explores the full implications of Pope Paul's *Mysterium Fidei* by way of a Q. & A. format. In the whole of the document, Pope Paul VI has taught the Church about the growth of worship of the Eucharist in the Mass and outside of it as well. Fr. Hardon poses these two questions, basing his answers on the teaching found in *Mysterium Fidei* (MF). How valuable is conversation with Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist? A.) Pope Paul VI assures us that "there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road to holiness." The reason is obvious. Christ, in the Blessed

Sacrament, is the **same** Jesus who gave courage to His contemporaries during His visible life in Palestine. He is the **same** Jesus who performed miracles, not only in healing human bodies, but even raising people from the dead. He also performs miracles of moral conversion and sanctification **now** through the Holy Eucharist, provided we believe (MF#80). Another question: How is the Eucharist the spiritual center of the Catholic Church? A.) The Holy Eucharist, reserved in the churches and oratories, is the spiritual center of a parish, a diocese, religious community, of the Universal Church, and of the whole human race. **Why?** Because under the appearance of what *looks* like bread is contained Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the world, "by whom all things are and by whom we exist" (MF#181). For these reasons our diocese and our parish promotes and makes available opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration. Join us for Eucharistic Adoration every Monday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the chapel. Come, let us adore Him.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Albert



# GIVINGTUESDAY

December 1, 2020

**GivingTuesday** was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past seven years, it has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

Whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger, showing up for people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, **every** act of generosity counts and **everyone** has something to give.

## ST. JOSEPH COVID RELIEF FUND

Gratitude and generosity are divinely interwoven in the souls of Catholics. Called to receive God's gifts gratefully, we share them, lovingly, in service to one another. Please consider making a gift to St. Joseph Parish Covid Relief Fund on GivingTuesday. Through our grateful and faith-filled response, we unite, giving back, as together, we serve God's people and witness the ordinary becoming the extraordinary.

**To donate, visit [stjosephdg.org/giving](https://stjosephdg.org/giving)**

Know that your gift makes a critical difference, impacting the lives of all in our St. Joseph Parish and School community.

Thank you and God Bless You!

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus delivers the parable of the talents; using the example of money rather than abilities or skills. It's a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn't want them to simply receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them; to use these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ's Good News; to go and make disciples of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and are prepared to render an account when the Lord returns. Reflect this week on how you are returning your own God-given gifts back to God with increase.

## St Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is located in the lower level of St. Joseph Parish Center. The food pantry is open every Thursday from 8:15 –10:30 am for residents of Downers Grove, Westmont and parts of Woodridge.

**The food pantry is in need of the following items:** Chicken and beef broth, chicken noodle and chicken rice soup, canned salmon, stewed and diced tomatoes, black or red bagged beans, ketchup, pancake mix, candy, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, and dish soap.

**Donations can be dropped off in the church narthex on Sunday.**

Thank you for your support and generosity!



Please note the Food Pantry will be open on Tuesday, November 24 and CLOSED on Thanksgiving Day

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**St. Joe's St. Vincent de Paul Society  
and Amazon Smile**

Attention Amazon Shoppers! You can help us by naming us as your charity of choice.

1. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
2. Select St Vincent De Paul Society St Joseph Conference Downers Grove

Please note, Conference is spelled like some pronounce it without an "e" between the "f" and "r". We ran out of space and had to shorten "Conference" to "Confrence". A percentage of your purchase is automatically donated to our conference with every order you place.

Thank you for your support.

### Use Your Talent

Having only modest talent is no excuse for not using it. Think what the morning would be like if only talented birds sang! — Anonymous



## 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

A big thank you to our parishioners who have already pledged their support to the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. Please continue to fulfill your pledges, as we are counting on your commitment.

Parish Goal	\$ 117,300.00
Amount Pledged	\$ 107,111.00
Amount Paid	\$ 101,591.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 5,520.00
Donor Count	384

Your support will help provide to so many through the 30 ministries our annual appeal benefits.

### [www.vocations.com](http://www.vocations.com)

The Joliet Diocese Vocation Office web pages are a confidential way to learn more about priesthood and religious life vocations.

Information is also available by calling Deacon Frank Kozar at 630.964.0216 x1107.

### A Call to Stewardship Fiscal Year Stewardship Information Sunday, November 8

Year-to-Date Goal	\$473,100.00
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$373,560.92
Amount Short of Needed Goal	\$ 99,539.08
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$ 24,900.00
Sunday Contributions	\$ 12,483.00
Electronic Contributions	————
Gifts from November 8	\$ 12,483.00

Thanks for Giving First Fruits and Taking a Step!

## STEWARDSHIP

### Your Giving Matters and is Greatly Appreciated!

Over 85% of our operating budget comes from your donations. We need your support.

For many of you, your weekly donations traveled with you as you attended Sunday Mass. We encourage you to either mail in your weekly donation, drop it through the mail slot at the Parish Center front door, or better yet, visit [www.stjosephdg.org](http://www.stjosephdg.org) to sign-up for recurring giving through direct debit or online. I realize we live in difficult times, however, I ask you to continue your generous support of St. Joseph Parish.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation today to support your Church. Always remember—You are the Church. You are the Body of Christ.

With profound gratitude,

Fr. Al

*Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.*

- Luke 6:38

## The 9:00 am Sunday Mass is NOW LIVE-STREAMED!

Go to [www.stjosephdg.org](http://www.stjosephdg.org) and click on Livestream.

Register for Sunday Mass at [www.stjosephdg.org](http://www.stjosephdg.org).

You do NOT need to register to attend daily Mass.

Scheduled Saturday 8:00 am Mass intentions will be fulfilled at the 7:00 am Friday Mass.



### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2020

Blessed are you who fear the LORD.

- Psalm 128:1a

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, November 15

9:00 & 11:00 am

John Poloncsik  
People of the Parish  
Jack Whitacre  
Mothers' Spiritual Bouquet  
Ludmila Cernochova

### MONDAY, November 16

7:00 AM John T. Cummings  
Frank Chmela

### TUESDAY, November 17

7:00 AM Helen & John Chupick

### WEDNESDAY, November 18

7:00 AM Jack Hughes

### THURSDAY, November 19

7:00 AM Kerry Dufresne

### FRIDAY, November 20

7:00 AM Tracy & Edward Schneeberger

### SATURDAY, November 21

5:00 PM Ollie Lisauskas  
Patricia Krueger

### SUNDAY, November 22

9:00 & 11:00 am

Sarah Paradise  
Lottie Smulter  
Kazimieros & Mikolina Jakstos  
People of the Parish



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Later this month, on November 21-22, our diocese will take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection brings change to people across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. In addition to making a national impact, we empower those living in poverty in our own diocese. 25% of the funds we collect stay here.

Examples of how CCHD is changing and impacting lives in our own communities can be found at funded organizations such as Garden of Prayer in Kankakee. This nonprofit organization mission is to improve the well-being of at-risk children, adults and families by providing education and mental health services that will place them on a pathway to success. Another example of CCHD's local impact is Shining Light NFP in West Chicago. This is an outreach open to all those in need of extra support because they are teetering on or already below the poverty line. Shining Light provides free services such as professional counseling, job training, and a plethora of other resources. Numerous other organizations like Garden of Prayer and Shining Light NFP receive aid from our CCHD collection.

Your support for this collection makes a difference for people living in poverty across the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. For more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

Thank you for your generosity and for joining us as we break cycles of poverty by loving our brothers and sisters in Christ in this way.

Paz y bien,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ronald A. Hicks".

**Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks**  
Bishop of Joliet

# **ELECTRONIC RECYCLING/TEXTILE & WINTER APPAREL COLLECTION**

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED  
& St. Vincent DePaul**

## **ITEMS ACCEPTED**

### **Computers & Peripherals**

PCs  
Main Frames  
Modems  
Printers  
Monitors  
Terminals  
Tape Drives  
CD-ROM Drives  
Floppy Disk Drives  
Plotters  
Mouse  
Keyboards  
Scanners  
Cables

### **Office Equipment & Products**

Telephones  
Phone Systems  
Answering Machines  
Fax Machines  
Copy Machines  
Cellular Phones  
Pagers  
Postage Machines

### **Small Home Appliances, Home Improvement Products**

Hair Dryers  
Circuit Breaker Boxes  
Rechargeable Batteries  
Power Tools  
Electronic Motors  
Wire  
Fixtures  
Toasters  
Coffee Makers (No Glass)  
Blenders, Mixers, etc. (No Glass)

### **Home Entertainment & Other Items**

TVs  
VCRs  
DVD Players  
Stereo Equipment  
Joy Sticks  
Cameras  
Camcorders  
Video Game Players

### **Textiles**

Clothing, sheets, household  
textiles in any condition  
No heavily soiled items  
Items must be bagged.

**Collection sponsored by eWorks ESI and CTS Green Team is open to all residents and small businesses. If you have more than 50 items (3 pallets or greater) please contact eWorks to arrange for a special pickup.**

**Fee will apply for all televisions and monitors.  
CRT, Flat Screens, Projection TVs And Monitors**

**Under 21 inch screen = \$25.00 per unit  
21 inch screen and over = \$35.00 per unit  
Cash or Credit Card accepted – Please No Checks**

**Donations to support the Green Team service projects will be greatly appreciated.**

**Christ The Servant Parking Lot  
8700 Havens Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517  
December 5, 2020 From 8:30 am to 11:30 am**

**Do not get out of your car. Exact change only.  
Workers wear masks. Do not sign credit card receipts.**

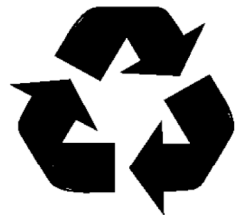
**Textiles Will be Accepted – in Plastic Bags Only  
Winter apparel for St. Vincent De Paul will be accepted.**

## **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED**

Large appliances, hazardous and chemical waste will not be accepted. All items should be delivered unboxed and free of excess packaging materials.

## **Questions?**

**Electronics & Textiles contact eWorks at  
217-364-7543 [www.eworksesi.org](http://www.eworksesi.org)  
Event Questions or winter apparel contact  
Nancy at 708-826-4596**



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## Sacrament of Reconciliation

EVERY Saturday at  
St. Joseph Church

3:00 – 4:00 pm



“St. Peter committed one of the greatest sins, denying Christ, and yet they made him Pope. Think about that.”

Registration is not required. Social distancing and masks are required.

Don't throw away your marriage. There is hope. We can help.

## Retrouvaille saves marriages and strengthens families.



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#RetrouvailleJoliet

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES  
**RETROUVAILLE**  
OF JOLIET ILLINOIS

### IS YOUR MARRIAGE STRUGGLING?

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking altogether? Does talking about your problems only make them worse?

### RETROUVAILLE CAN HELP YOU SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE!

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples facing difficulties in their marriage, restore their connection and rebuild a loving relationship. This marriage-saving program provides couples with actionable steps they can take to improve communication, build a stronger marriage and help them reconnect.

### TAKE THE FIRST STEP...ATTEND A WEEKEND!

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program or to register for our January 29-31, 2021 weekend in Portage, Indiana, call 815.351.6968/847-338-5355 or go to [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

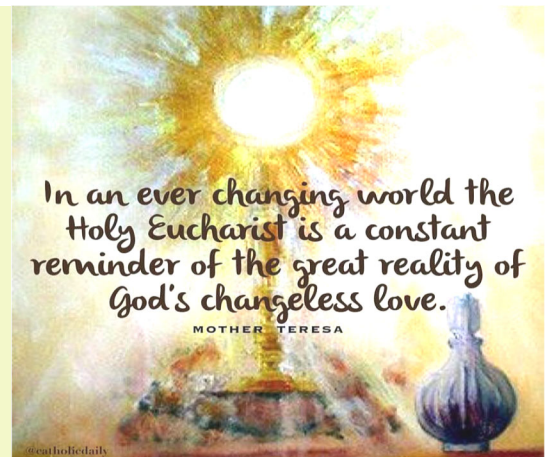
## Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

St. Joseph Church

Come spend time with Our Lord. Whether for a few minutes or a Holy Hour, your time of stillness offered is a cherished gift.

Registration is not required. Social distancing and masks are required.



In an ever changing world the Holy Eucharist is a constant reminder of the great reality of God's changeless love.

MOTHER TERESA

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St. Joseph Church  
**Contemplative Prayer Group**  
**Meditation in the Christian Tradition**

Resuming via ZOOM  
Wednesdays, 1:00—2:00 pm

**Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10).**

The person who practices meditation in the Christian tradition – praying in silence and stillness - seeks to be present and open to God who is always present and open to his beloved. Practicing meditation enables us - with the grace of God - to be present and open to each moment, to others in daily life, and to God's presence in all of life.

Many people practice various forms of meditative prayer such as *Lectio Divina* (Sacred Reading), Centering Prayer, the Jesus Prayer, Christian Meditation, or the Prayer of Recollection of Saint Teresa of Avila. Whatever practice engaged during the prayer period, it is important to remember that any form of meditation or contemplation in the Christian tradition complements our other forms of prayer. It does not replace them.

This ongoing weekly gathering group is intended for adults to pray communally with other adults in silent meditation and to receive mutual encouragement and support in their own contemplative practice. We meet Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 until 2:00 pm. During the current period, as we live with the pandemic, we will not meet in person but via ZOOM, a free app for online groups.

Each session begins with a welcome followed by a time of formation (an appropriate reading) to help prepare and guide us to a twenty-minute period of meditation. After the meditation period, a brief time in discussion helps to integrate and reflect on the experience. You may wish to participate each week or when you are able. Contact Bob Valle at [bvalle@sjpdg.org](mailto:bvalle@sjpdg.org) for more information and be placed on an email reminder list. You will receive a Meeting ID number and a passcode to enter the online group.

Rev. Paul A. Hottinger's 45th Anniversary of Ordination is Sunday, November 22, 2020. He will be celebrating the 9:00 am Mass that will be live-streamed on St. Margaret Mary Parish website [SMMP.com](http://SMMP.com). Access the livestream early at 8:50 am to view a prelude video of photographs incorporating a few of the treasured moments in Father Paul's life and ministry. After the Mass, the recording can be viewed on the website. We are so happy to celebrate this milestone with Father Paul. Congratulations, and we wish him health and all good blessings in the years ahead.



### A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,  
 We come to You in our weakness.  
 We come to You in our fear.  
 We come to You with trust.  
 For You alone are our hope.

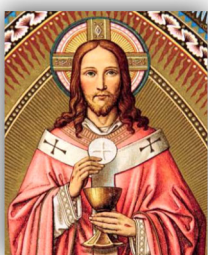
We place before You the disease present in our world.  
 We turn to You in our time of need.  
 Bring wisdom to doctors.  
 Give understanding to scientists.  
 Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.  
 Bring healing to those who are ill.  
 Protect those who are most at risk.  
 Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.  
 Welcome those who have died into  
 Your Eternal Home.  
 Stabilize our communities.  
 Unite us in our compassion.  
 Remove all fear from our hearts.  
 Fill us with confidence in Your care.  
 (mention your particular concerns)  
 Jesus, I trust in You.  
 Amen.

### Hot Line to Heaven!

Don't forget...if you need extra prayers said for your special intention, St. Joseph's Prayer "Hot Line" can help. Call Bernadette Borgard at 630.969.3467 or email her at [bernematt@borgard.us](mailto:bernematt@borgard.us) with your prayer intention, or if you'd like to join the Prayer Hot Line!

### Spiritual Act of Communion

My Jesus I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire



to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

### Pilgrim Virgin

Our beautiful Pilgrim Virgin will be homeless in 2021. If you would like to give Mary a place in your home for two weeks, please call Pat Lorch at 630-968-0765 and we can arrange a visit that would work for you. God Bless You!



### JOYFUL AGAIN! A Widowed Ministry



**JOYFUL AGAIN!** is a two-day program for widows and widowers who want to resolve the grief they feel inside and begin to live again after the death of their spouse. The weekend employs a series of video presentations, followed by facilitated small group discussion and private reflection time. Through this process, individuals gain new insights and receive encouragement and support. Trained facilitators, who have been widowed themselves, help with the weekend and the discussions.

### Upcoming 2021 Date

March 13 & 14, 2021 at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer in Lemont. For more information, to register, or for other dates and locations, please contact Charlotte Hrubes at 708-354-7211 or [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org).

### Deep Relaxation Guided Meditation via Zoom

Monday, November 23 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Join us for this exploration of body, mind, and breath, as we gently move into a peaceful and sacred space in which profound healing and renewal can occur. This experience will combine gentle movement, relaxing breath work and guided imagery. A link will be emailed to you prior to the session. Fee: \$10

**Facilitator:** Cecily Hunt is highly skilled and regarded for her healing practice using meditation, yoga, and gong vibrations.

Portiuncula Center for Prayer  
 9263 W St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL 60423

Register by calling 815.464.3880,  
 email [info@portforprayer.org](mailto:info@portforprayer.org), or visit our  
 website at [www.portforprayer.org](http://www.portforprayer.org)

## Spiezio & Affiliates



During these most difficult times, it is important to keep our focus on the fact that above all else Love Prevails. Jesus showed and taught us that the true opposite of fear and uncertainty is Love - only Love.

How does this translate during a time in our lives when even the most certain things seem uncertain? It is important to stay in the present and put together moment by moments of Love. By doing so we create a reality that is higher and stronger than fear. This involves care and understanding of ourselves and our "neighbor". We cannot give up! We were shown how to stay steadfast by Jesus' life. We were given this gift and we can overcome fear through Love.

St. Joseph Parish provides counseling services through Spiezio and Affiliates. Licensed and Pastoral Counselors are available to you as well as Spiritual Direction.

You can contact us by visiting our website at: [spiezioandaffiliates.com](http://spiezioandaffiliates.com) or call us at 708-743-9729.

## Mayslake Ministries is HERE to HELP You!



So many of us are feeling anxious or fearful about world events. Spiritual direction is a wonderful way to help us process what we are feeling as we explore the ways that God is present and at work in our lives even in the midst of our daily struggles.

Mayslake Ministries is a leading Center for Spiritual Direction. We have forty certified spiritual directors and three pastoral counselors on staff who are here to help you to find healing and hope in these difficult days. Our team of spiritual directors are formed in the Catholic faith and skilled in all areas of life.

Spiritual direction sessions can be done from the safety of your home via phone, Facetime or Zoom calls. In person spiritual direction sessions are also available at our new offices located at Ascension Parish in Oakbrook Terrace. Visit our website today [www.mayslakeministries.org](http://www.mayslakeministries.org) for a complete listing of our spiritual directors and our services. Please call Dr. Mary Amore at 630-852-9000 to schedule your appointment.



## Today's Readings

First Reading — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel — Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28, or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Saturday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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## Gospel of Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday, November 22

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, '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? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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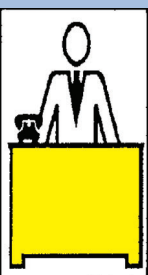
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