

The Church of Saint Boniface

November 7, 2021

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mark 12:43-44

THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

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The readings today focus on two women whose powerful faith sustains them in their grief. Though we know very little about their backgrounds, both women are widows, so they have lost their husbands, bringing both emotional and financial pain. One widow has no food but a handful of flour and a little oil. The other has no money but two small coins. Yet each is willing to offer what little she has to God's work. The sacrifice each makes portends the sacrifice Christ himself makes on the cross for us all.

As Jesus leaves the temple in the very next verse of Mark's Gospel, he tells his disciples that the temple will soon be destroyed. They realized only later that he was referring to the temple of his body. In a sense, then, this poor widow was doing the same thing: giving her whole life to the body of Christ, the Church, the people of God. If we saw Jesus himself—in his human body—sitting down opposite the collection box, we certainly would increase our offering, perhaps even to more than we think we can afford. We need to be reminded that what we do for the least of our sisters and brothers, we do for him. Anna, another widow of immense faith, encountered the infant Jesus during his first appearance in the temple. This widow stood in the presence of the Messiah, the Christ, during his final appearance there.

Question of the Week:

What can I give that demonstrates my acceptance of Jesus' challenge to his disciples, to give without reservation?

Giving All

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."

(Mark 12:43-44)

Jesus gets right to the point — we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?



National Vocations Awareness Week

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate the 45th annual National Vocation Awareness Week from November 7-13, 2021. During this week, dioceses across the United States will hold events to foster an appreciation for vocations and pray specifically for those discerning a call to ordained ministry and consecrated life.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father,

We thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov. 7	8:00 AM	Lina Poirier , by Bob & Geri Gardner
Nov. 10	8:00 AM	Mark Duggan , 5 th Anniversary, by Sean & Riley Casey
Nov. 20	4:00 PM	James Marceau , by his sister Susan
Nov. 21	8:00 AM	Anne Rivard , 3rd Anniversary, by Mike Rivard
Nov. 28	8:00 AM	Rev. Andre Garipey , by the Laford family

Pope Paul VI said, **“The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!”** *It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable. If you wish to schedule a Mass intention for a loved one, please call, email or visit the parish office.*

PRAY THE ROSARY every Saturday at 3:30 PM in the church, led by members of the Saint Boniface Knights of Columbus.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

- Are you an adult 18 years or older and have not received the Sacraments?
- Are you an adult interested in getting Baptized?
- Are you a non-catholic Christian who would like to become a Catholic?

RCIA begins in late November 2021. Call and register at the Parish office or contact Peter Bak (s.peter.g.bak@gmail.com).

REST HOME CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNING – HELP NEEDED



For many years the women of Saint Boniface have provided a festive Christmas party with gifts, food, music (and even an appearance by Santa Claus) at Penny Lane Rest Home in Fitchburg and The Village Rest Home in Leominster. Although we will not be able to have a gathering in the rest homes this year because of Covid19 concerns, we would like to continue our tradition by dropping off gifts and homemade treats prior to Christmas.

We need two volunteers to coordinate gift lists and plans with the rest homes, organize parishioner donations, and deliver the gifts and food. Please consider helping us with this worthy cause! **As you can see in this photo, the joy on the resident’s face is a priceless gift to us.** Contact the parish office by Thursday, Nov. 11. Call 978-582-4008 or email stbonifaceparish@verizon.net.

COLLECTION REPORT

October 31	
– Sunday Offering	\$ 3,398
– Maintenance/Fuel	95
– Holy Days	256
– Other	35
Total	<u>\$3,784</u>
October ACH/Website	\$5,227
<u>THANK YOU</u> FOR YOUR SUPPORT	

Give to our parish whether you’re in the pews or not! Many parishioners have been making their weekly offerings online. It’s secure, convenient and easy to make one-time or recurring donations at www.stboniface-lunenburg.org



Veterans Day Thursday, November 11
Let us remember all those who have served our country in times of war. Among those veterans are our military chaplains.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, Dec. 19
BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM — served by our confirmation candidates. Children in grades 1-5 will present a Christmas pageant beginning at 9:30 AM. Please set aside time to join us for this VERY special holiday tradition here at Saint Boniface.



REMINDER: SCRATCH TICKET RAFFLE DRAWING IS SUNDAY, NOV. 14

If you wish to enter the raffle, please return your ticket stubs and donations by Saturday, November 13. Place in collection basket, mail or drop off at the office. Contact the parish office if you would like extra tickets. The drawing will be held in the parish hall after the 10:30 Mass on November 14. Good luck to all!



Why is St. Jude the patron of impossible cases?

Perhaps you've turned to this saint when all earthly solutions have failed.

St. Jude Thaddeus was one of the twelve Apostles, a relative of Our Lord and of St. James the Less. While we don't know much else about him, various traditions say that he preached the Gospel in Edessa, Armenia, Mesopotamia, Libya, and Persia, where he suffered martyrdom with St. Simon the Zealot.

St. Jude wrote an epistle that is included in the New Testament. It is one of the traditional sources for our devotion to St. Jude as the patron saint of hopeless cases. In this letter, he denounces the heretics and false teachers that have tried to corrupt the faith of the Christians he addresses. He encourages **them to stay strong, to "build yourselves up on your most holy faith," and to wait for the mercy of Christ.**

Interestingly, he also urges them to save **those in spiritual danger, "snatching them out of the fire."** How many of us have prayed to St. Jude for a wayward loved one?

Another traditional origin for invoking St. Jude in hopeless cases is that his name is so close to that of Judas Iscariot that early Christians were afraid to invoke it. Indeed, **you'd have to be desperate to do so.**

Then, there is the testimony of Our Lord Himself. He revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden that He desired to foster devotion to St. Jude, saying: **"In accordance with his surname, 'Thaddeus,' the amiable, loving, he will show himself most willing to give help."**

St. Jude is now immensely popular in the Church for those who are in overwhelming predicaments.

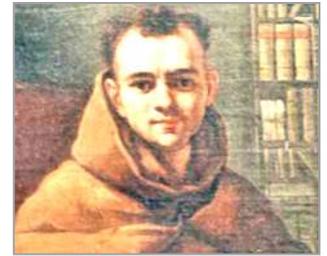
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Saints of the Week

November 8.

BLESSED JOHN DUNS SCOTUS

Today's saint was born in Duns, county of Berwick, Scotland. The "Scotus" in his name is a derivation of "Scotia," the Latin name for his native land. John Duns Scotus was one of the most influential Franciscans in the worlds of philosophy and theology. He is probably best known for his defense of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.



Detail from a portrait of Blessed John Duns Scotus

November 9.

DEDICATION of SAINT JOHN LATERAN BASILICA

As the cathedral church of the diocese of Rome, Saint John Lateran is the cathedral of the pope, the bishop of Rome. Long before the Vatican was constructed, Saint John Lateran was the home of the popes and the focal point for the Church. Saint Francis visited Pope Innocent at the Lateran Palace.



Archbasilica of St John Lateran, Rome

November 10.

SAINT LEO the GREAT

Saint Leo the Great held strong convictions about the importance of the Bishop of Rome and of the Church. He viewed the Church as the presence of Christ in the world. Dedicated to building up the Church in all areas, Saint Leo the Great was also a man of deep spiritual convictions.



The Meeting between Leo the Great and Attila, by Raphael

November 11.

SAINT MARTIN of TOURS

Saint Martin of Tours is often depicted as a soldier mounted on a horse sharing his cloak with a poor man. He became a monk and then a bishop, but he never lost his love for the poor. He spent a good deal of energy fighting for the Church, and for mercy toward heretics.

Saint Martin of Tours is a Patron Saint of soldiers, horses, and South Africa.

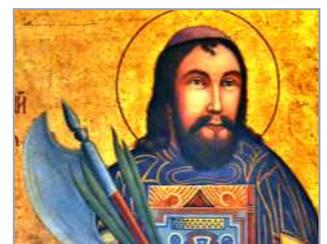


Statue of Saint Martin of Tours, Basilica of Saint Martin of Tours, France

November 12.

SAINT JOSAPHAT

Saint Josaphat dedicated his life to healing the split within the Ruthenian Church. While he made some headway, sadly the division extends to today. But his life and efforts were not in vain, for both influenced many Orthodox to be united with Rome.



Icon of St. martyr Josaphat Kutsevych, Belarus

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Parish Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday / Thursday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (closed 12:00 – 1:00 PM)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Holy Hour of Adoration: every Wednesday 5:30-6:30 PM

Weekday Masses: 6:30 PM Wednesday | 8:00 AM Thursday & Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

FIRST EUCHARIST Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

CONFIRMATION Our Confirmation program begins in the 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of the 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY It is the policy of the Diocese of Worcester that a couple should contact the parish at least one year prior to the anticipated date of their wedding to allow sufficient time to carry out the various steps of the marriage preparation process. It is important that arrangements be made with the church before plans are made with reception halls, caterers, etc.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK Please call the parish office 978-582-4008 or email Fr. Omolo at stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net to arrange these visits.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY If you or someone you know needs prayers or if you would like to be a part of this ministry of those who pray for the needs of neighbors, please contact Sue Cote 978-582-0404 sj33@msn.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16480 *In Service to One. In Service to all.* Members meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. Any Catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights should contact Grand Knight Peter Bak (978-403-5119) or Deputy Grand Knight Claude Poirier (978-660-3202), or email kofc16480@gmail.com.

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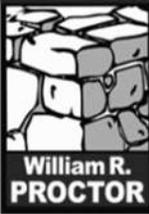
Newcomers to St. Boniface are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we may stay in touch with you with faith formation news, notices of special events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, the parish office, or on our website.

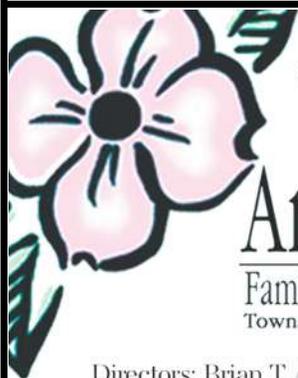
Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.

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