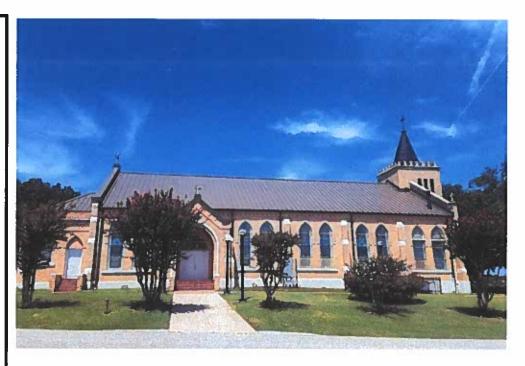
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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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November 8, 2020

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Tuesday Noon
Wednesday Noon
Thursday Noon
Friday Noon
Saturday 4:15

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

November 8, 2020

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56

Let us remain vigilant as we await Jesus' return.

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The first reading says that wisdom is resplendent and unfading, and can be found by those who seek her. In his Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul writes that Jesus' resurrection enables them to have hope that those Christians who have preceded them in death will also rise in Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins: Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday November 10th noon Trey Barnett

Wednesday November 11th noon

Linda Sechelski Joe & Frances Sechelski Thursday November 12th noon

Friday November 13th noon

Anton, Geneva & Daniel Sicinski Deaven Szymanski

Saturday November 14th noon

Deceased members of the Walter & Agnes Kimich family, Patrick Busa & Rose Kimich

Sunday November 15th 8:00 am

Maxine & Frank Johnson, Louis & Gerald Walkoviak George Bienski

Sunday November 15th 10:00 am Martha Warzon, Harold Warzon J.B. Warzon

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule

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Rosary: Susan Wisnoski



Saturday November 14th 4:15pm

Lectors: Leonard Szymczak & Dana Wagner Altar Servers:

Christina Hluchan & Wyatt Marek

Michael Wisnoski, Danny Pasket, Johnny Pasket Jr., Darrell Wagner Ushers:

Sunday November 15th 8:00am

Volunteers **Rosary:** Barbara Dibello

Sunday November 15th 10:00am

Marion Szymczak Larry Sechelski Jr. Rosarv: Linda LaSalle Lectors:

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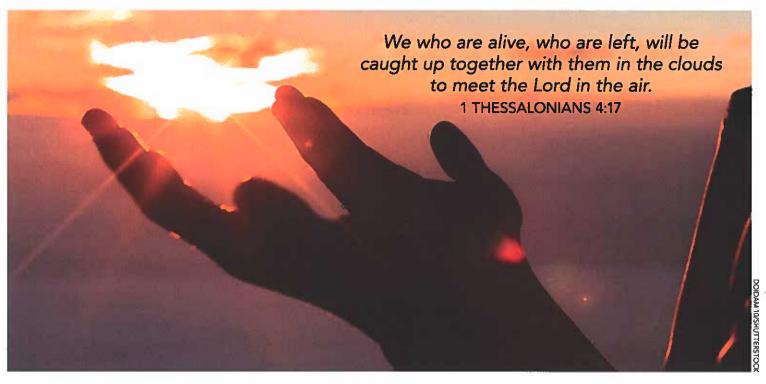


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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wis 6:12-16

1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 | Mt 25:1-13



Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven, but Nobody Wants to Die

lacktriangle his is the title of a bluegrass song as well as a book on bioethics. It's a clever title, and there is some profound truth in it. Death, which is so natural for living things, seems so unnatural to human beings, who cling tenaciously to life. One would think that believers who hold that Christ conquered death would be comforted by that faith. However, that isn't always the case. It's not that they don't believe; it's that they don't understand what they believe. But that is the difference between understanding and believing.

This is the problem described in Paul's letter today. The Thessalonians believed that, through his resurrection, Christ conquered death. Then why did some among them begin to die? Did those dying lack faith? No. Paul insists. Jesus, who died and rose, embraces those who have died and who will rise with him. Did the people fully understand this? Do we? Isn't this a question of faith—and trust?

Paul thought that he and other believers could still be alive when the rising would happen, and they were not. Or were they? Doesn't our faith give us hope that we-both the living and the dead-will be embraced by God's mercy? Doesn't something wondrous occur when those who have "fallen asleep" wake up in the glory of God? Still, we might not understand all of this, but we are called to believe, and in believing we are told to "console one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

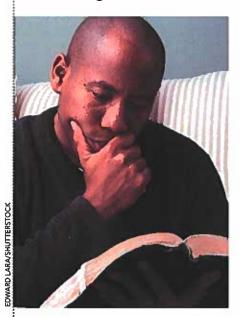
- What about death frightens you?
- At such moments, remind yourself that God loves you and that the risen Christ will embrace you.

Dear Padre,

A non-Christian friend asked if Catholics read the Bible. What can I say about Catholics and the Bible?

Yes. Catholics consider the Bible to be the inspired word of God by which he revealed to the Jewish and early Christian people who he is and how they can attain salvation. The Bible comprises many shorter works collected together. The books of the Bible were written at different times by different people. There are two parts to the Bible: the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The Old Testament talks about God's relations with the Jewish people before the coming of Jesus. The Old Testament consists of the first five books, which



are sometimes called the Pentateuch; the histories, which tell about the conquest of the Holy Land; the prophets, which record the words of those sent to Israel to call it back to the true belief in God; the writings, containing sacred songs (the Psalms), advice on everyday living, and other explorations of religious issues. In the Greek tradition, which Catholics follow, the Old Testament contains forty-six books.

The New Testament, a collection of twenty-seven shorter books, talks about Jesus and his followers. It consists of the four Gospels, which are about Jesus' life on earth, his death, and resurrection; letters, which are written to newly established Christian

communities to guide them in their faith; the Acts of the Apostles, which is a history of the activities of the early Church; and a book of prophesy, called Revelation.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer....Evangelization demands familiarity with God's word, which calls for dioceses, parishes, and Catholic associations to provide for a serious, ongoing study of the Bible, while encouraging its prayerful individual and communal reading.

—EVANGELII GAUDIUM, NOVEMBER 24, 2013

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Rome) Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17 Jn 2:13–22

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 10 St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Ti 2:1–8, 11–14 Lk 17:7–10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 11 St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Ti 3:1–7 Lk 17:11–19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 12 St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr Phmn 7–20 Lk 17:20–25

Friday

NOVEMBER 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin 2 Jn 4–9

2 Jn 4-9 Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

NOVEMBER 14 Weekday 3 Jn 5–8 Lk 18:1–8

Sunday

NOVEMBER 15 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30







Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16 | 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 | Mt 25:1-13

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Google is a mixed blessing for me. One time, it helped me figure out I had a medical emergency and needed to get to the ER pronto! But a glance at my search history reveals that 99 out of 100 times that I'm searching for wisdom of some sort, I'm searching for things like "meatless Monday recipes," "best long-run shoes," or "living room paint colors" (plus 12 variations on each theme). This recognition came to mind when I listened to the words of our first reading. "She [Wisdom] is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." Hearing this reminds me to spend less time Googling and more time searching for what really matters – God's love, goodness, and wisdom. The Gospel story of the virgins keeping vigil for the bridegroom expands on this, for it is the wise who are most prepared to sustain their watch.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

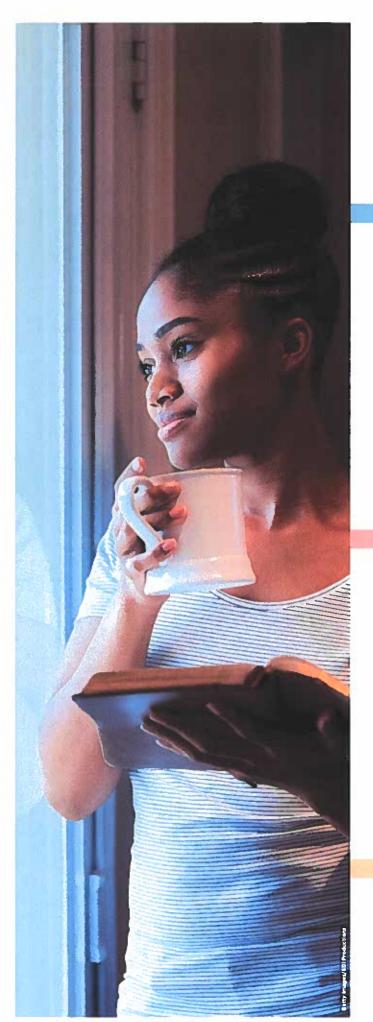
Like many people, I have a bookshelf full of self-help books – guides to parenting, figuring out the color of my parachute, various diets, the magic of "tidying up." Today's readings have me wondering whether these well-meaning efforts to become "the best version of myself," or plumb the meaning of life, miss the point. After all, as today's readings remind us, the source of all wisdom is right before us, in the person of Jesus. We don't have to have all the answers, we just need to know where to look, and to have the patience and wherewithal to be prepared to receive it. By studying the Scripture and opening our eyes to the presence of God in others and even in the challenges we face, we can grow closer to Jesus and be ready to meet the bridegroom when he comes.

REFLECT Read and pray today's responsorial psalm. (Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8)

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;

for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.





BANNS - Ordination to the Diaconate for

Russell Pasket

It is herewith announced that Russell, a candidate for the Order of Diaconate will be ordained a deacon on Friday, January 29, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at a Mass to be celebrated by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston.

If any persons know of a serious reason why this candidate should not be called to ordination, please notify

Deacon George Silva, Director of Formation
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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
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george.silva@smseminary.com.

Please keep Russell in your prayers as he prepares for ordination into this sacred ministry. May he always be faithful to the diaconal ministry of service of word, liturgy and charity to which he is about to be ordained.

This announcement is in compliance with Canon 1051:2 of the Code of Canon Law.



Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

Please contact the parish office if you wish to register or know someone who would like to become a member of our parish. 936-873-2291

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions November

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Announcements

The flower on the altar are in memory of Marcella Reaves.



Do we live each day as if we were to meet God at any moment?

As Christians, we know that this life is not the end.

But we must stay awake and be prepared to meet the Lord, because we do not know the day or the hour of his return.

<u>Altar Society</u>: Meets the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be Thursday December 3rd at 6:00 in the rectory. All Catholic ladies are welcome.

<u>Baptism:</u> Classes are necessary for baptism. Please contact the parish office to make needed arrangements.

<u>Birthdays & Anniversaries</u>: On the 1st weekend of every month Fr. Eli will bless anyone with a birthday or wedding anniversary during that month following each Mass.

<u>Cemetery Guidelines:</u> If you have any questions of concerns pertaining to the cemetery, please contract Charles Posinski at 936-873-2113. If work needs to be done you must call Charles Posinski first.

Choir Practice: Do to COVID-19, No practice at this time.

Counseling: Gratia Plena is a nonprofit organization that provides mental and spiritual health services for mental illnesses, addictions, and marriage/family problems. All counselors are Catholic and provide services in a way that is faithful to the teachings, values and traditions of the Church. Their closest office is near The Woodlands, but counselors are also available by video session. For more information, see their website at www.gratiaplenacounseling.org or call (832) 532-0129, or email info@gratiaplenacounseling.org

<u>Divine Mercy</u>: Every Friday after the noon Mass . Everyone is welcome to join us.

<u>Gabriel Project:</u> Pregnant. Scared. Need to talk! Gabriel Project offer assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances. Please call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 or St. Mary's Catholic Church 936-894-2223

Knights of Columbus: KC Council #4054 meets at the KC Hall every 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. Please join us. All Catholic men are welcome.

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<u>Marriage:</u> There is a required preparation process that must be completed prior to one being married in the Catholic Church. Please call the office for more information.

RCIA & RCIC: Anyone seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults / Children or adult confirmation. Please call the church office at 936-873-2291

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before Wednesday & Friday Masses (Please call ahead to let the Priest know) and 3:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays

12 Hour Adoration: Our church is open every Monday 8 am to 8 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the worship with the scheduled persons.

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November 2020

Christ Our Light Catholic Church and St. Stanislaus Church Rev. Elias Lopez, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

We never lose God's love

Have you ever had someone end a relationship with you because of a mistake you made or something you did wrong? It's a terrible feeling to lose someone's love, especially if it is your fault. Fortunately, God's love doesn't depend on how good we are. Remember the parable Jesus told of the prodigal son (Luke 15)? No matter what the son's transgressions, the father

received him in complete

love. That's how God feels

God's timing

about us.

Sometimes it seems like no matter how much we pray, God doesn't hear us. It can be tempting to give up hope, but remember, God always answers prayer in His time. Each day, decide to trust God; His timing is perfect.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love He had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ" (Ephesians 2:4-5).

Turn to God during Advent

It may be hard to look forward to the holidays this year. Instead, use the time during Advent to "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God and there is no other ..."

(Isaiah 45:22). Turn to God for strength. "When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you" (Isaiah 43:2). When outside events make you feel low, remember that God will always send the strength we need to overcome difficulties.

Turn to God for Faith. "For our

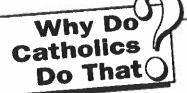
knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away" (1

Corinthians 13:9-10). During difficult times, it can be hard

to be hopeful. Turn to God with the faith that He is with us now and has glorious plans for our future.

Turn to God to for love. "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!" (Luke

12:49). Jesus wants to fill our hearts with a fiery love like His. As we decorate our homes for Christmas, we can ask Jesus to fill our hearts with the warmth of His love.



Why do Catholics pray the Rosary?

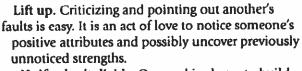
The Rosary is adapted from the complex prayers of medieval monks. It's a powerful prayer because in it, we ask Mary—whose prayers are never refused—to pray for us. In addition, the mysteries of the Rosary introduce us to the lives of

Jesus and Mary. Each mystery
is associated with a fruit. For
example, the fruit of the
mystery of the
Annunciation is
humility. Praying the
Rosary opens us to
the graces so we can
be more like Christ.

Does your tongue bless or curse?

"No human being can tame the tongue ... With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God" (James 3:8-9). How can we ensure that our tongues will bless and not curse?

Offer words in service. What we say out loud can reveal our true motives. Sometimes we just want to hear our own opinions or have others admire our insight and wisdom. We truly speak with love when we honestly intend to serve others rather than our own interests.



Unify, don't divide. Our goal is always to build others up and bring them to God. If what we want to say is loving, instructive, and healing, it may be okay to speak. Otherwise, if it will cause

unnecessary conflict or make someone else look bad, it's better left unsaid.

from Scripture

Mark 13:33-37, Keep watch!

In this reading, Jesus urges us to always be ready because "You do not know when the time will come."

He wants us to be on the watch for Him.

Next month we celebrate Jesus' arrival at Christmas. He will come twice more for certain: at our death and at the end of time. Advent is the time to ask, "What do I need to do to be ready to greet the Lord?"

Start by doing your best to remain in a state of grace. When aware of having committed mortal sin, immediately seek forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).
Otherwise make a practice of going regularly – every four to six weeks, if possible. Consider examining your conscience and picking one or two sinful practices you want to

eliminate.

Then attend or watch
Mass weekly and try to
spend more time in prayer.

Finally, see if there are ways you can offer yourself in service to others.

Keeping watch means fixing our eyes on God at all times. Then, when Christmas comes, you can greet the Lord with joy.



November 1 – All Saints Day. The early Church celebrated the saints and martyrs throughout the year. However, Christian persecution became so intense, there weren't enough days in the calendar for individual commemorations. Pope Gregory IV designated Nov. 1 as All Saints Day.

November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo (1584). After earning doctorates in civil and canon law by the age of 21, he was named cardinal and bishop of Milan by Pope Pius IV. He worked to reform his diocese and cared for the poor and sick.

November 22 – Solemnity of Christ the King. God promised His people a king who will be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under his kingship.

November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent. During this four-week season, we anticipate the Messiah's birth, and look forward to Christ's reign and his coming on the last day. Catholics light candles in Advent wreaths each night to signal the coming of the true light of Christ.



What is the stealthy, Deadly Sin?

If you were asked to name one of the deadliest sins, what would you reply? Murder? Adultery? Lust? In fact, one of the deadliest – yet stealthiest – of the



Seven Deadly Sins is sloth or acedia. It's stealth because it is easy to overlook that we are committing it.

Laziness. "Acedia or spiritual sloth goes so far as to refuse the joy that

comes from God and to be repelled by divine goodness" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2094). It means the sinner finds the attractions of this world more compelling than the glories of the next.

Ingratitude. The Creator of the universe loves us personally and showers us with blessings. Yet, we can "fail or refuse to acknowledge divine charity and to return Him love for love." Shopping for gifts, scrolling through social media, running errands – the spiritual sloth gives anything and everything priority over the love of God.

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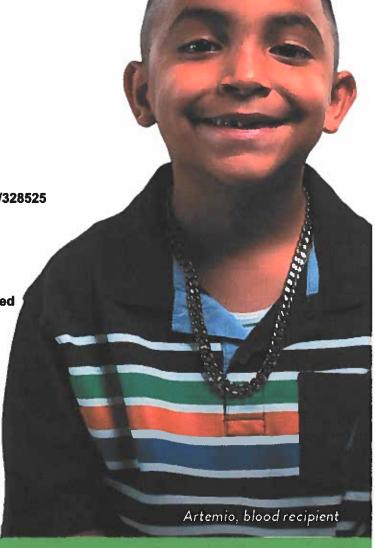
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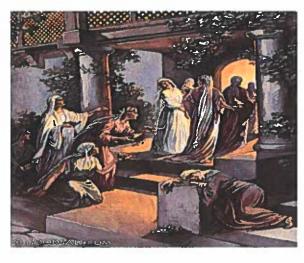
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