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November 15, 2020

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Tuesday Noon

Wednesday Noon

Thursday Noon

Friday Noon

Saturday 4:15

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

November 15, 2020

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

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The first reading from Proverbs declares a worthy wife as having value far beyond pearls. She is described as bringing goodness, being entrusted with her husband's heart, hard-working, and in fear of the Lord. Paul tells the Thessalonians that they are children of the light and children of the day, and thus, disaster will not befall them when the day of the Lord comes. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable of the faithful servant who multiplies the talents given him by his master.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday November 17th noon

Trey Barnett

Wednesday November 18th noon

Meb Hartman

Thursday November 19th noon

Mark Sokol

Friday November 20th noon

Joe & Willie Vezurk

David & Pearl Busa

Saturday November 21st 4:15

Floyd & James Pasket, John & Maggie Pasket

Willie, Christine & Frank Sechelski

Sunday November 22nd 8:00 am

Helen & Harold Walkoviak

George Bienski & Gerald Walkoviak

Sunday November 22nd 10:00 am

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday November 21st 4:15pm

Lectors:

Delores Posinski & Carolyn Kimich

Rosary: Dorothy Pasket

Altar Servers:

Andrew Borski, Jacob Borski, Even Borski

Ushers:

Michael Wisnoski, Danny Pasket, Stephen Pasket, Darrell Wagner

Sunday November 22nd 8:00am

Volunteers

Rosary: Barbara Dibello

Sunday November 22nd 10:00am

Lectors:

Blake Vezurk & Mandi Wroblewski

Rosary: Rosanna Molina

Altar Servers:

Haden Sechelski, Ryan Wroblewski, Jonathon Ritchie

Ushers:

Mike Wroblewski, Roger Vezurk, Marcus Klawinsky, Darrin Pasket



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Christ THE KING

Jesus Christ Our King

Although Jesus proclaimed the coming of God's kingdom or rule over our world as God's kingdom, Christians have long celebrated Jesus as King because he was God's promised Messiah (the Christ, or "anointed one"), who would be from the royal family of Israel's king David and rule as king over the covenant people in God's place and according to God's guidelines for right living that would bring about a world of justice or right relationships between persons and in their social institutions, held together by love rather than violence and power, resulting in peace and well-being for all.

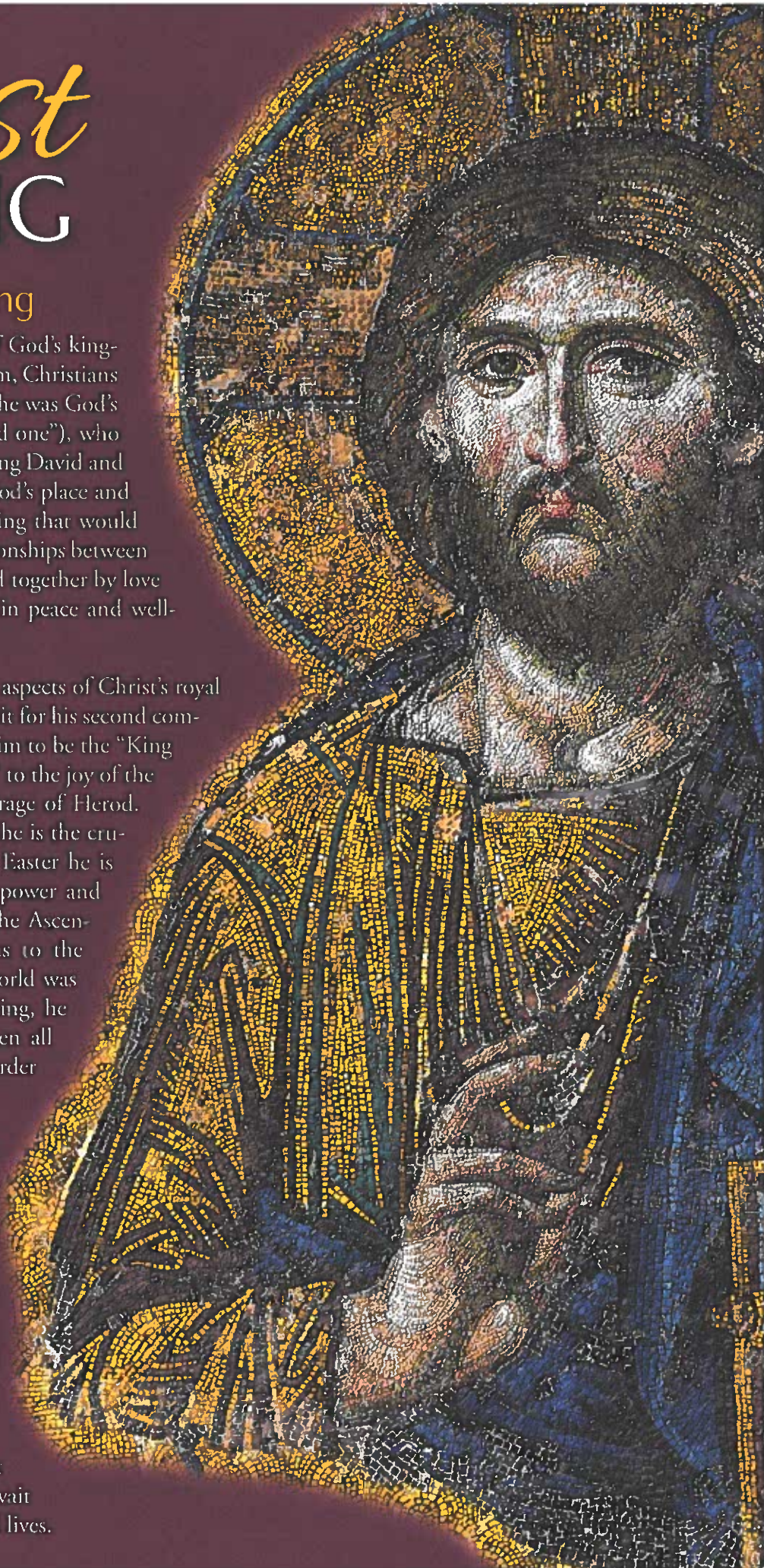
Thus during the Church year, various aspects of Christ's royal role are celebrated. In Advent Christians wait for his second coming in glory. At Christmas his star reveals him to be the "King

of the Judeans" to the joy of the magi and the rage of Herod.

In Holy Week he is the crucified king, at Easter he is resurrected in power and glory, and at the Ascension he returns to the

glory he had with the Father before the world was created. And at his return or second coming, he will preside in judgment over sin and then all creation will be restored to its God-given order under his rule.

But the actual feast of Christ the King was a newer feast that was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 when secularism was on the rise with the establishment of non-Christian dictatorships in Europe. It was celebrated on the final Sunday of October, prior to All Saints Day. In 1969 Pope Paul VI moved the feast to the last Sunday before Advent so that the Church's liturgical year culminates in the celebration of Christ's kingship over all creation and the new year begins the next week with Advent, when we once again await the coming of Christ to rule our hearts and lives.



SEASONS of the Liturgical Year

Advent begins the liturgical year on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. A season of hope as well as penance, Advent features the writings of the Old Testament prophets in its Mass readings.

Christmas begins with Christmas Day, goes through Epiphany and concludes with the Baptism of the Lord. As a celebration of the Incarnation, the Christmas season also highlights the manifestation of Christ's divinity to the world.

Lent is a 40 day preparation for Easter that focuses on fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Lent is a time to reflect on how well we are living out our baptism.

The Paschal or Easter Triduum (from the Latin, three days) begins with the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper and continues until Easter evening.

The **Easter Season** extends from Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday. During this time, the Church reflects on the mystery of our redemption through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Ordinary Time is the only liturgical season that comes in two sections. The first begins with the Baptism of the Lord and goes until Ash Wednesday. The second follows Pentecost and concludes with the Feast of Christ the King.

Jesus' Role as King

In the ancient world, a king was responsible for the order of the people's life. He embodied the power to make dreams become reality, to put visions into policies which governed the lives of all concerned. He also was a source for the protection and defense of the values encoded in the social structures of the people. The king took the place of God as the enactor of the divine order that God wished to establish in history. The king needed to have a firm grasp of the vision and values which God wanted, and then had to depend upon his own wisdom to make the values become the driving energy for the enactment of public policies. As our king, Jesus fulfills these functions for us and shows us how to order our lives according to God's guidelines for right living.

Sharing in Jesus' Kingly Role

Through baptism we are made sharers in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ. Jesus proclaimed a simple yet radical message of God's new kingdom, which was his code word for the transformed reality where God rules as the center of meaning and the object of all our actions. As Christ's followers, everything must be reordered with God as the center and our primary concern must be to live now the way that God had wanted everyone to live at the time of creation—in right relationships with God and with one another that were grounded in love, expressed in justice and oriented to the well-being of all.

Jesus' kingdom invitation challenges us to notice God present in our midst and make a commitment to relate to God. It challenges us to see the world as God does, evaluate it as God does and act in it as God does. It challenges us to link our hope for a new order with God's dream for the right kind of community. Finally, it challenges us to engage in the real cosmic power struggle between God and Satan, good and evil to reorder our world as God desires it to be.



Following Jesus our King Today

A Household Activity

St. Paul tells us that proclaiming "Jesus is Lord" is the first step to salvation (Rom 10:9; 1 Cor 12:3). This commitment demands complete and exclusive loyalty if we want to receive the benefits/gifts (grace) that God distributes. This demand for loyalty is the fundamental question for every Christian, so gather your household and use these questions to examine how you are living out your loyalty and commitment to Jesus our King and Lord.

- **Who is your lord and God (*dominus et deus*) whom you will you serve (Lk 4:8; 1 Thes 1:9)?**

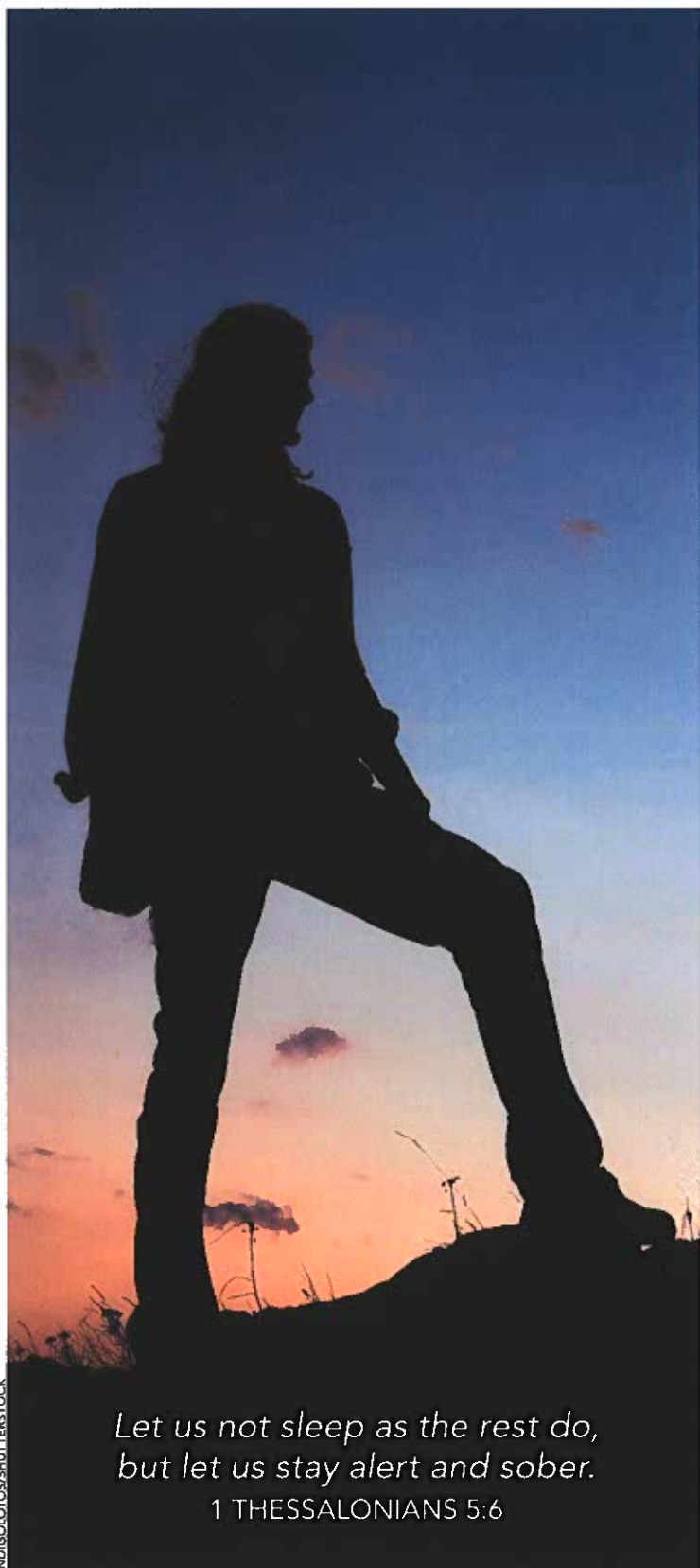
- Is it Caesar (power and violence) or Christ (Jn 19:12)?

- Is it Mammon (money and possessions) or Christ (Mt 6:24; Lk 6:13)?

- Is it Satan (evil and exploitation) or Christ?

- **How do my actions and not just my words reveal where my loyalty and commitment really lie?**

- **How does the way I spend my time reveal my true commitments?**



*Let us not sleep as the rest do,
but let us stay alert and sober.*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:6

Ready or Not, Here I Come

As children we called out this chant when playing hide-and-seek. However, it could very well describe the message of two of today's readings. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). The Gospel tells a story about a man who returns after a long journey and intends to settle accounts with those whom he put in charge of his household. In both instances, the one returning might cry out, "Ready or not, here I come!" The point of each story: Be ready! But how? The Thessalonians are told they "are children of the light" (5:5). The Gospel suggests what that expression might mean—be responsible for what has been given to you.

In the Gospel, some servants fully use the talents given to them. However, one servant buries what he received. If that was not bad enough, that servant alleged fear of the householder as reason for his lack of initiative. If he knew that the householder was as demanding as he stated he was, he should have realized that his master would expect him to use what had been given. There is no excuse here in refusing to use what was given, nor in blaming the householder.

All of us have been given life, talents, and abilities. We are expected to use them. This is what it means to live fully. Surely we Catholics will be excited, not afraid, when the Lord announces, "Ready or not, here I come!"

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Are you faithful to your responsibilities?
- ★ If not, what is holding you back?

Dear Padre,

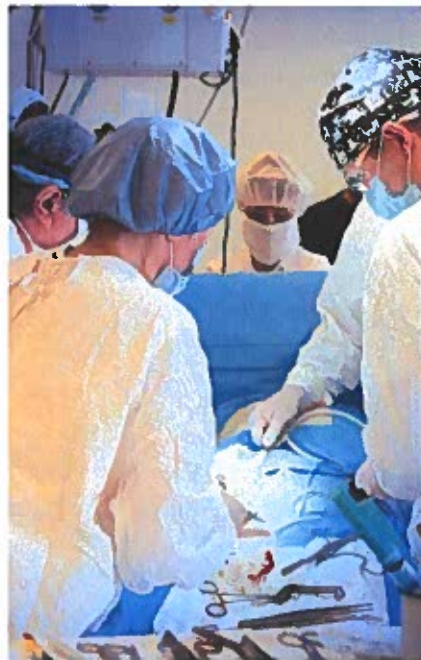
Is it OK to donate my body to science?

Yes, and here is some background. Christ makes possible a new and eternal creation. He “will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the firstborn from the dead” (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 219).

Resurrection, then, is not a return to life as we know it. The body is not a resuscitated one like Lazarus’ (see John 11), but a resurrected one like Christ, transformed and glorified. Christians traditionally revere the body—while alive, and at the time of death—because we are created in God’s image. Some reason that such respect for the body prevents donating it to science, but that’s not the opinion of the Church.

“Catholic health care institutions should encourage and provide the means whereby those who wish to do so may arrange for the donation of their organs and bodily tissue, for ethically legitimate purposes, so that they may be used for donation and research after death” (*The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 63).

It’s advisable to make this decision to donate in consultation with family members or health care providers. Many, echoing St. John Paul II, consider such a self-giving act in death “with a view to offering a chance of health and even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope” (*The Gospel of Life [Evangelium Vitae]*, 86) as a supreme manifestation of what it means to be Christian!



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—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

From our own death and from our gift the life and health of others, sick and suffering, may spring forth, helping to reinforce a culture of help, of giving, of hope, and of life. In the face of the threats against life...society needs these concrete gestures of solidarity and generous love.

—ADDRESS TO ITALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE DONATION OF ORGANS, TISSUES, AND CELLS, APRIL 13, 2019

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 16

Weekday

Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5

Lk 18:35–43

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Rv 3:1–6, 14–22

Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 18

Weekday

Rv 4:1–11

Lk 19:11–28

Thursday

NOVEMBER 19

Weekday

Rv 5:1–10

Lk 19:41–44

Friday

NOVEMBER 20

Weekday

Rv 10:8–11

Lk 19:45–48

Saturday

NOVEMBER 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:4–12

Lk 20:27–40

Sunday

NOVEMBER 22

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11–12, 15–17

1 Cor 15:20–26, 28

Mt 25:31–46

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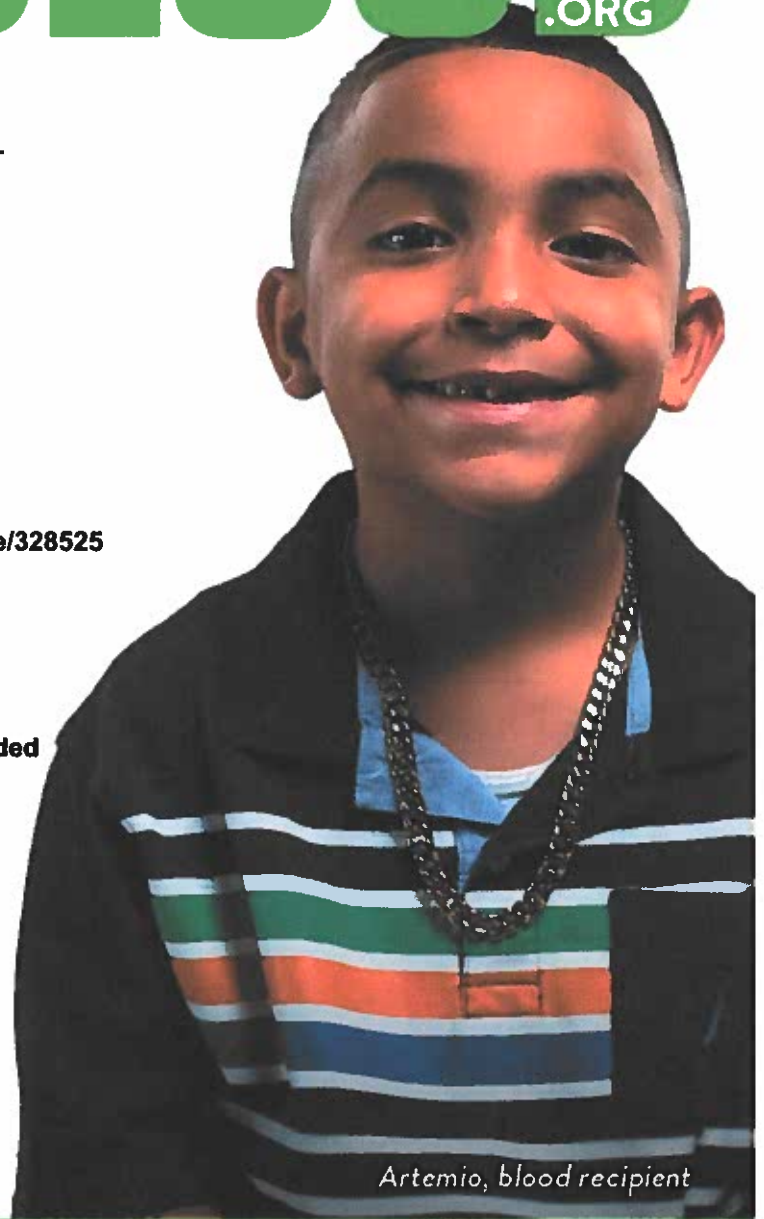
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fellowship hall**

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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 honor of
Msgr. Chester Borski, Msgr. Adam McClosky and Fr. Joseph Szymczak
by the Polish American Council of Texas.



Knights of Columbus will be hosting a blood drive here on
November 22nd in the parish hall.



Next weekends 2nd collection is for Campaign of Human Development.



Knights of Columbus Briskets orders dates
November 21st & 22nd and 28th & 29th

We are called to participate in God's work to multiply goodness in our world, and God gives us all we need for this work. Especially in the Eucharist, we receive God's grace and strength that we, too, may be faithful in small matters and great responsibilities.

Altar Society : 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.

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

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

Cemetery Guidelines: If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the cemetery, please contact 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

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

Gabriel Project: 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. Contact Deen Miller 936-524-1700 for membership information. And James Moran 936-825-7866 for rental information .

Marriage: 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.



November 15, 2020

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | 1 Thes 5:1-6 | Mt 25:14-30

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I'm bemused by the servant in today's Gospel who basically buries the single talent that was entrusted to him. (A talent was an ancient measuring unit of weight for silver and gold.) Meanwhile, the other two wisely invested the talents entrusted to them, and doubled their money. Building on last week's Gospel which showed those who were prepared to meet the bridegroom were invited into the wedding feast, this parable challenges us to realize that the invitation to the feast is the beginning, not the end. We are not to rest comfortably with what we have been given – the gift of faith – but to invest in the Kingdom, and to build on that gift of faith. For example, we may have a palpable experience of God's presence at a retreat or through Eucharistic adoration. However, if that goes no further than being buried as a memory or feel-good experience, we are no better than the wicked, lazy servant. Faith is a gift intended to be put into practice and shared. When we invest in it through the sacraments, serving others, and reading the Scriptures, our faith will continue to grow.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

So, I'm a bit of a hoarder. I cling to mementoes of days past, whether it's my son's first plastic Playskool vacuum (sold at a garage sale by my husband, but that's another story), a book given to me by a friend, or a treasured letter. I admit I relate to the servant who buried his money for fear he'd lose it. Sometimes I think I cling to memories – relationships and experiences that are important to me – and fail to invest in what makes those memories valuable. A similar dynamic can happen with our faith and our friendship with Jesus. We can go through the motions without giving it much thought. Today's Gospel challenges us to seek opportunities to grow in our faith and “make new memories” with Jesus – to invest in building the kingdom of God, whether that's inviting a friend to Mass, returning to the Eucharist ourselves, or spending more time with Scripture. By putting our faith into action in this way, we cannot only grow in our faith, but invite others to come along with us on the journey.

ENCOUNTER Find a Eucharistic adoration chapel near you and spend some time with Christ. Thank Jesus for the blessings in your life. Bring him your needs. Ask Jesus to give you his grace that you might grow in union with him.

Weekly Collections:

November 7th & 8th
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Upcoming 2nd Collections:

November 22nd
Campaign for Human Development
December 13th
Retirement Fund for Religious



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Office hours are
Tuesday-Friday
8 to 4

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