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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2023

*Ex 22:20-26
1 Thes 1:5c-10
Mt 22:34-40*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday at 5:05 pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am,
5:30 pm and 9 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday and Thursday - 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
or by appointment

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Congratulations!

Please call the office at least 4 months before
your planned wedding date.

WANT TO BE CATHOLIC?

Please contact Fr. Rich at
(865) 523-7931 or frrich@john23rd.org

Thanksgiving Dinner

Our annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner
will be **Friday, November 17th at
6:00pm**. Please sign up in the lobby! We
need a total of nine turkeys, cooked and
sliced. We also need side dishes and a few
nice items to be donated ahead of time for
our annual bingo game. Everyone is
invited and welcome!!

All Saints' Day Masses

Wednesday, November 1st

12:15pm

5:30pm

7:30pm

Thoughts on Today's Readings

As we continue to hear of the difficult questions posed to Jesus, we come to the Great Commandment: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matt 22:37). The second, also essential, follows close behind: "you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt 22:39). Often, we focus more on one or the other of these commandments. After all, worship and charity seem to be quite different. It's easy to miss the unifying connection between these two commandments: charity.

Both commandments, touching God and neighbor, are encompassed by this virtue. Just as the Great Commandment takes primacy in Jesus' response, so does love of God take primacy in the virtue of charity. Even love of neighbor, while seemingly centered on our brothers and sisters, is ultimately done for love of God. When we love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, we love all people for his sake, recognizing that the Lord wants his creation to flourish.

Saint Paul shows us the flowering of charity in our second reading. Having practiced justice and the love of God, we can perfect our love of neighbor. The Thessalonians impress Paul precisely in showing this charity. They cared so deeply for their brothers and sisters that they could not bear to see them deprived of the grace of God. Their evangelization was an act of love for neighbor, but it was done out of love for God. This unity of the commandments is exactly what charity calls for. We practice justice, love God in himself, and love God in our neighbor, all at the same time.

Often, we hear Gospel passages such as this one and remain at the surface. It is fairly easy to imagine what Jesus means when he tells us to love God and to love our neighbor. However, when we read in context and look for the depth of God's Word, we can see the riches of a life of charity, lived in union with God and in communion with our neighbors.

Annual Rosary for All Souls

Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 pm at
Calvary Cemetery
1916 Martin Luther King Jr Ave,
Knoxville, TN 37915

November is the month that we pray for and
remember those who have died,
and this is the perfect way to start!

Tour of the cemetery immediately following

Scripture Readings for the Week of October 29, 2023

Sunday	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40
Monday	Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2 & 4, Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday	Solemnity of All Saints Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Friday	Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1, 2, 3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12



Baby Bottle Drive

What a wonderful way to celebrate Respect Life Month!!! Last call for baby bottles!! Please fill the bottles with your spare change, cash, or check made payable to Catholic Charities. Please return your bottles asap.

All proceeds benefit the Pregnancy Help Center.
Please return your bottles to the locked collection box in the lobby.

Don't carry cash? No problem! Just scan the QR code and make your donation online.



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Second Collection

Our second collection this weekend is in support of the **Diocesan Deacon Formation Program**. Your donation will assist with the ongoing formation and development of our 100 deacons now serving in the diocese, and will also help to provide instruction for a new class of 19 men! Deacons bring the altar to the neighborhood and bring the needs of the neighborhood to the altar. They bring the Gospel and the gift of themselves to the soup kitchens, the food banks, prisons, hospitals and wherever else a need exists as well as to the parish they are assigned to. The box and envelopes are available in the lobby.

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

October 30-November 5

Monday: 4:00 pm - Confessions
5:05 pm - Daily Mass
7:00 pm - Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Wednesday: 12:15 pm - Holy Day Mass
5:30 pm - Holy Day Mass
7:30 pm - Holy Day Mass

Thursday: 4:00 pm - Confessions
5:05 pm - Daily Mass
7:00 pm - Adult Enrichment

Friday: 12:00 pm - Angelus/Rosary
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
4:30 pm - Evening Prayer
5:05 pm - First Friday Mass
5:30 pm - Exposition with Benediction

Saturday: Game Day Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Adult Bible Study
11:15 am - Mass
5:30 pm - Mass
9:00 pm - Mass

Insights and Awareness

Topic 97 - St. Augustine and Just War

Just war theory and the plight of civilians in
Israel and Gaza.

You can view this topic at:
<https://www.john23rd.org/insights>
(Sponsored by the Social Concerns
Committee)

Prayer Requests

Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Jo Andrews, Isabella Bleu, Isabella Linguidi, Mateo, Silas Templeton, Karen Pearson Rich, Jean Soderberg, Charles, the Wavrek family, Freida Oliva, Linda D., Garrity family, Peg Hart, Jerry Carney, Vic and Barbara Kaminsky, Larry and Anne Kaminsky, Suzanne Lenhart, Christine Wade, Jackson Igou, Alice Peterson, Liz Mattson, Cindy Cunningham, V. J. D'Innocenzo and his family, Beth Long, Connie Beeler, Hal Leiner, Margaret Dusichka, Diane Dusichka, Ray Bieniek, Al McGinley, residents of Serene Manor, those serving in the military, and for any too reserved to let us know.



Pope Francis' Prayer for November: For the Pope

"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."

Lector Schedule

October 28-29

Sat. 5:30pm LuAnne Zelasko - Stan Zelasko
Sun. 9:00am Lee Campfield - Cid Letsinger
Sun. 11:15am Anna Dutkosky - Jim Dutkosky

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