

Ministers and Priests of God

By Mitch and Kathy Finley

Remember the old TV sitcom *Maude*? That saucy character, portrayed by Bea Arthur, had a standard reply whenever someone insulted her or revealed an unpleasant truth about her. “God’ll get you for that,” she’d snap (cue audience laughter).

As hilarious as that comeback is, it reveals how we sometimes think of God: as a transcendent disciplinarian who watches people closely and punishes them when they do not toe the line. This is not the God Jesus came to reveal, this is not the God Jesus called “Abba.” When he was crucified, did Jesus say to his executioners, “God will get you for this”? On the contrary, from the cross Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).

Advent, which begins next Sunday, presents us with an opportunity to grow in a spirit of compassion and forgiveness, to remember God’s mercy. If we stop to remember how we have been forgiven, we may find it easier to forgive others. If we remember the undeserved gifts we have received, we may find it easier to be generous. If we remember our failures to love, we might more easily forgive those who don’t love us as we long for them to do. These shifts can culminate in a grace-filled Christmas and a grace-filled life—one where we extend hospitality



to those we find difficult to welcome, embrace those we struggle to love, and open ourselves to the embrace of others.

And isn’t this how believers are called to live? Saint Peter writes to the Christian communities—and to us: “You are ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own...’” (1 Peter 2:9).

Saint Peter doesn’t ask us to change our station in life to be God’s priests and ministers. We are to live out this calling within our families and communities, at school or at work, while shopping or waiting in line.

Just as we prepare what we hope will be the right gift for someone we love, so too, as priests and ministers of the Lord, we prepare to give the gift

of our faith in the way it is needed. Exercising this ministry might mean something as simple as pausing to acknowledge the other person, listening, encouraging, calming, affirming. Whatever we do during our day, we can do it ministerially and in a way that makes people feel attended to when they are with us. As priests and ministers, we are always and everywhere witnesses to the Good News of a merciful and loving God, revealed to the world by Jesus, who was and is “God-with-us.” +

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Merciful God, we are humbly grateful for your forgiveness and we ask for the grace to forgive those who have hurt us. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 21–26

Monday, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
Rev 14:1–3, 4b–5 / Lk 21:1–4
Tuesday, St. Cecilia:
Rev 14:14–19 / Lk 21:5–11
Wednesday, Weekday:
Rev 15:1–4 / Lk 21:12–19

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day:
Sir 50:22–24 / 1 Cor 1:3–9 / Lk 17:11–19
or St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions:
Rev 18:1–2, 21–23; 19:1–3, 9a / Lk 21:20–28
Friday, Weekday: Rev 20:1–4, 11–21:2 / Lk 21:29–33
Saturday, Weekday: Rev 22:1–7 / Lk 21:34–36

Bringing Home
the Word +
November 20, 2022

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Bringing Home the Word +

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)
November 20, 2022

The Cross: Altar and Throne

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

In his Gospel, St. Luke, the good doctor, often brings in kingly themes related to Christ’s crucifixion. He does this to highlight that Jesus fulfilled the Jewish belief that the Messiah would unite the three important leadership roles—priest, prophet, and king. The inscription the Romans nailed to the cross above Jesus’ head inadvertently supports the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy—he was indeed the King of the Jews.

He was also the priest who offered his body as a sacrifice for the Chosen People: “It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than

the people” (John 18:14). He is both the priest offering obedience to the Father, and he is also the victim who is offered on the altar of the cross. The cross is altar and throne because, as well as priest and victim, Jesus is also the king reuniting his kingdom under God the Father. In so doing, he undoes the sin of Adam, which had been the cause of this division.

Jesus’ prophetic words, “It is finished,” means he has fulfilled his mission as priest, prophet, and king from the throne of the cross. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1047) sums it up when it says that as king and high priest, his sacrifice is total, universal, and definitive. Now all of God’s creatures, man and beast, both natural and in the heavens, can return to the one from whom they came forth and who declared each one good. +

Sunday Readings

2 Sm 5:1–3

You shall shepherd my people Israel; you shall be ruler over Israel.

Col 1:12–20

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Lk 23:35–43

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

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A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus’ promise to the good thief gives us great hope: it tells us that God’s grace is always greater than the prayer which sought it. The Lord...is so generous, he always gives more than what he has been asked: you ask him to remember you, and he brings you into his kingdom!

HOMILY, ROME, NOVEMBER 24, 2013



REFLECTION QUESTIONS ONE QUESTION REFLECTION

- Do I trust Jesus to forgive all who sincerely seek forgiveness?
- Do I try to forgive others as Jesus forgives?



Parish of St. Vincent De Paul

"We as a community rooted in the Catholic faith seek to imitate Christ's Examples of love and service to others and spread the light of our faith to others."

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Christ the King Sunday **1st Sunday Advent**

Mass Nov. 20, 2022

Lector: Victoria Ocampo

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Mike Reimers

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Marla & Wally Goade

Altar Servers:

Josh B. & Emmett K.

Mass Nov. 27, 2022

Lector: Marv Grassl

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Stacy Ferguson

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Martin & Maria Garcia Family

Alter Servers:

Nadia H. & Giselle S.

Pope's Prayer intentions:

Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia

10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)

12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)

Saturday: 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's

Confessions: Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's

Saturday 4:30 pm @ San Juan Diego

Church Secretary: Elida Fernández - secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com

Tues, Weds, Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917 - 12 – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

Prayer Chain: Call Carolyn Nordhus @ 509-234-5972

Breezeway Calendar: If you have any parish events or meetings that you would like on the all parish calendar that is posted in the breezeway please contact Marla Goade @ 539-5354 wmgoade73@gmail.com

Weekly Bulletin: Please email Elida Fernández secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com by WEDNESDAY EVENINGS for information to be included in the upcoming Sunday bulletin.

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Website: To add or send information, pictures or news to the website please email Jaeniffer Kaiser @ jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Altar Flowers

Nov. – Altar Society

Dec. – Altar Society Guild 2

NO CONFESSIONS

This Wednesday the 23rd, Nov.

@ St. Vincent Parish

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED

Not meeting the 23rd

Happy Thanksgiving to all and see everyone on the 30th.

Connell Food Bank

Banco de Comida

Seniors: Tuesdays

3rd Edad- Tues. / Martes

22 of Nov.

10:00 am – 11:30 am

General Public:

El público en general:

Wednesdays / Miércoles

23 of Nov.

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Request of Sacrament Certificates

Please be advised, there is a 10-day minimum needed to search for records. Please be timely in your request of a new certificate.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM THE PASTORAL PATTERNS BY JS

PAULISH CO:

Following the example of Jesus, what is the best way to exercise your authority over others? What qualities would a good leader have? Which of these are you trying to develop?

STEWARDSHIP

"....giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

Thank you for your generous Weekly contributions

Oct. 23, 2022	Oct. 30, 2022
10:30 am - \$1032.85	10:30 am - \$1626.00
12:00 pm – \$552.00	12:00 pm - \$451.00
Basin City – \$792.00	Basin City – \$780.00

Collection of Support

There are envelopes at the back of the church that can be used for the special collection to support Deacon Arturo and his ministry here in the parish. Please put the envelopes in the regular Sunday collection basket on either Nov. 27th or Dec. 4th. Thank you.

Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Vincent's Goal:

\$23,891.00

Donations as of Nov. 16th: \$10,521.00

St. Vincent Parish Office

Will be closed the week of Thanksgiving

Nov. 21 – Nov. 25

Happy Thanksgiving!

FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR 2 WEEKS: Nov. 20, 2022 – Dec. 4, 2022

Monday Nov. 21:

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK

Fr. Gus' week off

Tues. Nov. 22:

Fr. Gus' week off

Wed. Nov. 23:

Fr. Gus' week off

Thurs. Nov. 24:

Fr. Gus' week off

Fri. Nov. 25:

Fr. Gus' week off

Sat Nov. 26:

2:00 pm Baptisms @ Connell

No Confessions @ Basin City

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. Nov. 27: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

Please keep Fr. Gus in your daily prayers.

Monday Nov. 28:

Fr. Gus @ Spokane Priest's Meeting

Tues. Nov. 29:

No Confessions / Mass @ Eltopia

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Penance Service @ Eltopia

Wed. Nov. 30:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Penance Service @ Connell

Thurs. Dec. 1:

Fr. Gus @ Spokane meeting

No adoration / Mass @ Eltopia

Fri. Dec. 2:

8:30 am Prison Ministry @ Connell

4:30 – 6:30 pm Confessions @ Basin City

Sat Dec. 3:

9:00 am Adult Sacra Prep Class @ Connell

5:00 pm Rosary @ Connell

6:00 pm Rosary @ Basin City

No Confessions @ Basin City

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun Dec. 4: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell