

# The Saints in My Life

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR

When we heard that Redemptorist priest Bernard Häring was coming to visit our college seminary, our superior, Fr. Terry McCloskey, told us it was a rare and precious opportunity. We were going to meet a man who played a historical role in the Church, who is regarded by many to be the most significant moral theologian of the twentieth century and, in Fr. Terry's opinion, who will one day be declared a saint. Fr. Terry asked us, "How often do you think you'll meet a living 'saint'?"

I was, of course, very impressed by Fr. Häring, but although he was moral theologian, teacher, author, esteemed confessor to popes, and major contributor to the Second Vatican Council, it was his humility and simplicity that stayed with me. Fr. Häring has been on my mind since I read one of Liguori's books, *Thea Bowman: In My Own Words*. Like Fr. Häring, Sr. Thea had a presence that told you she was a very special person. As I read about her, I realized I have met not one, but two probable future saints.

Most of the "saints" of my life will never have their names proclaimed in St. Peter's Square, but that doesn't diminish the power of their example. Nothing can prevent us from living saintly lives. Each day we're faced with a myriad of moments when we can choose to do the saintly thing or the sinful thing, the loving or the mean, the sacrificial or the



selfish. And as we choose, we must know that at least one person will be influenced by our decision. At least one person will become holier or be led further off the path. If we all choose to be saintly, meeting "saints" won't be such a rare event. Something to think about as we celebrate All Saints this week. †



*All-embracing God, teach us to welcome the stranger, to speak for the voiceless, to share generously, to love as you love.*

*We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

## Heaven and Hell

A famous samurai, who had mastered the art of war, turned his attention to religion. He confronted a monk in a bellowing voice: "Monk, teach me about heaven and hell!" The monk looked up at this mighty warrior and replied with utter disdain, "Teach you about heaven and hell? I couldn't teach you about anything. You're dirty. You smell. The blade of your sword is rusty. You are a disgrace to the samurai class." The samurai was furious. He pulled out his sword and raised it above him, preparing to divide the monk in two. The monk looked him in the eye and said slowly, "That is hell." The samurai was stunned. He saw in a flash what the monk had risked to teach him this great truth. He slowly put down his sword, became filled with gratitude, and was suddenly peaceful. "And that is heaven," said the monk softly. †

John Shea, *Daybreaks*, 2008

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

October 30–November 4

**Monday, Weekday:**  
Rom 8:12–17 / Lk 13:10–17

**Tuesday, Weekday:**  
Rom 8:18–25 / Lk 13:18–21

**Wednesday, All Saints:** Rv 7:2–4, 9–14 /  
1 Jn 3:1–3 / Mt 5:1–12a

**Thursday, All the Faithful Departed**  
(All Souls' Day): Wis 3:1–9 / Rom 6:3–9 /  
Jn 6:37–40

**Friday, Weekday:** Rom 9:1–5 / Lk 14:1–6

**Saturday, St. Charles Borromeo:**  
Rom 11:1–2a, 11–12, 25–29 / Lk 14:1, 7–11

Bringing Home  
the Word

October 29, 2023

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# Bringing Home the Word

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
October 29, 2023

## God's Lessons of Love

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The readings today are all about love. The first reading tells us who we should love; the Gospel tells us how we should love. We know that it is not difficult to love those who love us, who are kind and generous to us, who make us feel that we are important. The reading from Exodus moves us in a different direction. We are to love the alien, the widow, the orphan, and the poor neighbor. In a patriarchal society, such as was ancient Israel, aliens, widows, and orphans were the ultimate outsiders. They had no male relative through whom they would benefit from the kinship structure. While the neighbor might be of the same tribe or

clan, it is the poor neighbor who was to be loved, the one who might be a drag on one's life and resources.

In other words, we are to love the ones who cannot promise to make our lives more comfortable or enjoyable. In fact, the point of loving them is to make *their* lives more comfortable and enjoyable. How are we to love them? The Gospel reading offers two different answers that are really very much alike. We are to love God totally, with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. We are to love others as we love ourselves, with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. More practically, we must do for others what we would do for ourselves, for to love them is to love God. †

## A Word from Pope Francis

This is the test: if I say "I love God" and do not love my neighbor, it does not work. The verification that I love God is that I love my neighbor. As long as there is a brother or sister to whom we close our hearts, we will still be far from being disciples as Jesus asks us.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 25, 2020



## Sunday Readings

**Exodus 22:20–26**

You shall not oppress or afflict a resident alien, for you were once aliens residing in the land of Egypt.

**1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10**

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord.

**Matthew 22:34–40**

[Jesus said,] "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

*We are to love those who cannot make our lives more comfortable. The point of loving them is to make their lives more comfortable and enjoyable.*



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE QUESTION  
REFLECTION

- Who are the outsiders or people living on the margins of your society?
- What can you do to make their lives more comfortable or enjoyable?



## 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."  
Parish phone: 509-234-2262 **Oct. 29, 2023** website: [stvincentconnell.org](http://stvincentconnell.org)  
Fr. Lutakome Deo Nsubuga  
Deacon Arturo Biebrich parish phone: 509-222-9223 after 5 pm only

### 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass Oct. 29, 2023

Lector: Molly Kunkel

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Maria Garcia, Wally Goade

**Greeters & Presentation of Gift**

Florian & Carolyn Nordhus

**Altar Servers:**

Adrian & Emmett

### 31st Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass Nov. 5, 2023

Lector:

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**Greeters & Presentation of Gift**

**Alter Servers:**

### Pope's Prayer intentions:

For the Synod;

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening  
and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself  
to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries  
of the world.

### 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

Friday 4:30 pm @ San Juan Diego

**Church Secretary:** Elida Fernández - [secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com](mailto:secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com)

**Tues, Weds. Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm**

Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917; 12 pm – 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](mailto:wmgoade73@gmail.com)

**Weekly Bulletin:** Please email Elida Fernández [secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com](mailto:secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com) by  
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bulletin. Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917

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see photos of all the activities that have been happening. If you want to post church happenings on  
Facebook, please email Onna Pollock at [olpollock@yahoo.com](mailto:olpollock@yahoo.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### Altar Flowers

Nov. – Guadalupanas

Dec. – Altar Society

#### NO CONFESSIONS

This Wednesday Nov. 1  
@ St. Vincent Parish

#### Confession Schedule

@ St. Pat's –Pasco

Wednesdays

5 pm – 8 pm

@ Sacred Heart- Othello

Wed. @ 5 pm

#### Connell Food Bank

**Banco de Comida**

**Seniors: Tuesdays**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Edad- Tues. / Martes**

**Nov. 7 & 21st**

**10:00 am – 11:30 am**

**General Public:**

**El público en general:**

**Wed. / Miércoles**

**Nov. 8 & 22nd**

**9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**5:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

### Thank You for Your Generous Contributions

Sept. 17, 2023

10:30 am - 1118.00

12:00 pm – \$497.00

Basin City – \$805.46

Sept. 24, 2023

10:30 am - \$866.00-Bilingual

12:00 pm – No Mass

Basin City – \$935.57

Oct. 1, 2023

10:30 am - \$1877.00

12:00 pm – \$600.75

Basin City – \$1356.50

Oct. 8, 2023

10:30 am - \$719.00

12:00 pm – \$539.01

Basin City – \$1076.09

#### High School Rel. Ed

Every Wednesday at 5:30 pm

We have dinner and then our lessons and  
activities start at 6 pm.  
Come learn more about our  
Catholic faith.

### MASS SCHEDULES FOR ALL SAINTS / SOULS DAY

#### Vigil

10/31: ELTOPIA @5pm

**ALL SAINTS:**

11/01/23:

CONNELL: 9am English, 7:30pm Spanish

ELTOPIA: 11am

BASIN CITY: 6pm

**ALL SOULS DAY:**

CONNELL: 9am English, 7:30pm Spanish.

ELTOPIA: 11am

BASIN CITY: 6pm

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

**Meets Monday**

**6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

Come learn more about our  
Catholic faith.

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**GOAL TO DATE: \$20,395.72**

**OF \$28, 837.00**

**Only \$8,441.28 to meet our goal!**

### FR. LUTA'S SCHEDULE FOR 2 WEEKS:

**Oct. 29, 2023 – Nov. 12, 2023**

**Mon. Oct. 30:**

**Fr. Luta's day of rest.**

**6:30 pm Pre-Teens Meets**

**Tues. Oct. 31:**

4:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

**Wed. Nov. 1: All Saints Day**

9:00 am Mass-English @ Connell

11:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

5:30 pm Hi School Rel. Ed

6:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

7:30 pm Mass – Spanish @ Connell

**Thurs. Nov. 2: All Souls Day**

9:00 am Mass-English @ Connell

11:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

6:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

7:30 pm Mass – Spanish @ Connell

**Fri. Nov. 3:**

8:30 am Prison Ministry @ Connell

4:30 pm Confessions @ Basin City

**Sat. Nov. 4:**

1:00 pm Quinceañera @ Connell

3:00 pm Wedding @ Eltopia

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

**Sun. Nov. 5: Mass**

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

**Please Keep Fr. Luta in Our Prayers.**

**Mon. Nov. 6:**

**Fr. Luta's day of rest.**

**6:30 pm Pre-Teens Meets**

**Tues Nov. 7:**

4:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

6:30 pm Councils Meet @ Basin City

**Wed. Nov. 8:**

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

5:30 pm Hi School Rel. Ed

No Confessions @ Connell

**Thurs. Nov. 9:**

10:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 pm Adoration @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Baptism Teach Teams Meet @ Connell

**Fri. Nov. 10:**

8:30 am Prison Ministry @ Connell

4:30 pm Confessions @ Basin City

**Sat. Nov. 11:**

1:00 pm Quinceañera @ Connell

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

**Sun. Nov. 5: Mass**

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell