

November 15, 2020

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31

1 Thes 5:1–6

Mt 25:14–30



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!



—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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 14

8:00 a.m. + Josefina Roca by The SJS 6th Grade class
5:00 p.m. + Paul J. Lowry by Ruth & John Lowry

Sunday, November 15

7:00 a.m. + Eugene Lindquist by Genie, Joe & Sons
8:30 a.m. + All Souls in Purgatory by The Pham Family
10:00 a.m. + Wayne Norman by Kathy Norman
11:30 a.m. + Brian Waldron by The Burke Family
1:00 p.m. - Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
3:00 p.m. + Carlos Antonio Medrano by Maria Velasco (Spanish Mass)
5:00 p.m. + Leonard Lawson by Mary & David Kirby

Monday, November 16

6:30 a.m. + Patti Pulliam by The Bock Family
8:00 a.m. + Bob Bourque by Jackie Bourque

Tuesday, November 17

6:30 a.m. + Neal Joseph Boyle by Susie Geurin
8:00 a.m. + Thomas McConnell by The Sowder Family

Wednesday, November 18

6:30 a.m. + Cyndi Russomano by Ray & Dona Sasala
8:00 a.m. + Enes Patagnan by The Patagnan Family

Thursday, November 19

6:30 a.m. + Carl Lavin by The Speetjens Family
8:00 a.m. + Mani Fierro by The Fierro Family

Friday, November 20

6:30 a.m. - Magda Rodriguez by Ana McCollum
8:00 a.m. + Catherine Harrigan by The Harrigan Family

Saturday, November 21

8:00 a.m. - Uche Ezenwa by The Ezenwa Family
5:00 p.m. + Margie Midas by Karen Tiufekchiev & Family

Sunday, November 22

7:00 a.m. + Joseph Conroy by Genie, Joe & Sons
8:30 a.m. + All Souls in Purgatory by The Pham Family
10:00 a.m. + Thomas Budrejko by The Alexander Family
11:30 a.m. + Kha Thi Le by The Family
1:00 p.m. + Lucia Hang Nguyen by Van Nguyen
3:00 p.m. - Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish (Spanish Mass)
5:00 p.m. + Matthew M. Sabol, II by Mary Kirby & Family



In **Baptism** we are reborn as children of God, made members of His Church, and heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. With this in mind, we welcome these children of God who were baptized **Nov. 7, 2020:**

Esmeralda Isabella Menjivar Deras daughter of Jose & Esmeralda



Please note that all Mass Intentions will be honored closest to the Mass schedule below:

Mass schedule during Phase II Reintegration

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm Mass and also live streamed

Sunday:

8:00 am

11:00 am

3:00 pm (Spanish) Mass and also live streamed

5:00 pm

Weekday Mass

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am (Mass also live streamed) Saturday – 9:00 am - live stream only

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, 8:30 - 10:00 am

Confessions: Wednesday, 8:40 am (also by appointment)

Masks are required at all times.

Church open from 6:00 am – noon. (Monday – Friday)

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

By St Gertrude the Great



Eternal Father,
I offer Thee the Most Precious
Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the Masses
said throughout the world today,
for all the holy souls in Purgatory,
for sinners everywhere,
for sinners in the universal Church,
those in my own home
and within my family. Amen.

Our Lord promised St. Gertrude that 1,000 souls would be released from purgatory each time it is said devoutly.

Blessings

The Parish staff wishes to thank the following parish ministries:

We thank **our parishioners** who participated in the Sunday and weekday Masses as we began the celebration of public Masses and for those parishioners who joined us via live stream. Be assured of our prayers for you and your family!

We thank **our parishioners** for their **support of the Sunday offertory via the use of Church envelopes and Faith Direct**. Know that we are grateful for your prayers and support.

We thank the pastoral staff, Parish Advisory Council, Friars, ushers, lectors, music ministers and Knights of Columbus for assisting us in implementing the SJC Reintegration Plan for the celebration of our public Masses this past weekend. O come Holy Spirit!

We thank **our parishioners** who **minister as money counters** of the weekly collections. Becoming a disciple of Christ leads naturally to the practice of stewardship. We thank our money counters for their ministry of assisting us in the management of stewardship.

We thank **our parishioners who offer their time and talents to assist our parishioners and our neighbors in need**: local organizations – LINK and Embry Rucker Center; St. Lucy Project; Respect Life ministries; etc.... Pope Francis shared: "let us be lights of hope! Let us maintain a positive outlook on reality."

We thank the SJC and SJS staff for their faithfulness and commitment to their ministry during these challenging months. "Remember the past with gratitude. Live the present with enthusiasm. Look forward to the future with confidence." – St. John Paul II

We thank **our parishioners** for their support of the HOPE second collection. We also thank the students, families, and staff of St. Joseph Catholic School for their participation in the HOPE Baby Bottle Drive. Your generosity will enable HOPE to continue its mission and vision: *Every mother chooses life.*

We thank **our parishioners** for their support of the LINK Holiday Food Collection. A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus and Men's Society for their oversight of this collection. Know that your contributions to LINK supports their mission: "An unconditional love which includes commitment, compassion, and the courage to serve the sick, abused, hurt, unloved, and powerless."



All Souls Envelopes

Envelopes are available in the parish office. If you wish, please contact the office to have the All Souls Envelope(s) mailed to you. Please return the envelopes with the names of those you wish to have remembered throughout November at Mass for the repose of your Holy Souls and the Souls who are most forgotten. The envelopes may be returned via USPS mail, placing the envelope in the collection basket at one of the weekend Masses, dropping the envelope at the Parish Office or in the parish mailbox located on the sidewalk on the side of the SJC/SJS Office.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE! VIRTUAL STYLE!

Walking with Purpose is a Bible study that brings women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study enhanced by small group sharing.

THERE IS ALWAYS AN EMPTY CHAIR WAITING FOR YOU!

If you are interested, please download registration form from our website or contact sgeurin63@gmail.com /703-338-7077 for a virtual time that will fit your schedule.

Collections: the weekend: November 8, 2020

Offertory in pew and mail in	\$17,956
Faith Direct	\$17,469
Total	\$35,425

Facility Fund	\$ 1,901
Faith Direct	\$ 7,346
Total	\$ 9,247

Second Collection: Retired Religious Fund
\$ 1,898

Thank you for your continued support, prayers and kind generosity. Blessings for treasures given!



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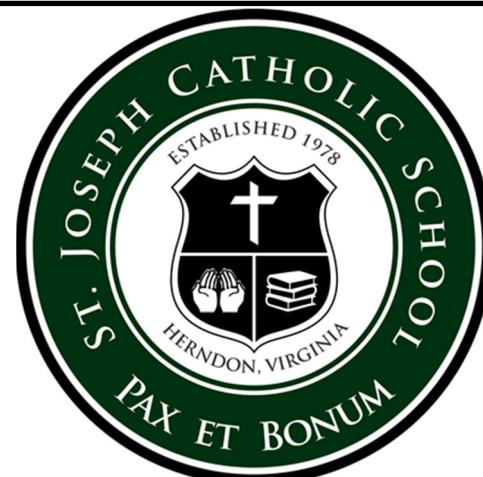
This year Thanksgiving Break will be for the whole week. There will be no classes on **November (Sun.) 22nd, (Mon.) 23rd, (Tue.) 24th, and (Sat.) 28th**. Class resumes the week of November 29th.



Please join us in honoring our nation's veterans. The Herndon Woman's Club is once again partnering with the Wreaths Across America foundation to lay wreaths at over 800 veterans' graves at Chestnut Grove Cemetery on December 19th.

This year, because of the Corona Virus pandemic restrictions, the ceremony will be a private one. However, you can help us by donating \$15 for the cost of a wreath. Please visit the HWC website, www.herndonwomansclub.org. Click on the link for Wreaths Across America.

Thank you in advance for your memorial gifts.



SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

NEEDED

Short-term and Long-term Substitutes:

St. Joseph Catholic School is seeking substitute teachers to be placed on our sub list for grades K-8 during the 2020-2021 school year. This position's hours/days vary depending on teacher need for subs. Substitute teachers may be called upon to teach students in building or monitor students in the building while a teacher instructs students virtually.

An ideal candidate must teach in the building during the pandemic, have experience with virtual teaching platforms (Zoom, Google Classroom, etc.), and have strong classroom management skills. Candidates should submit a letter of interest, resume, at least 3 professional references to Mrs. Denise Rutledge at d.rutledge@sjschoolva.org

CYO ATHLETICS

Catholic Sports/NVJCYO Update

The Office of Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Ministries share the following CYO update:

We will be unable to offer the inter-parish NVJCYO basketball program during its normal season (first weekend in December through mid-March). Even if safety concerns could be addressed, our survey we sent to pastors of parishes with gymnasiums indicated that most of those spaces are not available because they are being used for classrooms during COVID-19. This makes it impossible to run the inter-parish league games at this time and impossible for many parishes to practice.

The NVJCYO basketball and cheer program are not being offered at this time.



*"Totally love him,
Who gave Himself
totally for
your love."*

The Feast of St. Claire of Assisi
August 11



**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - VIRTUAL
MONDAYS & FRIDAYS - IN PERSON**

That Man is You! gives you the opportunity to go deeper in your faith. Come join the Men of our Parish in enriching relationships with both Christ and family.

All men are invited to attend TMIY (Parish Hall A)

Monday evenings at 7 pm &
Friday mornings at 6:30 am
OR
Wednesday 7 pm Video Conference

For more information contact Jack (jmatneytmiy@gmail.com) or Steve (Mundts@aol.com).

"Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it."

Interpretive Translation of Micah 6:8



**Give a
Gift for Life**

in this time of the **COVID-19 pandemic**



Give a Gift for Life

Give a *Gift for Life* this Advent season to help expectant mothers and families in need. In this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, pregnant women in need are significantly affected by unemployment and lack of material resources. Your donation to the Gabriel Project can help provide mothers and babies with basic necessities, as well as fund prenatal care, labs and sonograms, rent and utilities assistance. Please take home a pre-addressed envelope from our *Gift for Life Giving Tree* and consider mailing in a tax-deductible donation to Gabriel Project/Project Rachel of Arlington. Or donate online at www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife. One grateful mother wrote, "Gabriel Project made a difference in my life as they opened the doors of help to me and my baby." St. Joseph's *Gift for Life Giving Tree* will be in the church vestibule from Saturday, Nov 28 through Sunday, Dec 6. Thank you for your generosity during this season of giving!

This Advent, St. Joseph will be giving all parishioners a gift to help ignite a deeper spiritual journey through Advent and Christmas. After all Masses on **November 21-22**, be sure to get your bundle of music by The Vigil Project, reflections by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, and a devotional companion booklet for you and your family. Make this Advent and Christmas one like never before! If you are unable to pick up your bundle after Mass and for more information email: ignite@sjcherndon.org.

A JOURNEY THROUGH
Advent & Christmas



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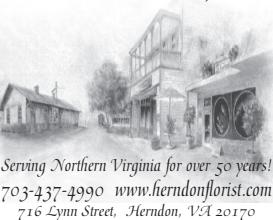
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