

November 6, 2022: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saints Damien & Marianne  
Military Catholic Community  
Aliamanu Military Reservation and  
Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel



*"He is not the God of the dead,  
but of the living,  
for to him all are alive."  
Luke 20:38*

**SUNDAY MASS:**  
AMR 0830 & MPC 1100

**DAILY MASS**  
MPC: Monday-Friday 1130  
except Training &  
Federal Holidays

Anointing of the Sick  
Call the priest-chaplain  
Immediately

**CONFESSION**

Sundays: AMR 0745—0815  
MPC 1015—1045 or  
by appointment

**BAPTISM**

Contact Fr. Lyndon Jong

**WEDDINGS**

Couples must contact the  
chaplain at least 6  
months before the wedding.

The Archbishop requires  
that all couples celebrating  
marriage in the Archdiocese  
for Military, participate in  
one introductory session on  
Natural Family Planning.

Contact information  
may be found on  
the back page  
of this bulletin.

<https://stdmcc.com>

## SCHOFIELD BARRACKS & ALIAMANU MILITARY RESERVATION

### First Reading

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14  
Jewish martyrs give witness to their faith, even unto death.

### SUNDAY READINGS

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 17:1,5-6,8,15  
The just person will live in God's presence.

### Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2  
Paul tells the Thessalonians to remain faithful to Christ until Christ comes again.

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL - Luke 20:27-38

In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducees were a party of Judaism active in Jesus' time, descended from the priestly family of Zadok. They were literal interpreters of the written Law of Moses, which means that they were in disagreement with the position of the Pharisees, who offered an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses.

The Sadducees are described in this Gospel as opponents to the belief in resurrection. In the dialogue presented here, we see an example of the means of disputation that was common in first century Judaism. The Sadducees use the example of Levirate marriage, found in the Law of Moses, to disprove belief in the resurrection. According to Deuteronomy 25:5-10, if a man died without producing an heir, the man's brother should marry his wife and the offspring of this union would inherit the property and carry on the name of the man who had died. The Sadducees use this as an example to challenge belief in the resurrection.

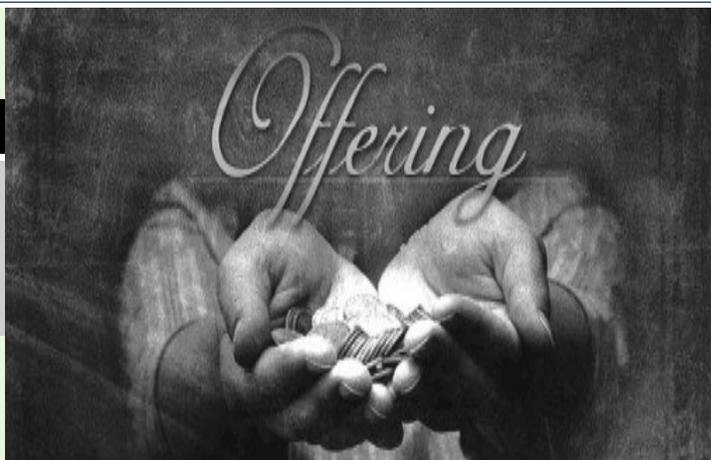
Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection. Using the texts from the Book of Exodus (Ch. 3) that describe Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, Jesus shows that God is the God of the living, not the dead. Here Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to counter them. As the Gospel text suggests, he beat them at their own game!

More importantly, in this discourse Jesus shows the limits of our imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because of the limits of earthly existence. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations. Jesus' conclusion suggests something else as well: To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, "... for to him all are alive."

SUNDAY CONNECTION, Loyola Press

### SUNDAY OFFERING

DATE	TIME	PEOPLE	AMOUNT
30 OCT	0830 AMR	96	\$339.00
	1100 MPC	NO INFO	
		TOTAL	\$339.00



**TOTAL DONATIONS as of 1/2/22: \$30,917.94**

## SCHOFIELD BARRACKS & ALIAMANU MILITARY RESERVATION

### MASS SCHEDULE for NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Thursday & Friday, 24 & 25 NOV

Thanksgiving Holiday

NO DAILY MASS



Sunday, 27 NOV, 1st Sunday of Advent: AMR 0830 • Schofield 1100

Sunday, 4 DEC, 2nd Sunday of Advent: AMR 0830 • Schofield 1100



Thursday, 8 DEC, Immaculate Conception (HDO)

Schofield 1130 and 1800 • AMR 1800



Sunday, 11 DEC, 3rd Sunday of Advent: AMR 0830 • Schofield 1100

Sunday, 18 DEC, 4th Sunday of Advent: AMR 0830 • Schofield 1100



PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, 14 DEC • AMR 1800

Wednesday, 21 DEC • Schofield 1700



Saturday, 24 DEC, Christmas Eve

**Schofield 1700**



Sunday, 25 DEC, CHRISTMAS

AMR 0830 • Schofield 1100



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You are invited to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter  
Weekend Retreat 18-20 NOV 2022  
at St Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley  
The retreat begins at 7:30 pm Friday Night and ends  
at 4pm on Sunday afternoon.

\*\*Childcare is not provided, so please make  
arrangements with a friend, or call the  
grandparents! (maybe they could stay for  
Thanksgiving too)\*\*

Questions? Call Dave and Sue Shanahan at  
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# Christ Among Us

November 2, 2022

LAUREN WRIGHT



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

## **I wasn't at all sure how this was going to go.**

After many months and countless hours of preparation alongside a team of other youth ministers, it seemed to have all been leading up to this very moment.

It was the final night of our Middle School Summer Camp and I found myself surrounded by more than 200 eleven- to thirteen-year-olds, waiting for a time of Eucharistic adoration to begin.

## **An Evangelistic Opportunity**

As I sat in the back of the room listening to our speaker for the evening prepare the students for what was coming next, it suddenly dawned on me that many of the kids in the room had likely never participated in adoration. Throughout the week, it had become clear to us that the majority of our students were new to any sort of faith experience. Our Summer Camp was marketed as a primarily evangelistic opportunity; a chance to come, have fun, and encounter the Lord in a new way. And so it was not lost on us that many of the students that had signed up had done so primarily because they were eager to test out the zipline or give the water slide a try.

And yet, as he always does, the Spirit had been moving powerfully throughout the week, stirring up a newfound desire for an intimacy with Christ in so many of our uncatechized young people. In conversation with the other youth ministers and adult leaders, we had all expressed an excitement towards our time of adoration on Thursday night, eager to see how the True Presence of the Lord was going to transform the hearts of our students.

But now that the moment had come, I felt an overwhelming sense of anxiety. Had we done enough? Prepared them enough? Explained it enough? Were these middle schoolers—many of whom, just a week ago, had not been to any sort of Church function since their second grade First Communion—really equipped to take in the reality that the God of the Universe was about to enter the room?

## **Encountering a Person**

As we all knelt down in preparation, I recall being filled with insecurity and uncertainty. But then the priest emerged from the sacristy and began his procession with the Eucharist. In that instant, and truly it felt so immediate, as the Lord in the monstrance became visible, the energy in the room changed. It seemed as if each and every student was suddenly intensely focused on the Lord. When the priest moved around the room, they shifted their positions to follow, so that they would not lose sight of the Eucharist.

What in truth lasted for an hour and a half, seemed to be over in mere minutes. I can honestly say that never in my life have I been more acutely aware of Christ's True Presence. It was clear; the response of the students in that room was not the response of a group of people viewing a beautiful symbol. They were encountering a person. As I knelt alongside them, I kept coming back to Christ's encounter with the hemorrhaging woman in Mark 5. How, though he was surrounded by an immense crowd of people, he was "aware at once that power had gone out from him." How he stopped, even as he was urgently needed elsewhere, to encounter her. It was this same Christ—intentional, personal, and present—that we all came face to face with that night.

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## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival



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### The Reality of His Presence

I'll never forget the look on our students' faces at the end of the night once the priest reposed Jesus. They were genuinely radiant. As they headed off to their small groups to talk through what, or rather who, we had just encountered, one of our sixth-grade girls approached me absolutely beaming. I paused, taking a moment to ask her how her night went. With a wide smile, she said simply, "Before I didn't know he was real. Now I do." Even now as I consider her response, I feel emotional. In my life as a Catholic, I encounter the Lord in the Eucharist at least once a week on Sunday. All too often I find myself moving through the Liturgy on auto-pilot, taking the reality of his Presence for granted. But in the midst of all of the thoughts that distract from the beauty of what is taking place, there is always one moment that brings me back.

### A True Treasure

Whenever I approach the altar for Holy Communion, as I am preparing to receive Christ sacramentally, I am reminded of that night. I am reminded that the Jesus I am about to receive is the same Jesus that radically transformed the hearts of my students. That he is as real in this moment as he was all those years ago at a Summer Camp in the middle of the woods in Wisconsin. That his True Presence has just as much potential to change my heart now as it did then. All that is required of me is openness. What a tremendous gift it is that we, as Catholics, have the opportunity not only to remain in his Presence but to be ultimately united to him in reception of the Eucharist. As St. Maximilian Kolbe said, "If Angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion." On that night, in the midst of a room full of middle school students, the Lord reminded me to never take that for granted.

National Eucharistic Revival: A Grassroots Response to God's ...<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>

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The Military Catholic Community of  
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To build the Kingdom of God through