

# Saint Paul the Apostle Parish – Saint Stanislaus Parish Saint Thomas Aquinas Church

November 13, 2022

*“He will come again to judge the living and the dead...”*

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that “Christ is Lord of eternal life. Full right to pass definitive judgment on the works and hearts of men belongs to Him as Redeemer of the world” (CCC 679).

As we reflect upon the Last Things (Heaven, Hell, Purgatory and Judgment) in this last month of the Church’s liturgical year, it is both beneficial and sobering to reflect upon the Last Judgment. We will all stand before the judgment seat of God where Christ who knows the deepest dispositions of our hearts will render to each man according to his works and according to his acceptance or refusal of grace (CCC 682). That judgment has eternal consequences.

There’s a story that during the Civil War a young Confederate soldier was brought up on charges before General Robert E. Lee. The young man was nervous, afraid and shaking. Lee said to him, “Soldier, you need not be nervous, you will get justice here.” The young man replied, “General, that’s what I’m afraid of.”

If justice were the sole criterion when we stand before Jesus in judgment, we too should be full of fear and dread because we are all sinners. But if we have faith, if we have repented of our sins, have striven to amend our lives through prayer, penance and charity and have been merciful to others, justice will not be the sole element of our judgment. Mercy, shown most perfectly in Christ’s redeeming death on the Cross, will give us hope. For “the Son did not come to judge, but to save and to give the life He has in Himself. (CCC 679). Aware of God’s mercy, we should live in hope. But hope is not presumption. Presumption can take the form of relying on oneself without God’s help, or casually presuming on God’s mercy without repentance, conversion and the amendment of life.

Our first reading this weekend warns, “Lo, the day is coming...” (Malachi 3:19). Let us be prepared, for we know not the day nor the hour (Mt 25:13). Let us remember God’s judgment, examine our lives, repent of our sins, confess them and amend our ways that we may grow in holiness and closeness to God. If we do, the day that comes, “blazing like an oven” when “all the proud and evildoers will be stubble” will bring not terror, condemnation and dread but “the sun of justice with its healing rays” (Malachi 3:19-20).



## ✠ Announcements ✠

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** During November we will have a book in Saint Paul’s and Saint Stanislaus for you to inscribe the names of your beloved deceased for whom we will be praying at all Masses during the month of November. Please feel welcome to write in the names of those for whom you wish us to pray.

**PARISH MEETINGS:** Next weekend, November 19-20, after each parish Mass, Fr. Reidy will share the year end financial report, discuss planning for our parishes and answer questions. We hope that you might be able to stay after Mass to attend.

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:** We will have an 8 am English Mass on Thanksgiving Day at Saint Stanislaus. We will bless food items you bring for your Thanksgiving Dinner. On a day when we call to mind our blessings, there is no better way to give thanks than to attend Mass. We hope that, if you are in town on Thanksgiving, you can join us in thanking God for our blessings.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION:** On Thanksgiving Day and Thanksgiving weekend Masses, we will gratefully accept your donations of canned goods and other non-perishables which we will pass on to assist those in need.

**SAINT PAUL’S CEMETERY:** We are very grateful for a recent generous donation that allowed us to purchase a commercial grade leaf blower for use in our cemetery. We are grateful to all those who helped maintain our cemetery this year. We are planning a late Fall cemetery cleanup day if the weather cooperates when the leaves are down.

**Vocations Intercessions for the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

That prayer, hard work and generous service will prepare many young men and women to answer the Lord's call to follow Him as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**"By your endurance you will gain your souls."** Are you being invited to gain your soul and the souls of countless others for Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or email: donato.infante@gmail.com.

**SUNDAY READINGS:**

**Novus Ordo:** Malachi 4:1-2; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19; "The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice." (Psalm 98:9).

**Usus Antiquior:** Philippians 3:17-21; 4:1-3; Matthew 9:18-26.

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** Your support of the parishes is needed and appreciated!

**Saint Stanislaus:** 11/05/2022 – \$371; **Saint Paul Parish:** 11/06/2022 – \$887

**MASS SCHEDULE AND CALENDAR**

| DATE   | TIME                      | LOCATION            | INTENTION                                      |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------|--|
| <b>Saturday, November 12</b><br>Confession<br>33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time                           | 2:30 – 3:15 pm<br>4:00 pm | St. Stanislaus (NO) | Pearl and Clarence Major by their family       |
| <b>Sunday, November 13</b><br>33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time   | 8:30 am                   | St. Paul (NO)       | †Witold Misiaszek by the Flebotte family       |
| <b>Sunday, November 13</b><br>Dominica XXIII post Pentecosten  | 12:00 noon                | St. Paul (LM)       | Pro Populo                                     |
| <b>Monday, November 14</b><br>Weekday  | 8:00 am                   | St. Stanislaus (NO) | Special Intention by Mike Sullivan             |
| <b>Tuesday, November 15</b><br>St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church<br>Adoration & Confession   | 8:00 am<br>5:00 – 8:00 pm | St. Stanislaus (NO) | †George LaPalm by Louise Mundell               |
| <b>Wednesday, November 16</b><br>St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin<br>Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet | 8:00 am<br>5:00 pm        | St. Stanislaus (NO) | †Bonnie Mack by Louise Mundell                 |
| <b>Thursday, November 17</b><br>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious  | 8:00 am                   | St. Stanislaus (NO) | †Witold Misiaszek by Louise Mundell            |
| <b>Saturday, November 19</b><br>Confession<br>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe                        | 2:30 – 3:15 pm<br>4:00 pm | St. Stanislaus (NO) | †Andrew and Jane Libiszewski by their family   |
| <b>Sunday, November 20</b><br>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  | 8:30 am                   | St. Paul (NO)       | Pro Populo                                     |
| <b>Sunday, November 20</b><br>Dominica XXIV post Pentecosten   | 12:00 noon                | St. Paul (LM)       | †Tara Jean Whitney by Lou & Amelia Della Croce |

(Key: NO – Novus Ordo; LM – Latin Mass)

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