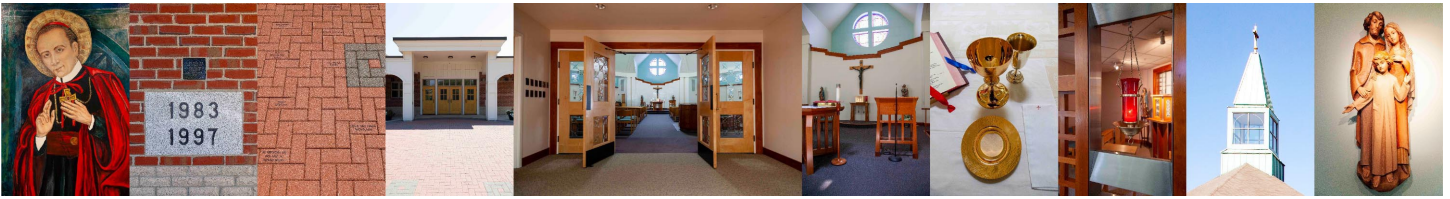


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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
34th—and last—SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
November 26, 2023
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipatory) 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Sunday 6:00 PM
Daily (Mon, Wed-Fri) 12:15 PM

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
And before/after daily Mass, or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Parent Baptism Class before the baptism of their child. The class is offered the first Sunday of each month following the 10:00 AM Mass.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least six months prior to the wedding date. The diocese requires Marriage Prep.

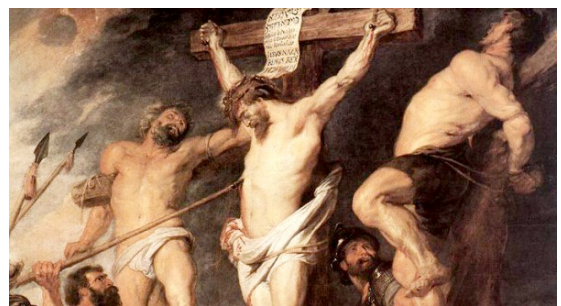
**VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK,
ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please call the office to request home or hospital visitation.

THE PASSION

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. —1 Cor 15:3-4

The first excerpt below is from St Thomas Aquinas (d. 1274) Summa Theologica, a summary of Question 46: The Passion of Christ. The second is his reflection on the virtues exemplified by Christ's passion.



THE CRUCIFIXION [detail]
by Peter Paul Rubens (d. 1640)

1. IF man was to be redeemed at all, it was necessary that God's plan for human redemption be carried out. This plan involved the suffering of God-made-man in his human nature.
2. The plan of God for man's redemption is most wondrous in every respect. Yet God could have willed to redeem mankind in some other way than by the Passion of Christ.
3. Still, there was surely no way more suitable for man's redeeming than the way of Incarnation and Passion. For here man sees how much God loves him; man has perfect and most noble example of all the virtues; man has grace made available through Christ's merits; man beholds the evil conqueror of his race subdued and vanquished by One who is truly man.
4. For many nobly symbolic reasons it was suitable that our Lord, dying for us by his own will, should have chosen the death of the cross. This mode of death was the most feared, and was considered the most degrading. To show that the upright man need fear no mode of death; to indicate that no mode of death



can sully the innocent; to give full and final evidence of his love for mankind and his hatred for sin, our Lord chose the death of the cross. And since he died for all, he chose to die in the open, on an eminence, with arms outstretched to all mankind.

5. Christ did not endure all forms of human suffering. Hewas not, as we have seen, subject to internal ailments, to sickness or disease. His bodily suffering was externally caused. And by dying on the cross, he excluded other modes of fatal suffering, such as burning or drowning. Yet, in one sense, our Lord did endure all human suffering: (i) all types of human beings had part in afflicting him: men, women, Jews, Gentiles, friends, acquaintances, strangers, rulers, servants; (ii) he endured abandonment, calumny, misrepresentation, blasphemy, insults, mockeries, despoliation even of his garments, sadness, weariness, fear, wounds, scourgings; (iii) he suffered in all members of his body, and in all his bodily senses.
6. Christ's suffering was the greatest of all suffering, the keenest pain. The prophet Jeremias (Lam. 1:12) foretold this fact in the cry: "O all ye that pass by the way, attend and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow." The external pains of the scourging, the crowning with thorns, and the crucifixion, were manifestly extreme. And the sadness of his perfect soul over the sins of men was the greatest distress ever humanly experienced. Our Lord's body was most perfect, and therefore most acutely sensitive to pain. And he did not permit study or consideration on the part of reason to allay the bodily pangs in any manner. For our Lord suffered voluntarily to win for man the greatest benefits; he measured his sufferings to accord with their fruits. Thus our Lord's pain in his Passion was the very greatest, the most intense, of pains.
7. When the body is ready by suffering to be torn from the soul, the soul itself suffers. For the soul in its essence is in the body and in every part of the body. And, since the faculties or powers of the soul are rooted in its essence, these powers suffer too in the suffering of the soul. Hence, Christ, during his Passion, suffered in his whole soul.
8. Yet, despite the fact that our Lord truly suffered in his whole soul, that soul had, throughout the Passion, the uninterrupted enjoyment of the beatific vision. There is no conflict here. Things do not block each other out unless they meet on a common plane. Thus, though love and hatred are opposites, a man may love God wholeheartedly and, at the same time, hate sin wholeheartedly. For love and hatred are not here on the same plane; they are not directed to the same thing. Hence, the wholehearted suffering of Christ did not come into conflict with the higher function of reason which was uninterruptedly fixed in wholehearted fruition of the beatific vision.
9. The time of Christ's suffering was divinely arranged, and hence was most wisely chosen. Our Lord did all

things in their proper season.

10. The same thing must be said of the place in which Christ willed to suffer. There is a manifest fitness in our Lord's choice of Jerusalem, the city of the great temple with its divinely prescribed sacrifices, as the place for his perfect sacrifice.
11. Our Lord who willed to be "reputed with the wicked" (Isa. 53:12) was crucified between two thieves. It belonged to the perfection of his suffering, which was the greatest, that he should bear the insult and obloquy of being publicly executed with an ordinary group of criminals as though he were one of them. The cross of Christ, with an unrepentant sinner on one side, and a converted sinner on the other, shows the divinely innocent judge of mankind on the judgment seat between "those on the right, and those on the left," the saved and the rejectors of salvation, as the case will be on the last day.
12. The Passion of Christ was the suffering and death of our Lord as man. We cannot say that the Godhead suffered and died. It is perfectly true that he who died is God. But he is also man, in the unity of the divine Person of the Son. It is the divine Person in his human nature that suffers and dies. The Godhead lives, both in the body of the dead Christ on the cross, and in the separated soul of Christ in Limbo.

WHY did the Son of God have to suffer for us?
There was a great need, and it can be considered in a twofold way: in the first place, as a remedy for sin, and secondly, as an example of how to act.

It is a remedy, for, in the face of all the evils which we incur on account of our sins, we have found relief through the passion of Christ. Yet, it is no less an example, for the passion of Christ completely suffices to fashion our lives. Whoever wishes to live perfectly should do nothing but disdain what Christ disdained on the cross and desire what he desired, for the cross exemplifies every virtue.

If you seek the example of love: "Greater love than this no man has, than to lay down his life for his friends." Such a man was Christ on the cross. And if he gave his life for us, then it should not be difficult to bear whatever hardships arise for his sake.

If you seek patience, you will find no better example than the cross. Great patience occurs in two ways: either when one patiently suffers much, or when one suffers things which one is able to avoid and yet does not avoid. Christ endured much on the cross, and did so patiently, because when he suffered he did not threaten; he was led like a sheep to the slaughter and he did not open his mouth. Therefore Christ's patience on the cross was great. In patience let us run for the prize set

before us, looking upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith who, for the joy set before him, bore his cross and despised the shame.

If you seek an example of humility, look upon the crucified one, for God wished to be judged by Pontius Pilate and to die.

If you seek an example of obedience, follow him who became obedient to the Father even unto death. For just as by the disobedience of one man, namely, Adam, many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one man, many were made righteous.

If you seek an example of despising earthly things, follow him who is the King of kings and the Lord of lords, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Upon the cross he was stripped, mocked, spat upon, struck, crowned with thorns, and given only vinegar and gall to drink.

Do not be attached, therefore, to clothing and riches, because "they divided my garments among themselves." Nor to honors, for he experienced harsh words and scourgings. Nor to greatness of rank, for "weaving a crown of thorns they placed it on my head." Nor to anything delightful, for "in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink."

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Nov 26, SUNDAY — 34th Week of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM | Sunday Mass
10:00 AM | Sunday Mass
6:00 PM | Sunday Mass
7:00 PM | Eucharistic Adoration

Nov 27, MONDAY

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Nov 28, TUESDAY

6:00 PM | **YOUTH & ADULT "Great Adventure Bible Study"**
7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

Nov 29, WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM | Knitting Group (meets every other Wednesday)
12:15 PM | Daily Mass
6:30 PM | Grief Share w/ Deacon Lester

Nov 30, THURSDAY — St Andrew, Apostle

9:00 AM | Day Away
10:00 AM | Thursday Women's Group
12:15 PM | Daily Mass
7:00 PM | **EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHT**

Dec 1, FRIDAY

10:00 AM | Food Pantry
10:30 AM | **ADULT "Great Adventure Bible Study"**
12:15 PM | Daily Mass w/ Eucharistic Adoration

Dec 2, SATURDAY

8:30 AM | First Saturday ROSARY
9:00 AM | First Saturday MASS
9:30 AM | Widow's Group (2nd Sat of month)
4:00 PM | Confession (until 5:00 PM)
5:30 PM | Anticipatory Sunday Mass

OFFERING

19 Nov '23 (32nd Sunday Ordinary Time):
posted on the bulletin board opposite the front office.

THANK YOU for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 25 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Roger Barney - 9th Anniv. (req. by John & Karen Bozzuto)
Nov 26 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Theresa Calautti (req. by Maureen Mooney)
Nov 26, 10:00 AM	Mike & Judy Hardy - LIVING INTENTION (62nd Wedding Anniv.)
Nov 26, 6:00 PM	Bill Raven (req. by Heather Wiggins)
Nov 27 (Mon), 12:15 PM	Maria Cosco (req. by Denise Odesse)
Nov 29 (Wed), 12:15 PM	Laureen Weinstock - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Denise Weinstock)
Nov 30 (Thu), 12:15 PM	Frank Duffey (req. by John & Mary Mann)
Dec 1 (Fri), 12:15 PM	James Dubois (req. by Sandy Towne)
Dec 2 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Carol Grondin (req. by John & Mary Mann)
Dec 3 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Pat Davis (req. by Tom Davis)
Dec 3, 10:00 AM	Jeanette Taylor + Terry Candler (req. by Ginny Hollard)

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Mass(es) for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Day of Obligation
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Bp. Peter Libasci will celebrate the Masses

7 Dec, 5:30 PM
8 Dec, 12:15 and 7:00 PM

IN MEMORIAM

We remember our faithful departed in prayer:

Diane Bonenfant, Maria Amelia, Deceased Members of the Ammirati Family, Andy Anderson, Mary Attella, Leo Attella, Jeryl Bacon, The Baffoni Family, Elizabeth Barney, Roger Barney, Batcheller Loesch Ancestors, The Beaupre

Family, Pauline Bellerose, Berthelsen Pennel Ancestors, John Berube, Lorraine Berube, Evelyn Blomehard, OFS, Mary & Larry Boudreau, Albin Boulger, Bower Family, James H. Bowyer, Jackie Bozzuto, John A. Bozzuto, Marie Bozzuto, Vince & Marie Buscema, Fr. Bernard Carger, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Chaisson, Pete Champagne, Ian Connolly, Maryann Coulter, Nancy DeBeradinis, Marie Davis, Pat Davis, Barbara Davis, Kenneth Davis, Ronald Denver, Lisa Deware, Ezio DiFilippis, Joseph Doherty, The Dubay Family, Roland & Jeanne Dube', Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DuBois, Russ & Edna Durkee, The Durkee Family, Evelyn & Ralph Dyan, Joseph & Anna Fagan, Joseph Feamster, Ramon Fernandez, Laurence Fletcher, Beatriz Fuentes, Ernest & Mary Jane Fusi, Maurice and Jean Gagne, Sr. Cecile Gamache, PM, Jean Gelinis, Susan Geraghty, Linda Graham, Jean B. Greene, John J. Greene, Leona Guercio, Patrick Guercio, Little Larry Hardy, All nine of the Hardy Family, Matthew Harris, Nina Helfreth, Enrique Henriquez, Rosario Hernandez, Herman G. Hetzler, Elizabeth Hetzler, Billy Howell, Jr., Jane Hrogh, The Hunsader Family, The Jerabek Family, Deceased Members of the Kelly Family, James Kenna, Mark Kenna, Sr., Ruth Kenna, Theresa Klumpp, Roy Klumpp, Edith Krhoun, Edward Krhoun, Bea Lampin, Joseph & Laura Leclerc, Tara LePore, Geary LePore, Riley Lessard, Norman Levasseur, Alfred Levasseur, Yvonne Levasseur, The Licata Family, Rainy Lill, Paul & Alice Lowney, The Lowney Family, Michael Lyle, Zachary Lyle, Deceased Members of the Maresco Family, Deceased Members of the Marolla Family, Deb Matson-Champagne, OFS, Anna M. McCann, Mary A. McCann, Michael C. McCann, Mary McCormack, John & Kathleen McKee, Martin McKee, Paul McKee, Michael Mercier, Tom Mercier, Ben Millikan, Mr. & Mrs. Max Miosek, Marion Morgan, Edna Mosher, William Mulcahy, Mary Mulcahy, Tom Mulhern, Carlos Mulino, Ed Myers, Mike & Jean Nader, Alma Needer, James Neely, Bill & Pauline Neely, John Neuzil, Florence Neuzil, Camilla Neveu, Roger Neveu, Jennie Pinelle, Peter Prifty, Pauline Prifty, Barbara Prifty, Roland & Juliette Poulin, Roger & Normand Poulin, Luis Quintero, Brigida Quintero, Sr. Rita R., Robert Riley, George Ritz, Mary Jane Ritz, John & Catherine Rombola, Francis Ryan, Ruth Ryan, Marie Ryan, Joseph Ryan, Laura Sassak, Fred Scherr, Glenn Scherr, Patricia Sciple, Deceased Members of the Stabile Family, Kazimierz Stankiewicz, Czeslawa Stankiewicz, Alina Stankiewicz, Eugeniusz Stankiewicz, William Steele, Earl Stimson, James & Connie Sullivan, Pat Sullivan, OFS, Nancy Tanner, Mary Moss Tanner, Ed Towne, Lorraine Trombley, Ray Trombley, Lillie & Carl Tuzris, Cyra Valdez, Cal Vincent Usera, Usera Tous Ancestors, Janet Wadleigh, Mary Irene Walsh, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wezalis, Rodger Yargeau, John Zewski, Sophie Zewski, Al Zewski.

**V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
R/. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May
their souls and the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in
peace. Amen.**

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

To add someone to the PRAYER LINE, please contact Teri at the parish office: (603) 880-4689, tschmitt@sjnnh.org. Please pray for:

Those in our Grief Share Group. Michelle. Thanksgiving for Jerry. Jennifer. Marina & Chris. Mel & her student. Steve & family. Jan. Jeanne. Victoria. Christina. Brian. Pat & James. Thanksgiving for Riley. Ian's family. The Gavert family. Heather W. Heather A. Elaine's sister. Kim. Erick. Danny. Eric. Shannon. Bill. Deanna. Sue. Lorin. Jennifer. Bob. Joan. Crystal. For a just ending to the wars in Israel and Ukraine. All of our parishioners and their needs.

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