

November 10, 2024
32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

OCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office.

I SPEAK OF PRAYER, NOT WORDS

Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. —Rom 12:12

The first excerpt is from a homily by St John Chrysostom (d. 407, bishop). The second is from Tertullian's (d. 240, apologist) treatise On Prayer. Both regard prayer as the supreme good. For Chrysostom, prayer "is the longing for God, love too deep for words, a gift not given by man but by God's grace".

For Tertullian, true worship consists in prayer which proceeds from spirit and truth. Prayer can work no evil, but has all power concerning good ... our eternal good. It alone conquers God.



MOSES SEES THE PROMISED LAND
FROM AFAR
by James Tissot (d. 1902)

PRAYER and converse with God is a supreme good: it is partnership and union with God. As the eyes of the body are enlightened when they see light, so our spirit when it is intent on God, is illumined by his infinite light. I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods but continuous throughout the day and night.

Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God, not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of charity, giving generously in the service of others, our spirit should long for God and call him to mind, so that these works may be seasoned with the salt of God's love, and so make a palatable offering to the Lord of the universe. Throughout the whole of our lives we may enjoy the benefit that comes from prayer if we devote a great deal of time to it.

Prayer is the light of the spirit, true knowledge of God, mediating between God and man. The spirit, raised up to heaven by prayer, clings to God with the utmost tenderness; like a child crying tearfully for its mother, it craves the milk that God provides. It seeks the satisfaction of its own desires, and receives



gifts outweighing the whole world of nature.

Prayer stands before God as an honored ambassador. It gives joy to the spirit, peace to the heart. **I SPEAK OF PRAYER, NOT WORDS. It is the longing for God, love too deep for words, a gift not given by man but by God's grace.** The apostle Paul says: We do not know how we are to pray but the Spirit himself pleads for us with inexpressible longings. When the Lord gives this kind of prayer to a man or woman, he gives him riches that cannot be taken away, heavenly food that satisfies the spirit. One who tastes this food is set on fire with an eternal longing for the Lord: his spirit burns as in a fire of the utmost intensity.

Practice prayer from the beginning. Paint your house with the colors of modesty and humility. Make it radiant with the light of justice. Decorate it with the finest gold leaf of good deeds. Adorn it with the walls and stones of faith and generosity. Crown it with the pinnacle of prayer. In this way you will make it a perfect dwelling place for the Lord. You will be able to receive him as in a splendid palace, and through his grace you will already possess him, his image enthroned in the temple of your spirit.

PRAYER is the spiritual offering which has abolished the ancient sacrifices. "What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?" says the Lord. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams; I have no desire for the fat of lambs or the blood of bulls and of goats. Who looked for these from your hands?" We learn from the gospel what God has asked for. "The hour will come," we are told, "when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. God is spirit, and so this is the kind of worshiper he wants."

We are the true worshipers and the true priests: praying in spirit, we make our sacrifice of prayer in spirit, an offering which is God's own and acceptable to him. This is the offering which he has asked for, and which he has provided for himself. This is the sacrifice, offered from the heart, fed on faith, prepared by truth; unblemished in innocence, pure in chastity, garlanded with love, which we must bring to God's altar, in a procession of good works, to the accompaniment of psalms and hymns. It will obtain for us from God all that we ask.

What will God deny to a prayer which proceeds from spirit and truth, seeing it is he who demands it? How great are the proofs of its efficacy which we read and hear and believe. The old prayer, no doubt, brought deliverance from fire, wild beasts and hunger, and yet it had not received its form from Christ: how much more fully efficacious then is Christian prayer!

It does not station the angel of the dew in the midst of the fire, nor block the mouths of lions, nor transfer to the hungry the peasants' dinner. It

has no special grace to avert the experience of suffering, but it arms with endurance those who do suffer, who grieve, who are pained. It makes grace multiply in power, so that faith may know what it obtains from the Lord, while it understands what for God's name's sake it is suffering.

In the past prayer induced plagues, put to flight the hosts of the enemy, brought on drought. Now, however, the prayer of righteousness turns aside the whole wrath of God, is concerned for enemies, makes supplication for persecutors. Is it surprising that it knows how to squeeze out the waters of heaven, seeing it did have power even to ask for fire and obtain it? Prayer alone it is that conquers God. But it was Christ's wish for it to work no evil: he has conferred upon it all power concerning good.

And so its only knowledge is how to call back the souls of the deceased from the very highway of death, to straighten the feeble, to heal the sick, to cleanse the devil-possessed, to open the bars of the prison, to loose the bands of the innocent. It also absolves sins, drives back temptations, quenches persecutions, strengthens the weak-hearted, delights the high-minded, brings home wayfarers, stills the waves, confounds robbers, feeds the poor, rules the rich, lifts up the fallen, supports the unstable, upholds them that stand.

The angels too pray, all of them. The whole creation prays. Cattle and wild beasts pray, and bend their knees, and in coming forth from their stalls and lairs look up to heaven, their mouth not idle, making the spirit move in their own fashion. Moreover the birds taking flight lift themselves up to heaven and instead of hands spread out the cross of their wings, while saying something which may be supposed to be a prayer. What more then of the obligation of prayer? Even the Lord himself prayed: to him be honor and power for ever and ever.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Nov 10, SUNDAY — 31st 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 11, MONDAY

12:15 AM | Daily Mass

6:15 PM | Monday Women's Group

Nov 12, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

Nov 13, WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM | Knitting Group (meets every other Wednesday)
 10:30 AM | "The Bible and the Virgin Mary"
 12:15 PM | Daily Mass
 6:30 PM | "The Bible and the Virgin Mary"

Nov 14, THURSDAY

9:00 AM | Day Away
 10:00 AM | Thursday Women's Group
 12:15 PM | Daily Mass
 6:00 PM | "A Journey Through Church History"

Nov 15, FRIDAY

10:00 AM | Food Pantry
 12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Nov 16, SATURDAY

8:30 AM | Men's Group
 9:30 AM | Widow's Group (2nd Sat of month)
 4:00 PM | Confession (until 5:00 PM)
 5:30 PM | Anticipatory Sunday Mass
 6:30 PM | OCIA

OFFERING

3 Nov '24: POSTED ON BB OUTSIDE FRONT OFFICE
 THANK YOU for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 9 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Marie Ivens (req. by Denise Weinstock)
Nov 10 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Phil Pelliters - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Emily Medeiros)
Nov 10 (Sun), 10:00 AM	SFC Edmund Roberge + All Veterans (req. by Roland & Diane Roberge)
Nov 10 (Sun), 6:00 PM	Cynthia Gavert (req. by the Gavert Family)
Nov 13 (Wed), 12:15 PM	Holy Souls
Nov 14 (Thu), 5:30 PM	Holy Souls
Nov 15 (Fri), 12:15 PM	Tim Maguire (req. by Jackie Campbell)
Nov 16 (Sat), 5:30 PM	James Gallagher (req. by Tom & Cynthia Sullivan)
Nov 17 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Thomas Brands (req. by Joan Mooney)
Nov 17 (Sun), 10:00 AM	Maurice & Jean Gagne (req. by Lee & Linda Ray)
Nov 17 (Sun), 6:00 PM	Elfriede Rauscher - 2nd Anniv. (req. by Werner Rauscher)

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

**St John Neumann Parish
HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 7, 2024, and join us at the St John Neumann Parish HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM! It will be a fun-filled day of holiday shopping and community spirit, featuring local artisans and vendors offering unique, handmade gifts—perfect for the season.

We need your help to spread the word! Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to attend. Admission is free for the public, so everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the event.

We are also looking for vendors! If you or someone you know is interested in selling their handmade items, vendor booths are available for \$30.00. To reserve a space, please contact Rachel Maccini at Rachelmaccini@gmail.com. Spaces are limited, so don't wait to sign up!

Let's make this a successful event for our parish community and have a great day together celebrating the holiday season!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The NH Food Bank has none of the following items this year. If you are able to help, our Food Pantry needs the following items by Nov 13 to be of use in the annual Thanksgiving baskets we distribute: Canned Cranberry Sauce + Canned Peas + Canned Green Beans + Canned Mushroom Soup + Large Boxes of Stuffing Mix + Large Boxes of Mashed Potatoes + Large Jar of Applesauce + and Canned Pumpkin.



**Santa's Helpers
Babysitting
Fundraiser**

To RSVP, email mwaclawik@sjnnh.org

Life Teen is offering babysitting in the Hall while parents shop for Christmas presents!

Games, activities, a Christmas movie & pizza will be provided!

FLAT \$20/FAMILY RATE

Saturday, November 23rd from 10 AM - 3:30 PM

Support Life Teen as we head to Georgia for camp in July!

CREATION CARE MINISTRY

The Creation Care team has some ECOLOGICAL EXAMEN PRAYER CARDS, which you can find under the TV on the way out. An EXAMEN is a daily prayer that involves reflecting on your day, your life. In this case, the examen helps you look at how your life choices impact creation and the poor and vulnerable. We invite you to take one and practice this EXAMEN.

DAY AWAY NEEDS MORNING VOLUNTEERS

St John Neumann DAY AWAY (Merrimack, NH) is a social activities outreach ministry that meets regularly on Thursdays. Several of our volunteers are getting ready to spend their winter in warmer climates until May. We are seeking caring people to join our all-volunteer staff, to assist in providing a safe, loving and stimulating environment for program participants who are living with the early stages of dementia. A larger volunteer staff enables a more flexible schedule for those who can assist every other week or once a month. In particular, we are seeking to expand our team of morning volunteers:

- 1:1 Participant Companion Volunteer: 8:30 AM to 12:15 PM. [Morning Breakfast Snacks and Lunch are provided.]

The best volunteers are friendly listeners who enjoy being with the elderly and learning about all that's meaningful in their lives. If you wish to learn more about the volunteer roles and orientation training, please contact:

Kathy Hopkins, RN, M.Ed.
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SJN Day Away—founded in 1992—is a social activities outreach ministry serving family caregivers in need of respite from the stresses of caring for loved ones living with earlier stages of Alzheimers or related dementias.

PRAYER LINE

To add someone PARISH PRAYER LINE please contact Teri at the parish office: (603) 880-4689, tschmitt@sjnnh.org. PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Youth volunteers and students-past, present, & future. Participants in our Grief Share group. Ron. Terry. Nancy. Sue. Jerry. Savannah. Emily. Helen. Laurie. Alice. Stably. Allyssa. A special intention. Thanksgiving for Emily. Judy. Margaret. Michael. Jean. Cheryl. Joan. Souls of Kim & JohnPaul.

Leon. Jay. Baby Evelyn. Nancy. John. Harriet. Rebecca. Joe. Marie. Anthony. Kevin. Families fractured by divorce. Families who don't speak to each other. Stronger Families. Those with respiratory issue. The unemployed. Our country. That our world turns their eyes to God. Unborn. Family and friends who have stepped away from the faith. Vocations. All of our parishioners and their needs. Holy Souls in Purgatory. For vocations. Clergy of the diocese. Those that have stepped away from the faith.

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE

It is customary to offer prayers for family members and to remember them at Mass throughout the whole of November. SPECIAL ENVELOPES are available in the foyer if you would like to have family members remembered at Mass throughout November. You may place the envelopes in the Collection Basket.

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