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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 31, 2021

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Sunday - 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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8:30 a.m.

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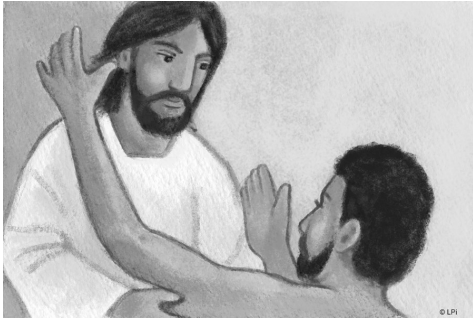
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“To love your neighbor is worth more than all sacrifices”



God gave the Ten Commandments to Israel when they practiced the Laws of “Eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”

Jesus fulfilled the Law of Moses not because it is too old but because those laws have no essence to them. The majority of Ten Commandments are simply like the state laws, such as, do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal etc.

All these laws are simply about outside behavior or expression. A simple way to explain this is that if you steal others' money you will be arrested by the state police. Jesus summarized all these commandments into the ‘Law of Love’. Why did Jesus summarize the Ten Commandments in to the Law of Love? Jesus did this because he is interested with the heart of the laws.

The state will not punish you if you do not love your brother.

The police will not arrest you if you violate the law of love. This law of love is purely divine not based on external law. The Old Commandments are very superficial. It has no depth in itself. God gave these Commandments to Israel when they had an unfair attitude.

The New Commandment of Jesus which is the law of love is essentially the action of our heart.

I will give you an example. Once a man asked me this question, “A priest told me even the saintly people commit sin every day. Is it right?” I told him if you practice the law of love then that is true because how can a saintly man eat and drink and live in a safe home without prick of conscience, when thousands of homeless have nothing to eat? But if you are not ready to accept the law of love of Jesus then that is false.

Can you commit sins against your best friend when you love him/her?

Today's Gospel highlights Jesus' law of love. “You have heard that you should not commit adultery but I say to you everyone who looks at woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” All the sins are in the same way. It starts, develops and matures in our heart.

Jesus' New Commandment is not an outside show but it is an inside action. Jesus teaches that real adultery happens inside of a person not outside. In the same way killing does come without bloodshed. Real friendship starts inside not outside. The root cause of divorce is that many times marriage happens only outside of a person not inside of them.

Prophet Ezekiel (36:26) also says this same concept, “I will remove your stony heart and place a new heart of flesh in you.”

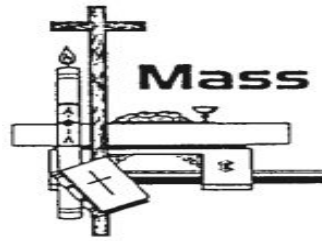
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 31, 2021
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and side-tracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Oct. 30, St. Alphonsus Rodriguez

4 p.m. +Micheal Asteriou by Jo Asteriou
 Dennis & Julie Saunders (51st Anniversary)
 by Jo Asteriou

Sunday, Oct. 31, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. +Paul Naccarato by Family
 11 a.m. +Paul Mazur by Family
 +Joseph McGuckin, +Pauline Donovan by
 Pat Durjo

Monday, Nov. 1, Weekday - All Saints Day

8:30 a.m. - +Mary & Frank Bialczyk by Family

Tuesday, 2, Weekday - All Souls Day

6:30 p.m. +Deceased parishioners

Wednesday, Nov. 3, Weekday

8:30 A.M. +John Stanash by Vasicek Family
 +Frances Staniszowski by Vasicek Family
 +Vera Fader by Rita Stanley
 +Jim Sullivan by Mary Lou Sullivan

Thursday, Nov. 4, weekday

8:30 a.m. - +Joe Pisarick by Dave & Kathy Pisarcik

Friday, Nov. 5, Weekday

8:30 a.m. - All children & Grandchildren by Carol Cooper
 +Bruce Stanley by Rita Stanley

Saturday, Nov. 5, Weekday

4:00 p.m. + Marare Cubulla (1yr ann)
 by Judy Ketter, +Pat Gallagher, +Cheryl Savage

Sunday, Nov. 7, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. +Deceased Podelski family members by Podelski family
 11:00 a.m. +Deceased Naruszewicz family members
 + Deceased members of St. Timothy Womens Honor
 Guard by Ann Dunouchelle

Please call or come into the office to request a Mass.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet. ©LP

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Daily Examen of Stewardship

“Stewardship” can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term “stewardship” from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. “Here’s Father asking for more money,” they groan inwardly, “Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards.”

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn’t say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the “Daily Examen” — a pious devotion wherein, at day’s end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God’s will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him? What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him? To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me? Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

What is a Pilgrimage?

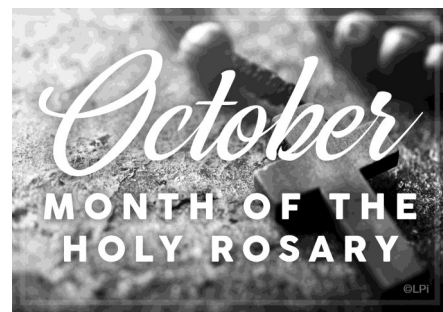
Question: What is a pilgrimage? Why do people go on them?

Answer:

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called “indulgences”) can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far. ©LPi



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MILITARY PRAYER LIST

May God bless and protect all men and women in the military, especially those we pray for here:

John DeLucia, Sydney King Air Force, Peter J. Podolski, ; Air Force; Jonathan Martin, Air Force; Tim Shiflet, Army; Ben Stoddard, Army; Justin M. Purdy, Marines.



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STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 9-10, 2021

Weekly Budget	\$6,000.00
Offertory (received by mail and at church)	3,061.33
Envelopes	79

All Souls Day

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 6:30 PM**

We will offer Mass on Tuesday, November 2 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to unite with us as we ask God's merciful deliverance upon the faithful departed and give thanks for the gift of their lives and kindness.

Memorial candles will be lit for those whose funeral services were held through St. Timothy since last October 31. Family members of those departed will be able to take their loved one's candle home with them after the mass.

Just A Note ...

Lectors - Please pick up your workbook and schedule.

National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month occurs every

October. During the entire month, we take time to honor and remember those who have lost a child during pregnancy or lost a child in infancy.

We ask you to say a special prayer for those families who have gone through this hard time.

Sunday, Oct 31, 2021 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Now and at the hour of our death

All Hallows' Evening (contracted to Hallowe'en) begins the liturgical period of All Hallowtide, when saints, martyrs, and the departed in general are kept in special memory. Hallowed means consecrated, as the souls of the dead are in God's hands. All of the holy and troubled souls who have gone before us—represented by trick-or-treaters dressed as superheroes or vampires among others—are worthy of our mindful recollection and prayers.

Today's readings: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34 (152). "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!"

Monday, Nov 1, 2021 SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Keep on marching

There are more than 10,000 saints venerated by the Catholic Church. (The exact number is a little unclear since some early saints may be more legendary than historical.) A lot of them are fairly new—Pope John Paul II (himself a saint) canonized more saints than all the popes in the previous 500 years combined. What does it mean to be a saint? A saint is anyone in heaven, whether canonized or not, and could include your own late family and friends. It doesn't mean they were perfect in life, but that they kept trying to live a holy life. Saints form the "great cloud of witnesses" and they're all cheering for you as you strive to be a saint, too.

Today's readings: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Tuesday, Nov 2, 2021 COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY) Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door

From the earliest days of Christianity—as believers shared Eucharist in the catacombs, alongside the dead—we Catholics have woven prayers for our dearly departed into many observances: every celebration of the Mass, praying the Rosary, annual parish-wide remembrances of the dead throughout November—even incorporating elements of Día de los Muertos from Latino tradition. We pray so that all souls who've been detoured through purgatory might, with our prayerful help, enjoy triumphant entry into heaven. As you remember your own dearly departed today, celebrate in Día de los Muertos style: Pray with their photos, visit their graves, enjoy their favorite foods.

Today's readings: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 (668). "Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life."

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021 MEMORIAL OF MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS United in our diversity

Born in colonial Peru in 1579 to a mix of Spanish, African, and indigenous ancestors, Martin de Porres was barred from full membership in a religious order in his racially stratified society. Martin was not deterred, however, and his gifts as a healer and spiritual leader elevated him to a position of great renown and respect within the Dominican order and Peruvian society. Today, there is a 61 percent chance that two people selected at random in the United States will be of different racial or ethnic backgrounds,

according to the 2020 Census. As patron saint of race relations and those of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, Martin offers inspiration to all of us to work for social justice in our increasingly diverse nation.

Today's readings: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33 (487). "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Thursday Nov. 4, 2021 MEMORIAL OF CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP Times that try our souls

It's a tricky business to take stock of the "signs of the times," as Vatican II urged us to do. One person who was good at assessing the strengths and flaws of his culture was Saint Charles Borromeo (1538-84), a reformer who used his education and power as bishop to heal and repair the church. Pray that the Holy Spirit give us wisdom to perceive how God is present today, and to help bring about that presence where it seems to be lacking.

Today's readings: Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10 (488). "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people."

Friday, Nov. 5, 2021 What would Jesus not do?

It's easy to understand why evangelism is so compelling. We can't wait to share the awesome news of finding our heart's treasure in Jesus the Christ and the Catholic faith. But we must also take great care in evangelism so that we do not end up "colonizing" others, that is, assuming there is nothing good or godly in another person or group and imposing our own "enlightened" ways upon them. Jesus certainly does not do this. Instead, he shows by his own life the love of God and he looks where God already is in the world and in people's lives. In what ways can we safeguard respect for others and God in our own call to be evangelists?

Today's readings: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8 (489). "I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me."

Saturday, 6, 2021 Inspiration knows no bounds

Jesus' life and ministry broke open the "old wineskins" of religious and social customs. Inspired by his example, the early church was remarkably diverse and creative, and women played key roles every step of the way. Priscilla (or Prisca, her formal name), along with her husband, Aquila, were companions of Saint Paul and prominent leaders in the early church—and Priscilla's name usually appears first when they are mentioned in the New Testament, a hint of her esteemed position. She instructed the learned Apollos, and some commentators think she may have had a hand in authoring the epistle to the Hebrews. Raise a glass to new wineskins—may they continue to pour out the Spirit!

Today's readings: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15 (490). "Greet Prisca and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life."

Celebrate the life. Cherish the memories.



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