

In the spirit of St. Joseph, we lovingly serve Jesus Christ and His people.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

SAINT JOSEPH

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register in person at the Parish Office or complete a registration form (available in church). Please return to Parish Office or put in collection.

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Mass in Spanish Sunday 1:30 p.m.
Holy Days Check inside of bulletin
Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday &
Friday 8:15 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m. Sunday 12:30-1:15 p.m. or anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least eight months before any other planning.

BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office. Bautismo en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo. Los padres y padrinos deben recibir charles de preparación en el Centro Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las Oficinas de la Parroquia.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please have bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or e-mail stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.









St. Joseph Church Dover, Ohio 44622

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 28 and 29, 2023 28 y 29 de Octubre del 2023



Mass Intentions

Monday, October 30

No Mass

Readings: 479: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 31 (Vigil for All Saints)

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary

6:00 p.m. Aurea Carpio

Wednesday, November 1 (All Saints Day)

8:15 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 667: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24/1 Jn 3:1-3/

Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday, November 2 (All Souls' Day)

8:15 a.m. Denise Fitzgerald **9:00 a.m.** Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

Readings: 668: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23/Rom 5:5-11

Friday, November 3 (First Friday)

8:15 a.m. Deacon Ron Fondriest **9:00 a.m.** Eucharistic Adoration **3:00 p.m.** Divine Mercy Chaplet

Readings: 483: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday, November 4

The Vigil for The Thirty-first Sunday

in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Toni Altier O'Brien

Sunday, November 5

The Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Jim and Shirley Fondriest

11:00 a.m. Warren and Mary Lou VanFossen **1:30 p.m.** The People the Parish (Spanish Mass) Readings: 151: Mal 1:14b–2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131/

1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Offertory for October 21 and 22, 2023

Loose Cash and Checks	\$	3,282.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$	5,044.00
Online Giving	\$	505.00
Total	\$	8,831.00
	Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$	230.00
Capital Improvement	\$	245.00
Youth Ministry	\$	140.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$	75.00
Other Collections	\$	411.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, October 31 – 6:00 p.m. – Volunteers Needed **Wednesday, November 1** – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students **Thursday, November 2** – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy **Thursday, November 2** – 6:00 p.m. – Volunteers Needed **Friday, November 3** – 8:15 a.m. – Matt Ritzert

November 4, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Debbie Tristano - 1st Lector

Mary Salvo - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Jackie Hostetler, Beth Cecil, Mary DeBois, Lyle Tope, Michelle Tope Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois Servers: Alex Utuy, Dylan Utuy, Sofia Ionno

November 5, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Jack Burnham – 1st Lector

Matt Ritzert - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: John Kuczirka, Sharon Kuczikra,

Doug Telle, Andrea Settimio, Lou Settimio,

Jeannine Kennedy, Becky Sedares

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Miya Olson, Matthew Olson, Volunteer Needed

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Cathy Galbraith – 1st Lector Mark Clemence – 2nd Lector Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Galbraith,

Elizabeth Clemence, Marcus Clemence, Beth Ernest,

Mary Elco, Sue Worth, Patti DeVault Ushers: Patti DeVault, Lindsay Williams,

Larry and Linda Clawson

Servers: Izzy Murphy, Greg Nguyen, Joseph Miller

If you know of a friend or family member who is in the hospital for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.



Prayer Chain: To place your request on the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063. If no one is available, please leave a message.

Spiritual Notes

They say that experience is the best teacher. But we often fail to learn from our past, especially our collective past. The laws given to the Israelites on Mount Sinai were intended to guide them along the path of righteousness so that they might serve as a light to the nations, fulfilling a promise God made to Abraham in Genesis to bless all nations through Abraham's family. In biblical Israel there is no "separation between church and state;" God's law is the law of the land. Today's reading shows a particular concern for the vulnerable in society: aliens, widows and orphans, and the poor. God calls the people to show concern for aliens in their midst because they themselves "were once aliens.... in the land of Egypt;" their experience should help them empathize with others in a similar situation. God encourages compassion for widows, orphans, and the poor by saying that, if the vulnerable are not treated justly, "I will surely hear their cry." Paul reminds the Thessalonians that the power of the Gospel has transformed them into imitators of the Lord. As disciples, we are called to serve the living and true God with our lives as we await His Son from heaven. We live in this world while acting as citizens of heaven. The connection between today's Gospel and the first reading is rather obvious. A Pharisee comes to test Jesus, so Jesus reminds the biblical scholar that two things are important in life: loving God and loving our neighbor. Later theologians will tell us that we cannot love if we do not love our neighbor. As Jesus says, "the whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." Examining all the commandments in the Torah, not just the first "ten commandments," we discover that they all deal with our relationship with God and our relationship with neighbor. To be a holy people, we must show love for both.

For reflection: How is my life different because of the good news I have heard? How can I help transform society to be more just?

Please keep in your prayers, Grace DeMonte, age 89, who died on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Please also keep her family in your prayers.

Communion Outreach

There is a need for our Catholics unable to leave their homes, to receive Holy Communion. We have a solid group of dedicated Eucharistic Ministers who see to this need. But, we need a person or couple to visit residents in the Skilled Nursing section of Park Village on the second Sunday of the month. In addition, we need a few people who would be willing to substitute when the regular EMs could not visit their section. Training will be available. Please call the Parish Office or Mary DeBois at 330-204-3973 if you feel you can give your time.

Mark Your Calendars!

October 31, 2023 Vigil Mass for All Saints 6:00 p.m.

November 1, 2023

Mass for All Saints

8:15 a.m.

November 2, 2023

Memorial Mass for the Deceased

6:00 p.m.

November 7, 2023

LCBA

Family Life Center 1:00 p.m.

November 12, 2023

Confirmation Session 1

11:00 a.m. Mass

Followed by Session in the Family Life Center

November 15, 2023

St. Joseph Seniors

Ricardo's Party Center

12:00 p.m. (Noon)

November 16, 2023

Knights of Columbus Wives Dinner

Knights Hall - 6:30 p.m.

November 23, 2023

Thanksgiving Day

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

December 5, 2023

TCCES Reconciliation Service

10:00 a.m.

December 9, 2023

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

Knights Hall – 5:00 p.m.

December 10, 2023

Lessons and Carols

6:00 p.m.

December 13, 2023

TCCES Christmas Play

St. Joseph Church – 6:00 p.m.

December 16, 2023

Breakfast with Santa!

Knights Hall - 9:00 a.m.

December 17, 2023

Family Faith Formation Family Day

TCCES Gym - 9:45 a.m.

December 20, 2023

St. Joseph Seniors

Ricardo's Party Center - Noon

Our Advent Bible Study, Rejoice!

We will delve into the Sunday readings via brief videos and daily journal. The introductory session will be Sunday, November 26th and the brief weekly video plus group discussion will be all four Sundays of Advent, December 3, 10, 17, and 24 after the 8:30 a.m. Masses.

November is the month dedicated to remember the saints and our deceased family members and friends. November 1st and 2nd, the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls. We mourn and honor all our beloved dead. The "Book of the Dead" to remember those family and friends who have died will be on the table in the Vestibule of the Church, beginning this weekend. All are invited to write the names of their deceased family members and friends in this book, those names will be remembered in prayer.



Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools



Salute to Veterans

You are cordially invited to our annual Salute to Veterans on Monday, November 13, 2023, at TCC High School. Veterans and their guests may arrive any time after 9:15 a.m. The formal program will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a Veterans Walk-In. Lunch will be provided after the assembly.

RSVP by November 6: Please let us know if we should expect you by calling the TCC office (330-343-3302) or sending us an email (<u>jmarino1@cdeducation.org</u>). Please contact us for additional information.

Paint and Sip Fundraiser

Saturday, November 4th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at TCC High School. The cost is \$40.00 and includes brunch, your first glass of wine, and all art supplies. The instructor for this event will be Sarah Dugger. For more information, please contact Michelle Angelini at 330-412-1137. All proceeds benefit TCC Golf. We hope you will attend!

The Neal Kwasnicka Tuition Assistance Catholic Foundation Endowment Fund

The Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School, Tuition Assistance Fund named in honor of long-time custodian at Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School, is being established by the St. Joseph Parishioners at his retirement with love and gratitude for his service to the community.

If you would like to make a contribution to this new endowment fund that will provide tuition assistance to deserving students who will attend TCCES in the future, please make your checks payable to either TCCES or the Catholic Foundation. For more information, please call the St. Joseph Parish Office.

St. Joseph Youth Ministry Upcoming Dates!

November 5th – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Family Life Center November 19th – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Holy Trinity December 3rd – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Family Life Center More details to come!

<u>Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas</u> County Annual Paper Product Drive

Beginning in September, for the entire month, there will be bins in the Vestibule to collect paper product items. Those items most in need are: paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates, dinner napkins, trash bags, Ziploc bags, wax paper, aluminum foil, baby diapers of all sizes, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, and dry laundry detergent. Please consider supporting this worthy cause!



The next drawing will be Friday, November 17th at 5:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need: the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. Teams, if you need assistance, please contact Andrea Settimio or the Parish Office.

November 1, 2023 – Team I (Isabellas) November 8, 2023 – Team J (Ashley Graham) November 22, 2023 – Team K (Hannah Jacobs) November 29, 2023 – Team L (Chrissie DeBois)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!

Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box located at the Family Life Centers has been able to provide food for many people in need. Our volunteers are restocking several times a week.

The items most in need are:

Tuna Spaghetti Noodles Beef Stew Baked Beans Toothbrush Toothpaste

If you would like to contribute items, there is a tote in the Vestibule of the church. Or you can make monetary donations by placing an envelope marked "Mini Pantry" in the collection basket.

O.C.I.A. Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about Catholicism and The Church's process for becoming Catholic, please encourage them to contact John Kuczirka at 330-343-9988 for information concerning the next period of inquiry.

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

"Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head." +SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO

Monday, October 30 ~ Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 Jesus was teaching in a synagogue on the Sabbath. And a woman was there who for eighteen years had been crippled by a spirit; she was bent over, completely incapable of standing erect. When Jesus saw her, he called to her and said, "Woman, you are set free of your infirmity." He laid his hands on her, and she at once stood up straight and glorified God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, said to the crowd in reply, "There are six days when work should be done. Come on those days to be cured, not on the Sabbath day." The Lord said to him in reply, "Hypocrites! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath until his ox or his ass from the manger and lead it out for watering? This daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound for eighteen years now, ought she not to have been set free on the Sabbath day from this bondage?" When he said this, all his adversaries were humiliated; and the whole crowd rejoiced at all the splendid deeds done by him.

Meditation: There are a plethora of things that, at times, can keep any of us bound up or oppressed – especially physical, emotional, or spiritual infirmities, which can befall us. Notice that when Jesus encountered an elderly woman who was spent of her strength and unable to stand upright, he gave her words of faith and freedom and he restored her to health. She must have suffered much, both physically and spiritually for eighteen years, since Jesus remarked that Satan had bound her. How can Satan do this? The scriptures indicate that Satan can act in the world with malice and can cause injuries of a spiritual nature, and indirectly even of a physical nature. Satan's power, however, is not infinite. He cannot prevent the building up of God's kingdom or reign in our lives. Jesus demonstrates the power and authority of God's kingdom in releasing people who are oppressed by physical and emotional sickness, by personal weakness and sin, and by the harassment of the evil one in their lives. It took only one word from Jesus to release this woman instantly of her infirmity. Do you believe in the power of Jesus to release you from affliction and oppression?

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The Jewish leaders were indignant that Jesus would perform such a miraculous work on the Sabbath, the holy day of rest. They were so caught up in their ritual observance of the Sabbath that they lost sight of God's mercy and goodness. Jesus healed on the Sabbath because God does not rest from showing his mercy and love, ever. God's word has power to change us, spiritually, physically, and emotionally. Is there anything that keeps you bound up or that weighs you down? Let the Lord speak his word to you and give you freedom.

Tuesday, October 31 ~ Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 13:18-21 Jesus said, "What is the Kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches." Again he said, "To what shall I compare the Kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch of dough was leavened."

Meditation: What can mustard seeds and leaven teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within. Leaven is another powerful agent of change. A lump of dough left to itself remains just what it is, a lump of dough. But when the leaven is added to it a transformation takes place which produces rich and wholesome bread when heated -- the staple of life for humans. The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to Jesus Christ, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. Paul the Apostle says, "we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Cor. 4:7). Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus answers his own rhetorical questions with marvelous images: the tiny seed that grows into the large bush, the yeast that transforms the flour into an abundance of bread. We know this, that a small thing can have a big effect, as we have known a suggestion, a hope, an idea – followed – to lead to a whole career or way of life. From a chance meeting comes a fruitful relationship; from a small kindness comes – well, salvation. To me, this is about Faith and Hope – especially that my little faith and smaller abilities may yet help build "the Kingdom of Heaven." So although I continue to weep and groan, I pray each day, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done." A good question for today is: What can I do today that might be the seed or the bit of yeast that will grow into the Kingdom for others? That's a good question, and may be the right question for my readers. But – true confession here! – having considered this Gospel, I've discovered the question truly rhetorical (because I have an answer) that I've been trying to avoid -- that I am finally asking myself today is: What apparently little thing must I change in my life so that God may Reign in me?

Wednesday, November 1 ~ Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time Solemnity of All Saints ~ A Holy Day of Obligation ~

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Meditation: The beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness that God has placed in every heart. They teach us the final end to which God calls us, namely the coming of God's kingdom (Matthew 4:17), the vision of God (Matthew 5:8; 1 John 2; 1), entering into the joy of the Lord (Matthew 25:21-23) and into his rest (Hebrews 4:7-11). Jesus' beatitudes also confront us with decisive choices concerning the life we pursue here on earth and the use we make of the goods he puts at our disposal. God alone satisfies. Theresa of Avila's prayer book contained a bookmark which she wrote: "Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you; all things pass: God never changes. Patience achieves all it strives for. Whoever has God lacks nothing, God alone suffices." Is God enough for you? God offers us the greatest good possible – abundant life in Jesus Christ (John 10:10) and the promise of unending joy and happiness with God. Do you seek the highest good, the total good, which is above all else?

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What is the good life which God intends for us? And how is it related with the ultimate end or purpose of life? Is it not our desire and longing for true happiness, which is none other than the complete good, the sum of all goods, leaving nothing more to be desired? Jesus addresses this question in

his sermon on the mount. The heart of Jesus' message is that we can live a very happy life. The call to holiness, to be saints who joyfully pursue God's will for their lives, can be found in these ten beatitudes. Jesus' beatitudes sum up our calling or vocation – to live a life of the beatitudes. The word beatitude literally means "happiness" or "blessedness." Living a life of Christ will bring us true joy, true happiness – everything else of this world is fleeting.

About All Saints Day: Today the Church celebrates all the saints: canonized or beatified, and the multitude of those who are in heaven enjoying the beatific vision that are only known to God. During the early centuries the Saints venerated by the Church were all martyrs. Later on the Popes set November 1 as the day for commemorating all the Saints. We all have this "universal call to holiness." What must we to do in order to join the company of the saints in heaven? We "must follow in His footsteps and conform [our]selves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. [We] must devote [our]selves with all [our] being to the glory of God and the service of [our] neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history" (Lumen Gentium, 40).

Thursday, November 2 ~ Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed ~ All Souls' Day

Holy Gospel: John 6:37-40 Jesus said to the crowds: "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

Meditation: What kind of future are you preparing for? What about the life to come after our death? God puts in the heart of every living person the desire for unending life and happiness with him. While death claims each of us at the appointed time, God gives us something which death cannot touch -- his own divine life and sustaining power. In the Old Testament, one of the greatest testimonies of faith and hope in the midst of great suffering and pain is that of Job: For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another (Job 19:25-27).

Prayer: Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

An additional prayer for those who have died: Almighty God, through the death of Your Son on the Cross, You destroyed our death; through His rest in the tomb You hallowed the graves of all who believe in You; and through His rising again You restored us to eternal life. God of the living and the dead, accept our prayers for those who have died in Christ and who are buried with Him in the hope of rising again. Since they were true to Your name on earth, may they praise You forever in the joy of heaven. Amen.

Contemplation: Yesterday we celebrated "All Saints" day; today we celebrate "All Souls" day as a day of remembrance and honor to those who have died. As we commemorate this day, it seems much like our Memorial Day civic holiday – without the veteran aspect of the holiday. What is the difference between our celebrations? On All Saints Day we pray to those saints in heaven to intercede for us. And on occasion this includes someone we know and who has been a strong part of our life. But on All Souls Day we pray for our loved ones who have died and ask the Lord to admit them to their eternal reward. Our readings encourage us to open up our minds and hearts to the mystery of God's love for us. We very easily can focus our attention on what we are missing as we remember our family and friends who have died. And this very human emotion is strong and is good and is part of our human nature which God has created. But God also has called us to trust in His promises of salvation and an eternal reward. Jesus reveals himself in many countless ways to those who seek him with eyes of faith. When we read the word of God in the Bible, Jesus speaks to us and reveals to us the truth – the mind and heart of God the Father.

All Souls Indulgences: An indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory (a specific person, or to any soul in purgatory), is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from November 1-8; on other days of the year it is partial. + A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed [November 2 (as

well as on the Sunday preceding or following, and on All Saints' Day)] piously visit a church. In visiting the church it is required that one Our Father and the Creed be recited. + To acquire a plenary indulgence it is necessary also to fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father. The three conditions may be fulfilled several days before or after the performance of the visit; it is, however, fitting that communion be received and the prayer for the intention of the Holy Father be said on the same day as the visit. + The condition of praying for the intention of the Holy Father is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary. A plenary indulgence can be acquired only once in the course of the day. For more information, visit:

https://www.ncregister.com/blog/here-s-how-you-can-help-the-holy-souls-in-purgatory

Friday, November 3 ~ Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1-6 On a Sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. In front of him there was a man suffering from dropsy. Jesus spoke to the scholars of the law and Pharisees in reply, asking, "Is it lawful to cure on the Sabbath or not?" But they kept silent; so he took the man and, after he had healed him, dismissed him. Then he said to them "Who among you, if your son or ox falls into a cistern, would not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" But they were unable to answer his question.

Meditation: In our increasingly busy world where we regularly try to pack ten pounds of activities into a five pound bag, today we should give an honest assessment of how each of us approaches the commandment to observe the Sabbath as a day of rest to honor the Lord. Obviously there is a balance to be struck here. The Pharisees were convinced that Jesus was a reckless Sabbath-breaker. The Gospels record seven incidents in which Jesus healed people on the Sabbath - the seventh day of the week set apart for rest and the worship of God. You would think Jesus' miracles on the Sabbath day of rest would draw admiration and gratitude from all. Unfortunately, each incident seemed to incite increasing hostility from the religious leaders who held an interpretation that went beyond God's intention for the Sabbath day of rest. They were certain that Jesus was a dangerous and irreligious man, a Sabbath-breaker, who must be stopped at all costs. But what about ourselves? How do we treat Sunday (the Sabbath for Christians)? Do we make going to Mass a priority because we want to give fitting praise, worship and thanksgiving to God, and to be nourished by the words of sacred scripture and the Body and Blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ? Do we have a desire to "want" to go to Mass, versus a drag-your-feet attitude of "do I have to go to Mass?" Do I place sports, practices, rehearsals, sleep, shopping, travel, time in the office to catch up, yard work, et cetera above Mass? Or do I make Mass a priority recognizing that I can do these other things later? After Mass, am I cheating myself out of a much-needed day of rest by choosing instead to pack ten pounds of activities into a five-pound bag?

Prayer: O God, who led Saint Martin de Porres by the path of humility to heavenly glory, grant that we may so follow his radiant example in this life as to merit to be exalted with him in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Why did God give the commandment to keep holy the Sabbath and enjoined his people to refrain from work on that day? The "Sabbath rest" was (and is still) meant to be a time to remember and celebrate God's goodness and the goodness of his works, both in creation and redemption. It was (and still is) a day set apart for the praise of God, his work of creation, and his saving actions on our behalf. It was (and still is) intended to bring everyday work to a halt and to provide needed rest and refreshment. It was not, however, intended to put a stop to love of God and love of neighbor. The law of love supersedes the law of rest! Jesus shows the fallacy of the Pharisees' legalism by pointing to God's intention for the Sabbath: to do good and to heal. Are hospitals closed on Sundays? Of course not. The need for physical healing is a constancy in our lives. So is spiritual healing, which is just as important. That is why the Sabbath remains an important day in our lives to get the spiritual nourishment we need to keep ourselves spiritually fit in order to live our lives as disciples of Christ.

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For The Pope

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Por el Papa

Oremos por el Papa, para que en el ejercicio de su misión siga acompañando en la fe a la grey que le ha sido encomendada, con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo.



Horario de los Coros

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Notas Espirituales

Dicen que la experiencia es el mejor maestro. Pero a menudo no aprendemos de nuestro pasado. Especialmente nuestro pasado colectivo. Las leyes dadas a los hijos de Israel en el Monte Sinaí fueron destinados para guiarlos por el camino de la justicia para que puedan servir como una luz de las naciones, cumpliendo una promesa que Dios le hizo a Abraham en Génesis para bendecir a todas las naciones a través de la familia de Abraham. En el Israel bíblico no hay "separación entre Iglesia y Estado;" La ley de Dios es la ley de la tierra. La lectura de hoy muestra una preocupación particular para los más vulnerables en la sociedad: extranjeros, viudas, huérfanos y pobres. Dios llama a la gente a demostrar preocupación por los extranjeros en medio de ellos, porque ellos mismos "fueron forasteros... en la tierra de Egipto;" su experiencia debería ayudarles a empatizar con los demás en una situación similar. Dios anima a la compasión por las viudas, los huérfanos y los pobres diciendo que, si las personas vulnerables no son tratados con justicia "ciertamente oiré yo su clamor." Pablo recuerda a los tesalonicenses que el poder del evangelio los ha transformado en "imitadores... del Señor." Como discípulos, estamos llamados a "servir al Dios vivo y verdadero" con nuestras vidas a medida que "esperamos a su Hijo del cielos." Vivimos en este mundo mientras actuamos como ciudadanos del cielo. La conexión entre el Evangelio de hoy y la primera lectura es bastante obvia. Un fariseo pone a prueba a Jesús, así Jesús recuerda al estudioso bíblico que hay dos cosas importantes en la vida: amar a Dios y amar a nuestro prójimo. Teólogos posteriores nos dirán que no podemos amar a Dios si no amamos a nuestro prójimo. Como dice Jesús, "Toda la ley y los profetas dependen de estos dos mandamientos." Examinar todos los mandamientos en el Torah - no sólo los primeros "diez mandamientos" - descubrimos que todos ellos tratan de nuestra relación con Dios y nuestra relación con el prójimo. Para ser un pueblo santo, debemos demostrar nuestro amor por ambos.

Para la reflexión: ¿Cómo es mi vida diferente debido a las buenas enseñanzas que he oído? ¿Cómo puedo ayudar a transformar la sociedad para ser más justo?

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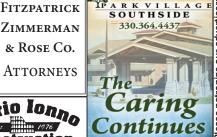
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