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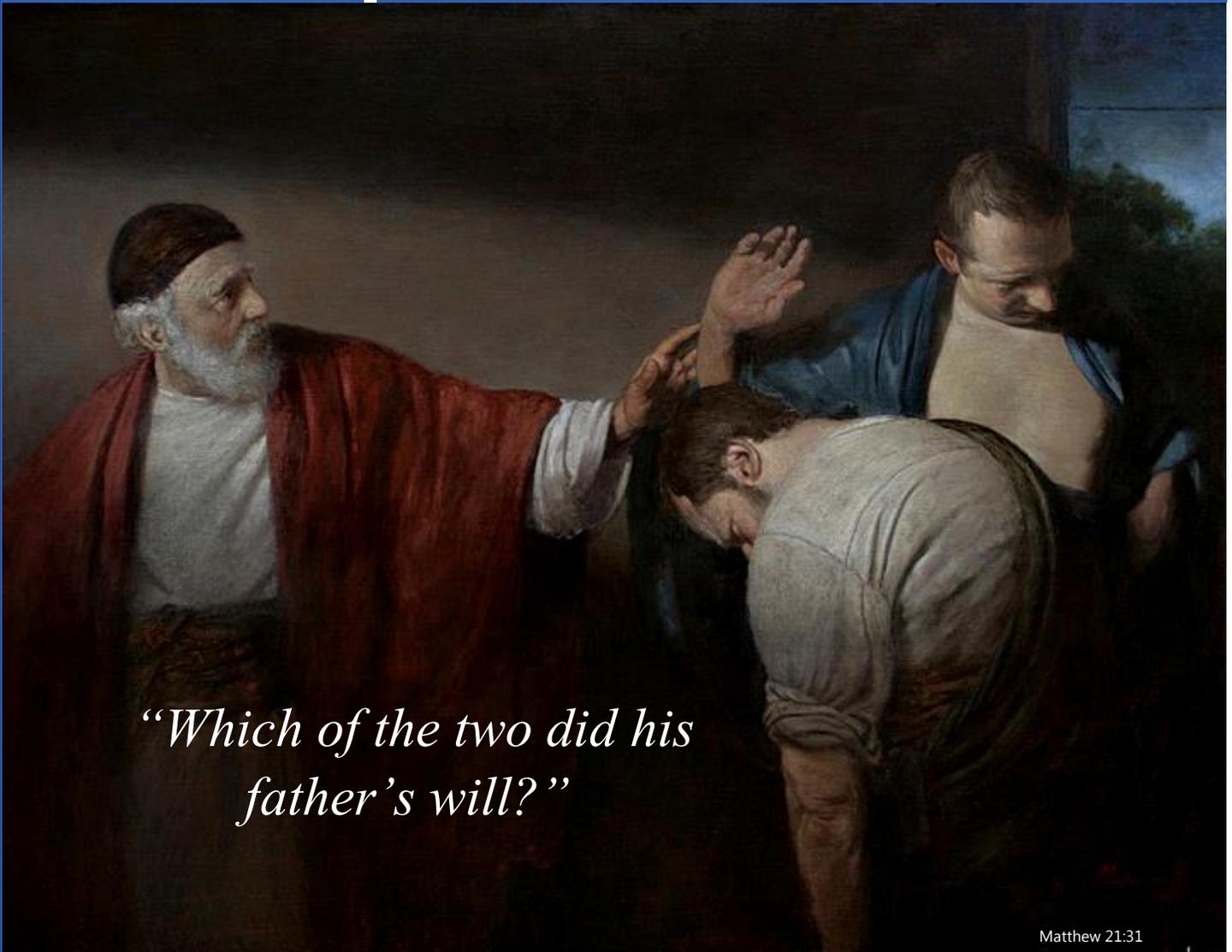
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Sunday Masses: (5 pm Sat)
8am, 10am, 12pm

Confessions: Saturday at 3:30pm

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Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord



*“Which of the two did his
father’s will?”*

Matthew 21:31

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ST. LAMBERT PARISH
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2020



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
 Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Sunday Offertory CollectionSept. 19– 25, 2020

Sunday Envelopes:	\$4,452.00
Loose:	282.00
Mailed in Env.	675.00
GiveCentral:	<u>1,135.00</u>
Total:	\$6,544.00



Seminaries: \$797.00

Thank you for your continued support!

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1. Online, using our GiveCentral home page at: givecentral.org/location/204
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2. Or donations can be made by using your bank account as a bill payment. It can be scheduled in advance to occur on a recurring basis or as an individual one time donation. There is no charge to the parish or to you to utilize this service.

If you have any questions, please email or call Debbie.

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Website: www.StLambert.org

 St. Lambert Parish - Skokie, IL

Maximizing our assets #8

When last I wrote, I said that talking about the seamier side of the appointment of bishops, cardinals and deacons and was actually quite edifying.

There is an old story about a Jewish merchant in northern Italy during the 15th century who was in the process of joining the Catholic Church. He told the pious Franciscan who was preparing him for baptism that he had to go to Rome on business, but that he would be baptized as soon as he returned. The priest, worried that the scandalous behavior of the cardinals of the curia might change the convert's mind. He suggested that he be baptized before going. The merchant said that he would prefer joining the Church after his return, so off he went! Upon his return he said that he would like now to be baptized. The young priest was amazed. He asked, "Did you meet any cardinals of the curia?" the merchant responded, "With whom else would one do business in Rome?" "Did you meet the Holy Father, the Pope?" the convert returned, "I had lunch with him twice!" The priest: "And still you want to be baptized?" The soon to be baptized merchant said, "This thing has to be from God. If I ran my business with scoundrels like that, it wouldn't last 15 days, much less 15 centuries." He gave his life to Christ, was baptized and lived a joyful and pious Catholic life which has now lasted for twenty centuries.

Another fact about the choosing of bishops, and thus cardinals and popes. Bishops from about 500 AD until, say, 1800 AD were usually appointed by kings and rulers and only approved by the pope. Kings like to give nice things to their relatives. In times past the episcopate was a sweet gig with a nice income (and I'll get back to them) auxiliaries to do the work. This meant that bishops came mostly from the aristocracy. This in turn gave us the flowery language by which they are usually addressed; eminence, excellency, in Latin countries a variation of monsignor which of course means "My Lord." In countries colonized by

England, especially in Africa, the title is M'Lord. Though the system now has mostly to do with intelligence and accomplishment, there is a certain hauteur that seems to remain with a few bishops. People kissing your ring and applauding when you come into a room for no good reason will do that to you. Such things are a heady brew. They are changing, much to the relief of many of the bishops I know, but we the laity still expect that the bishop is not really a sinner saved by grace. He is somehow better than we are.

I've often mentioned a sociologist whom I much enjoy, Dr. Rodney Stark. He is not a Catholic though he certainly is not anti-Catholic. He talks about the Church of Power and the Church of Piety. He says that since the times of the Napoleon the church of power, the political organization fueled by ambition and privilege has ended. When I read this I thought, "My! You think better of the Church than most Catholics do!" Things are vastly better in our times. In 1781, the death of the archbishop of Paris prompted the bishop of Autun to suggest the bishop of Toulouse for the job, but King Louis XVI objected, saying, "The archbishop of Paris should at least believe in God." So the king appointed Leclerc de Juigné, Leclerc de Juigne was of course an aristocrat but was a very pious and heroic man. That stuff doesn't happen anymore, does it?

The Red Chinese government whose membership requires atheism, is now involved with the appointment of bishops in China. And as for piety and belief? Don't you remember a few years ago that an American cardinal was kicked out of the curia, de-cardinalated and defrocked. Let us not forget that he spread money around like cake frosting, and as I write, another cardinal involved in the cleaning up of Vatican finances has been sent packing for enriching his relatives among other things. Again I repeat, all the bishops that I have known well are genuinely holy, hard working men. I cannot help but think of Archbishop John Vlazny who was very patient with me. As young priests, we lived in two different rectories together, he the pastor, I the associate. He rarely

got angry, no matter how many opportunities I afforded him to do so. He did get upset once. I clearly remember when I failed to clear my dishes, leaving them for the cook. I actually saw him doing the dishes and he was an archbishop! If I am ever half the priest that he was and is, I will be quite content.

You see, the men we are appointing as bishops are very good men in general, and the thankless tasks of the modern episcopate usually sanctifies them even more. We are still feeding good men into a bad system, a system that is almost designed to create bishops who, against their will, are torn away from their flocks. That's why I am recounting the sad but true facts of the past. We have an amazing chance to reform the episcopate in our times. I believe that this was and remains the desire of the current resident of the Vatican, but he has encountered that old brick wall that, in some places, still blocks the way. I don't think that the Lord will let His way be blocked much longer.

Fr. Simon

FAMILIAR INSIGHTS

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings like us who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't fair, and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work but did is way ahead of the one who said he would work but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

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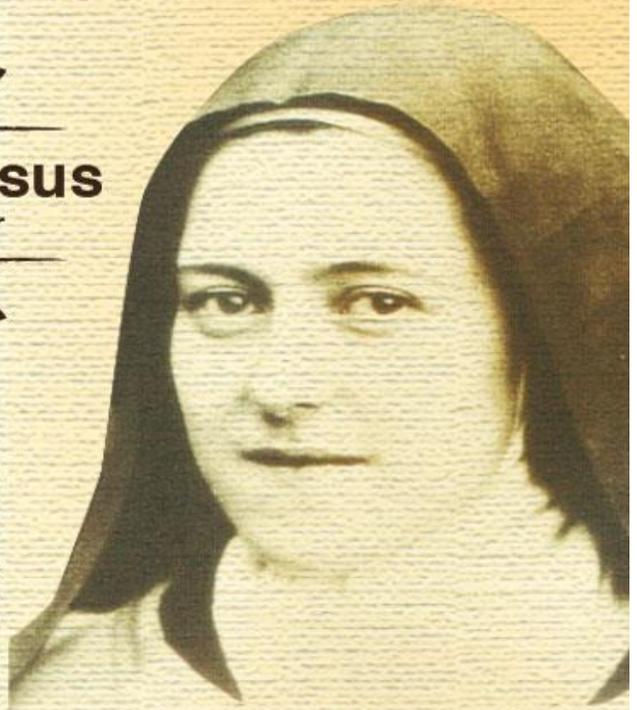


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St Therese of the Child Jesus

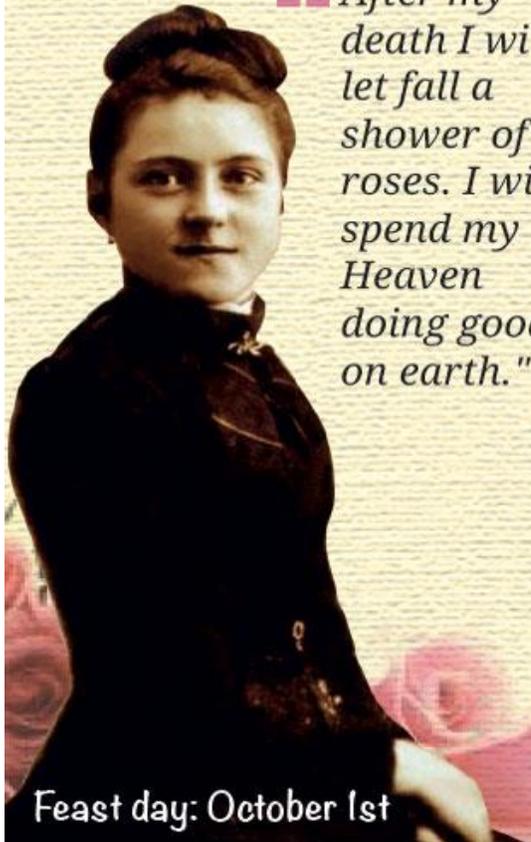
St. Thérèse of Lisieux The Little Flower



St. Thérèse of Lisieux is one of the most popular Catholic saints since apostolic times. As a Doctor of the Church, she is the subject of much theological comment and study, and, as an appealing young woman whose message has touched the lives of millions, she remains the focus of much popular devotion.

Date of birth: 2 Jan 1873
Birthplace: Alençon, France
Died: 30 Sep 1897
Age: 24

“After my death I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my Heaven doing good on earth.”



Feast day: October 1st

1873

Therese was born in Alençon, France. She was the youngest of nine children. However, only five of these children lived to reach adulthood.



1877

When Therese was four years old her mother, Zélie died of breast cancer.

1881

Therese enters the school at the Notre-Dame du Pré Abbey (Benedictine Sisters) as a half-boarder.

1887

Therese journeyed to see Pope Leo XIII in Rome. During a general audience with the Pope, Therese asked him to let her enter the Carmelite order.

1888

Therese became a postulant at the age of 15 in the Carmelite order and joined two of her older sisters in the Carmelite community in Lisieux.

1889

Therese becomes a novice.

1894

Therese's Father died.

1890

Therese makes her full profession in the Carmelite order.

1896

On April 3, in the night between Holy Thursday and Good Friday, she suffered a haemoptysis (coughing of blood, consistent with tuberculosis), the first sign of the illness which would lead to her death.

1897

Therese died at a young age of 24.

1898

Her autobiography the "Story of a Soul" was published.

1925

Therese was canonized by Pope Pius XI.

1997

On 19th October Therese was declared a doctor of the universal church by Pope John Paul II.



Patronage
Missionaries;
France; Russia;
HIV/AIDS
sufferers;
florists and
gardeners; loss
of parents;
tuberculosis



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – SKOKIE CONFERENCE
BUNDLE WEEKEND
 AT ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH
 MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THOSE IN NEED
 BY DONATING YOUR GENTLY USED ITEMS TO SVDP!
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 – 2:00 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 – NOON TO 4:30 P.M.
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 – 10:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.



Two St. Vincent de Paul trailers will be in the St. Joan of Arc parking lot – Lawndale Avenue side – north of Church Street. A volunteer will be available to assist you, and will provide you with a receipt for tax purposes.

Note: If you have a winter coat to donate, the St. Agnes coat drive at SJA in October is a great place for your donation.

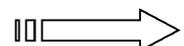
If you have large items to donate, such as furniture, we will have movers and a truck available to help you on Saturday, October 8. To make arrangements, contact Frank Ziegler at 847-962-9612 or via email at frank.ziegler@gmail.com any time before or during the Bundle Event.

SVDP SKOKIE BUNDLE EVENT LOCATION: St. Joan of Arc Parking Lot . Lawndale Avenue side, north of Church Street. Look for two St. Vincent de Paul trailers in the parking lot.

GENTLY USED ITEMS: We welcome used items that are in good, useable condition. Your items will reflect on the quality of SVDP Thrift Stores, so please donate with dignity. Sales of items at SVDP Thrift Stores benefit many needy families throughout the Chicago metro area.

2020 DROP-OFF PROCESS – “STOP, DROP & GO”: PLEASE WEAR A FACEMASK WHEN YOU ARRIVE. Our SVDP volunteers will all be wearing facemasks. In order to maintain social distance, please STOP your car near an SVDP trailer, gently DROP your items near the trailer, and then smile and GO.

UNLOADING ASSISTANCE: If you need assistance, please alert one of our SVDP volunteers. Stay in your car, and one of our volunteers will unload items from your car.



TAX RECEIPT: If you need a receipt for tax purposes, write down your contact information on a piece of paper and give it to one of our SVDP volunteers, and a tax receipt will be emailed to you.

QUESTIONS: Please contact Frank Ziegler at 847-962-9612 or frank.ziegler@gmail.com

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SVDP THRIFT STORES:

Clothing, Shoes and Accessories for Women, Men and Children

This is our TOP priority . take a good look in your closets for items you no longer need!

IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE BRING CLOTHING ITEMS ON HANGERS.

Kitchen, Dining and Household Items . please box fragile items to prevent damage

Dishes, china, silverware, flatware, bakeware, pots, pans, kitchen tools

Linens, sheets, towels, blankets

Small Appliances

Microwave ovens, toasters, coffee makers, hot plates, mixers, blenders, vacuums, irons

Home Décor Items

Mirrors, baskets, silk flowers, small area rugs, decorative accents, draperies, figurines

Lamps, artwork, pictures, frames, collectibles, jewelry, purses, antiques, small toys

Furniture . Indoor and Outdoor . in good, re-salable condition

Dining room & kitchen . smaller tables & chairs

Living Room . smaller chairs, end tables, lamps, rockers, desks

Bedroom . bed frames, head boards, smaller dressers, smaller chests of drawers

Patio . smaller tables & chairs

Electronic Equipment

Stereos, speakers, radios, clocks, sewing machines, office equipment & supplies

Exercise Equipment (smaller items) & Bicycles

Weights, resistance bands, workout items, lightweight stationary bikes

Media Items & Musical Instruments

Books, DVDs, CDs, VHS tapes, vinyl records

Luggage, garment bags, gym bags

REGRETFULLY, WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

Baby Equipment

Car seats, cribs, strollers, baby furniture & accessories

Stuffed animals, stuffed toys, large riding toys, large plastic toys, swing sets

Large Appliances, Large Furniture

Refrigerators, freezers, stoves, dishwashers, clothes washers & dryers, humidifiers

Large entertainment centers, bookcases, pianos, organs, large exercise equipment

Mattresses, box springs, bed pillows, sleeper sofas, Laptops, desktops, tablets, printers, scanners, computer monitors, TVs.



Parable of the Two Sons - Matthew 21:28-32

What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

"Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?"