

THE PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING:

Sixth of Seven: Solidarity

The *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* names solidarity as a core principle of Catholic Social Doctrine: “Solidarity highlights in a particular way the intrinsic social nature of the human person, the equality of all in dignity and rights, and the common path of individuals and peoples towards an ever more committed unity.” The *Compendium* notes that, because of the globalization of interdependence—where people and nations are increasingly connected—there must be an intensified moral obligation across humanity “in order to avoid the dangerous consequences of perpetrating injustice on a global scale.”

Many associate the term “solidarity” with the writing of Saint John Paul II, who developed the concept extensively. It was the name of a famous union in Poland, his home country. The term, however, was used earlier by Vatican II in *Gaudium et Spes* in discussing universal interdependency and international relations. For the Council members, it also was based in the communal character of the human person taught by Jesus, the community of believers which he established, and the ultimate solidarity to be “brought to perfection” at the end of time. In writing *Pacem in Terris* during the Council, Saint John XXIII called for an “active solidarity” which “cannot be divorced from the common good of the entire human family.” It takes us far beyond “my family” and “my country” to more universal concern, a key insight in this age of the coronavirus pandemic as we think about contagion and vaccines.

In developing the “duty of solidarity,” John Paul underscored the urgency of connecting action for justice to faith. For him, Solidarity is the structural response demanded by gospel love; and it involves fundamental economic and social changes. In addition, in a striking assertion, the saint wrote, “Solidarity is undoubtedly a Christian virtue.” This virtue must be at play in relationships among individuals, organizations, and nations so that, in John Paul’s words, “positive energies be fully released for the benefit of development and peace.”

What is this solidarity that the pope speaks of? John Paul’s answer connects us to the basic theme of the preferential love of the poor, a theme we hear anew from Pope Francis, or, as John Paul describes them, “God’s beloved poor.” Then, in explaining further, the saint wrote two of his most famous sentences about solidarity:

This then is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good to the good of all and of each individual because we are all really responsible for all.

This solidarity takes many forms. It can be in individual and family decisions. It should be in “decisions of government,” Saint John Paul says. It involves economic decisions by employers, policymakers, and corporations. The virtue may be embodied in public demonstrations by the poor themselves and in a variety of other concrete actions, both personal and structural. Solidarity, the Vatican tells us, will require developing new forms of collaboration among the poor themselves, between those who are poor and those who are rich, among and between groups of workers, and between private and public institutions, including churches.



The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 2, 2025

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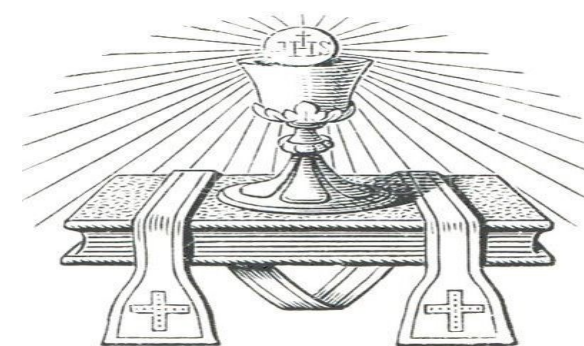
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel
12:10 PM

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.



ALL SOULS DAY

Today we observe the Commemoration of All Souls. Having celebrated All Saints on November 1, we pray today for all our deceased family, relatives, and friends who have gone home to God. We pray that God will quickly bring them home to heaven where he has prepared a dwelling place for them. We will pray for all our deceased parishioners at the Masses this weekend. You may write the names of your loved ones in the Book of the Remembrance of the Dead that will be at the front of the church.

HAPPENING TODAY

Ladies Auxiliary Red Beans & Rice Dinner Fundraiser. Join KPCLA Court 116 for their Red Beans & Rice Fundraiser today from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM. The cost is \$12.00. After Mass, stop by and enjoy a delicious meal while supporting a great cause!

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH MASS TODAY AT 5:00 PM

On Sunday, November 2, at 5:00 PM, Bishop Duca will be the principal celebrant of the Black Catholic History Month Mass at Sacred Heart Church. The retired Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, Bishop Perry, will be the homilist.

PARISH PICNIC ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Our annual Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, November 9 following the 10:30 AM Mass until 3:00 PM. There will be good food, music, games, bingo, gaming truck, inflatables, face painting, snowballs, zydeco, and awesome fellowship. Plan to come out and celebrate our parish family.

EARLY VOTING HAS BEGUN FOR NOVEMBER 15-THRIVEBR

Early voting for the November 15 election (when the Thrive BR tax proposals are on the ballot) has begun. You may vote early until November 8 (excluding Sunday) from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. Be sure to read up on what these proposals mean. What you see is not necessarily what you get!

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

We will hold our annual Blessing of the Graves on Sunday, November 16.

The service at **Southern Memorial Gardens** will begin at **3:30 PM**. We will gather near the office for a brief communal prayer before visiting family graves to bless them with holy water, which will be provided. Following the blessing, the **staff of Southern Memorial** has graciously arranged a reception for all in attendance.

The **Blessing of Graves at Heavenly Gates** will take place later that same day at **5:00 PM**. Please note the **change of date** due to the rescheduling of our Parish Picnic.

CALLING ALL ICCC SCHOLARS –TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES



We're excited to announce that our church will soon be offering tutoring sessions for our children and youth! Several of our members who are experienced educators have generously volunteered their time to support our students.

Parents, please scan the QR code and complete the short survey to help us plan effectively. We're exploring the possibility of offering two one-hour tutoring sessions each week and value your feedback as we prepare for this new ministry.



JACQUES	COLEMAN	11/3
CLIFTON	BELL, JR.	11/3
KIMBERLY	MARSAW	11/3
JOYCE	STAFFORD	11/3
DEBORAH	ANDERSON	11/4
VERNA	BROWN	11/4
KIMBERLY	LOCKETT	11/4
CHELSEA	WILSON	11/4
TIERA	ELLISON	11/5
ANGELA	LAMOTHE	11/5
GLORIA	LEWIS	11/5
SHEREVA	LEWIS	11/5
LATASHA	MORGAN	11/5
KRYSTAL	SHELMIRE	11/5
CEDRIC	GRAY	11/6
EDNA	JAMES	11/6
BRIAN	JOHNSON	11/6
ERICK	KING	11/6
SUPRINA	CYPRIEN	11/6
SHANNON	MATTHEWS	11/6
KYLA	BESSIX	11/7
BEVERLY	CRITNEY	11/7
TIMOTHY	DAIGRE, JR.	11/7
KIVON	JOHNSON	11/7
ANGELA	RANDALL	11/7
LASHANTA	VANCE	11/7
MIA	BOURGEOIS	11/8
DENNIS	JARRETT	11/8
MICHAEL	JARRETT	11/8
NAOMI	FACEY	11/8
KOREY	PATTY	11/8
FRANK	RICHARDSON	11/8
ELREN	WADDELL	11/8
EARL	WHITE	11/8
WENDY	GRAY	11/9
PAULETTE	BRADFORD	11/9
TAYLOR	WILLIAMS	11/9

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH TO HONOR VETERANS

On Sunday, November 9, St. Paul the Apostle warmly invites all veterans from Immaculate Conception and St. Francis Xavier Church parishes to join them for the 10:30 AM Mass.

Veterans are asked to process in at the start of Mass and stay for a group photo following Mass.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR OUR PANTRY

We are deeply grateful for the generous support our parish provides to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Food Pantry. With the recent disruption of SNAP benefits, we anticipate a greater need within our community. Throughout the month of November, we invite you to bring canned goods and non-perishable items to help keep our shelves stocked. Monetary donations will be used to purchase gift cards for Thanksgiving turkeys and to assist families with rental and utility needs. As always “Thank You” for your continued generosity and compassion!

Mass Readings
November 2-9

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Commemoration of ALL the Faithful
Departed (All Souls)
Job 19: 1, 23-27
Romans 8: 31b 35, 37-39
John 17: 24-25

Monday
Romans 11: 29-36
Luke 14: 12-14

Tuesday
Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo.
Bishop
Romans 12: 5-16
Luke 14: 15-24

Wednesday
Romans 13: 8-10
Luke 14: 25-33

Thursday
Romans 14: 7-12
Luke 15: 1-10

Friday
Romans 15: 14-21
Luke 16: 1-8

Saturday
Romans 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27
Luke 16: 9-15

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran
Basilica in Rome
Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17
John 2: 13-22

Save the Date: High School Youth Event

“Pajamas, Pancakes & Prayers Party”

Our Immaculate Conception Church high school students are hosting a cozy holiday gathering on **Saturday, December 13 at 6:00 PM!**

We'll be joined by the youth from Saint Paul the Apostle Church for an evening filled with fun, fellowship, and faith.

More details coming soon—mark your calendars and get ready to kick off the holiday season.