

PARISH CALENDAR

Thirty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2019

The Lord is my Shepherd

Saturday, Nov 9	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, Nov 10 7:00 a.m.	Mass
		KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 9:00 a.m.	Mass
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 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education
 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, Nov 11 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
Tuesday, Nov 12	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, Nov 13	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, Nov 14	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, Nov 15	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, Nov 16	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Malachi:3:19-20a: The day is coming.

2 Thessalonians:3-7-12: How we are to live together.

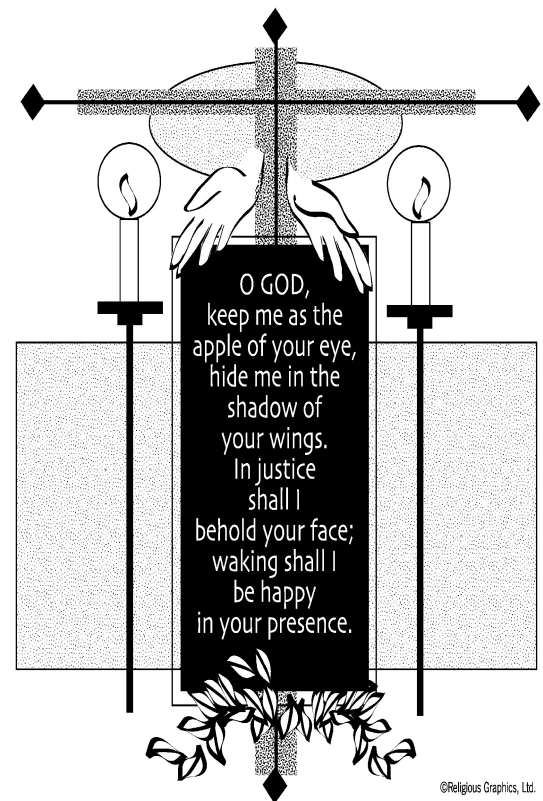
Luke:21:5-19: In the last days, perseverance will secure our lives.



Reflection

The first reading from Second Maccabees mentions life after death, and this is doubtless why it finds itself at the head of these three Sunday readings. The seven Maccabees and their mother gave their lives to defend the holiness of the Temple, which was threatened with desecration during the rule of the Greeks. The second and fourth brothers attest to their belief in the reality of life after death. In this reading and in the book of Daniel (7:13, 27; 12:2), we come upon references to a new idea in Israel—the possibility of life after death. The books of Maccabees and Daniel are among the last written books of the Catholic canon of the Old Testament, or Hebrew Scriptures. The two books of Maccabees were written within the last century before the birth of Christ, for example, so we can see why life after death was a disputed question in the Palestine of Jesus' day.

Paul's faith in Christian resurrection is beyond question and totally grounded in Jesus' resurrection. Today's reading from the second Letter to the Thessalonians addresses a rising problem in the early Church. Many held that Jesus' second coming was imminent. He had died and risen and said he would come again. Many believed that this meant that Jesus would come soon. After all, what else was there to do? In his resurrection, they were saved. They were ready and waiting. But some were ready and idling, and this was the problem Paul addressed. However, Paul talks about progress and constancy and keeping faith. He reminds us to get a life and to live it. He further reminds us that God keeps faith and so must we. Eternal life with God is our hope, and God will take care of this. Our job is to be constant in our faith. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER MONTH OF ALL SOULS: The month of November is set aside to reflect and remember those who have gone before us. During November, all Masses said at St. Rita will be said for the deceased members of our parish families and friends. **NO OTHER MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The book of remembrance is at the back of church where you may place your loved one's name and the parish will pray for all those who have died.

ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA:

This week our parish will take a collection to benefit the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, a triennial collection approved by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collections to support active-duty military men and women, and their families - including those from our own parish. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection. Please give generously. Envelopes are attached to this week's bulletin.

UNPLANNED the anti-abortion movie that is getting mainstream attention **will be shown Saturday, November 30 after 5pm Mass at St. Jude's in Makakilo.** All adults and older teens are encouraged to view this movie. Because the movie industry has rated this pro life film "R", **anyone 17 or under MUST be accompanied by their parent or guardian.** While the film-makers were certain they were making a PG-13 film, the MPAA has informed them that it will, in fact, be **rated R** unless all scenes of abortions are removed or altered. The movie runs hour and 50 minutes.

WORD OF LIFE: "O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. . . . Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith." USCCB "Prayers to St. Josephine Bakhita"

WEEKLY READINGS

Nov 10 Sun: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Macc:7:1-2, 9-14; Ps:17; 2 The:2:16-3:5; Lk:20:27-38
Nov 11 Mon: Saints Martin of Tours, Bishop
Wis:1:1-7; Ps:139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk:17:1-6
Nov 12 Tue: Saint Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
Wis:2:23-3:9; Ps:34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Lk:17: 7-10
Nov 13 Wed: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Wis:6:1-11; Ps:82:3-4, 6-7; Lk:17:11-19
Nov 14 Thur: Ordinary Weekday
Wis:7:22b-8:1; Ps:119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Lk:17:20-25
Nov 15 Fri: Ordinary Weekday
Wis:13:1-9; Ps:19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk:17:26-37
Nov 16 Sat: Ordinary Weekday
Wis:18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps:105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk:18:1-8

Heaven

Folklore has made of heaven a cluttered and softly pastel place of chubby angels. We do not know what heaven is; by faith we know that it is. Today we consider the reality of eternal life as a troubling question for some and as a matter of faith for Christians. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading we hear Saint Paul urging the members of the community at Thessalonica to direct their hearts to God's love through Christ. He wants them to be laser-focused on Christ, and nothing else. He desires that they be strengthened by the Lord and shielded from what is not Christ-like. Good stewards cultivate a "laser-sharp" focus Christ; not on things that could give them false or superficial images or ideals. Let's think about our own daily focus: Do we direct our hearts toward Christ or are there other "gods" that claim our attention? Our career? Material possessions? Sexuality? Favorite sports team? Political leanings? Does our daily life point to Christ so that those who are younger and less mature in their faith learn from our example? (*International Catholic Stewardship Council*)

When Jesus walked the roads of Palestine, life after death was a disputed question. Today's story of Jesus' response to the Sadducees is from Luke's Gospel. The Sadducees were a learned group of men who adhered to a strict interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures. They were a priestly aristocracy that was closely allied with the Temple. The Sadducees counted only the Torah as definitive Scripture; furthermore, they did not believe in life after death, nor did they have a messianic doctrine.

For the Sadducees, Jesus was clearly a problem. Defeating his arguments would render his mission void and make his witness and words useless. They proposed an argument based on their reading of the Law, which obliged a man to marry the widow of his deceased brother if the brother has died and fathered no male child. This arrangement speaks strongly to the value of securing the future in the name of the male head of household. With no belief in an afterlife, one's future hope is one's children—or, in the case here, one's sons. The Sadducees "lay it on thick," betraying their need to win at all costs. They suggest one widow and seven husbands. Jesus uses the Torah to argue the Torah, recalling the venerable patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Then, he just applies clear logic. If God is a God of the living, and these three giants of faith are dead, what then? If these patriarchs are dead, then God is not a God of the living. If God is a God of the living, then they are alive beyond their bodily death. They are eternally with God. Jesus spends little time discussing what eternal life is like, except to say that it more resembles the life of angels. It's worth noting that the Sadducees also did not believe in angels. Nonetheless, Jesus used these spiritual beings to emphasize the enduring life of the human spirit. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

His blood
becomes
our drink



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