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November 6, 2022 ▪ The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Four Saints who served in the military



On Veterans Day we also remember those holy people who chose to be a beacon of light in the midst of war.

On November 11 each year we celebrate Veterans Day, the day our country honors military veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces. The history of the national holiday dates back to 1918, when it originated as Armistice Day.

On that day, “on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as ‘the Great War.’ Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, November 11 became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars.”

It is a day when we thank those who have served our country, but also pray that we will some day live in a world without war.

The *Catechism* states, “The fifth commandment forbids the intentional destruction of human life. Because of the evils and injustices that accompany all war, the Church insistently urges everyone to prayer and to action so that the divine Goodness may free us from the ancient bondage of war. All citizens and all governments are obliged to work for the avoidance of war” (CCC 2307-2308).

At the same time the Church allows, “as long as the danger of war persists and there is no international authority with the necessary competence and power, governments cannot be denied the right of lawful self-defense, once all peace efforts have failed” (CCC 2308).

It is a tricky issue, one that the Church has had to grapple with over the ages. Throughout the years there have been many holy men and women who had to discern what the best course of action should be in the face of armed conflict. Here are four such examples of saints who, through military service, chose to be a beacon of light in the midst of war.

Saint Joan of Arc

At a young age, Joan heard the voices of St. Michael, St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Margaret of Antioch instructing her to “be good” and “go to church.” However, as she grew older these voices began to direct her towards the fierce war between France and England. They told her that she must help Charles VII secure the throne at Reims and even lead the French armies into battle.

Taking up this mission, Joan dismissed the camp followers — prostitutes, gamblers, and others — who distracted the disheartened army and urged the soldiers to go to confession and attend Mass. Joan’s leadership

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Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

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Veterans and First Responders Breakfast

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(This event is being held at Blessed Trinity's Parish Hall)



Sunday, November 6, 2022

8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving for their Service
Breakfast in the Parish Hall following both Masses

Veterans and First Responders Free

Tickets are \$7.00 per person

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Save the Date!

Upcoming Parish Mission

National Catholic speaker, singer, and recording artist
Paul Koleske will present a Parish Mission on **Novem-
ber 13, 14, and 15 at 7:00pm** in the church.

The theme of the Mission is "Igniting the Light of Christ
Within You and Transforming Your Life."



November 6, 2022

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 | 2 Thes 2:16—3:5 | Lk 20:27-38

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

My colleague grew up playing a lot of basketball, and she has pointed out the obvious: Despite the fact that the hoop is much larger than the ball, and there is a very large backboard behind it, it can be very easy to miss a shot. Depending on where you are on the floor, you have to set your sights on, and aim the ball toward, a very specific place in space or on the glass. The king in the first reading and the Sadducees in the Gospel are shooting airballs. Each one of them is, literally, not seeing the right goal. In answering the Sadducees' questions, Jesus challenges their assumptions – not about marriage, but about life after death: "Those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead ... can no longer die ... they are the children of God ... and he is not God of the dead, but of the living." Something even greater, beyond human understanding, awaits. The seven brothers who experienced horrible deaths rather than violate God's law knew that. We, too, hold onto hope that we will be among the living whom Jesus describes. In the meantime, we can place our trust in Jesus and focus on living according to the example he set for us. We may not know exactly what life after death will look and feel like, but we can trust the psalmist's words: "Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I like to run races of various distances, and one of my favorite things is seeing the fun posters people hold up ("This is a lot of work for a free banana") and hearing shouts of encouragement. Even more powerful, of course, is the encouragement of friends and family members as we face challenges or difficulties. So it's heartening to hear from St. Paul that we can count on Jesus and the Father as a source of "everlasting encouragement and good hope." Again we are reminded that we cannot – and should not have to – do it alone. Instead, we can join Paul in asking God to "encourage [our] hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." In turn, we can encourage others in their faith and daily lives, seeking to reflect God's love to those we encounter.

ACTION One positive thing about social media is the way it allows us to lift one another up through a simple "Like" or comment. In the same way that we "connect" with others on social media, our kind, encouraging words and Christian example in our comments can connect others to Jesus and his Church.



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm



Special Mass Time

Thanksgiving, November 24, Mass will be at 9:00am and there will be no 8:00am Mass.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 5, Weekday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler & Pat Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, November 6, The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Sandy Lawrence (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

Monday, November 7, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

Tuesday, November 8, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Jon Vandelaare (Dec)

Wednesday, November 9, Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, November 10, Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Ivan Beddoe (Dec)

Friday, November 11, Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

8:00 a.m. Stanley A. Mirek (Dec)

Saturday, November 12, Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Dick & Elly McManus (Dec)

4:00 p.m. Lyliane Corvington (Dec)

Sunday, November 13, The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Michelina Andreo (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

11/06 • Thuan Tran, Seminarian

11/07 • Spencer Grant, Seminarian

11/08 • John Paul Grabowski, Seminarian

11/09 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

11/10 • Rev. Paul Kochu

11/11 • Rev. Leonard Plazewski

11/12 • Rev. Jose Colina

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The God of the Living

“Sic transit gloria mundi,” is what they used to say at papal coronations. “So passes earthly glory.” Everything is fleeting. Nothing is here to stay. But in reality, some things are forever. Our actions on earth do have the potential to reverberate in eternity.

Everyday Stewardship is a lifestyle that embraces what will last. It is being aware of how our choices and our actions can be received by God, and through His grace, amplified to showcase His glory.

Your great-grandparents were married for 60 years. Maybe they shared the greatest love anyone in your family has ever seen, and maybe they raised up a whole family of kids. But they’ve been gone for a generation now, and no one living remembers the softness in their eyes when they looked at each other. And to read today’s Gospel, you might even get the impression that their marriage was nothing more than an earthly whim. Gone. Fleeting. Temporal.

This week’s readings invite us to contemplate the question: what exactly is immortal? What lasts beyond our earthly sojourn?

The seven brothers and their mothers whose martyrdom is told this weekend in Maccabees didn’t die for the letter of the law, they died for the One who gave the law. In the same way, a marriage contract does not extend into eternity, but the fruits of a sacrificial love will live forever.

Good works, devotion, gratitude, selflessness, graciousness, accountability — these are all of God. He is not God of the dead; He is God of the living — and these are the things that last an eternity.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

*God, Our Father, Creator and Lord of the universe,
you have set the earth on its foundation and
all the elements of nature obey your command.*

*We humbly beseech you to keep us safe from all dangers
and calm the storm that threatens us.
May we be secure in your loving protection
and serve you always with grateful hearts.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.*

Amen.

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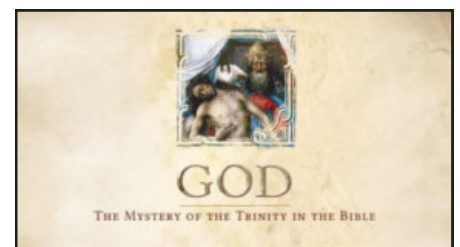


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and counsel helped the French win key victories in the war. At the head of the army or in the midst of battles she carried only a banner marked with the initials of Jesus and Mary, and refused to touch a sword.

Saint Maurice

During the 3rd century Maurice rose in military rank to become the leader of the Theban legion in the Roman army, commanding more than 6,000 soldiers. According to some accounts the entire legion was composed of Christian soldiers.

When the legion was called to assist Emperor Maximian in an offensive in Gaul, the soldiers were ordered to offer sacrifices to the Roman gods. While Maurice and his men pledged allegiance to Rome, they refused to worship the false gods. Maximian at first tried to influence them by having every tenth man killed. This did not work and eventually the Emperor made the decision to kill the entire legion for disobeying his orders. Maurice and his companions were faithful to Christ to the end.

Blessed Rupert Mayer

In 1914, Mayer volunteered as a chaplain during the First World War for the German army. After serving in a military hospital, Mayer requested to be sent to the lines to minister to the spiritual needs of the soldiers in battle.

Mayer would crawl on the ground from soldier to soldier, administering the sacraments and offering counsel in the midst of the bloodshed. He lost his leg in a grenade attack and was then known as the “limping priest.” In 1915 Germany awarded Mayer the “Iron Cross” for bravery and was the first chaplain to receive such an honor.

When Hitler rose to power, Mayer preached against his many heinous activities and the Gestapo warned Mayer to keep quiet. This didn’t deter him and as a result, he was imprisoned several times and spent time in a concentration camp. He died after the war while celebrating Mass on All Saints Day.

Servant of God Emil Kapaun

Father Kapaun became a U.S. Army Chaplain in 1944 and was sent to the Burma theater to minister to the needs of soldiers in India. After a short reprieve from duty, Kapaun was sent to Japan in 1950 and then to serve as a chaplain in the Korean War later that year.

During the war, Kapaun “gained a reputation for his bravery in ministering to the soldiers in the thick of battle. During the Battle of Unsan on November 2 of that same year, he chose to remain with a number of wounded men rather than escape and was taken as a prisoner of war. Forced to march 60 miles to the prison camp in the bitter cold, Father Kapaun carried his wounded comrades and encouraged others to do likewise. In the seven months in prison, Father Kapaun spent himself in heroic service to his fellow prisoners without regard for race, color or creed, giving them help and hope when they needed it most.”

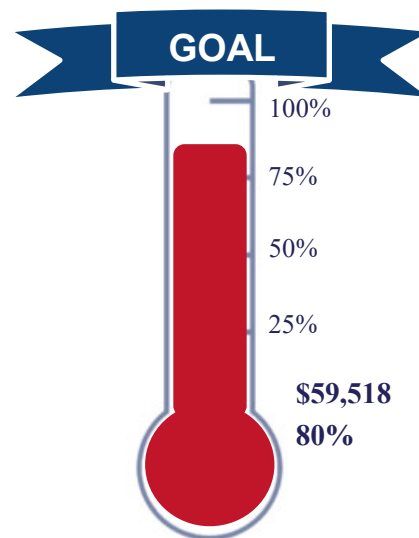
Father Kapaun was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously in 2013 and his case for canonization is currently underway. He has been given the title “Servant of God.”

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St. Matthew Episcopal Church, 738 Pinellas Point Drive South, Prayer Shawl Group would like to invite anyone who is interested in making prayer shawls for your church to join us. We meet on the third Saturday of the month at 9:00am in our Parish Hall to make crocheted or knitted prayer shawls, prayer cloths, and lap rugs.

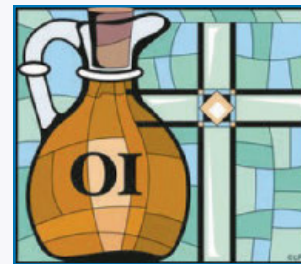
We love beginners and experienced yarn crafters. We have tools and yarn, patterns that can be used, or bring your own. Look for our Facebook page under Prayer Shawl Ministry.

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