



SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

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Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm
In the
Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7a mass
outside in the school courtyard
(weather permitting).

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open
Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm
Friday from 8:30-4pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by
calling us at **586-777-3670** during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: **586-777-1342**.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out
the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further
arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center
at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series
required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and inde-
pendent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our
records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to
register at your earliest opportunity: **586-777-3670**.

RCIA: Please call the Parish Center: **586-777-3670**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc,
please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone

OR

By calling us at **586-777-3670** during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part
of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has in-
creased our mass participation at daily and weekend
masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to
stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Weekdays - 7am Mass (Monday thru Friday)

Saturdays - 4pm & 6pm Masses

Sundays - 8am, 10am, 12pm Masses

Thursdays - 7pm Holy Hour

**Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live
streaming and to view archived celebrations.**



Laziness at its Best: With the arrival of the fall season, I go into soup and crockpot mode. I always consider fall and winter as the official seasons for soup and anything crockpot-related.

Last Monday was a complicated day. We had our regular four masses for the Solemnity of All Saints. Unfortunately, Father Andrew and Father Rich were not feeling well that day, so we told them to stay home. That meant I would have all four masses. Even though it wasn't a holy day of obligation, I was so impressed to see how many people were in Church and how many watched the liturgies online.

Apart from the four liturgies, I also had a few meetings, one of which lasted three and a half hours. So by the time I got home after the 7 PM mass, I was ready to grab some dinner, do our family zoom call, return some calls and hopefully not fall asleep in my chair. BUT, I was intent on having some soup for dinner.

I went down to my freezer, scrounged around my offerings, and saw I had some chicken soup that someone once made. PERFECT. I thought about getting soup at a nearby restaurant, but I was too lazy to venture outside. So, while I was returning calls and participating in our family zoom call, I put the frozen chicken soup container in the microwave and set it on defrost for about 15 minutes. I knew I would be on the phone and zoom for a bit, so setting the soup on defrost was the perfect option.

When I finally returned to the kitchen, I stirred my soup and decided it needed a few more minutes on high to heat it up thoroughly. As I stirred the soup, I decided I needed to up the ante a bit; it wasn't only chicken soup that I craved, but it was now chicken noodle soup that would be the perfect ending to my day. But, the chicken soup in the microwave was without noodles. As I scoured my cupboards, I saw I had some chickpea pasta still sitting around. But I quickly dismissed the pasta option because I was in no mood to wait an additional 10 minutes to cook it. Unfortunately, I had no crackers or anything else to dump into the soup, so I kept looking. What caught my eye was a box of multigrain Cheerios sitting on my counter. "Hmmm, I wonder

how that would work," I thought to myself. Because I was too lazy to wait 10 minutes to cook some pasta, I decided to fill my soup cup with some Cheerios. I thought the Cheerios would be a crunchy little addition and fill the void of not having any pasta.

Once my soup was sizzling hot, I took it out of the microwave and started to ladle some of the awesome smelling soup into my soup cup. As I did so, the Cheerios began to sizzle like crazy like bacon in grease. As I listened and watched in amazement to what now seemed like a science experiment, I then witnessed the Cheerios swell to enormous proportions and rise to the top as if they were now in total command of my soup cup. "This wasn't going to be good," I thought to myself. I then slowly put my spoon into the concoction and consumed my first spoonful of what was supposed to help create the perfect ending to a beautiful yet long day. Well, the Cheerios were now all mush and were the more prominent ingredient in the cup! And if it weren't for the chicken and vegetables, I would've had absolutely no idea it was chicken soup!

Oh well! Next time, I won't be so lazy, and I'll just cook the pasta! While Cheerios may be a perfect breakfast item and snack, they totally fail in a hot soup! The sizzling sound I initially heard was definitely my early warning sign. What was I thinking?

Remembering the Dead during November Last Tuesday, the Church celebrated the Feast of All Souls. On that day, we turned our attention to the souls of the dead who await the day they will join the company of the saints in Heaven. It was a day to remember ... and a day to reflect on our own mortality, our relationship with Christ, and the hope of the Resurrection!

In his message for All Souls' Day a few years ago, Pope Francis reminded the world that the Solemnity of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls are intimately linked: "Yesterday we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints, and today the liturgy invites us to commemorate the faithful departed. These two recurrences are intimately linked to each other, just as joy and tears find a synthesis in Jesus Christ, who is the foundation of our faith and our hope. On the one hand, in fact, the Church, a pilgrim in history, rejoices through the intercession of the Saints and the Blessed who support her in the mission of proclaiming the Gospel; on the other,

she, like Jesus, shares the tears of those who suffer separation from loved ones, and like Him and through Him echoes the thanksgiving to the Father who has delivered us from the dominion of sin and death.

"Church Tradition has always urged prayer for the deceased, in particular by offering the Eucharistic Celebration for them: it is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to those who are the most forsaken. The foundation of prayer in suffrage lies in the communion of the Mystical Body.

"Remembering the dead, caring for their graves and prayers of suffrage, are the testimony of confident hope, rooted in the certainty that death does not have the last word on human existence, for man is destined to a life without limits, which has its roots and its fulfillment in God.... With this faith in man's supreme destiny, we now turn to Our Lady, who suffered the tragedy of Christ's death beneath the Cross and took part in the joy of his Resurrection. May She, the Gate of Heaven, help us understand more and more the value of prayer in suffrage for the souls of the dead. They are close to us! May She support us on our daily pilgrimage on earth and help us to never lose sight of life's ultimate goal, which is Heaven. And may we go forth with this hope that never disappoints!"

As a people of hope and a people of the Resurrection, visiting the graves of family and friends would be a noble thing to do during November, which is a month dedicated to remembering our dearly departed. You might consider taking the time to pray for deceased family and friends by name at your family meals. You might think about creating an art project with your children where you remember your deceased relatives and friends by name by creating holy cards for each of them and then placing those cards in a special basket that could be highlighted at your family meals or family gatherings during November.

May our family and friends who have already gone before us enjoy eternal rest in the loving hands of Christ the Lord.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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The Latest Podcasts and Videos from the Archdiocese of Detroit



LISTEN: Open Door Policy Podcast Episode 74: Laura Sparling

Marquette Method instructor Laura Sparling discusses her journey to joyful missionary discipleship and how she witnesses God changing lives through NFP. Laura shares about her religious upbringing in the Methodist Church and how her college experiences led her to really seek God and how she eventually came to RCIA. She especially discusses what it was like going through the RCIA process with her husband and the role her father played in her conversion.



SCAN TO LISTEN

LISTEN: Eyes on Jesus Podcast Episode 23: The Holy Rosary

Archbishop Vigneron discusses the Holy Rosary, its origins, and the special graces that can flow from commitment to this ancient devotion. He gives an overview of the different prayers and mysteries associated with the Rosary, including 150 Hail Mary prayers, one for each Psalm that many people in early Christianity could not read. He discusses the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, the Glorious Mysteries, and the Luminous Mysteries.



SCAN TO LISTEN

LISTEN: Detroit Stories Episode 20: 'Visions of a Better Life'

John Daraban was homeless, addicted and away from the Church, until visions of the Blessed Mother and Solanus Casey led him back to Christ. John describes what his home and faith life looked like during his upbringing. Tragically, John got into a devastating car accident that claimed his brother Rick's life, and he began to cling to destructive coping mechanisms. This leads to the destruction of a mentally, physically and spiritually healthy life.



SCAN TO LISTEN

WATCH: Why Video: Evangelical Charity

Evangelical charity helps us to live our own call to holiness, and to see Christ in everyone we encounter. In this video, Fr. Mario Amore explores the holiness that can come to us as we carry out works of service and charity.



SCAN TO WATCH

unleashthegospel.org/podcast

Misc Announcements



St. Joan of Arc will be sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, November 18th, from 12:00 noon until 6:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. If you are a regular donor, we thank you and hope to see you there.

If you've never given before, it takes a little over an hour to donate and can save many lives.

The American Red Cross will not be taking walk-ins and you must have an appointment. To make an appointment, log on- to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) (sponsor code: stjoanblooddrive) or call John Staperfenne at 248-789-8274.

Please help save a life and become a Red Cross Blood Donor!

8th Grade Can and Bottle Drive

The Class of 2022 is now responsible for the can and bottle drive.

This is an important fundraiser that helps defray the cost of their graduation events.

Bring your returnables in bags to the Parish Center - West SIDE DOOR - (near Father Andrew's House) please. There is a large plastic bin with a lid that they can be placed in..

Or you can arrange a pick-up by calling or texting Matt at 313-683-1972.

The Class of 2022



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Light of the Spirit Prayer Group



2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month

at

**St Basil the Great
Community Room
22851 Lexington Avenue
Eastpointe, MI 48021**

We pray the Rosary @ 6:30 pm, followed by a meeting at 7pm.

For those wanting individual prayers please be there between 6:30 – 6:55 pm

We hope that you can join us!

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 7, 2021

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Kgs 17:10–16

Heb 9:24–28

Mk 12:38–44 or 12:41–44



[Jesus said,] "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."
MARK 12:43

Ouch!

That's the sound of someone giving until it hurts. Most of us probably will never be in such a situation. It's not that we don't give, but that we are seldom asked to give until it really hurts.

The women in today's readings were in desperate straits. They hurt even before they opened their hands to give. Both belonged to one of the groups of vulnerable people often identified in the Bible—namely, the resident alien, the orphan, and the widow. Since the social structure of a patriarchal society is usually built on male kinship, those with no male patron were extraordinarily vulnerable. Consequently, Jewish law made special provision for them (see Deuteronomy 24:17, 19–21; 26:12–13; 27:19). The women in these stories were disadvantaged because they were women, they were widows, and they were

poor. How these deprivations interacted with each other isn't specifically mentioned.

It's not their state of deprivation that makes them models for us to emulate. It's their generosity *despite* their deprivation. The widows featured in today's readings gave from their hearts, not from their abundance. They recognized need in another and did what they could to address that need. That is the virtue set before us today. It is, indeed, heroic!

Do we do what we can to help others in need—as little as that might be? Or do we cling to what we have, to what we say we have a right to have because we worked for it? Are we that uncaring? Ouch! That hurts!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ How open are you to the needs of others?
- ★ How generous does this make you?

Dear Padre,

My mother divorced, then remarried a non-Catholic. Her first marriage was never annulled. She says if she can't take Communion, there's no difference between watching Mass on TV and attending Mass in a church. I think there's a difference, and she should go to Mass in a church with other Catholics. Your thoughts?

It's a good sign that your mother is watching Mass on television instead of skipping Mass altogether, but you're right.

Television Masses are a viable option for Catholics who are physically unable to attend Mass, but if your mother is physically able, it's a different matter. When it comes to worship, there's nothing like being there, and by attending the liturgy with other Catholics every week and on holy days, she'll fulfill her obligation by virtue of baptism in "fully conscious and active participation" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 14).

Keep encouraging your mom to attend weekly Mass in person and encourage her to contact her priest about starting annulment proceedings. If the annulment is granted and her current marriage is convalidated, she'll be able to receive the Eucharist.

Receiving Communion may be the privileged encounter with God, but Mass is primarily for worshiping and giving thanks to God. By returning to Mass with other Catholics now and eventually taking Communion, your mom's faith life clearly will be enriched.

Fr. Bob Lindsey, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



JOEHEAD / SHUTTERSTOCK

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Familiarity with the Lord, of Christians, is always in community. Yes, it is intimate, it is personal, but within the community. A familiarity without community, a familiarity without bread, a familiarity without the Church, without the people, without the sacraments, is dangerous.

HOMILY, APRIL 17, 2020

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 8

Weekday

Wis 1:1–7

Lk 17:1–6

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 9

Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17

Jn 2:13–22

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 10

St. Leo the Great, Pope
and Doctor of the
Church

Wis 6:1–11

Lk 17:11–19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 11

St. Martin of Tours,
Bishop

Wis 7:22b–8:1

Lk 17:20–25

Friday

NOVEMBER 12

St. Josaphat,
Bishop and Martyr

Wis 13:1–9

Lk 17:26–37

Saturday

NOVEMBER 13

St. Frances Xavier
Cabrini, Virgin

Wis 18:14–16; 19:6–9

Lk 18:1–8

Sunday

NOVEMBER 14

Thirty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1–3

Heb 10:11–14, 18

Mk 13:24–32

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PUBLICATIONS
A Redemptorist Ministry

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, November 8th

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed
6:15 pm Faith Formation Grades 7th & 8th

Tuesday, November 9th

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, November 10th

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, November 11th

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed
7:00 pm Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, November 12th

- 7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 am Funeral for Joel Vandebussche

Saturday, November 13th

- 10:00 am Funeral for Mary Phelen
11:00 am Reconciliation
12:30 pm Baptism of Benjamin Price
1:30 pm Baptism of Archie L. Lukes
2:30 pm Baptisms of Tatum Fedonis

- 4:00 pm Mass - Live Streamed
6:00 pm Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, November 7th

- 8:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
12:00 pm Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

November 7, 2021 – Space for More

Wealth is seemingly a relative thing. Most of us, of course, even if we feel stable financially, also feel like if we just had “X amount” more, then we’d really be in good shape.

The reality of the situation is that, regardless of where we are on the income spectrum, and regardless of what additional level we could attain, there potentially always would be a yearning for more.

The same, alas, may even be true for the richest people in the world. One media source reported a few weeks ago on a well-known business tycoon who is on pace to become the world’s first trillionaire.

That’s trillionaire. With a capital “T.”

Emphasis on capital.

The story went on to describe the source of the stratospheric wealth accumulation is primarily dependent on his potential in the realm of space exploration. That, of course, is on top of his other achievements in electric vehicles, underground transportation, and many other ventures.

When one reaches trillionaire status, presumably there will be food on the table and the water won’t be shut off. But how much is enough? Again, it’s all relative.

And that’s why it’s so helpful to be reminded of the true source of our wealth, in heaven, and of the importance for us of keeping material wealth in perspective. To help in the lesson, Jesus points out the generosity of the widow in today’s gospel passage from St. Mark.

“Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury,” we hear. “For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”

It’s a perfect reminder that our (perfectly understandable) quest for “more” should always begin and end in consultation with God.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	November 8, 2021 Weekday (Green)
7:00 a.m.	Fr. Richard Gorecki, Spc. & Marceline T. Spath
Tuesday	November 9, 2021 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (White)
7:00 a.m.	Casey & Juliette Zaranek and Daniel Brady
Wednesday	November 10, 2021 Saint Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church (White)
7:00 a.m.	Joseph Gielniak & Earl Gray
Thursday	November 11, 2020 Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop (White)
7:00 a.m.	Richard & Phyllis Zanotti
Friday	November 12, 2021 Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr (Red)
7:00 a.m.	Maria Cimini and a Special Intention for Therese Dinser
Saturday	November 13, 2021 Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin (White)
4:00 p.m.	Harriett Armaly, Mary Jane Toenjes, Bonnie Batche, Helmut Linden, Ida Trupiano, Matthew Trupiano, Pat Ireland, Gertrude Shaw, Anna Maria Dolunt, Geraldine Griesbeck, Peter & Louisa Sarra, Sam & Grace Valenti, Patricia Forester, Joseph Trane McCloud, Jose' & Rosario Medina, Daisy Marie Buenavista and Special Intentions for the Thomas Family and the J. Champine Family
6:00 p.m.	The Deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese of Detroit
Sunday	November 14, 2021 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 a.m.	For the intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Jo Ellen Danckaert
12:00 p.m.	Lewis McQuillan, Casey Zaranek, Pierre Zaranek, James LeFevre, Steve Haamen, the deceased members of the Giroux & Carroll Families, George & Lorraine McCabe, Anna Maria Dolunt, the deceased members of the Salvatore Urso Family, Larry Vargo Jr., Jose' & Rosario Medina, Daisy Marie Buenavista

Daily Readings

Monday, November 8	Friday, November 12
Wisdom 1:1-7 Luke 17:1-6	Wisdom 13:1-9 Luke 17:26-37
Tuesday, November 9	Saturday, November 13
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 John 2:13-22	Wisdom 18:14-16 Luke 18:1-8
Wednesday, November 10	Sunday, November 14
Wisdom 6:1-11 Luke 17:11-19	Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Mark 13:24-32
Thursday, November 11	
Wisdom 7:22b- 8:1 Luke 17:20-25	



I Am The Resurrection & The Life

"Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families."

**Doris Pagel
Anthony Maisano
Margaret Ferkovic
Deacon Robert Herta
Deacon Rafael**



"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

Minnie Louise Haskins

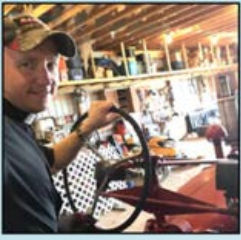


Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse.

Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back,



A Moment of Prayer:

Laurence Binyon's 'For the Fallen' is one of the most widely quoted poems

of the First World War. It wasn't written from the trenches, but by the poet back home, reflecting on the sacrifice thousands of men on the Western Front were making every week.

*"They shall grow not old, as we
that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in
the morning
We will remember them"*

These 4 lines are the 4th stanza of Binyon's poem, "For the Fallen," written in 1914, just a few weeks after the outbreak of WWI. At that stage, Binyon could have had little idea that the war would continue for 4 more years on such an immense scale and leave such a trail of destruction or at such human cost. In all, some 17 0million military deaths. But including the resulting famine and disease, the toll was closer to 40 million souls.

This Thursday, November 11th, we mark Veterans' Day. This year is 103 years since the end of the Great War, with the signing of the Armistice between the Allies and Germany. A 111 year-old veteran commented, "All those lives lost for a war finished over a table. Now what is the sense in that?" We remember this week all those who sacrificed their lives in that war in the hope of bringing about a better world for the rest of us. And we particularly remember all those from our own families and our parish who have served our nation.

Their willingness to serve and to suffer deserves our attention, deserves passing-on in remembrance to generations to follow.

If we are ever offended by how cheaply so many lives were thrown away, let it be a lesson for us today – an opportunity to review our attitudes toward the value of life, at all stages. Let it especially be viewed in the context of the one who sacrificed the most for us, who gave His all, the one who was led by the spirit into a battle with the evil one and defeated him. Let us recall Jesus Christ, who willingly walked into a fight against evil, a war he did not start, and gave his life painfully on a cross for the saving of us all. No military "war to end all wars" can bring about the better world we hope for. Only our preparedness to walk into the line of fire and face the spiritual enemy - the enticement of sin and Satan's lies – will do this. This is the battlefield of our day. Jesus has already won the war for the human race. Now we must choose for ourselves to join His army and raise His flag over our lives.

I have to admit that Veterans' day always causes me a little confusion. Growing-up in England, I remember the annual Boy Scouts march through the town. In the UK, November 11th is known as Remembrance Day. It specifically is a day to commemorate all those who lost their lives in military service, rather than all who served. There is no equivalent of Memorial Day. I finally figured this out when I lowered the flag on Veterans' Day at my last parish, which cause much confusion!

Every closest Sunday to November 11th, my Boy Scout Troop would take part in the march to Ings Grove Park and to the war

memorial. And there we would stand for two minutes silence. It always seemed to me at that age to be about 30 minutes silence. It was *always* cold, *always* pouring with rain (it's November in northern England, of course it was raining!). The poppy wreathes were laid at the foot of the aged stone obelisk memorial and we were all wearing our paper poppies. If November 11th itself was a school day, the whole school would stop for two minutes silence at 11am.

That two minutes of silence is something written in my memory. And that's not a bad thing at all, but as an adult I have come to wonder if there isn't something hollow about it. Wouldn't two minutes of prayer for the dead be better? I have to wonder if the silence is almost an admission that the world doesn't have an answer to the waste of life that we remember on these occasions. Without faith, there is only silence. And that's why there is no response that offers any hope when we mark moments of silence at sports events and other secular gatherings. But the Christian has a response. The Christian prays for the dead. We pray for the souls of those who have passed from this life. We pray in thanksgiving for the sacrifice they offered, and for God's mercy upon them. It's God's mercy that we implore and His mercy is our cause for hope.

November is particularly a month the Church asks us to pray for the souls of the dead. Perhaps that would be a good work of mercy for us all this month.

You are in my prayer this week.
Fr. Andrew adawson@sjascs.org

St. Joan of Arc Giving Tree Project 2021

"Giving Tree" is a special charitable project designed to match the generosity of our parishioners with the needs of our community during the Christmas holiday. The project serves 100% local individuals who may otherwise not receive a gift at this special time of the year.

After a one-year pause due to the worldwide pandemic, St. Joan of Arc Parish is proud to continue this tradition of gift-giving. **Some things will be a bit different this year to accommodate social distancing and remote Mass attendance. But our commitment to the families and individuals helped by our Giving Tree project has not waived.**



HOW IT WORKS:

1) **PURCHASE GIFT CARD(S):**

Buy plastic* gift card(s) valued from \$15-30 (per card). You may purchase more than one, but please make sure limits fall within per-card limits \$15-\$30.

** tangible gift cards please, no electronic vouchers. Please make sure cards have been activated at the retailer that issued the card.*

STORES ACCEPTED: Meijer, Walmart, Target, and Amazon

WHERE TO BUY: At the named retailer, at most drug & grocery stores or online.

LET US PURCHASE THE GIFT CARDS FOR YOU: You may also donate this year via our online giving platform by going to givingtree.stjoan.church and indicating the amount you would like to donate. We will take care of the rest.

2) **PLACE GIFT CARD(s) IN AN ENVELOPE:**

Place the gift card(s) in an envelope. The envelope may include a Christmas greeting card, but this is not required. Mark on the envelope (directly or with a pasted note) "GIVING TREE" along with the quantity, store name, and value of the gift card(s).

3) **TAKE THE GIFT ENVELOPE(S) TO A DESIGNATED DROP SPOT:**

DEADLINE: December 5, 2021

Bring your marked envelope(s) to the Parish Center Office during office hours, or place it in the locked collection boxes in the Sr. Carol Center or the Parish Center Lobby.

WHAT HAS CHANGED FOR 2021:

Unlike past years where we accepted tangible gifts such as toys and clothing, the Giving Tree will accept only gift cards this year. This decision is to make it safer and easier for our parishioners to participate. It will also make the program more flexible for our charity agencies, who are also challenged with logistics and health protocols at this time.



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOVEMBER 14 B

Reading One – Dn 12:1-3

In those days, I Daniel, heard this word of the Lord:
"At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book.
"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.
"But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

Responsorial Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot. I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!

You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!

Reading Two – Heb 10:11-14, 18

Brothers and sisters: Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated.

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.

Alleluia – Lk 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia.

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Mk 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

November 7, 2021

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16 | Heb 9:24-28 | Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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

When it comes to money, I'm a worrier. Just ask my husband how I reacted when he had the audacity to pay for shipping! I shop carefully, armed with coupons. I've always been a saver, making sure to contribute to retirement, life insurance, and the "what-if-the-roof-comes-down" fund. Being fiscally responsible is a good thing, but the quest for financial security as the ultimate good is a fool's errand. God is the true provider of all that we need, and what we have finds its fulfillment in service to him. The widows in today's readings knew that too well. In the first reading, a mother and son are down to their last bites of food, facing starvation and death. Yet she gives her last morsels to the prophet Elijah. In the Gospel, the widow gives generously, not of her surplus, but of her entire livelihood. Both women exhibit utter and complete trust in God, and a generosity that knows no bounds. As we study today's Scripture, they teach the worriers among us that God will and does provide, and that the more we give away, the greater our reward in this life and the next.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Do you ever get that knock on the door from a Cub Scout selling popcorn just when you're about to put dinner on the table or run out to a ballgame? Or perhaps you already have a full calendar and suddenly a neighbor really needs your help with an errand or a household emergency – and there goes a whole afternoon! Today's readings invite us to set aside whatever "sticks we are gathering" and welcome the "Elijah moments." They encourage us to give a bit of ourselves away, whether it's time, money, or attention. In doing so, we give witness to the paradox of the Christian life – that the more we give away the more we are rewarded. We also set a positive example for our children and others, who will see our generosity in action.

SERVE Even the budgeters among us can do this! Look ahead at your budget. In addition to regular expenditures and giving, look at something you can *sacrifice* – a meal out, a new sweater, a movie night – and decide as a family how you would like to use the extra money and/or time to help others.



*Spend an hour
with me.*

-Jesus

HOLY HOURS

*7-8 pm, Thursdays
in the Church.*

*Join us for Praise
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week 4.*

Prayers Needed

PRAY FOR THE SICK - PARISHIONERS

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Pray for the Sick List: Please note that we regularly clear the "Pray for the Sick List" because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don't always hear from people when they've gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at info@sjascs.org.

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Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

November 7, 2021

God Notices Our Acts of Generosity

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Elijah is quite bold. He finds this poor woman collecting sticks to make her “last supper” on earth. She has run out of money, food, and energy. Even so, the prophet asks her to prepare him a cake and, in exchange for her hospitality, he promises she will not run out until God sends rain again. In her faith and humility, she says yes, and gives away all that she had to live on. God blesses her generosity! Jesus observes something similar. A poor widow willingly gives all

she has when, without anyone noticing, she drops her coins in the donation basket. God always notices our acts of generosity and multiplies them into eternity.

The first part of the Gospel stands in contrast with these two mighty widows. It shows us how *not* to be apostles. Jesus chastises the scribes and teachers of the law for three defects in their religious practice: pride, greed, and showing off. They love public greetings and special seating at church and parties. Jesus goes even further by saying they use their authority to devour widow’s houses. Could Jesus’ irony be any starker? While the widow is giving her last coins, the priest is using it to devour her livelihood.

We may never see in this life how God blesses our small or large acts of love, prayer, and generosity. Yet, we should keep doing them, not to be seen or rewarded, but because we love God, and to love is always the right thing. God sees, and a great reward awaits us. +

Sunday Readings

1 Kings 17:10–16

The God of Israel, says: The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry.

Hebrews 9:24–28

Christ...will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

Mark 12:38–44 or 12:41–44

[Jesus said,] “They have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she...has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”

Jesus chastises the scribes for three defects in their religious practice: pride, greed, and showing off.

A Word from Pope Francis

Familiarity with the Lord, of Christians, is always in community. Yes, it is intimate, it is personal, but within the community. A familiarity without community, a familiarity without bread, a familiarity without the Church, without the people, without the sacraments, is dangerous.

—Homily, April 17, 2020



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Am I doing what I can do to help the poor and protect them?
- Is my piety and religiosity also expressed in charity and service?

The Joy of Natural Family Planning

By Kathleen M. Basi

In February, the airwaves will be filled with advertisements for chocolates, jewels, and roses. Valentine's Day is a secular celebration meant for the renewal of love—by which, of course, we mean being bewitched—swept away by something beyond our control.

It's a romantic idea, but infatuation is only the very tip of the iceberg called love. As Catholics, we've been blessed with a beautiful heritage. In a world reeling from the pain caused by the misuse of sexuality, the Church's teachings on marriage shine like a beacon of hope, pointing us toward a brighter future. Throughout its history, the Church has called upon married couples to be open to life—not to have as many children as possible but to remember that what God joined, we must not divide. In the case of the marital act, that means the unity of the couple cannot be separated from the potential to give life. In practical terms, it means using natural family planning (NFP). At its essence, this means reading the signs of fertility and infertility that God himself built into us as man and woman.

Although NFP is often dismissed as impractical and unreliable, most couples who have made the commitment attest that it has made their marriages stronger. There's a good reason for this: Successful NFP practice encourages team effort instead of placing the responsibility on one spouse. When husbands and wives communicate, good things tend to



happen. When they include God in their monthly discernment about family size, even greater things happen.

That's not to say NFP is without its challenges. Periodic abstinence requires sacrifice. Charting cycles requires a commitment to tracking fertility signs daily. Intimacy will often be planned instead of rising spontaneously.

Yet most NFP couples would say the sacrifices are worthwhile. Being intentional about physical intimacy keeps us focused on the needs of the other and prevents us from taking the gift for granted.

Living in tune with our sexuality—the deepest expression of our capacity to love as God loves—helps us better understand

what it means to be made in God's image. When we love our spouses fully, holding nothing back, we become happier and more secure in our marriages. And we rest in the knowledge that by avoiding unnecessary hormonal intervention, we are both protecting the health of the one we love and being good stewards of creation.

Maybe next February it will be time to give your spouse a different kind of Valentine's Day gift—the gift of yourself.+

For information from the Catholic Church on natural family planning (NFP), visit: <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning>

Natural family planning can make your marriage stronger.



Lord, I am grateful for your abundant gifts. Open my hands and heart that I may give my all in sharing your peace and love with the world.

—From *Grateful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 8–13

Monday, Weekday: Wis 1:1–7 / Lk 17:1–6

Tuesday, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica:
Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17 /
Jn 2:13–22

Wednesday, St. Leo the Great:
Wis 6:1–11 / Lk 17:11–19

Thursday, St. Martin of Tours:
Wis 7:22b–8:1 / Lk 17:20–25

Friday, St. Josaphat:
Wis 13:1–9 / Lk 17:26–37

Saturday, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini:
Wis 18:14–16; 19:6–9 / Lk 18:1–8

Bringing Home
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November 7, 2021

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