



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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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"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." - Mk 13:30-32

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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.**



A Harrowing Experience:

Sometimes, my brainy ideas don't always go as planned. I map things out in my mind and often "over-engineer" them. It makes

total sense in my brain, but somehow the "wires" get mixed up, or things don't do what I want them to do when I put it all together.

Such was the case for last week's session of *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*.

This is the series that Father Andrew was promoting for many weeks in Church. The actual program is by Dr. Edward Sri. Each session involves a talk by Father Andrew, some table or breakout room discussions, watching a video, and then some additional table/breakout room discussion. As part of my commitment to make all of our offerings like *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* more accessible to people, individuals could join in person in the Emmaus Hall or by Zoom. This way, if people needed to stay home for whatever reason or lived too far away, they could still participate in the program. I wanted the people participating on Zoom to be part of the experience. They, too, would have "table discussions" by using separate breakout rooms on Zoom. I also wanted them to "report out" their discussions both on Zoom and on the big screen in the Emmaus Hall. I mapped it out in my little brain such that everyone in the Emmaus Hall was "one" attendee on Zoom (so they had their own little square in the Zoom experience). Father Andrew was talking, Kristine Hass handled all of the Zoom attendees, and I was at the technology and Zoom "command center" at my table in the Emmaus Hall. For the most part, session one went off without too many glitches. It was fun making both the in-person crowd and the virtual crowd feel like they all were participating together. When one of the Zoom breakout rooms reported back to the crowd about their discussions, it wasn't just broadcast for the Zoom group but I put them up on the big screen in the Emmaus Hall. By the end of session one, my brain was on overload keeping up with all the switching back and forth I had to do to make it all work.

Session Two was to have some new challenges because everything I learned from session one got thrown out the door only because session two had to take place in Church; Emmaus Hall wasn't available

that night because it was election day. On top of the technology challenges, Father Andrew came down with a nasty sinus infection which meant I had to lead the session. This quadrupled my challenges because I had to accomplish it all from the choir loft, where our camera controls are located. The technology side was one thing. But now, I had to lead a session where I had not seen the videos or even read the book or workbook. It was Tuesday morning at this point, and I figured this was great because I still had a whole nine hours to prepare and make it all happen. But then I had to write my bulletin article, celebrate the two morning masses, and a funeral. Suddenly, I no longer had nine hours to make it all happen. "Okay," I thought to myself, "I could make it all happen in maybe four hours." The countdown was on, and I was up for the challenge!

I started to look at the coursework and the homework the group was asked to accomplish. Session Two was all on the introductory parts of the mass (from the entrance procession to the opening prayer). I started to study the material to make it look like I was prepared, but then we had some technical issue in the parish that needed my immediate attention. After the technology issue got resolved, I received a call to do an anointing up at Sunrise. By the time I got done at Sunrise, it was 6:10 PM. Yikes, I now only had 50 minutes to make it all happen. The pressure was on; even I was starting to get a bit panicky.

At this point, I figured the priority was to make the technology work. I thought I could easily talk my way through the material even though I hadn't looked at it. I got all my stuff and went up to the Choir Loft. What was simple in my mind about all of this wasn't working out in reality. First, I couldn't get sound in Church; then I couldn't get sound on my practice Zoom session. UGH. I made a panicky call to Kristine Hass to join me in the Choir Loft. I also made a panicky call to Rob Wisnieski from RMW Productions, who installs and handles all of our video and audio needs. Thank God Rob is used to my "panicky 10 minutes before showtime" type calls. "What did you do now," Rob immediately asked as soon as he answered the phone. He walked me through a few settings, and I at least got the camera to work. But then I lost audio in Church. By this time, people were gathered in Church and on Zoom. It was "showtime," and I still had no clue how I was going to pull this off. I had one camera focused on me in the loft while at the same time trying to

broadcast myself on the screen in the Church and on Zoom. I had to position my little podium so that I could easily access all of the video and audio controls while maneuvering my laptop and doing the presentation at the same time. My brain was completely fried even before I started. THEN, I forgot one MAJOR item you need to consider when talking or singing from the choir loft: there is a millisecond delay from the time you talk/sing vs. when you hear yourself over the church speakers. So what you are saying/singing is always ahead of what you are hearing.

By 7:10 PM, ten minutes into the program, I got most things to work and finally started my presentation. At this point, I knew I just had to get started and hope for the best. After finishing the opening prayer and thanking people for their patience, I looked around for all of the Dr. Sri material everyone would have in their hands. UGH! I didn't bring all of it up to the choir loft. I was now in serious trouble because I REALLY had to fake it.

As all of this was going on, I had a few people (like Kristine Hass, Dina Ciaffone, and my mom) let me know of the issues they saw on Zoom. I tried to correct the problems in real-time while still talking, but I failed miserably trying to make it all happen. This one needed more than the presenter controlling all the technology.

When all was said and done, it wasn't so bad after all. Most people wouldn't have had a clue about all the issues behind the scenes. The peanut gallery kept cheering me on through it all. One thing was clear: I was bound and determined to make it all work for both the Zoom and the in-person crowd. As for the presentation part of the evening, someone texted me, "Not bad for faking it all the way!" TRUE! And, yes, I learned that only so many neurons can connect at once in our little brains. Father Andrew's advice was the best, "When in doubt, just look devout, and it will all work out."

After the last person left Church, I turned off all the lights, said a prayer of thanksgiving it was finally all over, locked the doors, and immediately started to plot what kind of chocolate and, more importantly, how much chocolate this night deserved!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Nov 14, 2021

WATCH

ST. GIUSEPPE MOSCATI: DOCTOR TO THE POOR

Giuseppe Moscati, "the holy physician of Naples," as a medical doctor and layman in the early twentieth century who came from an aristocratic family and devoted his medical career to serving the poor. His research also led to the discovery of insulin as a cure for diabetes. Moscati regarded his medical practice as a lay apostolate, a ministry to his suffering fellowmen. Before examining a patient or engaging in research, he would place himself in the presence of God. He encouraged his patients to receive the sacraments.



ST. GIUSEPPE MOSCATI

LEARN

FORMED NOW: HOLY HEROES AND THE FORMATION OF CHILDREN

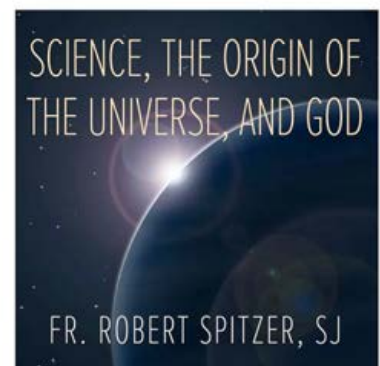


Dr. Ben Akers welcomes Ken Davison, founder of Holy Heroes, to discuss the formation and education of children and how Holy Heroes was created in order to bring the faith alive in a new way for kids of all ages.

LISTEN

SCIENCE, THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE, & GOD BY FR. ROBERT SPITZER

All too often, science is falsely pitted against Faith to disprove the tenants of Christianity. In this informative talk, Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ—expert in physics, philosophy, and theology—debunks this powerful myth as he discusses the Big Bang and the origin of the universe with sound reason, credible science, and faithful theology. This talk is a must-listen for anyone wrestling with the biggest questions regarding science and Faith.



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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 14, 2021

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dn 12:1-3

Heb 10:11-14, 18

Mk 13:24-32

In Those Days...

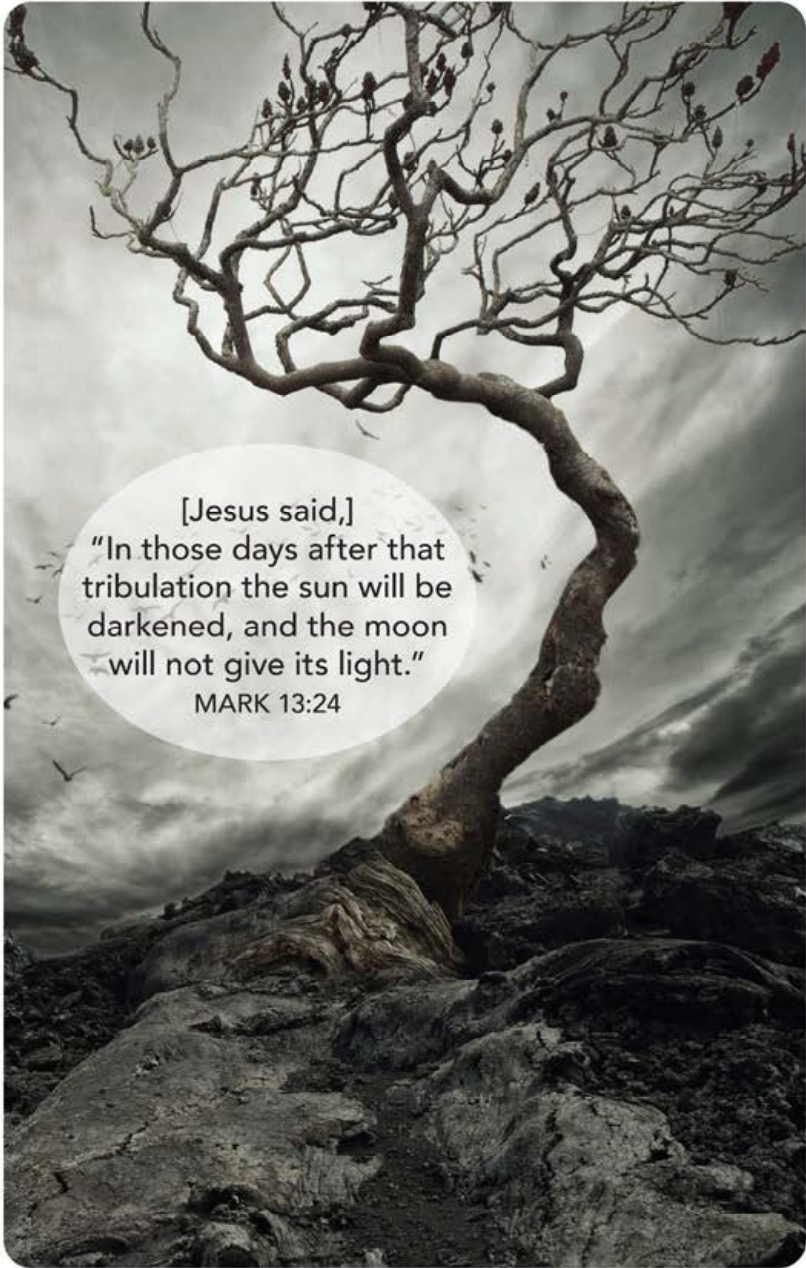
This phrase is frequently found in the writings of the prophets. While it sometimes points to a future time of peace and happiness, it often portends imminent fear and trembling, as it does in today's readings. Both Daniel and Jesus speak of the suffering that will precede the end of the world. This suffering is often called the

"birth pangs of the Messiah" (Matthew 24:8; Mark 13:8; John 16:21). This apt metaphor includes both life-threatening distress and wondrous joy over new birth. Pain and subsequent happiness are both described in today's readings.

The author of Daniel may be referring to the end of the whole world but is probably also presenting that in terms of the end of his own world, which would have included the suffering and even death of Jews who remained faithful under persecution. Some interpreters suggest Jesus is speaking similarly. That is, he is using a familiar figure of speech that characterizes suffering as birth pangs. According to this metaphor, there might be terrible suffering, but at the end there is utter happiness.

Both Daniel and Jesus seek to encourage their hearers to remain faithful even in the face of torment, for new life can come out of such suffering. This is a message we all need to hear. Suffering is a reality in every life. How do we endure it? Does it sour us, break us down? Or do we come out of it new people, more sensitive and understanding? It is up to us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



[Jesus said,]
"In those days after that
tribulation the sun will be
darkened, and the moon
will not give its light."
MARK 13:24

FOR Reflection

- ✦ Pray for the strength to remain faithful, regardless of the difficulty.
- ✦ How has suffering made you a better person?

Dear Padre,

Is a homily necessary at every Mass?

The homily is “highly recommended” not only because it is an essential part of the liturgy but also because “it is necessary for the nurturing of the Christian life” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 65). “On Sundays and holy days of obligation there is to be a homily at every Mass that is celebrated with the people attending and it may not be omitted without a grave reason. On other days it is recommended, especially on the weekdays of Advent, Lent and Easter time, as well as on other festive days and occasions when the people come to church in greater numbers” (*GIRM* 66). In practice, brief homilies are usually offered on nonfestive weekday Masses during Ordinary Time, too—especially in church parishes and religious communities—even for a minimal number of people in the congregation.

“Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God” (1 Peter 4:11). To the office of an ordained minister belongs the tremendous sacred duty to preach a homily rooted in prayer, and with an understanding of the Scriptures and the needs of the particular faith community in mind. “If the words of Scripture are divinely inspired, as we believe them to be, then divine inspiration must be at work when those words are made alive and contemporary to the believing community in and through” the ministry of preaching (*Fulfilled in Your Hearing*, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1982).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Please, make the homily brief, but prepare it well. And how do we prepare a homily, dear priests, deacons, bishops? How should it be prepared? With prayer, by studying the word of God and by making a clear and brief summary; it should not last more than ten minutes, please.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 15

Weekday

1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43,
54–57, 62–63
Lk 18:35–43

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 16

Weekday

2 Mc 6:18–31
Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 17

St. Elizabeth of
Hungary, Religious

2 Mc 7:1, 20–31
Lk 19:11–28

Thursday

NOVEMBER 18

Weekday

1 Mc 2:15–29
Lk 19:41–44

Friday

NOVEMBER 19

Weekday

1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59
Lk 19:45–48

Saturday

NOVEMBER 20

Weekday

1 Mc 6:1–13
Lk 20:27–40

Sunday

NOVEMBER 21

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Dn 7:13–14
Rv 1:5–8
Jn 18:33b–37

**Do you have
a question for
the Padre?**

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

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, November 15th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 pm Funeral for Ornello Bollella

Tuesday, November 16th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 pm Biblical Walk through the Mass

Wednesday, November 17th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 pm Memorial Mass—Live Streamed

Thursday, November 18th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 pm American Red Cross Blood Drive

7:00 pm Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, November 19th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 am Funeral for Paul Shovlin

Saturday, November 20th

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:30 pm Baptism of Emerson Motrynowski

1:30 pm Baptism of Delilah Rechy

4:00 pm Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 pm Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, November 21st

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 14, 2021 – End Times

The words in today's gospel from St. Mark sound almost apocalyptic:

"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," Jesus tells his disciples.

Strong language, to be sure.

It's almost the way certain news stories regarding the weather tend to sound these days. One recent story on a weather website described an upcoming event that had been anticipated on the east coast.

"A powerful storm off the Atlantic coast will bring miserable weather conditions ... just the first of multiple storms that will take aim at the Northeast," the story said. "The nor'easter is expected to quickly strengthen as it moves along the Eastern Seaboard (and) could undergo a period of rapid intensification known as bombogenesis...known as a bomb cyclone."

Holy smokes; that sounds intense.

We know, of course, everything that happens in our world is either willed by God or allowed by him to happen. That being the case, we might note that such dramatic events – and others like it – can serve to help us keep in perspective what is most important in life.

Yes, there are storms we all have to face. Literal storms and figurative storms – sometimes both – impact everyone at some point, or several points, in their lives.

But we know, as today's gospel passage goes on to describe, that Jesus will be there throughout, and, most importantly, in the end.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming the clouds,' with great power and glory," Jesus says, "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."

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday November 15, 2021 Weekday Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Green/White)

7:00 a.m. Dorothy Guigliardo and James Kosakowski

Tuesday November 16, 2021 Weekday Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin (Green/White/White)

7:00 a.m. Fr. John C. Jordan and Robert Bidigare

Wednesday November 17, 2021 Saint Elizabeth of Hungry, Religious (White)

7:00 a.m. Anna Maria Dolunt and a Special Intention for Linda Ramsey

Thursday November 18, 2021 Weekday Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin (Green/White/White)

7:00 a.m. John Gaines

Friday November 19, 2021 Weekday (Green)

7:00 a.m. Nancy LaClair and a Special Intention for Julie Shellenbarger

Saturday November 20, 2021 Weekday, BVM (Green/White)

4:00 p.m. Msgr. Ferdinand J. DeCneudt, Edward & Henry Blind, the deceased members of the Walsh Family, Charlotte Blind, Bonnie Batche, Aldo Cardosi, Betty Bennett, George Vanbecelaere, Anna Maria Dolunt, Shirley Popovich, William Brinker, Todd Koehler, Jose & Rosario Medina, Daisy Marie Buenavista, the deceased members of the Haberek Family, Margaret Ferkovic, and Special Intentions for the Thomas Family the J. Champine Family, the Dembeck & Swantek Families, Rosemary DeYonker Turchin,

6:00 p.m. Joan Weber

Sunday November 21, 2021 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (White)

8:00 a.m. For the intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Susan Kafka

12:00 p.m. Peter Sarra, Kevin Brys, the deceased members of the Salvatore Urso Family, Anna Maria Dolunt, Nicholas Daniel Newman, Jose & Rosario Medina, Daisy Marie Buenavista, Richard & Suzanne Kaminski, Timothy Fox

Daily Readings

Monday, November 15

1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 16

2 Maccabees 6:18-31
Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 17

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31
Luke 19:11-28

Thursday, November 18

1 Maccabees 2:15-29
Luke 19:41-44

Friday, November 19

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59
Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, November 20

1 Maccabees 6:1-13
Luke 20:27-40

Sunday, November 21

Daniel 7:13-14
Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37



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."

**Paul Latorella
Paul Schovlin
Kristine Mulder
Ornella Bollella
Reverend Richard Elmer**



"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

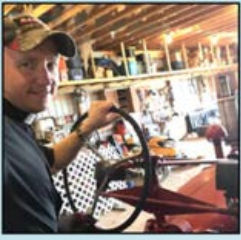


Reporting Sexual Abuse

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,



Planting the Word: I recently found a series on Amazon Prime called *Clarkson's Farm*. It's very entertaining (but

not for sensitive ears). The premise is that Jeremy Clarkson, a former BBC presenter on the Top Gear show, who owns 1,000 acres in the English countryside, gets a phone call from the farmer who managed his estate saying that he is retiring. Clarkson decides that rather than look for anyone else to manage the estate for him, he will take it on himself. Clarkson has no idea how to be a farmer, so reverts to what he knows best — anything with wheels. "I have no idea how to plant wheat and barley," he says, "but I'm sure it starts with tractoring." So he sets off to buy a tractor and comes back with the least appropriate tractor he could find.... An enormous silver Lamborghini.

Lamborghini tractors are not made in the UK and Clarkson quickly discovers that all the buttons and switches in the cab are labelled in Italian and German, which he can't read. To add to the comedy of errors, the local farmer Clarkson persuades to help him points out that his new Lamborghini doesn't share the universal hitches of all the available implements he'll need to use. Nor does it fit into his barn, or through the field gates.

The show begins in the Summer of 2019 and into the Winter and Spring of 2020. Clarkson has to begin his farming apprenticeship in the wettest summer in the UK in 400 years. Floods render the ground unplatable and unusable for weeks at a time. The locals object to some of his methods. His business manager keeps bringing him bad news about his poor financial decisions. Then the pandemic interrupts all his best plans. Through it all, Clarkson tries to employ his best corner-cutting ideas, his "Executive Decisions" as he calls them, ignoring the advice of his hired experts.

Weeks after the foundations of his new "farm shop" turn into a lake, he finally get this new barn building up, only to discover that the entrance gate from the main road, 10ft from the end of the field, is not on his property and he doesn't have permission to park cars there. The delay is critical because the produce he planned to sell was already grown before the shop is finished. So Clarkson finds the owner of the

neighboring land and gets permission and decides the unfinished farm shop needs to open.... "tomorrow!" he says, despite the bare walls, illegal roof, porta-potty outside and mud bog for a parking lot. Oh, and the fact that all he had to sell was potatoes and the 5 eggs his hens had managed to produce!

In one episode, Clarkson decides to turn some of his fields over to the wild and create a wetland nature area. Of course, he decides the only way to do this is to bring in the heaviest 4x4 machinery he can find, and he creates an environmental disaster, which his farmer has to fix for him.

And so the series goes on. Clarkson buys 78 sheep but decides that a sheep dog is too expensive to train, so he buys a drone with a recording of a dog barking and sets about moving his sheep around.... "I mastered sheepling in 25 minutes!" he announces. Then he quickly recovers from the tragedy of losing 3 of his sheep to illness. "I didn't think I could eat them, but they really are quite tasty!"

Okay, Fr. Andrew, turn this collections of debacles into something profound and spiritual.... Okay, tall order, but....

Simultaneously, as I have been watching this very entertaining series, I have been reading along with the material for the Biblical Walk Through the Mass. Session 3 of this series takes a look at the Liturgy of the Word, which incorporates the readings, the Responsorial Psalm, the Gospel, the Homily, the Creed and the Prayers of the Faithful. The Readings we hear at mass are truly the inspired Word of God, Who has something to say to us every time we hear them read. The question is, do we hear the readings. Sure, we hear them, but are we prepared to hear them. As I was watching *Clarkson's Farm*, there was much discussion on the need to prepare the ground before the seed could be planted or it would not grow. And I couldn't help but notice the relation between the two. Here's an analogy to explain what I mean.

In preparing a homily, I generally will print out the Sunday readings on the Monday before and have them sitting on my desk. I'll pray with the readings, but them just let them sit. And I'll glance at them periodically and remind myself, or notice something that might not have caught my attention before. If the ground in the field has been prepared well, once the seed is planted it

slowly begins to interact with its environment. On it's own it remains seed, but put it in the ground with the right nutrients and the right moisture content and the seed begins to germinate and to grow and produce fruit.

The same growth happens with the Word of God. If you leave it alone all week and just hear it read on Sunday morning and expect it to produce bountifully, you've missed a key opportunity to let it grow. The Word of God is like a seed that needs to be planted in well-prepared ground. It needs time to interact with the environment that is your week and all that happens during it. If you read the Sunday readings early in the week and just have a good sense of them in your mind.... maybe not all the details or a total understanding of what they mean, but a sense of them, remembering perhaps a familiar gospel story and the people who appear in it, it's amazing what can happen. Suddenly, as you go about your week, something from the readings may occur to you as similar and relatable to what you are experiencing. This is what God wants to say to you. In this way the readings will mean so much more.

If you show up to mass and hear the readings for the first time, and just once, you'll be listening to what it said. But if you are already familiar with what the readings are about, what you'll be hearing at mass is what the readings are saying to us. This is not the same thing. It's the difference between the words and the meaning.

Plant the Sunday readings in the good soil of your week and let the Word interact with all the will water it and nourish it. Let the Word of God grow in you as it pushes its way to the surface and begins to sprout as you approach the weekend. Then you'll find that the Word of God you hear proclaimed at Mass will really nourish you. But you must prepare the ground and you can't do that by cutting corners like Clarkson. It takes time and care. But it doesn't have to take much time! Read the readings for mass before you go to bed. Look them up in your missal or in the bulletin, or google "USCCB readings" online, or use an app on your phone. The let them work for you through your week.

You are in my prayers this week.
Fr. Andrew adawson@sjasc.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.

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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:**

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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.



SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – NOVEMBER 21

Reading One – Dn 7:13-14

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The LORD is king, in splendor robed; robed is the LORD and girt about with strength.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

And he has made the world firm, not to be moved. Your throne stands firm from of old; from everlasting you are, O LORD.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed; holiness befits your house, O LORD, for length of days.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Reading Two – Rv 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, " says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

Alleluia – Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Jn 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

November 14, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3 | Heb 10:11-14, 18 | Mk 13:24-32

“AND THEN
THEY WILL
SEE THE
SON OF MAN
COMING IN
THE CLOUDS”

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

My husband reads the obituaries regularly, as did my elderly Aunt Loretta. Me, I avoid them. I don't like to think about death, and the same can be said for some references to the end times, particularly those like we hear in the Book of Daniel: “Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.” Give me a comforting psalm any day! However, in today's Gospel, Jesus assures us that we who believe need not fear the Second Coming, for at that time the Son of Man shall “gather his elect.” Yes, “heaven and earth will pass away,” but the words of Jesus never shall. It is true, we don't know the time or the hour of his return and so we prepare for it by remaining focused on Jesus' words and turning our lives over to him in and through the sacramental life of the Church. Strive to live well on earth, following the path to eternal life that our loving and merciful Savior has paved for us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It's easy to become complacent in that striving. I notice that tendency in everyday life – taking my spouse for granted, not being mindful of how what I say and do serves as an example (either good or bad!) for another. It's like moving through the day with blinders on. In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching his disciples about his return in glory, and how those who follow him will be able to sense its approach. “Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near.” In other words, “pay attention; be observant” – the opposite of complacency. To counter this within ourselves, we can ask God to open our eyes to the signs of his love all around us – our spouses and dear friends, our families, and all the gifts we have been given. Just as importantly, we can accompany one another as we seek to grow in holiness and prepare for the day we meet Jesus, living as an example in word and deed. As the Book of Daniel so eloquently tells us, “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.”

PRAY Read the obituaries! Many of them contain inspiring examples of lives well lived. Take a moment in this month of November to pray for all who have died. Make a conscious effort to be a specific example to another of Christ's love in the world that they, too, might be better prepared for Christ's return.

*Spend an hour
with me.*

-Jesus

HOLY HOURS

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each month and
silent adoration
week 4.*

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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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
November 14, 2021

Do Everything Well

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The huge fresco behind the Sistine Chapel altar, *The Last Judgment*, may be the greatest representation of the coming of Christ at the end of time. The centerpiece of the composition is Christ the judge with the Virgin at his side represented in a halo, surrounded by a crowd of apostles, prophets, patriarchs, Old Testament heroines, martyrs, and saints who form a double crown of swirling bodies. Michelangelo painted hundreds of figures, all with exquisite attention to detail.

Just think, when Michelangelo was painting, his work in the chapel was destined to be seen by very few—the pope, his court, a few visiting kings

and diplomats at most. The Sistine Chapel would receive less foot traffic in Michelangelo's time than a medium- to small-sized parish today. Yet, Michelangelo painted with the same eye to perfection as if he knew his work would be seen by millions. He was not painting for the multitudes but for God and his patron, the pope.

Similarly, if we act with generosity and love, whether observed by millions or no one, we will follow the path to true freedom and love. We do what is right, not to be seen, but because we want to be true to God, ourselves, and others. Living like this, we will have no reason to fear the Last Judgment.

More than six million people annually see *The Last Judgment* in person, and countless more via broadcasts and social media. So do everything well, since it is seen by God and yourself—and maybe someday, by more eyes than you ever imagined! +

Sunday Readings

Daniel 12:1–3

Many of those who sleep / in the dust of the earth shall awake.

Hebrews 10:11–14, 18

But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God.

Mark 13:24–32

[Jesus said,] "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory."

*Do what is right,
not to be seen, but
to be true to God,
ourselves, and others.*

A Word from Pope Francis

Please, make the homily brief, but prepare it well. And how do we prepare a homily, dear priests, deacons, bishops? How should it be prepared? With prayer, by studying the word of God and by making a clear and brief summary; it should not last more than ten minutes, please.

—General audience, February 7, 2018



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Do I worry too much about being seen by others?
- Do I console myself knowing that no good deed goes unrewarded?

Endangered Species

By Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

The United States Environmental Protection Agency keeps a list of endangered animals. The list includes both specific animals that are protected by law and people and agencies who receive money to protect animals. For example, agencies for wolves in certain parts of the country receive special funding and programs to keep the beasts from diminishing in number. And thanks to efforts by thousands of people, hope lives for the wolf.

Our Church faces similar problems with traditions becoming extinct. But with knowledge comes hope.

I know of three retreat houses that closed this past year. Maybe it's just a sign of the times. Retreat houses are in retreat. Religious that staffed retreat houses are fewer and aging. The cost of running a retreat or spirituality center is astronomical. Retreat houses have been sold to help dioceses and religious orders pay their bills. We are losing this great tradition amazingly quickly and with little notice. I wonder if the Church should have an organization responsible for conservation and preservation.

A good spiritual director is very difficult to find. Retreat houses used to cultivate them. Centers for spirituality somehow multiplied them. As clergy and religious get older and let go of ministries that were once staples of Catholic life, we must do more than just chronicle their final days. Someone needs to intervene and take action to hold on to what's



worth saving. Here are a few suggestions for the Church's endangered species list.

Retreat houses offer a place of quiet and solitude away from the everyday and ordinary. The number of retreat houses has fallen, but the desire for the experience has not. At some point in our lives, we all need to be alone with God. A parish-based, low-cost retreat program can't exactly replace an eight-, ten-, or thirty-day trek through the spiritual exercises, but it can help keep the tradition alive, maybe in a new way.

The religious articles store is gone! There used to be one or two brick-and-mortar stores in a community where one could buy rosaries, prayer books, first Communion cards, and statues.

That business has gravitated to an online storefront. Personally, I need to hold a rosary before I buy it. I can't get that experience with online shopping.

The inner-city priest is everything to everyone. I have been blessed to know some great inner-city priests. These men are mentors, social-justice gurus, prayer partners, linguists, city planners, community organizers, social workers, and therapists, and they still have plenty of time for Mass and the sacraments. The seminary doesn't train men for this anymore, but it should. What will we do when they and their valuable pastoral and ministerial skills are gone?

There is so much in the Church that is in danger of becoming a distant memory. There is so much worth saving. Keeping the faith alive requires the hard work of saving some tried and true treasures of our Catholic tradition. +

*We must do something
to save our precious
traditions from extinction.*



*Lord, I am grateful you
keep me safe in your love.*

You are my hope.

Help me to trust you.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 15–20

Monday, Weekday: 1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43,
54–57, 62–63 / Lk 18:35–43


Tuesday, Weekday: 2 Mc 6:18–31 / Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday, St. Elizabeth of Hungary:
2 Mc 7:1, 20–31 / Lk 19:11–28

Thursday, Weekday:
1 Mc 2:15–29 / Lk 19:41–44

Friday, Weekday:
1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59 / Lk 19:45–48

Saturday, Weekday:
1 Mc 6:1–13 / Lk 20:27–40

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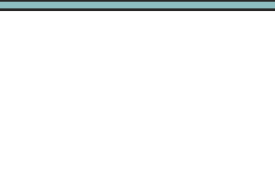
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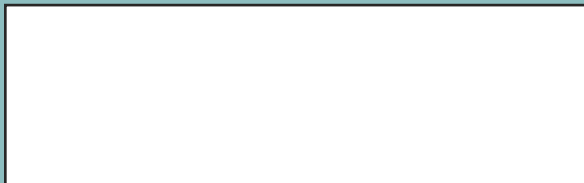
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