

That the dead will rise even Moses made known...
(for our God) is not God of the dead,
but of the living, for to him all are alive.
LUKE 20:37-38



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I Believe in the Resurrection of the Dead

We say this every time we pray the Creed. It is such a familiar statement that we might fail to be astounded.

The ancient Israelites did not think that death was the ultimate end. They believed the dead went to a place called Sheol. This was a place just for the dead; there was neither reward nor punishment. Some scholars think that it was only much later, when Israel encountered Greek culture, that we see a more developed teaching on the afterlife. We hear that teaching in the first reading. Facing martyrdom for his faith, one of the brothers insisted, "The King of the universe will raise us up to live again forever" (2 Maccabees 7:9). His faith was based on his assurance that his covenant bond with God would not be severed, even by death.

In the Gospel, the Sadducees are trying to make Jesus look ridiculous. There was a custom that if a man died without an heir, his brother was to have relations with the

widow. The child born of that union was considered the legal heir of the deceased man. This custom was meant to ensure that the inheritance remained within the family. The Sadducees, who do not believe in resurrection, are mocking Jesus with their question. Jesus, aware of their intention, does not fall into their trap. Instead, he replies that in the coming age, marriage will not be necessary because resurrected life will not end. Finally, if God is a God of the living and not the dead, as Moses declared, then all are somehow resurrected.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * Reflect on the implications in your life of this teaching on the resurrection of the dead.
- * How prepared are you for the inevitable reality of death?

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAk

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NOVEMBER 6, 2022 — THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

With their riddle about seven brothers and a childless widow, the Sadducees in today's Gospel mock the faith for which seven brothers and their mother die in the First Reading. The Maccabean martyrs chose death—tortured limb by limb, burned alive—rather than betray God's Law. Their story is given to us in these last weeks of the Church year to strengthen us for endurance—that our feet not falter but remain steadfast on His paths. The Maccabeans died hoping that the "King of the World" would raise them to live again forever (see 2 Maccabees 14:46).

The Sadducees don't believe in the Resurrection because they can't find it literally taught in the Scriptures. To ridicule this belief, they fix on a law that requires a woman to marry her husband's brother if he should die without leaving an heir (see Genesis 38:8; Deuteronomy 25:5).

But God's Law wasn't given to ensure the raising up of descendants to earthly fathers. The Law was given, as Jesus explains, to make us worthy to be "children of God"—sons and daughters born of His Resurrection. "God our Father," today's Epistle tells us, has given us "everlasting encouragement" in the Resurrection of Christ. Through His grace, we can now direct our hearts to the love of God.

As the Maccabeans suffered for the Old Law, we will have to suffer for our faith in the New Covenant. Yet, He will guard us in the shadow of His wing, He will keep us as the apple of His eye, as we sing in today's Psalm. The Maccabeans' persecutors marveled at their courage. We too can glorify the Lord in our sufferings and in the daily sacrifices we make. And we have even greater cause for hope than they did. One who has risen from the dead has given us His word—that He is the God of the living, that when we awake from the sleep of death we will behold His face and be content in His presence (see Psalm 76:6; Daniel 12:2).



10/30: Stewardship: Sunday Offering: \$2,037.00 10/30: Children's Offering: \$21.00
10/30: World Mission Offering: \$10.00 11/1: All Saints: \$263.00 11/2: Building Fund: \$440.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info by Wednesday before the weekend!

Ministries for November 13, 2022



Rosary: Raymond Tomek

Eucharistic Minister: Jill Stermer

Offertory: REP

Lector: REP

Ushers: REP

Servers: Pat, Kate

Sanctuary Light: November 7th-13th: Robert Michna by Kelly & Glenn Laurence

Prayer Chain... Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and for the following: Denise Russell, Sister of Jeannine Dohnalik, Helen Moriarty, mother of Stacie Higgins, Brady Barton, son of Clay and Rebecca Barton, Georgia Ann (Hubnik) Glaser, Ryan Miller, Rosalie Kostroun, Adrian Mitcham (Hubnik Family), Anton Vrazel, Paulette Foster, Reenie Hubnik, Marilyn Junek Gonzalez, Doris Matocha.

Prayers are powerful! To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact: **Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net**

MARAK MASSES—November 6-13, 2022

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—11/6	10:15am	+ Jerry Wade by Robert & Debbie Vansa + Pauline Hubnik Pease by Chester & Margaret Hays
11/9— Wed.	5:30pm	+ Jerry Sipula by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel + Emma Jean Ribar by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel
11/13—Sunday	10:15am	+ Lawrence & Albina Vrazel by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel + Martha Tomek by David & Judy Pilotte + Jerry Sipula by Ed & Kay Moraw

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **TODAY:** Fashion Bingo presented by St. Luke Catholic Church Women's Society. 1-4pm. Tickets are \$40.00 in advance and \$50.00 at door. Call Laura Brenek 254-718-2991. See Bulletin Board.
- **TODAY:** Election ballots for 2023 Parish Council will be provided to all parishioners.
- **TODAY:** St. Joseph Catholic Church in Marlin is having a Turkey & Dressing Dinner—\$13.00/plate—11am till 1:30pm. Dine in or Take Out. See flyer on Bulletin Board in Church Entry.
- **KJZT JRS.** will be sponsoring a Non-Perishable Food Drive for the Cameron Area Thrift Shop starting today thru November 20th. Baskets will be at the door entry. Cereal is being requested.
- **NOVEMBER 9TH:** St. Ann's Altar Society will meet at the Milam Co. Museum in Cameron at 9am.
- **NOVEMBER 13TH:** Cemetery Board Meeting after Mass.
- **NOVEMBER 16TH:** The Killeen-Temple Deanery will be having a meeting at Christ the King Church in Belton at 10am.
- **THANK YOU:** A very special thank you to the KJZT Society #21 for sponsoring the Polka Mass and providing the refreshments after Mass in celebration of Czech Heritage Month. Thank you to Raymond Tomek for leading the Rosary in Czech...very well done and appreciate that you are keeping the Czech heritage in our parish. Thank you to all the Visitors who attended the celebration. Thanks again to Alfred Vrazel, Mike, Janice and James Marek for the beautiful music.
- **DECEMBER 4TH:** The KJZT Jrs. will be sponsoring a No Bake— Bake Sale by having a second collection and the proceeds will go to Brady Barton and Family.

Dear Padre,

What is the purpose of confession if we're punished anyway when we die?

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, sin has a double consequence: eternal punishment and temporal punishment. "Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life." This consequence is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. "On the other hand, every sin, even venial...must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the 'temporal punishment' of sin" (CCC 1472). Thus, with the remission of the eternal punishment incurred by mortal sins, and the remission—at least in part—of the temporal punishments resulting from sin, the sacrament of penance allows penitents to attain complete purification "in such a way that no punishment would remain" (CCC 1472).

Because our relationship with God was ruptured by sin, Christ instituted the sacrament of penance so that our friendship and communion with God

can be restored, including our unity with his body on earth, the Church. In fact, "reconciliation with the Church is inseparable from reconciliation with God" (CCC 1445). The words of absolution in the sacrament attest to this reality: "Through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace."

God is loving and merciful, not vindictive and unforgiving. Our Creator, who made us to be with him for eternity, doesn't desire an eternal punishment that prevents the very purpose for which we were created!

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

It is of great comfort and hope to listen to this simple and clear word of Jesus about life beyond death; we need it very much especially in our time, so rich in knowledge about the universe but so lacking in wisdom about eternal life.

ANGELUS, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 7

Weekday

Ti 1:1–9

Lk 17:1–6

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 8

Weekday

Ti 2:1–8, 11–14

Lk 17:7–10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 9

Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica (Rome)

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17

Jn 2:13–22

Thursday

NOVEMBER 10

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

Phmn 7–20

Lk 17:20–25

Friday

NOVEMBER 11

St. Martin of Tours,
Bishop

2 Jn 4–9

Lk 17:26–37

Saturday

NOVEMBER 12

St. Josaphat,
Bishop and Martyr

3 Jn 5–8

Lk 18:1–8

Sunday

NOVEMBER 13

Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19–20a

2 Thes 3:7–12

Lk 21:5–19

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