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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENTS

Love God ♡ Love Thy Neighbor

MARK 12:28-34

May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is the purpose of God's law or commandments? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law and their ritual requirements. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Old Testament along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries. They tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose. What does God require of us? Simply that we love as he loves! God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love and truth the more we love what He loves and reject what is hateful and contrary to His will.

What makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves. Do we allow anything to keep us from the love of God and the joy of serving others with a generous heart? Let us pray with St. Anselm: We love you, Oh! God; and we desire to love you more and more. Grant to us that we may love you as much as we desire, and as much as we ought. Give us in our hearts pure love, born of your love to us, that we may love others as you love us.

Readings for next Sunday,

November 7, 2021

1 Kings 17:10-16

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44



Saint of the Week ... St. Martin de Porres

St. Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru in 1579. He was the illegitimate son to a Spanish gentlemen and a freed slave from Panama, of African or possibly Native American descent. At a young age, Martin's father abandoned him, his mother and his younger sister, leaving Martin to grow up in deep poverty.

When he was 12, his mother apprenticed him to a barber-surgeon. Martin learned how to cut hair and also how to draw blood, care for wounds, and prepare and administer medicines.

After a few years in this medical apostolate, Martin applied to the Dominicans to be a "lay helper," not feeling himself worthy to be a religious brother. After nine years, the example of his prayer and penance, charity and humility, led the community to request him to make full religious profession. Many of his nights were spent in prayer and penitential practices; his days were filled with nursing the sick and caring for the poor. It was particularly impressive that he treated all people regardless of their color, race, or status.

He was instrumental in founding an orphanage, took care of slaves brought from Africa, and managed the daily alms of the priory with practicality, as well as generosity. He became the procurator for both priory and city, whether it was a matter of "blankets, shirts, candles, candy, miracles or prayers!"

Side by side with his daily work in the kitchen, laundry, and infirmary, Martin's life reflected God's extraordinary gifts: ecstasies that lifted him into the air, light filling the room where he prayed, bi-location, miraculous knowledge, instantaneous cures, and a remarkable rapport with animals.

St. Martin de Porres is the patron saint of people of mixed race, innkeepers, barbers, and public health workers.

Sources: franciscanmedia.org and catholic.org



Feast Day: November 3

CCD Students Enjoy Welcome Back Party

Our CCD students were welcomed to their new year of religious education with a welcome back party last Sunday!

Coordinated by DRE Kelley Kuhn, students first met their teachers in their decorated classrooms, then rotated through several activities which were held outside. There was a cake walk along with two games: one required them to balance a container of golf balls with their feet while each of them took turns removing their socks; the other required them to stack cups with just strings attached to a rubber band. They learned the importance of cooperating, communicating and supporting each other while also having fun! Everyone was treated to donuts and snow cones in their choice of flavors: Biblical Blue Raspberry, Mother Mary Mango, Water & Wine Wedding Cake, or Church Bell Cherry!

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Welcome Back party a success, including catechists Meredythe Barrick, Claire DeSignore, Marie DeSignore, Jean Harber, Bob Konka, Kelley & Jeff Kuhn, Joe Maybury and Nancy Starcher; and volunteers Leslie Bosley, Mike & Rosie Landis, Mike & Robin McDowell, Ashlee Newlin, Valerie Starcher, and Kelli & Harry Wittman.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, October 30	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families	Dean Alt
		Intentions of Dena DeMasi-Turner.....	Sue Harber
Sunday, October 31	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tim & Ginny Newlin	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Monday, November 1	6:00 p.m.	Deceased Loved Ones.....	Assumption Parish
Tuesday, November 2	No Mass		
Wednesday, November 3	No Mass		
Thursday, November 4	12 noon	Soul of Joan Roach.....	Linda Marsh
		Soul of Dorothy Barrick	Howard & Karen Barrick
		Souls of James DeMasi & Paul Shannon	Mary Shannon
Friday, November 5	9:00 a.m.	Souls of Larry & Carmela DeMasi.....	Dena Turner
Saturday, November 6	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Anna & Wilbur Myers	Virginia Collines
		Soul of Elain Miller.....	Margaret McGee
Sunday, November 7	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Helen House	Joe House

There will be no weekday Mass this Wednesday, November 3, while Fr. Thomas is away.



Parish Prayer List

Please pray for: Patricia Ansel, Jennifer Boling, Bobby Dorsey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs*, Eddie Halterman, Larry Hinkle*, Helen Holder*, Pam Launi, Paul Miller, Kyeran Leigh Nelson, Esther Shockey, Sue Spotts, Bill Stine, Scott Tasker and Maleigha Taylor.

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K of C Projects Now Underway

Operation Christmas Child

A small number of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are now available in the vestibule of the church, but any average sized shoebox can be filled). Suggestions for what to include come with the box and the Knights cover the shipping charges. Please return your filled boxes to Church, to the Parish Office, or by contacting Michael Stanislawczyk (304.813.3426) no later than Sunday, November 14. For more information, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ.



Warm the Children

New and unused winter jackets, hats, gloves and scarves, as well as underwear, undershirts and socks are currently being collected to donate to the local Warm the Children campaign. Donations are requested for boys and girls, ages newborn through 18 in early December. These donations can be dropped off at the Church, the Parish Office, or by contacting Michael Stanislawczyk at 304.813.3426.



Collections & Attendance

October 23-24, 2021

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,693
Loose Donations.....	\$295
Total	\$1,988

Diocesan Collection

World Mission Sunday	\$345
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Attendance

Saturday 10/23.....	58
Sunday 10/24.....	93
Total	151

Diocesan Collection Next Weekend

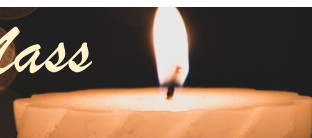
A Diocesan collection is scheduled next weekend for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. A separate basket will be available for this appeal.

Happy Halloween!



Memorial Mass

NOVEMBER 1, 2021



Our parish will celebrate All Souls Day with a Memorial Mass on Monday, November 1 at 6 p.m. A reception hosted by the Ladies Guild will be held following the Mass. **Please register if you plan to attend by calling or emailing the Parish Office, or online at the parish website.**

If you would like to purchase a memorial candle which will be lit at the Memorial Mass, please fill out an envelope which can be found in the vestibule. Cost per candle is \$5 and you will receive the candle after the Memorial Mass. Remembrance forms are also located in the vestibule and can be dropped in the Offertory baskets.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, November 6

Lector: Karen Yowler
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
EM: Sue Harber
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

Sunday, November 7

Lector: Geoff Newlin
Servers: Tucker Newlin, Jude Barrick, James Maybury
EM: Nancy Starcher
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: Mike & Sonja Stanislawczyk

Saturday, November 13

Lector: Sue Harber
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EM: Alan Taylor
Cantor: Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman

Sunday, November 14

Lector: John Bogdan
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis, Nick McKenzie
EM: Mike Landis
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

**DON'T FORGET
TO FALL BACK!
November 7, 2021**

