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November 8, 2020

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory: Shelter Me, O God

*Shelter me, O God;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.
You alone are my hope.*

When my foes surround me,
set me high above their reach.
Hear me when I call your name.

As a mother gathers her young beneath her care,
Gather me into your arms.

Though I walk in darkness,
through the needle's eye of death,
You will never leave my side.

Communion: As the Deer Longs

*As the deer longs for running streams,
So I long, so I long, so I long for you.*

Recessional: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on earth thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

Entrance:

Gather Us In

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
we are the old, who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

First Reading:

Wisdom 6::12-16

Responsorial Psalm

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel:

Matthew 25:1-13

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

November 8th - November 15th

Sunday, November 8th -

Thirsty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16/1 Thess 4:13-18/Mt 2:5-13

5:00pm Vigil Decd Carrie Ann Theret
8:00am Decd All Souls Novena
9:45am Sp Int For Our Parish Family
11:30am Decd Irene Romano

Monday, November 9th -

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12/1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17/Jn 2:13-22

8:30am Decd James Hughes (100th Anni)

Tuesday, November 10th - St. Leo the Great

Ti 2:1-8,11-14/Lk 17:7-10

8:30am Decd Charlie & Hilda Williams

Wednesday, November 11th - St. Martin of Tours

Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19

8:30am Decd Corbalis & Wagner Families
7:30 pm Sp Int All Veterans

Thursday, November 12th - St. Josaphat

Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25

8:30am Decd Fr. Philip Bohan, OFM Cap.

Friday, November 13th - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37

8:30am Decd Fr. James Gavin, OFM Cap.

Saturday, November 14th -

3 Jn 5-8/ Lk 18:1-8

8:30am Decd Americo Cucchiella

Sunday, November 15th -

Thirsty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30

5:00pm Vigil Decd Christopher "Kippy" Glasser
8:00am Sp Int For Our Parish Family
9:45am Decd John Russell (Anni)
11:30am Decd McCrudden Family

Memorials Week of November 8th

Bread and Wine
Decd Neal Moynihan

Sanctuary Lamp
Decd Neal Moynihan



Parish Office Hours
Monday - Closed
Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**The Parish Office will be closed
Wednesday, November 11th
in observance of Veterans Day**

We will tape the 8:30 Weekday Mass
from the church for Broadcast at 10:00 am.

Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, November 12th
3:30-7:00 pm

**Please Pray
for the repose of the soul of
Robert Hickey, Jr. Robert Yuscak,
and all the deceased parishioners of Sacred Heart,
and the Special Intentions of
Our Parish Family members,
listed in our Prayer Intention Book.**



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From the Pastor's Desk

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Stay Awake!

I don't know about you, my brothers and sisters, but gospel passages like the one we hear proclaimed today cause me to stop, wake up, pay attention, and ask myself if I am ready to meet the Lord. The words of our Lord in this passage from Matthew's gospel do not evoke fear in me, but do remind me that I must always be prepared to meet the Lord. Fear can paralyze us. Did you ever stand or sit completely still in a darkened place because you were afraid? Maybe you heard a noise you didn't recognize. Perhaps someone tried to spook you. Fear of the unknown can cause us not to act and can actually bring on real danger.

How do I prepare myself to meet the Lord? We might begin by asking ourselves if we are seeking to understand the will of God and live our lives accordingly. Do we read the Scriptures during the week? Do we further reflect on the Sunday readings once Mass is over and we are back at home, with the family, getting ready for bed? Do we seek to put into practice what we read or have heard proclaimed in church? Do we sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to what he teaches us? The wise virgins in today's gospel parable represent those who have properly prepared themselves to meet the bridegroom, whose arrival signifies the beginning of the celebration.

The foolish virgins represent those who failed to listen and act on Jesus' teaching. Perhaps they were spiritually lazy; perhaps they took too much for granted, thinking to themselves "there will always be enough time..." We, too, can be spiritually foolish when we dismiss Jesus' teaching, thinking it doesn't apply to us as much as it applies to everyone else! Perhaps we think to ourselves, "there's always tomorrow." But we know that tomorrow is never guaranteed – not in our physical lives and not in our spiritual lives. Again, that thought, that reality, is not intended to scare us or evoke fear in us. It is, however, a call and a reminder to stay awake, to be prepared, to follow the Lord's teaching, to imitate his example, to grow in our love for the Lord and in our understanding of his will for us.

We may be tempted to judge the wise virgins for not sharing their oil with those who were unprepared. It's not that they were cheap, stingy, or selfish. Their oil represents their preparedness to meet the Lord. No one can do that for us; we have to prepare ourselves to meet the Lord. No one can live our personal or spiritual lives for us; that we must do for ourselves. I can't put anyone else's life in proper order for them. I can't force anyone to follow Jesus. I can't judge, condemn, or justify the actions of others. I can't take ownership of another's decision to follow the Lord more closely or to leave his company altogether. Sure, I can pray for them, counsel them, try to motivate them, do my best to provide a good example for them to follow. But, in the end, each of us makes the decision to follow Jesus and each of us renews our commitment to the Lord by staying close to him, reading/listening to his word, celebrating the Sacraments (especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist), and being prepared to meet him whenever that shall happen...not with fear but with rejoicing!

The Thanksgiving Season is Upon Us

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is right around the corner...as is the end of the liturgical year and the beginning of Advent. And, of course, Christmas is close behind! I heard Christmas carols on the radio earlier this week. Many stores have begun or are already decorated and bargain hunters have begun their searches. On-line shopping is already booming. Some folks have their homes decorated with Christmas lights and trees already. Christmas offers us hope and joy, which so many have been missing during the start of the pandemic. It might sound funny coming from me, who absolutely loves the Christmas season, but perhaps we can slow down a bit to enjoy the fall season to celebrate Thanksgiving with genuine gratitude.

As we prepare to enter into the season of Thanksgiving, we continue to struggle with the pandemic and its many varied effects on our lives. Some of us have lost loved ones or know others who have, some have lost jobs and are finding it difficult to make ends meet. Others have curtailed or stopped visits with family and friends or have become hermits in their homes in order to remain safe and healthy. We've been counseled against large family gatherings, even though many of us have already been keeping a distance from our loved ones and can't imagine a Thanksgiving meal without the company of family and friends. You don't need me to remind you that the world is a different place since the arrival of the coronavirus.

Although many of us may be suffering from pandemic fatigue, expressed in a wide variety of ways, may I share a suggestion to help us focus on the theme of thanksgiving and gratitude for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us? Surely, this suggestion is not intended to pretend the pandemic is not real. It is not intended to cover up, dismiss, or make light of the many different feelings we are experiencing, especially the negative ones. But the suggestion does invite us to have "an attitude of gratitude" and to reflect on the belief that God is with us, right in the middle of us, revealing His Presence to us, comforting us, healing us, bringing us renewed hope and confidence.

I would like to invite all those who are interested to write down the blessings for which they are most grateful at this time. You may use a plain piece of paper or use the form below to list your blessings. Blessings come in all shapes and sizes, in people and talents. What are you truly grateful for? Once completed, these lists can be included in the offertory boxes where your donations are now received (on either side of the middle aisle as you enter the church) or in the large basket that will be located in the vestibule of the church. There is no need to sign your name on the list of blessings. They will be bundled together and placed on the Altar for our parish Thanksgiving Mass. They will not be read out loud; they will not be read at all! They are between you and our Lord.

My Blessings for which I am Grateful:



Speaking of Gratitude

Allow me to express once again my sincere gratitude to all our faithful, devoted, generous parishioners and friends of Sacred Heart who have contributed to our *Bridging the Gap* special collection (in lieu of the annual “Cash Appeal”). This special collection will help us offset the more than \$60,000 shortfall in the offertory that has accumulated since the beginning of the pandemic. To date, we have received almost **\$24,000** in donations for this purpose. I continue to remain grateful, humbled, and inspired by your kind generosity. The special *Bridging the Gap* collection envelopes will remain in the church until the first weekend of Advent. Even after that date, donations will be gladly and gratefully received. May God bless you and your family during this special time of year; may He keep you safe and healthy. Let’s continue to pray for each other and our parish. Let us imitate the fidelity, compassion and generosity of our Lord with a commitment to assist all those in need. And let us not extinguish the spirit of prayer and devotion.

Did You Save the Date?
Saturday, December 12th
Parish Concert
7:00 PM
Ticket Information Next Week

Fr. Bob

2021 Mass Book

The Mass Book for January 1 through June 30, 2021 opened last Wednesday.

The Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Lamp Memorials are also available now.

With all of the changes this year, we will be taking requests by **phone Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm** (963-4205). We will make every attempt to get the Mass dates that you are requesting, but we are limited on the number of Masses we are doing each day. Your patience with the new process will be greatly appreciated. Payment of the Mass stipends may be dropped off in an envelope marked "Mass Stipend" in the collection box behind the pews in church, or mailed to Sacred Heart Church, attn: Mass, 40 Convent Ave, Yonkers, NY 10703.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to request Masses or Memorials, **we ask that you do not request more than six Masses and that only one be a Saturday Vigil or Sunday Mass during this six month time period. To put ourselves in line with Archdiocesan guidelines, the stipend for all Masses will be \$15.00.** You may also request up to 6 Bread & Wine or Sanctuary Lamps when the Book opens. The stipend for a Memorial will also be \$15.00. Your cooperation with these stipulations will be appreciated.

Position Available

The Capuchin Franciscan Friars are seeking a part-time cook for their Senior Friars in Yonkers. The cook will be required to prepare Lunch and Dinner for approximately 30 Friars, set-up for meal service and clean up kitchen. Hours are 9:30-5:30pm - 2 days per week, some weekend days preferred.

Interested applicants should send resumes to: jobs@capuchin.org, please include the days of week that you are available to work.

SACRED HEART FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry needs for this week are
Pasta (Ziti, Penne, Rigatoni), Rice, Canned Fruits or Vegetables
 On your next shopping trip,
 please pick up a jar or two and drop off in the vestibule of the church
 on your way to Mass, or to the Parish Office..

We will also be starting the can collection for the
Thanksgiving Baskets.
Please help out with Cranberry Sauce, Yams, Vegetables
Thank you as always!

Puzzle Day....
match the key to get Today's Verse

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