

# Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

## November 4, 2018

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
5 P.M. – Frank P. Henke

Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>  
7 A.M. – Father Marcus Valenta and the  
Living & Deceased Members of the Armed Forces  
9 A.M. – Wilma Ebner

### Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of  
Souls of all the Faithful Departed.

### This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

### Your Gift to God: October 28<sup>th</sup>

Sweet Home	\$1,276
Online Giving	\$20
Building Fund	\$10
Cemetery Fund	\$45
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*May God reward your generosity!*

### Celebrate the Lord's Abundant Mercy

Each Saturday the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(Penance/Confession) is available from 4:00 P.M. to  
4:40 P.M. in the Sweet Home confessional.

### Scheduling Masses

Since the month of November is already booked,  
please wait for the arrival of Fr. Dominic and then  
speak with him to schedule Masses. With a resident  
priest there will now be daily Masses available as  
well. So as not to complicate scheduling, simply  
await Father's arrival.

### Special Collection

A special collection for the Catholic Campaign for  
Human Development will be taken up at all Masses  
the weekend of November 17-18.

### Vocation Awareness Week

"National Vocation Awareness Week will be  
celebrated in our country November 4-10, 2018.  
Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests,  
deacons and consecrated men and women. May they  
be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith  
community, and respond generously to God's gift of  
a vocation."

*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

### CDA Meeting

The Catholic Daughters will meet **Monday,**  
**November 5<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 P.M. in the Family  
Center. There will be a short Memorial Service for  
our deceased members. The hostess for this meeting  
are: Lynn Brewer, Lorrie Adamek, Linda Baros, Susie  
Barrera, Sharon Bucek.

### "In November, We Remember"

The month of November is a special time where we  
recall and remember in our prayers for those who have  
gone before us marked with the sign of faith. As a  
parish family we should keep in our prayers those who  
have recently experienced the loss of loved ones. The  
parish celebrated funeral rites for 7 individuals since  
last All Souls Day-- whose loved ones are still dealing  
with the transition brought about by grief and loss.  
May the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,  
Rest In Peace!

Jesus  
has a  
Priesthood  
that does  
not pass  
away.  
Heb.

## Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be held next Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. at the St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room.

## Want to Grow in Holiness, But Too Busy?

Want to transform your work, your marriage, your family, and your life, but don't have time? Looking for the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness, but don't know where to begin?

In our hectic day and time, Saint John Paul II and Saint Mother Teresa knew that the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Join us on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 P.M. at the St. Joseph Family Center as we begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. Consecration will be on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8<sup>th</sup>. For six weeks, we'll individually read about and reflect on four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Mother Teresa, and St. John Paul II. They'll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. In our weekly meetings we'll share our insights within our small group and then watch a 30-minute video. The video by popular author and speaker, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, brings our individual reflections and group experience into a clear and live-able focus.

If you're looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed, develop a deeper relationship with Our Merciful Savior, and grow in holiness, join us for 33 Days to Morning Glory Small-group Retreat.



*"Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him and we will come to him."*

## Pray St. Gertrude the Great's powerful prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Philip Kosloski

*According to tradition, many souls would fly to heaven when this prayer is prayed with heartfelt devotion.*

St. Gertrude the Great was a holy mystic of the 14th century, who began receiving heavenly visions at age 25 while living in a Benedictine community. Among her mystical visions was a glimpse into Purgatory.

There she saw a man she was praying for and his soul appeared as a toad, suffering from the sins he committed on earth. After reciting a short prayer for him, she asked Jesus if it had any effect. He replied by saying, "Certainly, the souls in Purgatory are lifted up by such supplications, but also brief prayers that are said with fervor are of even greater benefit for them."

The Church has always taught that it is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the souls of the faithful departed, imploring God to purify the souls of the dead "by the fire of his charity" and to bring them at last to their Heavenly Home.

During one of these visions Gertrude was given a prayer by Jesus for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. It is piously believed that 1,000 souls are released from purgatory by praying this prayer with the heart.

Below is this powerful prayer, one that trusts in the unfathomable mercy of God, poured out for us on Calvary.

*Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for all sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.*



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



## DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

*Office of the Bishop*

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October 30, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The U.S. bishops are joining together in a commitment of prayer and reparation leading up to the bishops' general assembly, where we will be making critical decisions in response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis. With my brother bishops across the nation, I am dedicating myself to seven days of intensified prayer and fasting, from Monday, November 5, through Sunday, November 11. The intentions for this period of prayer and sacrifice are three-fold:

*For the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse.*

*For the conversion and just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse.*

*For the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading our sheep from all harm.*

If you feel called to do so, you are welcome to join me in praying for these intentions. Especially powerful is the participation in daily Mass and the prayer of the Rosary. I deeply appreciate your faithful prayer and witness for our Church, and will be grateful for any prayers for me and my brother bishops during our general assembly - that we may follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in responding to the tragedy of clergy sexual abuse in the Church.

May God bless you and your families, entrusting our hearts to our Mother Mary let's keep each other in prayer!

Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill Bishop of Victoria