

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

November 2 - November 8

Monday, 11/2	9:00 a.m. All Souls 7:30 p.m. All Souls Mass
Tuesday, 11/3	9:00 a.m. Gary Thompson
Wednesday, 11/4	9:00 a.m. Odette Kini 7:30 p.m. Deceased Members of Jane Ruiz Family
Thursday, 11/5	9:00 a.m. Joseph Gardner
Friday, 11/6	9:00 a.m. Barbara Lynn Beall 7:30 p.m. Ramon Meneses
Saturday, 11/7	5:00 p.m. Maria Teresa Valentino
Sunday, 11/8	8:00 a.m. Lea Sullivan 9:30 a.m. <i>Pro populo</i> 11:15 a.m. Guy Beaven 5:00 p.m. Rolando Salbalbaro

Mass Intentions will be prayed for in a private daily Mass said by Fr. John if not prayed for in a public Mass.

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls Caroline M. Knestout, mother of Fr. Mark Knestout and Bishop Barry Knestout, Deacon Alfred A. Miller, Jr., Deacon John W. Somerville.

Please pray for the sick... Angelica Santos, Carol Harmon, Jackie Komlo, Allison Brauer, John McCormick, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Joseph Michael Gardner, Sandra Kimball, Dennis Parnell, Ed Dudenhoefter, Jackie Roebuck King, Jeni Stepanek. *(Names will remain on this list for four consecutive weeks, but can be repeated by calling the Office.)*

Readings for the Week of November 1, 2020

Sunday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday:	Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11/Jn 6:37-40
Tuesday:	Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13 -18/Mt 25:1-13

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

The Faithful Citizenship section of the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) contains lots of interesting and useful information. As the next election will be in just a couple of days, I think that I would present here twenty questions for faithful citizens. I invite you to take the quiz today, which I got from the USCCB website.

1. How many unborn children have lost their lives to abortion since Roe v. Wade legalized abortion in 1973? **A.** 9 million **B.** 27 million **C.** 53 million **D.** 89 million
2. How many successful treatments for “incurable” diseases have been developed using stem cells harvested from human embryos that were destroyed to obtain them? **A.** 0 **B.** 12 **C.** 45 **D.** 73
3. How many successful treatments for “incurable” diseases have been developed using stem cells from adult tissue sources, causing no harm to the stem cell donor? **A.** 0 **B.** 12 **C.** 45 **D.** 73
4. How many U.S. children live in a household that is “food insecure,” which means it can’t provide enough food for its members at some point during the year? **A.** 2.2 million **B.** 8.2 million **C.** 12.2 million **D.** 16.2 million
5. The official poverty rate in America is: **A.** 9.8% **B.** 11.5% **C.** 15.1% **D.** 22.4%
6. How long has the average jobless worker been unemployed? **A.** six months **B.** nine months **C.** ten months **D.** twelve months
7. According to a 2009 survey by The Polling Company, Inc., what percentage of American adults believed it is important to make sure that health care professional in America are not forced to participate in procedures and practices to which they have moral objections? **A.** 28% **B.** 42% **C.** 65% **D.** 87%
8. How many patients who are hospitalized in the United States each year are care for in a Catholic hospital? **A.** 1 in 9 **B.** 1 in 6 **C.** 1 in 5 **D.** 1 in 3
9. According to a study released in the September 2011 issue of Obstetrics & Gynecology, what percentage of practicing ob/gyns perform abortions? **A.** 14% **B.** 25% **C.** 50% **D.** 70%
10. Children raised in intact married families are less likely to: **A.** Be physically and sexually abused **B.** Use drugs or alcohol **C.** Become pregnant/impregnate someone as a teenager **D.** All of the above
11. According to a study by the University of Chicago, which factor best predicts that a boy will exhibit good behavior in fifth grade and avoid being suspended in eighth grade? **A.** Attending a high-quality elementary school **B.** Being raised in an intact home with both his father and mother **C.** Receiving instruction from a caring and competent teacher **D.** Attending a high-quality preschool
12. Children in single-parent families comprise _____ of all American children, yet they account for _____ of all poor children. **A.** 27%, 62% **B.** 31%, 49% **C.** 39%, 71% **D.** 42%, 50%
13. Unauthorized migrants take advantage of our welfare system to their own advantage and at the taxpayer’s expense. **A.** True **B.** False

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Feast of All Saints

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Besides myself, whom do I know who is in need of God's mercy? What can I do so that it flows through me to those who are in need?

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION 2020

The Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington Collection is November 7 and 8 this year. Our priests touch our lives in many ways: they baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows and hold our loved ones hands as the Lord calls them home. Let us come together to help provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live their retirement in dignity. You can support the Retired Priests Collection this year by one of the following ways:

- Envelope. Please use the envelope mailed to you earlier this month or the envelope provided by the parish/Our Sunday Visitor.
- Online: Please visit adw.org/rpc to support the collection online or you can donate through Faith Direct.
- Text: Please text "Priest" to (301) 231-1816. A text with a link to a secure form will be sent back to you to complete your generous gift for this important collection.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

14. Undocumented immigrants pay taxes. **A. True B. False**
15. Studies show that unauthorized immigrants provide a net gain of how much to the Social Security System each year? **A. \$8 million B. \$100 million C. \$650 million D. \$7 billion**
16. Torture is intrinsically evil. **A. True B. False**
17. What percentage of victims maimed or killed by landmines and cluster munitions are civilians? **A. 20% B. 40% C. 70% D. 90%**
18. Life-saving poverty-focused international assistance that fights hunger, disease and poverty make up what percent of the U.S. federal budget? **A. 1% B. 4% C. 11% D. 16%**
19. Which are the effects of climate change? **A. Increased temperatures B. Rising sea levels C. Changes in rainfall that contribute to more frequent and severe floods and droughts D. All of the above**
20. People with disabilities have a much more difficult time finding the resources they need to live in dignity. **A. True B. False**

We'll go over the answers next week.

Until then,
Fr. John

THANK YOU TO THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PARISH DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE AND CONTINUE TO DO!!

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

LEARN ABOUT SIX BLACK CANDIDATES FOR SAINTHOOD DURING ONLINE SERIES

This month, St. Francis of Assisi parishioners are invited to learn about six Black saintly men and women who inspired the Catholic faithful through their witness. In the online series, "Cloud of Witnesses," Catholics around the world are invited to learn about the following candidates for sainthood and take part in a dialogue about authentic worship, racism, ageism and poverty on the following dates:

- Saturday, November 7: Pierre Toussaint and Mary Lange
- Saturday, November 14: Henriette Delille and Augustus Tolton
- Saturday, November 21: Julia Greeley and Thea Bowman

The virtual "doors" for each online event on Zoom will open at 2:30 pm EST, with the event itself starting at 3 pm EST. To register for the free event, please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cloud-of-witnesses-grant-funding-by-nbcc-daniel-rudd-fund-tickets-122107178859?aff=eand>.

Sponsored by the Tolton Ambassadors-DC, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Archdiocese of Washington and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the Nov. 21 event will also feature an introduction by Julia Greeley by Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick. For more information, contact him at abosnick@sfadw.org

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Have you signed up yet to volunteer for the St. Francis Christmas Tree Sale from November 28 to December 13? There are lots of shifts available and many hands are needed to make this annual parish fundraiser a success.

Sign up to help set up the tree lot, offload, and stake trees, sell trees and break down the lot. Please sign up on Flocknote at <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/21902>; the shifts will be from Monday through Friday from 3-6 pm and 6-8 pm and Saturday through Sunday from 9 am-12 pm, 12-3 pm, 3-6 pm and 6-8 pm. All volunteers are strongly encouraged to wear personal protective equipment while working at the tree lot.

For more information, please contact Ministry Coordinator Brian Pettit at brianpettit@pettitcompanies.com or call him at (240) 372-1662.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

ONLINE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

ALL SAINTS DAY FAMILY EVENT:

11 AM ON SUNDAY,

NOVEMBER 1 AND OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- On Sunday, November 1, all religious education students and parents are invited to share in our interactive prayer celebration honoring All Saints Day. The link to join will be shared with registered families by Flocknote, and a resource packet for this event will also be sent by U.S. Mail.
- As noted on the Unit 1 checklist found in the folder included in your child's At-Home Catechesis Kit, students are scheduled to complete lessons in their textbooks as follows:
 - week of October 18: Session 1
 - week of October 25: Session 2
 - week of November 1: All Saints Day lesson
 - week of November 8: Session 3
 - week of November 15: Session 4
- Our next online parent meeting introducing the themes of Unit 2 will be held at 11 am on Sunday, November 22. The link for this Zoom meeting will be sent to registered families, and a recorded version will also be made available. Families will also be receiving Unit 2 materials around this time.

Questions? Call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193 or email sfareligioused@sfadw.org.

HOLY CROSS HEALTH VIRTUAL CLASS POWER TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

An evidence-based program designed with the caregiver's well-being in mind. The **Powerful Tools for Caregivers Workshop** helps caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for a friend or relative. Whether you provide care for a spouse, partner, parent, or friend at home or in a care facility -- yours is an important role.

This workshop is designed to help caregivers:

- Reduce stress
- Improve caregiving confidence
- Manage time, set goals, and solve problems
- Better communicate needs
- Make tough decisions
- Locate helpful resources

This FREE seven-week online workshop gives you the tools to better care for your loved one and yourself. There is an additional session included that provides in-depth information about understanding dementia, conditions that impact aging, and available resources. Participants receive The Caregiver Helpbook, which follows the curriculum and provides additional ways to address specific caregiver issues. The workshop is delivered online via WebEx and participants may join with a computer and webcam, or by phone. Dates: Monday, November 2-December 14 Time: 2:00-3:00 pm Registration is required and the deadline is Friday October 30. To register visit <https://www.holycrosshealth.org/health-and-wellness/classes-and-support-groups/virtual-classes?>

HEALTH MINISTRY

Encouraging health and wellness in body, mind and soul

Taking action to protect and care for your loved ones

If the Covid-19 Pandemic has shown us anything it is how fragile and unexpected life can be. And how difficult it is to be able to be with or even communicate with your loved ones in a time of illness or crisis or impending death. While we cannot predict an illness or health crisis we can prepare in advance for such times as these in three ways.

First, seek the wisdom of the Church. ***Comfort and Consolation: Care for the sick and dying***, the pastoral letter from the Catholic Bishops of Maryland, outlines an easy to follow discernment process whereby Catholics can prepare for and make health-care decisions in the context of Catholic teaching. This pastoral letter includes the Health Care Directive form. Go to <https://www.mdcatholic.org>

Second, have you had the conversation?

95% of Americans want to talk about their wishes at the end of life – but it is hard to talk about. It can be scary. Our faith gives us hope in the Resurrection. It is important to have conversations about what your healthcare at the end of life will look like, glorifying God in this life and celebrating with Him in the next. The Conversation Project can help you start talking about healthcare and your wishes for the end of life with your family. Visit <https://www.MDcatholic.org/endoflife>

Third, prepare an Advance Directive, also referred to as a Living Will.

The Catholic Advance Health Care Directive is a tool to help you discuss your wishes, to designate your healthcare agent, the one who will speak for you, and to talk about the kinds of care you want. Pray about it. Talk about it. And write your wishes down. For more information:

Visit <https://www.MDcatholic.org/endoflife>

If you have prepared an Advance Directive, have you informed all the important people in your life, most especially your healthcare agent and your primary medical doctor and given them copies of the document? Have you reviewed it *recently* to be sure it reflects your current wishes and/or changes in your current state of affairs? Now is the perfect time to assure you have all your paperwork in place. **Do it NOW. Do for the ones you love. Do it for yourself.**

It never hurts to review/revise your choices and to discuss them again with the important people in your life. Now is a great time to encourage or help a friend or loved-one to make their decisions. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Father Dillon, Deacons Datovech and Garcia or Betty Baklarz, SFA Faith Community Nurse for guidance.

ST. JUDE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON TUITION ASSISTANCE PLAN

Apply for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Washington for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Follow the links from www.stjduerockville.org - Admissions tab- Archdiocese Tuition Assistance or <https://adwcatholicsschools.org/tuition-assistance/archdiocesan-tuition-assistance-program/>The Deadline to apply is December 4th. Once you've completed the application it will roll over to St. Jude Regional Catholic School. One application and 2 opportunities to receive financial aid.