

SAINT MARGARET PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN

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OFFICE HOURS ARE MON-FRI. 8:30AM-4:30PM
WITH AN HR. OF LUNCH AT 12PM

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Christ's One and Eternal Sacrifice was and is for all humanity. With each Mass offered at the Altar, we give thanks that Christ offers His Sacrifice, keeping close to His Sacred Heart the following:

SUNDAY, OCT 25, PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MONDAY, OCT 26, ELEANORE MIKULKA +
TUESDAY, OCT 27, HANK MOORE +
WEDNESDAY, OCT 28, RAYMOND GREEN +
THURSDAY, OCT 29, SAMARA WHITE
FRIDAY, OCT 30, HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
SATURDAY, OCT 31, PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MASS TIMES

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at **6pm**

Tuesday and Thursday at **8am**

Saturday at **6pm**

Sunday **7:30am (Latin), 9:30am, 11:30am**

Those receiving Holy Communion are asked to do so directly on the palms. Approach the Sacrament with humility.

OUTSIDE CONFESSIONS WILL BEGIN 30 MINS BEFORE EACH WEEKDAY MASS

Saturday at **5:15pm**

Masses will now be held in the Piazza—make sure to bring a hat or umbrella to cover up from the sun.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Don't forget to turn your clock back 1 hr before going to bed next Saturday. Daylight Savings ends Oct. 31st 2020.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL MEDITATION

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:34-40



The Pharisees may not have had evil intentions when asking Christ the question as to the greatest commandment. But they have done us a good service by getting this crystal clear answer from him. In this answer he tells us that the man who loves God and neighbor fulfills all his obligations, and carries out all the duties that God's self-revelation in "the law and the prophets" imposes on him. God revealed himself to us in the Old Testament as our Creator and divine benefactor. He had no need for us, since he is infinitely perfect in himself, but out of his infinite goodness he wished to share his eternal kingdom of happiness with mankind and so he created us. That we should love such a benefactor and be grateful to him is not asking much of us; such love should surely be the spontaneous reaction of a rational being, and yet there were and there are many who fail to acknowledge any such obligation.

IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS PROTECT ME

Dear Friends of the Parish,

As the days are becoming shorter and the darkness begins to, ever increasingly, grow stronger, it is a good time to take inventory of how ready each of us are to face the approaching winter.

There are various templates we can use.

1. Every year as we head into November, the Church is always careful to remind us about the end of times. This is not a doomsday prediction, but a careful reminder of how to prepare ourselves for the arrival of the Kingdom of God. In short, the particular scriptures chosen for the daily liturgies will ask us to carefully reflect on where our loyalties lay and how we are laying the foundations for God's Kingdom to take root around us. Too often we look at God because we know Him to be aesthetically pleasing to behold, rather than looking to God because we know He will protect us with His strength. When we apply this principle simply to ourselves or others, we risk breaking the first commandment.

2. "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven". If we are to actually do God's will, it follows that something does need to be done. In other words, we have to make an effort. By simply saying this or that is "God's will" and taking a back seat to see how it all plays out, is often an abdication of our responsibilities of our dual citizenship of heaven and earth. Our salvation is not by faith alone. It is coupled with good works. As the old saying goes "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

3. Prudence always suggests we look at the big picture and carefully prepare ourselves and our environment for even the worst case scenarios. If you live in an area that is prone to wildfires, earthquakes, tsunamis or even civil unrest, do you have adequate provisions and safeguards to look after yourself, your family, friends and neighbors? If you had to "shelter in place", is your home adequately secure?

4. Final Checklist: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with the love of thy whole heart, and thy whole soul, and thy whole strength, and thy whole mind; and thy neighbour as thyself." (Luke 10: 27).

- A. Your whole heart: are you 100% prepared emotionally?
- B. Your whole soul: are you 100% prepared spiritually?
- C. Your whole strength: are you 100% prepared physically?
- D. Your whole mind: are you 100% prepared mentally?

Unlike Christ, none of us are completely prepared 100 % for our final hour. But as Christians utilizing the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit, we must always strive towards the fulfillment of love of God, self and neighbor if we believe in the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come.

Faith conquers fear, hope banishes despair and love endures through every test.

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