

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, NOV. 08, PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MONDAY, NOV. 09, ALL SAINTS NOVENA
TUESDAY, NOV. 10, KENDALL MORRIS JR.
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11, DECEASED LEGIONARIES +
THURSDAY, NOV. 12, MARGE RASK
FRIDAY, NOV. 13, EDNA MOORE
SATURDAY, NOV. 14, 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 palm of your hand. Approach the Sacrament with humility.

OUTSIDE CONFESSIONS WILL BEGIN 30 MINS BEFORE EACH WEEKDAY MASS

Saturday at **5:15pm**

2021 ST. JOSEPH MISSAL & THE LATIN MASS COMPANION WITH PROPER

Books will be available before the Sunday Masses in the piazza. We are accepting checks and exact cash only.
St. Joseph Missal: \$5 Latin Mass Companion: \$10

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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 25:1-13



The ten bridesmaids, or maidens, in the parable represent all Christians. On receiving the sacrament of Baptism, the Christian starts on the road to heaven; he gets his invitation to the heavenly nuptials, but this is only the beginning. From the moment he comes to the use of reason, he is expected to prepare himself, by living according to the law of God for the great moment when the call will go forth: *Behold the bridegroom! Come to meet him.* This moment will be, first, at the hour of death for each individual when each one's eternal fate will be decided, and again at the general judgment of the human race. During their lifetime, all are invited to the heavenly wedding, and all have the necessary means to get ready. But, like the foolish bridesmaids, many will fail to make use of these means and will realize their folly when it is too late.

A HELPING HAND ON THE FINAL DAY

Every human life is sacred, precious and eternal. Once conceived, regardless of circumstances, every human life from its microscopic beginnings, grows towards the goal of reaching out to the light of a first day and then towards the light of an eternal day.

The second day of November and the whole month we remember those who have died, acknowledging that we too will die and that we should support each other, both the living and the dead towards that final goal of literally seeing God face-to-face through Christ Himself. In order to do so, we will always have to close our eyes.

We close our eyes when we pray, every night when we sleep and also when we enter into the final rest of our last day. All of us have loved ones, family, friends and acquaintances who have closed their eyes and entered into their final rest. And, one day, each one of us will also join those who have gone before us and enter into this same rest.

But for now, because the bonds of love and friendship are still very much part of our everyday lives, when we close our eyes in prayer, remembering those who rest in the peace of God, we pray that in their rest, they will not be disturbed but that their spirit will be comforted by a vision of the love and mercy of God.

This rest in the sleep that death initiates is not everlasting. On that last day, when the Kingdom of God will finally itself restore all of us to immortality both physically and spiritually in a new creation, together we will all rise from our sleep to witness a new heaven and a new earth.

So why do we pray for those who have died if we all will, on that final day of restoration, rise from the dead in the same manner that Christ did on Easter Sunday? Maybe, a good way to think about it is that we all need a helping hand to wipe the sleep from our eyes and help us out of bed! We can remember the words of Christ after He raised the little girl from the dead. He told her family to support her by giving her something to eat. And when Christ raised Lazarus from the grave, Our Lord instructed the family to untie the strips of cloth that were wrapped around His once dead friend.

In very much the same way, our prayers for those who have died lend a helping hand of comfort and support. This is often depicted in paintings of the Last Judgement, even our own one inside the church. St. Paul reminds us that the dead will not all be resurrected at the same time. First, of course, has been Christ. Then, through the power of His own resurrection, everyone else “but each one in proper order”. A good way to imagine this “chain reaction”, is that those to whom our love reached out to in friendship, devotion and prayer, will, after their own resurrection, lend us a helping hand to take our own first baby steps after our own resurrection on that final day. First steps in any direction are always scary.

When we were born, we needed a helping hand and encouragement to eventually get to our feet and stand up straight. For all who are to be born again into eternal life, our prayer for them is likewise. And when they get to their feet, let's hope they will help us to do likewise, through Christ our Lord.

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