

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Holly, Edmond Bresh, Walter Isaacs, Tom Milos, Annette Krietler, Wendell Barry, Helen Reynolds, Helen Popp, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, and Judy DiLorenzo. We pray for the safety and wellbeing of all those affected by the Coronavirus.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Reynolds, may he rest in peace.

A SURVEY OF THE BIBLE – FIRST CORINTHIANS

The immediate occasion of First Corinthians was a letter from the community in Corinth asking for directions about various moral and ethical matters such as divisiveness, immorality, lawsuits, selfishness, abuses in the liturgy, the use of spiritual gifts, and possibly denial of the Resurrection. Paul is forced to exercise his apostolic authority as he deals firmly with these problems. The epistle is quite orderly in its approach as it sequentially addresses each these issues. Arguably, one of the most beautiful passages in all of Scripture is 1 Corinthians Chapter 13, where Paul speaks about the gift of love. This passage is often read at marriage ceremonies.

The time of First Corinthians is during Paul's second missionary journey when for eighteen months he taught the word of God in Corinth in A.D. 51 and 52.

NOTEABLE SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St. Francis de Sales, Patron of Writers, January 24

Sts. Timothy & Titus, St. Timothy, patron against stomach disorders, January 26

St. Thomas Aquinas, Patron of Schools, January 28

I do the very best I know how -
the very best I can; and I mean to
keep on doing so until the end.

Abraham Lincoln

BrainyQuote

National Catholic Church



January 24, 2021 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

In today's second reading (1 Corinthians 7:29-31) Paul states with some urgency, "*For the world in its present form is passing away.*" Pundits have been declaring for a long time that the end is near. Individuals have expended a great deal of energy studying the Bible in hopes of calculating an exact date. They failed. How could it be otherwise? Jesus states clearly in Mark 13:32 that only the Father knows when the end will come. But knowing the end date is not the thrust of Paul's message. Rather, Paul is advising the Church in Corinth to recognize the transient nature of this life, it is passing away, and to turn to the fullness of the life to come that is eternal.

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

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