

LIVING FAITH

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

NOVEMBER 8, 2020



NOVEMBER
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY: MATTHEW 25:1-13

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this.

Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them;
but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

But at midnight there was a shout,

“Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.”

Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.”

But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us;
you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.”

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came,
and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet;
and the door was shut.

Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.”

But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.”

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Many people think that this parable, told by Jesus, is warning us to be prepared for the second coming of Jesus at the end of time. What if Jesus is actually encouraging us to be on the alert in the here and now, at every moment of our lives, to recognize Him in our neighbour, in the poor, in the marginalized, the oppressed, the addict, the prisoner? What if Jesus is encouraging us to be on the lookout and to recognize Him in the everyday moments and people in which He often goes unnoticed and unrecognized? This week, be alert. Jesus is present in the events of daily life and in the people we least expect.

TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Where do you see Jesus in your everyday life?
- Are there people in whom you find it difficult to recognize Jesus? Why do you think this is so?
- This week... look for opportunities to recognize Jesus. Where do you see Him?

THE CHURCH TEACHES

We continue our exploration of Pope Francis' 3rd Encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*



ENCYCLICAL LETTER
FRATELLI TUTTI
Of the Holy Father Francis
On fraternity and social friendship

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A HEART OPEN TO THE WHOLE WORLD

WHAT ACTIONS WORK IN FAVOR OF UNIVERSAL FRATERNITY?

1

Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and all those on the margins.

2

Becoming more aware that nowadays either we are all saved together or no one is saved.

3

Forging a global juridical, political, and economic order that favors the development of all peoples in solidarity.

What is gratuitousness?

- ▶ Doing some things simply because they are good in themselves.
- ▶ Acting without concern for personal gain or recompense.
- ▶ Welcoming strangers, even though this brings us no immediate tangible benefit.



"The true worth of the different countries of our world is measured by their ability to think as part of the larger human family. God always gives freely."

Every healthy culture is open and welcoming by its very nature:

Opening our minds and hearts helps us to understand those who are different.

In the universal communion each human group discovers its own beauty.

Human beings are limited beings who are nevertheless limitless.

Is it possible for us to be open to our neighbors within a family of nations?

For a copy of the English translation of *Fratelli Tutti* click [here](#).

RECOVERING TOGETHER

265 million people could face starvation by the end of 2020

The economic fallout from COVID could push an additional **half a billion people** into poverty

Only 1 in 5 people in low-income countries are covered by **safety net programmes**



“You are the indispensable builders of this change that can no longer be put off. Moreover, when you testify that to change is possible, your voice is authoritative. You have known crises and hardships ... that you manage to transform – with modesty, dignity, commitment, hard work and solidarity – into a promise of life for your families and your communities.”

— Pope Francis, *Life After the Pandemic*, pg. 39

The most vulnerable of our human family are more at risk of hunger, poverty, conflict, and human rights violations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2020



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Forget

Every year, on November 11th, we stop to remember with grateful hearts those who gave their lives that we might have the freedom we enjoy today. On this day, we pray for an end to all wars, that people may live in peace.

Remembrance Day is a memorial day observed throughout the Commonwealth since the end of the First World War. On this day, we remember the members of our armed forces who have died in the line of duty. Following a tradition inaugurated by King George V in 1919, Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November in most countries to recall the end of hostilities of World War I on that date in 1918. Hostilities formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month", in accordance with the armistice signed by representatives of Germany and the Entente between 5:12 and 5:20 that morning. ("At the 11th hour" refers to the *passing* of the 11th hour, or 11:00 am.) The First World War officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on 28 June 1919. The first official Armistice Day was subsequently held on the grounds of Buckingham Palace the following morning.



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

- Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

The red remembrance poppy has become a familiar emblem of Remembrance Day due to the poem "In Flanders Fields" written by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae. Poppies were first worn in 1921.

In Newfoundland and Labrador, the first commemorative flower was the forget-me-not, which is traditionally worn on July 1, the day on which we remember the fateful battle of Beaumont-Hamel in 1916.

We Remember

