

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 8, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

We do not want you to be unaware . . . about those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thessalonians 4:13)

We all struggle at times with doubts about our faith, and the Thessalonians were no exception. Some of their loved ones had died before Jesus' Second Coming—an event they thought would happen in their lifetime. Now what, they wondered? How could the dead participate in Jesus' triumphant return?

Paul reassures them: they haven't lost their loved ones forever, so they don't have to grieve like those who have no hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13). When Jesus returns, he will raise those who have already died along with those who are still alive.

For us too, the seeming finality of death can lead us to doubt the truths of the resurrection. Even if we believe that Jesus was raised from the dead, we might wonder what's in store for us after we die. Can God really give us and our loved ones glorified bodies that are never subject to sickness, decay, or death (1 Corinthians 15:52-53)? Yes, he can, but we won't know what this looks like until we ourselves pass through death to life everlasting.

That's where faith comes in. Paul was asking the Thessalonians, as he is asking us, to believe that Jesus' resurrection really does have consequences for us. Christ is "the firstfruits," the first to be raised; "then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:23). We don't know the details, the "how" or the "when." But as we put our faith in Jesus and what he has done for us, he will move us from doubt to hope.

Paul consoles the Thessalonians with these words: "We shall always be with the Lord" (4:17). So will you. You don't have to give in to doubt, which can lead to worry and fear. God is with you now, and he will be with you in the future—whatever that future holds.

"Jesus, I believe you are with me, both now and forever."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

PRAYER

Dear Lord,
today we honor our
veterans, worthy men
and women who gave
their best when they
were called upon to



serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

Stewardship Thought

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - MATTHEW 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

Weekly Offering for November 1, 2020

\$5,992.20 Tithe and Offering

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 26, 2020

at 9:30AM

Registration is required to reserve a seat.

Call the rectory 323.291.1136

or 310.961.7994

Faithful Departed Masses

During **November** our Masses will be offered for the Faithful Departed. This is an opportunity for us to remember in prayer those who preceded us in death. We ask that you use your envelopes to list the names of those you wish to be included in our All Souls Masses.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

The Knights of Peter Claver 220 will prepare their Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 26th for those who are unable **to cook, or need a meal. Please provide us with your name, address, phone number, and how many dinners by calling Jo Ann Levi in the rectory office at 323.291.1136.** Your meal will be delivered. Due to Covid 19, donations of food are **NOT** being accepted. Monetary gifts are appreciated. Please make checks out to Knights of Peter Claver.

Did you know?

How to help your children with anxiety

We're living in uncertain times, and our anxiety about what is happening today, and will happen in the future, can trickle down to our children, making them anxious, too. This anxiety may manifest in new fears, such that a child becomes reluctant to try new things, or it may exacerbate existing fears, such that a child becomes even more anxious than before. Parents can help their children with anxiety by practicing techniques for deep breathing, ensuring regular exercise and talking honestly about feelings and concerns. For more tips, request a copy of the VIRTUS article "Techniques for Calming Anxiety for Youth" at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>

Thank you

The beautiful **flowers** on the altar were donated by Gloria McClaurin in loving memory of **Preston, Rosa and Dante Thompson.**

Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Percenia Beasley, Vivian Burgess, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Edward Cousin, Desmond Davis, Juanita Davis, Carolyn Didney, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Cynthia Fortier, Michael Frierson, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Vylfred Manor, Dorothy Okoye, Sally Price, Dorothy Pullian, Wiley Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Mike Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Alice Williams and Herbert Young.