



# Sacred Heart

C a t h o l i c C h u r c h

4087 West Broadway • Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Phone: 763-537-4561

*Formed in His Heart, Serving with His Heart, Giving From His Heart*

## Saturday—Lord's Day Vigil

4:00 PM Mass of Anticipation

## Sunday— The Lord's Day

8:00 AM Mass - In Church

10:00 AM Mass - In Church

11:40 AM Latin Mass - In Church

## Daily Mass Times

### Monday:

8:00 AM Communion Service  
followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

### Tuesday — Saturday:

8:00 AM Mass  
followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

## Holy Day Mass Times

Consult the bulletin

## Penance and Reconciliation

### Tuesday — Saturday Morning:

7:40 — 7:55 AM

### Saturday Afternoon:

3:00 — 3:45 PM

Or by appointment

## Eucharistic Adoration

The Sacred Heart Chapel will be open for personal prayer and adoration before the monstrance on Thursdays from 9AM-8:30PM

## Parish Office Hours

Monday 8:30 AM — 2:30 PM

Tues.-Thurs. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

## Parish Web Site

[www.shrmn.org](http://www.shrmn.org)

**Parish Phone:** 763-537-4561

## Sacred Heart Catholic School

Pre-K through 8th grade  
4050 Hubbard Avenue North  
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

## School Web Site

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**School Phone:** 763-537-1329

## November 12, 2023



## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Lord, Lord, open the door for us!” But he said in reply, “Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.” - Mt 25:11-12



## Parish Directory

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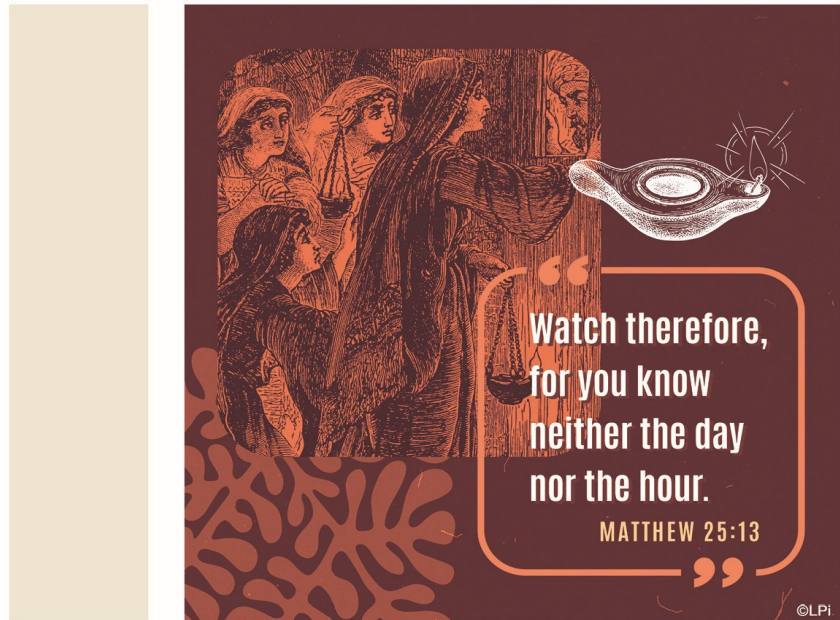
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**Priest Staff:** Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen

**Deacon:** Dr. James Ramsey



“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

MATTHEW 25:13

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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look *exactly* the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: **“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”** Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark. — *Father John Muir*

## Appointed Sunday Readings

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time-11/12/2023

**First Reading:** Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

**Psalm:** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

**Second Reading:** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thes 4:14)

**Gospel:** "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13)

## Latin Mass Sunday Readings

5th Sunday after Pentecost

**Epistle:** "Brethren: Put ye on therefore, as the elect of God..." (Col 3:12-17)

**Gradual:** "Thou hast saved us, O Lord, from them that afflict us..." (Ps 43:8-9)

**Gospel:** "At that time Jesus spoke this parable to the multitudes..." (Mt 13:24-30)

## Appointed Daily Readings

Monday, Nov. 13-Saturday, Nov. 18

**Monday:** Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

## Prayers of the Faithful

Please remember in your prayers:

**Those Who Are Ill:** Michael Murry, Joann Radmacher Johnson, Chase Anderson

**With Chronic Health Concerns:**

Tom Ambrose, Brady Swenson, Mary Jo Faustgen, Andrea DeOtis, Medard Keisershot, Cody Binstock, Carol Borman, Kelly Van-Schalk, Tori Prince, Joyce Hanauska, Chase Anderson

**Those Serving In Our Armed Forces:** Sam

Dahlgren-Castilla, Justin Rathbun, Liam Gregory, Jordan Reese, Andrew Gladitsch, Cathal & Cormac O'Connor, Lisette Knaeble, Zachary Wilhelmi, Lily Wilson, Joseph Eckman

**Those Who Have Died Recently:** Irene Stawarski

## Administration

### Stewardship-Your Commitment is Vital !

Collections for October 28-29, 2023 (week 18)	Dollars	# Donors
Sunday Envelope Collections	\$4,626.90	64
Electronic Donations	\$396.73	8
Plate (non envelope) Collections	\$838.10	
<b>Total Collections for week 18</b>	<b>\$5,861.73</b>	<b>72</b>

### Year-to-date Sunday Collections

	This Year	Last Year	(Behind)
Actual versus last year October 29, 2023 (week 18)	\$200,770	\$191,409	\$9,361

	This Year	Budget	(Behind)
Actual versus Budget October 29, 2023 (week 18)	\$200,770	\$192,064	\$8,706

New to Sacred Heart?



To register as a parishioner, visit [shrmn.org](http://shrmn.org), call the office, or scan the QR code above.

"Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to." - Deuteronomy 15:10

TO MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



## December Blood Drive



Scan to schedule an appointment.

Sacred Heart will be hosting a Blood Drive on December 1, 12-5pm

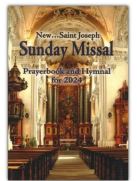
Sacred Heart Catholic Church-Gym  
4087 W Broadway, Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter SHRobbins to schedule an appointment

## St. Joseph Sunday Missal

### New...Saint Joseph Sunday Missal

The Saint Joseph Sunday Missal for 2023-2024 starting with the First Sunday of Advent for Cycle B is for sale at the Reception Desk in the Parish Commons. The cost of this Missal is \$5.00. If you have any questions, please call Bunny in the Parish Office.



St. Gertrude the Great, or St. Gertrude of Helfta, was born on January 6, 1256 in Germany. She eventually chose to follow the Lord by pursuing a vocation as a Benedictine Nun. Her deep relationship with the Lord in prayer led to her being hailed as a mystic. She was also regarded as a great theologian. On November 17, 1301, Gertrude passed away.



## Sacred Heart Catholic School

Sacred Heart Catholic School is participating in Give to the Max Day on November 16, 2023.

We are raising funds to replace our gym floor. For over 50 years, students have experienced joy while playing and working together in our gymnasium. Please consider a gift on Give to the Max Day to help us keep the gymnasium the hub of activity for another 50 years.

<https://www.givemn.org/organ.../Church-Of-The-Sacred-Heart-1>



**Wreath Pick up November 16-17 2:00-6:00 pm.**

Thank you for ordering your holiday decorations from Sacred Heart Catholic School. Please pick up your decorations on Nov. 16-17 from Fr. Pedersen's garage.

**Save the Date-Annual Gala**

**Please save Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> for our annual gala. Our theme this year is Denim & Diamonds. We have some fun surprises planned for the evening. We look forward to a great night.**

Like our Facebook Page - [Sacred Heart Catholic School Robbinsdale, MN Alumni/Parent](https://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale)  
<http://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale>

Follow us on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/SHCSRobbinsdal1>

## To Join Sacred Heart Parish

If you are new to our community, or have been attending Mass here but have not yet joined Sacred Heart call 763-537-4561 or stop in the parish office to register.

## Sacrament of Initiation — RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

To join the Catholic Church call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

## Sacrament of Baptism for Infants and Children (RCIC)

Baptism for Infants and young Children is celebrated on the first & third Sundays of the month at 1 PM. Pre-Baptism Class meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. To make arrangements call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in High School or an Adult who has yet to receive Confirmation contact Matt Kruc or Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office to make arrangements.

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

If you or your child have not yet made your First Holy Communion contact Bunny Brouillard. If you are shut in and would like to receive Holy Communion contact Deacon Ramsey to make arrangements

## Sacrament of Penance

See the schedule for confessions or contact Fr. Pedersen to make an appointment. To receive instruction on making a first confession contact the Parish Office.

## Sacrament of Anointing

To make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Last Rites contact the Parish Office.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Registered Parishioners should call Father Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey at least 8 months in advance of the wedding date to make arrangements.

## Sacrament of Holy Orders

Catholic Men contact Fr. Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey for more information on joining the Diaconate or Priesthood.

## Sunday School

Open to children ages 3 years through Kindergarten. Meets during the 10 AM Mass October through April. Please call Morgan Leisgang in the Parish Office.

## Religious Education

For students grades 1—10. Meets Wed. evening 6:30pm—7:45pm, Oct. through April. Please call Morgan Leisgang or Matt Kruc in the Parish Office.

## Mass Intentions

**\*\*This Schedule is subject to change\*\***

### November

Sun. 12	8:00 AM	Bernard Burke+
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Latin	11:40 AM	Bill & Dorothy Poot+
Mon. 13	8:00 AM	Communion Service
Tues. 14	8:00 AM	Tom & Lucille Coleman+
Wed. 15	8:00 AM	Marge Marrone+
Thu. 16	8:00 AM	Frank & Kit Newstrom+
Fri. 17	8:00 AM	Donald Churilla+
Sat. 18	8:00 AM	Celebrant's Intention
	4:00 PM	Wayne T. Ertel+
Sun. 19	8:00 AM	M. Monica Jude Loch+
	10:00 AM	Elizabeth Barry+
Latin	11:40 AM	Parishioners

### Chapel Open for Prayer:

- Monday: 8:30am-2:30pm
- Tues.-Wed.:8:30am-4:30pm
- Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm

### Confessions

Daily Tuesday-Saturday 7:40-7:55a.m.  
Saturdays 3:00-3:45pm

### Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

9:00am-8:30pm

## Parish Prayer Line

To be placed on the prayer line call the Parish Office 763-537-4561. You can also send in your request via e-mail: [cshadmin@shrmn.org](mailto:cshadmin@shrmn.org)



## Faith Formation



**The Bible Timeline:**

**The Story of Salvation**

**Developed by Jeff Cavins**

**Session 14: Divided Kingdom-Part 2**

**Divided Kingdom-Part 2:** Covers only the parts of 1 & 2 Kings that pertain to the Southern Kingdom (Judah).

**Session 13 on Tuesday November 21 1:00pm or 7:00pm Sessions.**

**Questions call Bunny: Direct Line: 763-285-6247 contact@shrmn.org**

### A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries

**After Mass on Saturday, November 18 and after the 8 and 10am Masses on Sunday November 19, in the Marian Rooms**



**Session 4: The Transfiguration:** Have you ever wanted to grow in your understanding and devotion to the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary? Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they walk through these Biblical mysteries and seek to grow in understanding and love for Christ through them.

This episode on the Transfiguration is the fourth episode of a five part series on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.

## Pre-Baptism Classes

### PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES

Pre-Baptism Classes are offered at Sacred Heart on the Second Tuesday of the month. All parents are required to attend a pre-baptism class before the Baptism of their first child or if it has been over three years since they last attended a pre-baptism class. Our next scheduled session is **Tuesday November 14 at 7pm** in the Activities Building. If you plan to attend this session, please call the Parish Office at 763-537-4561.



## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We still have some needs to complete the atrium. You can purchase the following items by clicking on the link and bringing them to the parish office or by writing a check to Sacred Heart and putting the intended item in the memo line. Please notify Morgan Leisgang at 763-285-6246 or [mleisgang@shrmn.org](mailto:mleisgang@shrmn.org) if you have ordered something or written a check.

- AA Batteries
- San Damiano Crucifix \$12.95
- Solo Chime Bell \$11.99
- Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth \$65
- Pasting Boxes Inserts- complete set of 5- \$75

### Liturgical Colors

Young children are drawn to color; therefore, in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, we offer them the meaning of the various colors used by the Church, which will enhance their observation when they go to Church. They may notice that the priest or the pastor is not always dressed in the same color. The different colors are an expression of a different focus, different feelings, according to the moment it is in the liturgical year.

## Respect Life Ministry

**Churches Open! Abortion Centers never closed**

**Come and pray for the most vulnerable in our society!!!**

**Robbinsdale abortion center** 3819 W. Broadway, Robbinsdale: Saturday 10:00 a.m. (Rosary) led by Rev. Thomas Dufner

**Brooklyn Park Planned Parenthood** 7532 Brooklyn Blvd: Friday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Rosary) Life Matters, St. Stephen's, Anoka (Abortions are done Fridays.)

**St. Paul Planned Parenthood** 671 Vandalia St., St. Paul: Monday through Saturday 7:20 a.m. (Rosary) Bob (612) 247-1166; Thursday 5:00 p.m. (Rosary) Bob (612) 247-1166; Third Thursday 10:00-11:00 a.m. (Rosary) All Saints Church, Lakeville, Mary Bocek (651) 528-4617; Friday 9:30-10:00 a.m. (Rosary) led by a priest of the Archdiocese; Friday 3:00-3:30 p.m. (Rosary) Legion of Mary; First Saturday 10:00 a.m. (Rosary, Chaplet, Silence) A Community Caring for Life, Michael Gross, gross-me@outlook.com; Third Saturday 10:00 a.m. (Rosary) Cathedral of St. Paul Knights of Columbus #14752, Al Rohweder (612) 417-6613

**Richfield Planned Parenthood** 6527 Lyndale Ave., S.; Wednesday 1:00 p.m. (Rosary) Helen (612) 822-8360

**Whole Woman's 8053 E. Bloomington Freeway, Bloomington; Wednesday** Approximately 9:00 a.m. (Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet). For details, contact Bernadette (952) 941-8079 or Kathy (952) 356-9530 (Leave a message if no one answers.) Thursday 10:00 a.m. (Rosary) Bloomington/Richfield Marian Council Knights of Columbus Tom Mantel (952) 835-3945

Prayer groups from all denominations are strongly encouraged. If you start going out and would like to have your group listed here, please contact Debra Braun at (651) 797-6364.

## "Survived 25 Club"

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

Please keep the following couples and their intentions in your prayers:



**Larry & Bernie Novak 61 years**  
**Tim & Margie Moline 53 years**  
**Charlie & Anne Hedlund 49 years**  
**Mike & Laurel Murry 49 years**

May God continue to bless you and keep you strong in your vocation of marriage!

These amazing marriages are being brought to you by the "Survived 25 Club".

If you would like your December or January marriage of 25 years or more recognized please call us now, Laurel Murry 763-535-4101 or Anne Hedlund 763-535-4275.

*At the resurrection, every form of human love, including married love, will be transformed into divine love. We don't know how but we will become like the angels in their ability to love perfectly.*

*As a married couple let us help each other obtain entrance into heaven.*

## NEAR

### Christmas Toy Distribution

Make Christmas brighter for area children, youth, and teens as this popular NEAR event returns to the Crystal Community Center in mid-December! Make donations of toys and gift items for boys and girls ages birth to 18 (with largest need from ages 9 to 18). Popular items include stuffed animals, gloves (youth/teen sizes), sports balls and gear, electronics, fleece throw blankets, and art kits. Monetary donations to NEAR for the event are also very helpful as they allow volunteers to catch the best sales and stretch every dollar! If writing a check, please note "Toy Distribution" in memo line.



## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, November 12–32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 10am masses**

7:30 AM Rosary Prayed  
 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 9:00 AM Adult Ed  
 10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 11:00 AM Adult Ed  
 11:40 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

**Monday, November 13– St. Didacus, 15th C (Trad.)**

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
 8:00 AM Communion Service  
 Morning Prayer

**Tuesday, November 14– St. Josaphat, 1623 (Trad.)**

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
 7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 Morning Prayer to follow Mass

**Wednesday, November 15– St. Albert the Great, 1280 (Trad.)**

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
 7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 Morning Prayer to follow Mass

**Thursday, November 16– St. Gertrude the Great, 1320 (Trad.)**

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
 7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 Morning Prayer to follow Mass  
 Adoration following Mass till 8:30 PM

**Friday, November 17– St. Gregory Thaumaturgus, 268 (Trad.)**

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
 7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 Morning Prayer to follow Mass

**Saturday, November 18– Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul in Rome, 1626 (Trad.)**

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
 7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 Morning Prayer to follow Mass  
 3:00 PM Confessions till 3:45 PM  
 4:00 PM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 5:00 PM Adult Ed  
 5:15 PM Vespers

**Sunday, November 19–33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM Rosary Prayed  
 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 9:00 AM Adult Ed  
 10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 11:00 AM Adult Ed  
 11:40 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

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**Deceased to be Listed for All Souls Day  
November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023  
Church of the Sacred Heart Robbinsdale, Mn**

James Joseph Schreiber  
Audrey Johnson  
James Geibenhain  
Mary "Kay" Crandall  
Sandra Isabel Smith  
Virginia Mae Rathmanner  
Audrey Sue Stodola  
Anne Therese Gibbs  
Susan Nilsson  
Alice Jo Doerner  
Joan Beatrice Neubeck  
Calvert George Belden  
\*Rosalyn Virginia Bird  
Kathryn LaVine  
\*James Goering  
Mary Ann Stenzel  
Lorraine Phyllis Boehm  
Louise A. McLaughlin  
\*Delia Velasco Roca  
Helen Marie Willger  
Julie Ann Harty  
Lawrence James Monette  
Kathleen Brennan  
\*Elaine Genevieve Merkl  
Margaret Ann West  
\*Virginia Anderson



# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

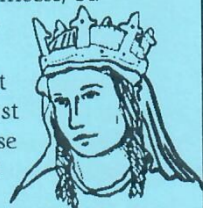
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Sacred Heart Church  
Robbinsdale MN.

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Margaret of Scotland

A Hungarian princess, St. Margaret grew up in luxury and privilege, but she never lost sight of those in need and her duty to serve them. After the Battle of Hastings, her family fled to Scotland where King Malcom III sheltered them and eventually married Margaret. Although a queen, her private life was austere, dedicated to prayer and serving the poor—even washing beggars' feet. She is remembered for her life of piety, kindness, and generosity.



### Christ the King

What does it mean to say Christ is King? Do we give Him our Sundays only, or the whole week? Set aside ten minutes for God. Offer Him the events of your day and say, "Your will be done."

*"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and [the world]" (Luke 16:13).*



## Thanksgiving can inspire gratitude in action

St. Mother Teresa said, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." At Thanksgiving, we bask in the glow of our blessings but it's also a chance to share them with others. This is "gratitude in action:"

**Be generous with your time.** God can't be outdone in generosity. He gives life in His image and likeness. He gave the gift of Himself in Christ's offering on the Cross. In that spirit, how can you give of yourself? Prayerfully consider where and to whom you can give your time and attention.

**Be generous with your patience.** Ours is the God of second chances,

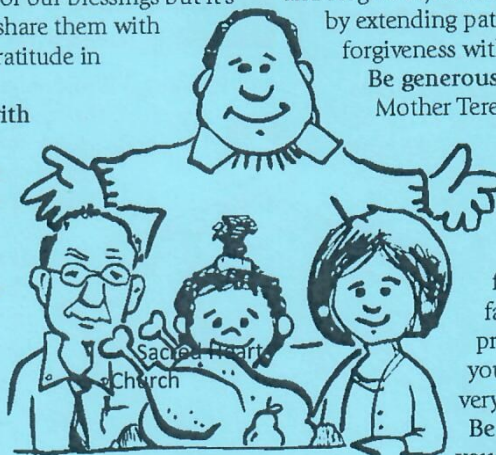
generous with His mercy. Decide to generously give others the benefit of the doubt, allow room for good intentions, and forgive injuries. Love as God loves by extending patience and forgiveness without limit.

**Be generous with your family.**

Mother Teresa said, "If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family." Make your family your top priority and give your loved ones the very best of yourself.

**Be generous with your joy.** Holidays can

be difficult for people without connections. Look for someone at church, at work, or in the neighborhood who might need a place to celebrate the holiday. Share holiday love and joy.

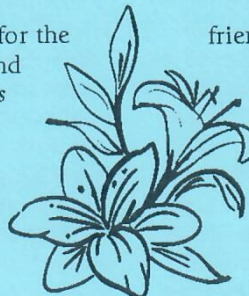


## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics pray for the dead?

The practice of praying for the dead is an Act of Mercy and has Scriptural roots: "Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin" (2 Maccabees 12:45-46). Someone who dies in God's

friendship with sin on his soul must be purified before entering heaven. We can literally help souls get to heaven. Rest assured: if the person we've prayed for reaches heaven, the graces of those prayers are used to help other souls.





## Dealing with loss and those left behind

Christians know that death leads to marvelous new life, but it is still difficult to lose someone we love. We take comfort knowing that we remain connected in the Communion of Saints, the spiritual solidarity binding the faithful on Earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the saints in Heaven. Still, finding or offering comfort after a death can be challenging:

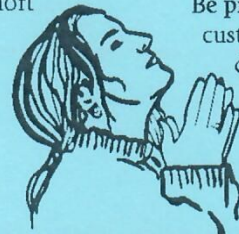
**Pray.** Pray that the souls who have died may find their place in Heaven. Perhaps arrange to have that prayer included in the intentions during Mass in your parish. Including them in your daily prayers also helps to

keep their intentions alive.

**Be present.** Attend the visitation or funeral. Such customs are part of honoring and praying for the deceased person and showing compassion to the living.

**Offer material support.** Bring a meal to the family. Mass cards, notes and phone calls can also offer comfort.

**Contribute.** Consider making a donation of time or money to organizations such as a local Hospice that provide grace and dignity to those dying.



### from Scripture

#### Matthew 25:31-46, Showing mercy to the "least"

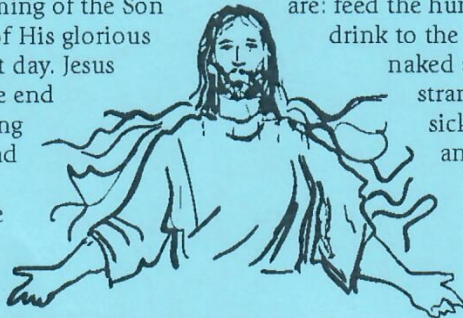
In this Gospel reading, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man, that is, of His glorious return on the last day. Jesus will appear at the end of time as the King of the nations and the Judge of history. Everyone who has ever lived, from the first to the last, from the greatest to the least, will stand before Christ. All of us will be judged on how we loved, especially how we treated "the least" who are suffering among us.

The specific criterion for judgment is the basis for the

Corporal Works of Mercy, which are: feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger, care for the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead.

In the end, we will be judged on our response to the suffering of others. Do we, like the

"blessed," respond with compassion and mercy, or do we, like the others, turn a blind eye and do nothing? The goal is to see Christ in others and to minister to their needs accordingly.



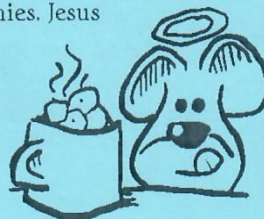
### Feasts & Celebrations

**November 1 – All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation).** In the early Church, there was a great desire to celebrate each of the martyrs. Because there were more martyrs than days of the year, Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as All Saints Day. Celebrate the Saints by attending Mass.

**November 10 – Pope St. Leo the Great (461).** A native of Rome, St. Leo was elected pope while on a mission in Gaul. As pope, he defended the faith from heresy and promoted ecclesiastical unity.

**November 18 – St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1852).** Born in Grenoble, France, she joined the Society of the Sacred Heart and came to America as a missionary. She opened the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi river, and the first Catholic school for Native Americans.

**November 26 – Solemnity of Christ the King.** God promised His people a king who would triumph over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.



### Q How does the & Church decide A who is a saint?

There are many people in Heaven who are saints but whose names we may never know. They are uncanonized saints. Canonization is the formal process by which the Church identifies and determines whether someone has become a saint.



In its simplest form, official Church procedures detail three steps to recognizing a saint. First, the bishop of the diocese where the person died begins an extensive investigation. The results are passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. If the Congregation approves, the prefect presents the cause to the pope. With the pope's approval, the petitioner becomes "venerable" and is called "Servant of God."

Next, "beatification," may come after further investigation and a miracle has proven to be attributed to the Servant of God's intercession after his or her death. Then the person can be called "Blessed."

Finally, canonization may follow additional investigation and a second miracle also proven to have occurred after the beatification and as a result of the candidate's intercession. After canonization, the "Blessed" is called "Saint."

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