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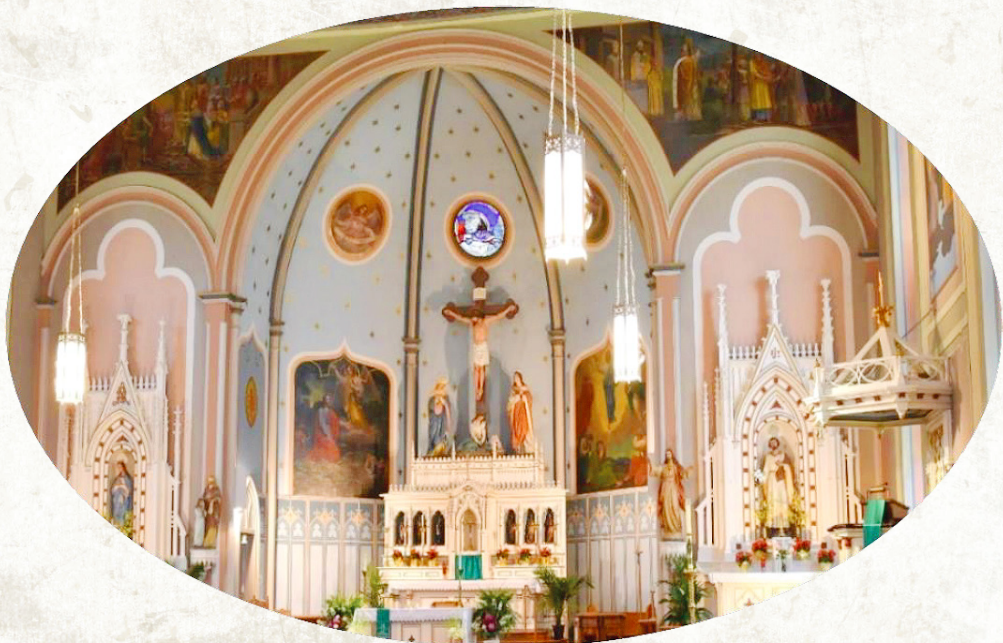
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One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead, and the greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10.00 each; only one offering per Mass. All Masses are scheduled by calling the Parish Office. Contact the Cathedral Office at 614-224-1295.

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS: NOVEMBER

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 26

Holy Cross Church:

9:00 a.m. Cathy and Fred Miller

Cathedral:

10:30 a.m. Soul of J. Richard Lumpe

12:30 p.m. The People of St. Joseph Cathedral and Holy Cross Parish

5:15 p.m. Soul of Katherine Vandenberg

Cathedral:

Monday, November 27

12:05 p.m. Soul of William Kitchell

Tuesday, November 28

12:05 p.m. Soul of Samuel Austrino

Wednesday, November 29

12:05 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Cullinan Family

Thursday, November 30

12:05 p.m. Soul of Mildred Powers

Friday, December 1

12:05 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Cullinan Family

Holy Cross:

Saturday, December 2

11:30 a.m. Souls of Warren, David & Michael Roberts

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday, November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1Corinthians 15:20-26, 28;

Matthew 25:31-46

Monday, November 27

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 28

Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 29

Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19

Thursday, November 30 ~ Saint Andrew,

Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

Friday, December 1

Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33

Saturday, December 2

Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE				
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE ~ NOVEMBER 26, 2023				
	9:00 a.m. HCC	10:30 a.m. SJC	12:30 p.m. SJC	5:15 p.m. SJC
Altar Servers	John Feher	Bonnie Maupin	Laura Battocletti	Nate Foley
		Dan Jurgens	Lisa Emrich	Trevor Foley
		Nick Chmielewski	Antonio Tomasi	
Lector – One	Terry Creedon	Sharon Reichard	Thom Gall	Linda Ruth
Lector – Two		Sandy Stover	Marilyn Tomasi	Josie Gonot
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SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL MUSIC

Cathedral Concert Series ~ Lessons and Carols on December 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Office of Compline – 9:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of the Month. The next one is December 3, 2023

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For Diocesan offices, please call (614) 228-2457 during regular business hours or visit www.columbuscatholic.org.

LOW-GLUTEN* HOSTS will be served at **All Masses**. Worshippers can receive low-gluten Holy Communion from the center aisle (please identify yourself to the Celebrant.) *Contains less than 0.01% gluten content and meets the standard set by the Holy See and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

For Holy Cross & The Cathedral

Welcome to Saint Joseph Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Diocese of Columbus! We are glad that you are here and invite you to become part of our parish family to be nourished by both Word and Sacrament, and also to become involved in one or more of our parish ministries. To become a registered member, you can pick up a form by the main entrance of our historic church, visit our web site, or contact us through the Parish Office. Welcome!

ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL

Please Keep These Parishioners in Your Prayers

Tim Acton, John Ankrom, Ed Chong, Barbara Cicua, Christopher Clark, Dorothy Deems, Sherri Dembinski, Larry Edwards, Edith Ingram, Dr. Lianna Goetz, Brittany Grinder, Kim Haring, Ruth Harper, Chris and Anna Katanyuta, Denise Lager, Arthur Maupin, Mary McNellis, Teresa Mallon, Colleen Olson, Kathy Perkins, Marie Naseman, Maria Paras, Linda Pauley, The Pemberton Family, Maribeth Riepenhoff, John Ryan, Susan Bateman Severs, David Simmons, Sarah Stollenwerk, Sandra Valencia, and Dora Zweydorff.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

+ **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Theresa Elliott, Peter Garrett's Mother and James Worley.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(Holy Cross & Cathedral)

Please contact Carol at the Cathedral, 614-224-1295

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

(Holy Cross & Cathedral)

Please email Mandy at weddings@saintjosephcathedral.org

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

(Holy Cross & Cathedral)

Those wishing Holy Communion in the Home due to illness, confinement or visits to the hospital or nursing center, please call 614-224-1295.

FUNERAL MINISTRY

(Holy Cross & Cathedral)

For parishioners who have died, the family should contact the rector at St. Joseph Cathedral at (614) 224-1295 before meeting with the funeral director.

Christ the King & Last Judgment

MARCELLINO D'AMBROSIO, PH.D.

On the final Sunday in the liturgical year, it is time to remember things that we'd prefer to forget.

For starters, we recall that there is an infinite qualitative difference between us and God. He is immortal and infinite. We are not. Each one of us will come to our individual end. But so will our society, our world, even our universe.

Another thing to call to mind on this day is that while the Son of God came the first time in a way both lowly and hidden, he will come one day in a way both public and glorious. Yes, he is the Lamb of God. But He is also the Lion of Judah. He takes away the sin of those who let him. But he is also will bring things hidden in darkness into the light, call a spade a spade, and insist that all bear the consequences of their choices.

That is what any judge does. And he will come in glory, says the creed, to judge the living and the dead.

But what will the Last Judgment be like? By what criteria will we be judged?

Only one passage in the Gospels provides a sneak preview of that day of reckoning — Matthew 25:31-46. First of all, note that most of Jesus' parables have a jarring punch-line. He's always upsetting the preconceived notions of just about everyone, especially the most religious of the bunch, whether they be Pharisees or disciples.

Clearly, all of us expect that the Judge will condemn evil and impose sentence on the guilty. And we tend to think of evildoing as stepping over the line and infringing on the rights of others, taking their possessions, maybe even taking their lives. The language of the Our Father lends itself to this interpretation of sin when it says "forgive us our trespasses."

The problem with this understanding of sin is that it is incomplete, even shallow. Lots of people think that, as long as they don't lie, cheat, and steal, but just keep to themselves and mind their own business, they deserve big rewards from God.

The story of the Last Judgment addresses these "decent folks." Imagine their shock as they swagger smugly up to the judge's bench expecting praise only to be sent off to eternal punishment! Why? Because they neglected to do the good that love required them to do. They did not "commit" offenses or infractions of the law; they did nothing positively destructive. It's just that, in the presence of suffering, they heartlessly did absolutely nothing. Their sin was not a sin of "commission" but a sin of "omission." But note—these sins of omission ultimately seal the fate of the damned.

There are lots of negative commandments, often expressed as "thou shalt not's." But the two most important commandments are positive "thou shalt's." "You shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, and strength and you shall love thy neighbor as yourself." These commandments require an interior disposition that naturally produces outward actions. If you are hungry, you love yourself enough to go to the fridge or drive to McDonald's. If you truly love your hungry neighbor as yourself, you don't just say a prayer and offer sympathy (James 2:15-17). Loving God with all your heart doesn't mean giving a respectful nod to God and then going on your merry way. It means going out of your way, passionately seeking to love him and serve him in the least of his brethren.

In this Last Judgment scene, we see how these two commandments, these two loves, are really one. Jesus makes clear that loving God with your whole heart is expressed in loving your neighbor as yourself. And whenever you love your neighbor in this way, you are actually loving the Son of God.

So ultimately, the judgment is simple. It all comes down to love. The judge happens to be the King of hearts.

This is offered as a reflection upon the readings for the 34th Sunday of the Year, the Feast of Christ the King, liturgical cycle A (Ezek. 34:11-17, Psalm 23, I Cor. 15:20-28; Mt 25:31-46). It is reprinted here with the permission of the author.

Truth's Vigil: Resisting Gossip, Radiating Christ

CHRISTINA M. SORRENTINO



A perverse person spreads strife, And a slanderer separates close friends. – Proverbs 16:28

All of us at one time or another have become involved in a complex and intricate web of gossip, or found ourselves as its victims. Gossip leaves behind a trail of hurt and scars, its effects lingering indefinitely, causing damage to our reputation, livelihood, and personal lives. As Christians, we are called to be the adopted children of God through our Baptismal consecration, where we

have “put on Christ” (CCC, no. 1227) and share in His priesthood, and prophetic and royal mission (CCC, no. 1268).

When we engage in spreading false information or sharing intimate details about others that we have no business to share, are we truly being “sons of light,” shining Christ’s light into the world? Are we bearing witness to Christ to those who have yet to know Him? Does the unwholesome talk that escapes our lips contribute to the building of the Mystical Body of Christ and offer a glimpse of the Heavenly Kingdom?

When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation we are called to “ever greater witnesses to the Gospel in the world” (Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis*, no. 17), obligating us to carry out the Church’s mission with love and charity. This wondrous Sacrament empowers us with the strength of the Holy Spirit to better proclaim Christ in both word and deed (CCC, no. 1285). As His anointed sons and daughters, we are meant to be a reflection of God’s love in the world, and that necessitates that our words align with the heart of Christ.

During moments spent alone with Jesus in the Eucharist before His golden dwelling place, I have often deeply reflected upon what the conversation between the Blessed Trinity in Heaven might sound like during their intimate conversation about me. When the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit converse, they do so with boundless and endless love for us because God loves us so much more than we could ever possibly imagine with our finite minds. The Father shares His plans and hopes for us, His spiritual children. The Son, even when discussing our shortcomings and sufferings, speaks only of mercy and the precious gift of His Cross because He calls us by our name, not by our sins. The Holy Spirit’s words radiate truth and light.

When we speak evil by spreading deceit, lies, or divulging others’ secrets, we fail in our duty as witnesses of the Gospel. Such actions are contrary to the teachings of the Church (CCC, no. 2472). These actions do not come from God but rather from the evil one. Bearing false witness against our neighbor not only harms them but also disrupts our communion with God. Our sins wound not only ourselves but the entire Mystical Body of Christ, causing offense against God, who is the Truth (CCC, no. 1850).

When we set out to purposely slander another person by harming them we are committing a mortal sin, and are destroying our friendship with God and with the one another as members of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. We are no longer in a ‘state of grace’ and cannot come to the Table of the Lord to receive Him in the Eucharist. We must seek reconciliation with God and the Church through the Sacrament of Confession because we have lost the Sanctifying Grace, that which is infused into us at our Baptism. How can we deepen our relationship with God by increasing our union with Him, and move towards holiness if we have severed the communion we once had with God and His Church? (See CCC, no. 1416) How can we receive Jesus in the Flesh if we are not prepared to become a living tabernacle, if our soul is tarnished from a most grave sin? (See 1 Cor 11:27-28)

Our love for God should inspire us to follow His commandments, seeking pardon and absolution for our sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation whenever we falter. The ultimate truth is that God loves us and calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves, for we are all made in the image and likeness of the Triune God. We are called to love our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ and imitate Jesus in our daily lives.

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. -Ephesians 4:29

Before words escape our lips, we should ask ourselves: "Are they necessary? Are they kind? Do they build up or tear down?" Despite our ongoing struggle with concupiscence, God's grace empowers us to consciously choose good over evil. As Catholics, we are blessed with the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, and the Sacrament of Confession, both of which bring us closer to our Lord and lead our hearts to beat in unison with the Sacred Heart of Christ.

As we journey on the path to holiness, let us commit today to resist gossip, and radiate Christ.

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Honor Your Family Members, Friends and Loved Ones this Christmas with Poinsettia Flowers...

Each year the Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish Church is decorated so beautifully for Christmas ~ appropriately so to celebrate the Birth of our Lord, Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

*If you would like to have one or more poinsettias placed in the Church "in honor of" or "in memory of" a family member, friend or loved one, please fill out the form below and return it to the parish office **BEFORE NOON on MONDAY, DECEMBER 11th** with a check for \$10.00 made payable to Saint Joseph Cathedral. Poinsettias are \$10.00 for each listing, and will be included in the special Cathedral's bulletin for December 26 (bulletin listing space is limited; editing may be necessary).*

*Examples: Living and Deceased Members of the Smith and Jones Families
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Smith
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Thank you for helping to adorn our Cathedral Church in this special way, and for remembering those special persons during this joyous time of the year.

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Before Advent Begins, Prepare Your Heart for a Prayerful Season

JEANNIE EWING



The world continues its rush toward commercialization and materialism. It's the glut with which we are all familiar: Christmas, according to secularist views, begins the day after Halloween now and involves all that glitters.

Where does that leave those of us who are parched for the Living and Triune God? It's one thing to acknowledge that we don't have to participate in the world's celebration of the holidays, but it's altogether another when we put it into practice.

This year, I'd like to invite you to focus on one commitment as we begin another liturgical year: prayer. I have selected four weekly Advent themes below, along with a brief reflection, to breathe new life into how we think about prayer and how we can move through the short season in simple but practical ways.

First Week: Silence

"The silence of the crib, the silence of Nazareth, the silence of the Cross, and the silence of the sealed tomb are one. The silences of Jesus are silences of poverty, humility, self-sacrifice, and abasement; it is the bottomless abyss of his kenosis, his self-emptying."

Robert Cardinal Sarah, *The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise*, 100.

We begin with silence, because God exists there. He speaks to us in the quiet moments, in the recesses of our hearts. All around us, and perhaps even within us, we encounter chaos and confusion. Advent beckons us to listen, to return to the Source of all we are and all we have.

When we take this week to meditate in silence and upon the silence of Nazareth through Calvary, we will learn a great deal about who we are meant to become – without pretense or fanfare, without verbosity or busyness. The invitation this week is of self-emptying as an offering to the Christ-Child we will welcome anew into our hearts and lives soon.

Second Week: Hope

“If you seek a spark, you will find it in the ashes.”

—Elie Wiesel, quoted in Miriam Greenspan, *Healing Through the Dark Emotions*, 156.

If we look to the world, we will be filled with its hopelessness. Even for those of us who try to remain faithful to God, it is not unusual to find ourselves feeling discouraged and emotionally deflated. Where do we find our hope in such dark times? Our lives are filled with uncertainties and upheaval.

We discover the light in that tiny spark of hope by digging for it relentlessly in the daily mess. All that is lost and burnt out – the ashes – still carry something new, a way out or a way in, a promise. That is the gift of Advent, that we await the promises that arise out of the ashes.

Third Week: Peace

“Give us peace with Thee, peace with men, peace with ourselves. And free us from all fear.”

Dag Hammarskjöld

If we truly want to acquire interior peace, we must begin with freeing ourselves from all attachments to that which leads us away from God. The tiny infant Jesus who saved us, first by choosing to be born a human, is the only One to whom we should turn when we are crippled by fear and consumed with worry.

When we are free from fear, there is space within us to be at peace with whatever transpires in our lives. And we need not have answers, only tranquility to live with and in the midst of the questions.

Fourth Week: Joy

“Two of the greatest joys experienced are the joy of being different from others and the joy of being the same as others.”

Henri Nouwen, *Our Greatest Gift: A Meditation on Dying and Caring*, 21.

As we near the end of preparing for our Savior’s birth, the anticipation of welcoming Him grows each day. We learn that every ending bears upon it something new. Often, it is the old thing that takes on a new form. But sometimes, even in any sort of loss or death, God surprises us. Perhaps this Christmas, God wishes to surprise you with an unexpected blessing or answered prayer.

Rejoice that your life is yours alone, yet you are still One with Him and His Mystical Body, the Church.

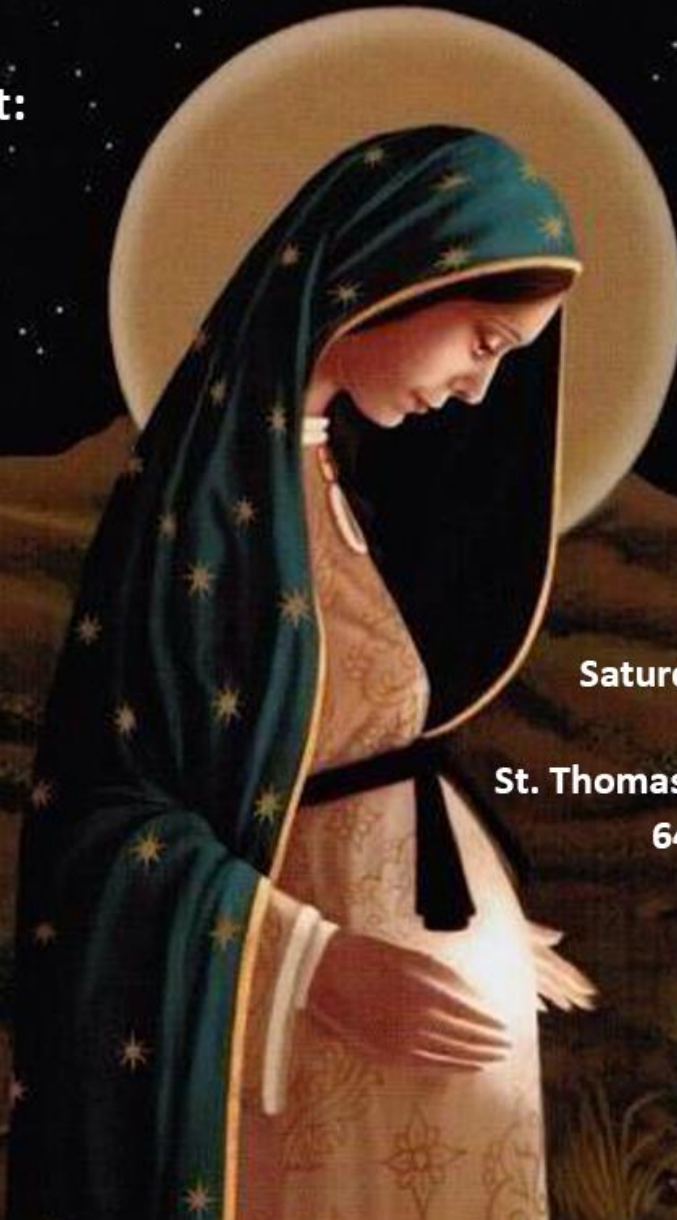


The Buckeye Catholic Choir presents:

“Gaudete” - Rejoice

*Music for the Annunciation,
Advent and Christmas season*

Save Your Seat:



**Saturday, December 9th
7:00p.m.**

**St. Thomas More Newman Center
64 W. Lane Ave.**

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

"Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to Him, 'Lord, here I am. Tell me what You would have me do.' If He gives me some task, I am content and I thank Him. If He gives me nothing, I still thank Him since I do not deserve to receive anything more than that. And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell Him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach Him plainly and simply."

+SAINT CATHERINE LABOURE

**Monday, November 27 ~ Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Memorial, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**

Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus told them, “Fill the jars with water.” So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, “Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.” So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.



Meditation: John's Gospel takes its shape from a series of signs, revealing Jesus as the Messiah, Son of God, and Savior of the world. This miracle story is the first of these signs. The marriage feast at Cana heralds that Messianic age had begun. And, as a result of the miracle at Cana, “his disciples began to believe in him.” Are you truly a disciple of Christ? If so, do you believe in him?

Prayer: Lord, in granting us the blessings of salvation, you chose the immaculate Virgin Mary to be associated with your Son in a unique way. Supported by her, may we always experience your attentive care, and devote ourselves in faith to the work of redemption. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you, and for all who do not have recourse to you, especially the enemies of the Church and those recommended to you. Amen.

Contemplation: When Mary says to the servers “Do whatever he tells you...” we, too, are taught by these words that if we desire anything from Christ, we will not obtain our wishes unless we depend on him and him alone, look to him, pray to him, and, in short, do whatever he tells us. This is part of his invitation throughout scripture when Jesus says “Follow me.” He is the shepherd and we are his flock. Thus, as a disciple, do you really follow Christ? Do you do whatever Jesus teaches us in scripture, follow his teachings, and incorporate them in your daily life? Are you a “doer of the word” (James 1:22)? If not, why not?

About Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: On this day in the year 1830 Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Laboure, a Daughter of Charity in Paris, and told her that God had a mission for her. Standing upon a globe, the Virgin Mary held a golden ball which she seemed to offer to God, and on her fingers were rings with gems that emitted rays of light. She told St. Catherine, "These rays symbolize the graces I shed upon those who ask for them. The gems from which rays do not fall are the graces for which souls forget to ask." Afterward, the ball, symbolizing the world and each person, disappeared, and she held her hands outstretched in the manner of a loving mother, while rays of light continued to cascade upon the globe at her feet as she stood atop the serpent's head. Framing the image in an oval were the words, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." St. Catherine then saw an image of an "M" upon which was a cross. Underneath the "M" was Our Lord's heart crowned with thorns and Our Lady's heart pierced by a sword. Surrounding this image were 12 stars. The Blessed Virgin instructed St. Catherine to have a medal made of these images, and she promised many graces to all who wear it. It is important to note that, as with all sacramentals, the Miraculous Medal is not some "lucky charm." Keep in mind also that in expressing devotion to Mary, we do not worship her, as many Christians in other denominations believe, but rather honor her in her devotion to our Lord! As the popular saying goes "to Jesus through Mary." Remember also her last words in Scripture, which could almost be her motto, in which she told the attendants at the wedding feast of Cana "Do whatever he [Jesus] tells you" (John 2:5).

Send your prayer intentions on-line to the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Paris:

www.chapellenotredamedelamedaillemiraculeuse.com/langues/english/prayer-intentions/

Tuesday, November 28 ~ Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-11 While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here— the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky."

Meditation: Jesus' prophecy is a two-edged sword, because it points not only to God's judgment, but also to his saving action and mercy. Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem and the dire consequences for all who would reject him and his saving message. While the destruction of Jerusalem's temple was determined (it was razed by the Romans in 70 A.D.), there remained for its inhabitants a narrow open door leading to deliverance. Jesus says: "I am the door; whoever enters by me will be saved" (John 10:9). Jesus willingly set his face toward Jerusalem, knowing that he would meet betrayal, rejection, and death on a cross. His death on the cross, however, brought about victory and salvation, not only for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, but for all – both Jew and gentile – who would accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Is your life securely submitted to the lordship of Jesus Christ?

Prayer: Stir up the will of your faithful, we pray, O Lord, that striving more eagerly to bring your divine work to fruitful completion, they may receive in greater measure the healing remedies your kindness bestows. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: A former judge, Robert H. Bork, wrote a book a few decades ago entitled, *Slouching Towards Gomorrah*. His message sounds an alarm about the moral crisis and decay of culture which he sees in Western society. We often don't recognize the moral crisis and spiritual conflict of our age, until something "shakes us up" to the reality of our present condition. The reward for the righteous and the penalty for the unrighteous are not always experienced in this life; but they are sure to come in the day of judgment. There will be persecution, suffering, and difficulties in this age until the Lord comes again. God intends our anticipation of his final judgment to be a powerful deterrent to wrongdoing. God extends grace and mercy to all who will heed his call and his warning. Do you take advantage of God's grace and mercy to seek his kingdom and to pursue his will? Recall what we read in scripture: "Remain faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Revelation 2:10C)

Wednesday, November 29 ~ Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 21:12-19 Jesus said to the crowd: "They will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Meditation: If the gospel message is good news, then why do so many oppose it with hostility and even violence? Jesus warns his followers that they will be confronted with persecution, wickedness, false teaching, and temptation. The real enemy of the Gospel is Satan who uses fear and hatred to provoke hostility in others towards those who follow Christ. And what is Jesus' response to this hostility and opposition? Love and truth. Only love can defeat prejudice, intolerance, and hatred. God's love purifies our hearts and minds of all that would divide and tear people apart. The truth is also essential for overcoming evil and tribulation in the world. Satan deceives and sin blinds the heart and mind. Only God's truth can free us from error and spiritual blindness. This Gospel is God's word of truth and salvation. That is why Jesus tells his disciples to proclaim the Gospel throughout the whole world, even in the midst of opposition and persecution.

Prayer: Stir up the will of your faithful, we pray, O Lord, that striving more eagerly to bring your divine work to fruitful completion, they may receive in greater measure the healing remedies your kindness bestows. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The word *martyr* in Greek means *witness*. The Book of Revelation says that "Jesus was the faithful witness ...who freed us from our sins by his blood" (Rev. 1:5). Tertullian, a second century convert who saw the early Christians singing as they went out to die by the hands of their persecutors, said: "The blood of the martyrs is seed." Their blood is the seed of new Christians, the seed of the church. The third century bishop, Cyprian said: "When persecution comes, God's soldiers are put to the test, and heaven is open to martyrs. We have not enlisted in an army to think of peace and to decline battle, for we see that the Lord has taken first place in the conflict." True martyrs live and die as witnesses of the gospel. They overcome their enemies through persevering hope and courage, sacrificial love and forbearance, kindness and compassion. God may call some of us to be martyrs for our faith. But for most of us, our call is to be 'dry' martyrs who bear testimony to the joy and power of the gospel in the midst of daily challenges, contradictions, temptations and adversities which come our way as we follow the Lord. What most attracts others to the truth and power of the gospel? When they see Christians loving their enemies, being joyful in suffering, patient in adversity, pardoning injuries, and showing comfort and compassion to the hopeless and the helpless. Jesus tells us that we do not need to fear our adversaries. God will give us sufficient grace, strength, and wisdom to face any trial and to answer any challenge to our faith. Are you eager to bear witness to the joy and freedom of the Gospel? At all times? Before all peoples?

Thursday, November 30 ~ Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Andrew, Apostle

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:18-22 As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.

Meditation: Jesus speaks the same message to us today as he did when he walked this earth – we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine in and through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the truth contained in the gospel. Saint Paul the Apostles says, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and who through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing" (2 Corinthians 2:15). Do you show others around you the joy of the gospel and do you pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love?

Prayer: We humbly implore your majesty, O Lord, that, just as the blessed Apostle Andrew was for your Church a preacher and pastor, so he may be for us a constant intercessor before you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: What is God calling you to do in your brief earthly life? As God calls you (as he calls each of us) how are you responding? Are you ready to respond? When Jesus began his ministry he went every where he could — the streets, towns, hills and lakeside of Galilee — to speak to people about the kingdom of God. He chose as his closest friends and coworkers those who were ready to follow as his disciples and he gave them an unusual mission — "to catch people for the kingdom of God". What kind of disciples did Jesus choose? Smelly fishermen! In the choice of the first apostles we see a characteristic feature of Jesus' work: he chose very ordinary people. They were non-professionals, had no wealth or position of power or fame in society. They were chosen from the common people who did ordinary things, had no special marks of education, and no social advantages. Jesus wanted ordinary people who could take an assignment and do it extraordinarily well. He chose these individuals, not for what they were, but for what they would be capable of becoming under his direction and power. When the Lord calls us to be his disciples, we must not think we have nothing to offer him in exchange. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom.

Friday, December 1 ~ Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 21:29-33 Jesus told his disciples a parable. "Consider the fig tree and all the other trees. When their buds burst open, you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near; in the same way, when you see these things happening, know that the Kingdom of God is near. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Meditation: Jesus used the image of a fig tree to teach his disciples an important lesson about reading the "signs of the times." The fig tree was a common and important source of food for the Jews. It bore fruit twice a year, in the autumn and in the early spring. The Talmud said that the first fruit came the day after Passover. The Jews believed that when the Messiah came he would usher in the kingdom of God at Passover time. The early signs of a changing season, such as springtime, are evident for all who can see and observe the changes. Just so are the signs of God's kingdom and his return in glory on the day of judgment. The "budding" of God's kingdom begins first in the hearts of those who are receptive to God's word. Those who trust in God's word will bear the fruits of his kingdom. And what are the fruits of that kingdom? "The kingdom of God ..is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17).

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who gave Saint Catherine of Alexandria to your people as a Virgin and an invincible Martyr, grant that through her intercession we may be strengthened in faith and constancy and spend ourselves without reserve for the unity of the Church. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Despite the periodic headlines of supermarket tabloids, we do not know the day or hour when the Lord will return again in glory. But the Lord does give us signs, not only to "wake us up" as a warning, but also to "rouse our spirits" to be ready and eager to see his kingdom come in all its power and glory. The "Day of the Lord" will strike terror in those who reject God and his kingdom of righteousness, but it will be a day of joy and rejoicing for those who long to see the Lord face-to-face. The Lord wants us to be filled with joyful anticipation for his coming again. He surely comes to us each day and speaks to our hearts like a lover who whispers in the ear of the beloved. As he promised, the Lord will surely come again in all his glory. Do you look for the signs pointing to the Lord's return and do you pray that he come quickly to establish peace and justice on the earth?

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~ TAKING PLACE

IN THE CATHEDRAL PARISH ~

NEXT SUNDAY IS FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY IN THE UNDERCROFT AT 11:30 A.M.: Refreshments will be served between the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses. New Parishioners are cordially invited to attend and meet other parishioners, Priests, Liturgical Ministers, Pastoral Council and visitors. Sandwiches will be made during this time that will benefit the homeless and needy through the Cathedral's "back door ministry." All are invited to help make sandwiches. **Volunteers are needed to assist with coffee making and setting up for Fellowship Sundays.** Please Contact Ed Hueckel, Emmett2381@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, AT 9:00 A.M. IS TRAINING FOR HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (Everybody should be a Hospitality Minister) **AND ALTAR SERVERS – INSIDE THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH.**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: St. Joseph Cathedral happily announces the coming nuptials of Brooks Henson & Taylor Bolender on December 9, 2023, and Anne Hurst & Christopher Doubell on December 16, 2023. Please keep them in prayer as they prepare for their weddings.

DEAR PARISHIONERS, Holiday cheer is in the air and with this cheer comes the spirit of giving. On December 3, the Cathedral's Giving Tree will be put up and adorned with decorations. On the back of each ornament will be a suggestion for a gift card to be purchased for a family in need. If you wish to participate in this tradition, please take an ornament from the Tree, purchase the suggested gift card, place the ornament and gift card in an envelope marked JOIN and place the envelope in the offertory basket. The gift cards will be collected each week and delivered to the Joint Organization of Inner-City Needs (JOIN) who in turn will distribute them to Columbus families in need. In the past, our parishioners have been very generous and JOIN and the Columbus families in need have been very appreciative.

CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES: LESSONS AND CAROLS: Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., The Cathedral Choir and Cathedral Brass mark the season with their annual presentation of Lessons and Carols. The afternoon will include seasonal choral works as well as familiar carols sung by all.

~ TAKING PLACE AT HOLY CROSS ~

THE GIVING TREE AT HOLY CROSS will be available on November 19 through December 3. Please pick an ornament with a gift suggestion. Children Services from Franklin County will receive our donations. In advance, thank you for considering your participation in this Advent project.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: Holy Cross Church happily announces the coming nuptials of Grace Hofer & Tyler Campbell on December 30, 2023. Please keep them in prayer as they prepare for their wedding.

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Join us Friday, December 1 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring his Excellency Bishop Earl Fernandes, Bishop of the Columbus Diocese, who will present his annual address to the luncheon club. The luncheon is sponsored by The Catholic Foundation. Started in 1984, the Catholic Foundation has provided over \$200 million in funding for organizations throughout the Columbus Diocese and beyond. More information <https://catholic-foundation.org/>. Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Bishop Fernandes' presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! There is no luncheon in January, but plan on attending our luncheon on Friday, February 2, 2024, when Bishop Fernandes will return to present the Catholic Man of the Year Award.

**ODU RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE CATHOLIC
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Updated November 27, 2023
2023 Appeal Report

Goal established by the Diocese	\$ 42,645.24
TOTAL PLEDGES TO DATE	\$ 55,622.00
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Updated November 27, 2023
2023 Appeal Report

Goal established by the Diocese	\$ 21,018.43
Enhanced Goal	\$ 26,018.43
TOTAL PLEDGES TO DATE	\$ 18,900.00
AMOUNT STILL NEEDED	\$ 2,118.43

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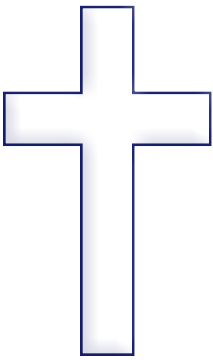
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