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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20 2022

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

M—TH: 9 am-12 pm & 1-3 pm Friday—Closed

# MASS SCHEDULE Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm
Sunday: 8 am and 11 am
Weekday Masses
Monday: NO MASS
Tuesday: 9:00 am
Wednesday: NO MASS
Thursday: 9:00 am
Friday: 9:00 am
Saturday: 9:00 am
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# Confession PARISH STAFF

#### **Pastor**

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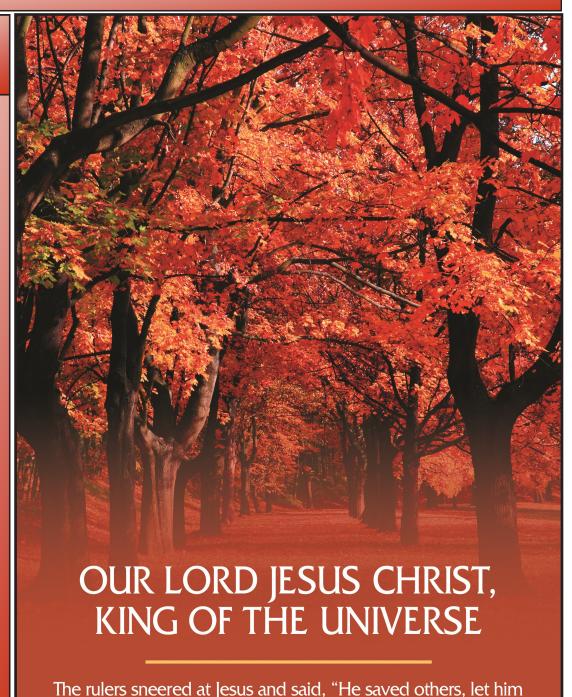
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Mrs. Ann Miller



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save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

### **WEEKLY PRAYER**

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022**

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Monday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl.

Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr

Thursday: St. Andrew Düng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs;

Thanksgiving Day

Friday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

**Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

Our king hangs on a cross. Onlookers saw this as the final defeat of a fool who many saw as an insurrectionist. They laughed at him and challenged his kingship by looking for proof: Save yourself! Historically, earthly kings are influential figures wielding significant power over the quality of their subjects' lives. Where is Jesus' power? Slowly fading away, he's a failure in many eyes. Brokenness and vulnerability are often seen as failures. Something went wrong and exposed us, revealing our fragile and sometimes incorrect selves to others. Yet, what appears at first to be shameful is really a golden key to life. It is only when vulnerable that we learn how to love genuinely. Marking what seems the end of a failed mission, Jesus Christ our King hangs before us as the vulnerable, wounded key to God's infinite love and life. The kingdoms of this world pass away. Jesus hangs as our king of a world that never ends. When we are vulnerable and broken in death. we fall into the fullness of Christ and are made one with him. This is more than any earthly king can promise and is the salvation we seek.



#### SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Cecilia's story, like many of the earliest saints', is largely apocryphal and legendary in nature. According to tradition, Cecilia was born to a wealthy and prominent Roman family. Though she had consecrated her virginity to the Lord, she was married to a man named Valerian. It is said that she was "singing in her heart to the Lord" at her wedding. She confessed her promise of virginity to her new husband revealing that an angel protected her. Valerian would honor her vow only if he too could see the angel. Cecilia told him he would see the angel if he was baptized, which he went to do immediately. When he returned to her, he saw the angel beside her. Cecilia also converted Valerian's brother, Tiburtius.

Unfortunately, it was a turbulent time in Rome for Christians. Valerian and Tiburtius were martyred for burying the bodies of Christians, which was illegal. Cecilia was also targeted for her faith. First authorities attempted to suffocate by locking her in the bath in her home and overheating the room. Some accounts say that she didn't break a sweat and even began to sing. They then sent in an executioner to behead her, but he faltered and was unable to complete his task, only succeeding in mortally wounding her. She remained alive for three days before she

The saint's body was exhumed twice, first by Pope Paschal I in 821, then by Cardinal Sfondrato in 1599. Both times her body was found incorrupt, the first saint to exhibit this extremity. St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians.

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#### FIRST READING

When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron,
King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD, and they anointed him king of Israel.

(2 Sm 5:3)



#### **PSALM**

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)



#### SECOND READING

He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Col 1:13-14)



#### **GOSPEL**

Then he said,

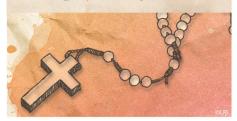
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

He replied to him,

"Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise."

(Lk 23:42-43)

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## **WORSHIP & MEDITATION**



#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

#### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.



VIDEO MASS 11/20 +Frank & Patricia Pope

MON 11/21 NO MASS
TUES 11/22 9AM NO MASS

WED 11/23 NO MASS

THU 11/24 9AM \*Ken & Gretchen Wagner, Anniversary

FRI 11/25 9AM NO MASS

SAT 11/26 9AM +Francis Fornelli [Dennis & Michelle

Dorkos]

SAT 11/26 4PM +Irene DeAngelis [John & Nina McGinty]

SUN 11/27 8AM \*Mass for the People

SUN 11/27 11AM +Ralph & Fern Saternow [Family]

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SAT 11/26 4PM

LECTOR J. Spatara EUCHARISTIC MIN. A. Costar / B. Palisin

ALTAR SERVER

D. Palisin / T. Spatara

N. Selby

SUN 11/27 8AM

LECTOR B. Lackey EUCHARISTIC MIN.

ALTAR SERVER
A. Zahniser

T. Brandenstein /
R. Mentrek / T. Pagliaroli

J. Wolinsky

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SUN 11/27 11AM

LECTOR K. O'Brien EUCHARISTIC MIN.

**ALTAR SERVER** 

M. Hohman / M. Hohman A. Orndorff / O. Yoursh

n M. Tarbay

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\*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! Please sign-in prior to Mass

#### ST. BARTHOLOMEW MASS SCHEDULE:

DAILY:

MON, WED, FRI TUES

7:30 AM 6:00 pm / \*6:30 PM Confessions

WEEKEND:

SAT 5:30 PM SUN

9:30 AM

Fr. Allen will be on a much deserved vacation Thanksgiving week. There will be no Mass during the week at Notre Dame or St. Bart's, except for Thanksgiving Day at Notre Dame ONLY.

The Parish Office will be closed November 23<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>. The office will reopen Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is SALAD DRESSING. The upcoming item will be broth, stock, & creamed soups [cream of mushroom, etc.].

Thank you for your care and concern for God's needy.

# THANKSGIVING DAY

MASS - 9:00AM

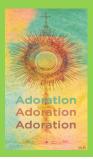
As is the tradition here at Notre Dame, during the preparation of the gifts at Thanksgiving Day mass, all in attendance bring forth to the altar nonperishable foods, canned goods, or cash or checks to be given to the Prince of Peace. When you shop for your dinner, add a few items to be carried up during that mass.

#### **BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE**



Please keep the family of James Robertson in your prayers.

"Into your hands Oh Lord we commend our brothers and sisters"



Monday & Wednesday 9:00 AM-11:00 PM Tuesday, 9:30 AM-11:00 PM

For more information call: Jo Feeney 724-699-3340 Monica 724-977-7665



Happy Thanksgiving

Give Thanks
To The
Lord
For He Is
Good

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Grades: Pre-K - 11th / Sunday Mornings: 9:15AM - 10:45AM / Use Grotto entrance of SJPII School

#### \*\*November 2022\*\*

- 20 Class First Eucharist/Parent meeting CANCELLED / to be rescheduled
- 27 NO CLASS Thanksgiving / Advent begins

#### \*\*December\*\*

- 4 Class
- 11 Class Confirmation Luminaria making following 11am Mass / Multi Room
- 18 Class
- 24 Confirmation Luminaria placing & lighting / 2pm church campus
- 25 NO CLASS Confirmation Luminaria clean-up / 2pm church campus



#### **PRINCE OF PEACE**

# PEGGY'S STOCKINGS TOY DRIVE GIVING CHILDREN HOPE NOVEMBER 13TH—DECEMBER 14TH

OUR TREE WILL BE IN THE VESTIBULE BEGINNING MONDAY, NOV. 21<sup>ST</sup>. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET A STOCKING BEFORE THEN, IT CAN BE PICKED UP IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

Brighten the lives of children this Christmas by choosing one of "Peggy's Stockings" and purchasing a gift for one of the 300 children [ages 14 and under] in need. Each of these children receiving gifts is enrolled with the Prince on Peace Center's food pantry—OR will be an identified child in need whose parents are not registered with any food pantry within the Community Food Warehouse network.

To participate, simply take a "Peggy's Stockings" tag and purchase a toy or item for the age and sex of the child. Return the **unwrapped** gift, along with the identifying tag attached, no later than December 14<sup>th</sup>. While we ask that gifts be offered unwrapped, feel free to include wrapping paper for parents to wrap the gifts themselves. Gifts will be delivered to families on December 15<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve.

If you have any questions, please call Annette Morrison, Director of Operations, Prince of Peace Center 724-346-5777.



# ST. ANTHONY SHRINE PITTSBURGH

The bus trip to the Shrine was a huge success!
Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to planning something in the Spring.

-Knights of Columbus and The OWLS Group



The next OWLS luncheon is Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Main dish - pulled pork. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule 11/26 & 11/27. If you will not be available to sign-up, but would like to attend, please contact Ann Nicolls.

Any questions contact
Ann Nicolls at 724-962-7164.



# Thank you for being a part of the Notre Dame community!

We're excited to announce that we are once again participating in #iGiveCatholic on **#GivingTuesday**, **November 29**, **2022**!

All gifts you make to Notre Dame on **November 29, 2022**, or during the Advanced Giving Day phase running from **November 14**<sup>th</sup> **through November 28**<sup>th</sup>, either online or offline through a gift of cash or check directly to our organization, will be used to continue the ministry of Taping Weekly Mass for our homebound.

Follow us on Facebook, @NotredameHermitage, visit our website, <u>www.notredame-pa.org</u> or download our MyParish app and remember to "Give Catholic" on November 29th!