

EPIPHANY



November 5, 2023

"The humble
will be exalted"

Thirty-First
Sunday of
Ordinary Time



WELCOME to Epiphany

**TO SERVE
ONE ANOTHER**

Our business is to be the hands and feet and mouths of One who has no other hands or feet or mouth except our own. Our business is to work for Christ. Whatever real success you have will be measured finally in terms of how well you please not anyone else in all this world — but only Christ, and the successes that please him best are very often the ones that we don't even notice. Christ is the one who will be hurt, finally, by your failures. If *you* are to be healed, comforted, sustained during the dark times that will come to you, Christ will be the one to sustain you because there is no one else in all this world with love enough and power enough to do so.



About God's Word THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Nov 05, 2023

Vocation 101

It's National Vocation Awareness Week! What's your parish or Catholic organization doing to promote the call to ordained and religious life in your community? Consider the threefold tasks of "prayer, invitation, and education": to *pray* for vocations, *invite* likely candidates to consider them, and *educate* others about the joy of service to Christ and his church. Also check out the website of the National Religious Vocation Conference. They offer Conversation Cards to keep handy: business-style cards that say "You would make a great priest/ sister/ brother/ nun" on the front. The back reads: "Imagine the possibilities."

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12 (151). *"With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well."*

Monday, Nov 06, 2023

All paths designed to lead to holiness

Some people hear their call early in life, and it's loud and clear. Others grapple longer and harder with figuring out their vocation. Regardless of where you fall on that spectrum of discernment, and no matter what state of life God intends for you, keep in mind during this National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 5-11) that we are all called in essence to the same thing. Let the words of Carmelite nun Saint Thérèse of Lisieux to her friend upon her marriage reassure you: "The road we are following is different, however, the goal is the same purpose: to become holy in the way God has traced out for us."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14 (485). *"You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

Tuesday, Nov 07, 2023

Honor wise council

On this day in 680, the Third Council of Constantinople convened. Ecumenical councils summon a representative constituency of church leadership to settle important questions and fine-tune church teaching. Earliest councils, beginning in 325, solidified basics of Christian faith, often tackling heresies about the true nature of Jesus Christ. Later councils wrestled with institutional growing pains. Let us be grateful that our ancestors cared about the deposit of faith enough to gather and debate at length in order to hand down to future generations such as ours the best the tradition has to offer.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 12:5-16b; Luke 14:15-24 (486). *"We, though many, are one Body in Christ and individually parts of one another."*

Wednesday, Nov 08, 2023

Act decisively for justice

Today, we remember our forebear Joseph Rummel, the longtime archbishop of New Orleans during the era of Jim Crow segregation in the Deep South. As head of the diocese with one of the largest black populations in the nation, Rummel set out to desegregate local Catholic parishes and schools, including the archdiocesan seminary, beginning in 1948. After a letter from local segregationist Catholics to the pope was rebuffed by the holy father, Rummel declared all parochial schools desegregated in 1962. Famously, he later excommunicated several vocal holdouts

who protested his move. Where is such decisive action against racism among bishops today? We are all responsible for opposing injustice. How will you act for the common good?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33 (487). *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."*

Thursday, Nov 09, 2023

Let the good times roll

Catholics have lots of words with their own twists, and one of them is "feast." While we don't all sit down to a giant meal for every "feast," in some corner of the world, Catholics may well be doing just that. In church language, "feast" means something special is celebrated on a particular day. Feasts range from the death days of saints, to events in Jesus' life, to the foundation of a church with a special history (such as today's feast of the Lateran Basilica). Many feasts have special followings in particular cultures. Let feast days remind you that sometimes devotion also calls for a good party!

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). *"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me."*

Friday, Nov 10, 2023

You are simply divine

Known for his accessible preaching style, Pope Leo I helped his fifth-century flock and Christians down through the ages understand more fully the true nature of Christ and his saving gifts. By becoming human, explains Leo, "Jesus assumed the form of a servant without the stain of sin—enhancing what was human, not detracting from what was divine." As children of the light, we share in God's own nature. Therefore, our heads and hearts should reflect this holy inheritance. Or put simply by Leo: "Christian, remember your dignity."

MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8 (489). *"I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me."*

Saturday, Nov 11, 2023

A veteran worthy of his day

Because Saint Martin of Tours (c. 320-397) was the son of a Roman army officer, he was required by law to serve in the Roman military. Two years after his conversion to Christianity he announced, "I am the soldier of Christ: it is not lawful for me to fight." He was arrested and charged with cowardice. So he volunteered to go into battle unarmed. Before he could make good on his offer, he was discharged from the military. This Veterans Day, we can remember those, like Saint Martin and Venerable Emil Kapaun, Army chaplain, who, for the sake of Christ, go into battle armed only with the love of Christ.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15 (490). *"No servant can serve two masters."*

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NOV 5 - NOV 12

EVENTS



**11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture**
12:00pm Family Catechesis
7:30 Young Adult Mass



12:10pm Mass
12:30pm Miraculous Novena



11:00am 22 Club
12:10pm Mass
7:00pm Connect



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
7:00pm Breaking Open
The Word via Zoom
7:00pm Bereavement Group



12:10pm Mass
7:00pm Legion of Mary
7:00pm YA Alpha



12:10pm Mass
6:30pm Sant' Egidio Fridays



12:00pm Requiem Mass
4:00pm Vigil Mass



**11:00am Family Mass
& Sunday Scripture**
4:00pm Piano Recital
7:30 Young Adult Mass

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Announced Masses 2024

Reservations for announced Masses in 2024 will be accepted beginning Mon, October 2. Mass reservation forms are available in the narthex of the church, on the parish website, and in the rectory office. Guidelines for submitting requests are provided on the reservation form.

The 2023 Cardinal's Appeal

Our journey continues toward our goal in the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal.

2023 current pledges - 71% of goal
Our Goal: \$167,200 Pledged: \$119,102 Gifts: 141

Last Year at this time - 97% of goal
Our Goal: \$164,500 Pledged: \$159,629 Gifts: 183

The Cardinal's Appeal supports Catholics in so many ways.

Please help us reach our goal!

As always, we are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners.

ALL SOULS NOVENA MASSES

The souls in purgatory need our prayers. Throughout the month of November, every Mass will include a special plea for the souls of the faithful departed on our All Souls envelopes. (available on the table at the back of the church)

Complete the envelope and place it in the collection basket or give it to a minister or priest.

MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm
Saturday Vigil: 4pm
Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 4 *Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo,*
4:00pm the Fiorini family

Sunday, November 5
11:00am Anthony Roque
7:30pm Ann Ahern

Monday, November 6
12:10pm Joan K. Stout

Tuesday, November 7
12:10pm Joan K. Stout

Wednesday, November 8
12:10pm Anthony N.Y. Shen

Thursday, November 9 *Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome*
12:10pm Carmelo Spadaro

Friday, November 10 *Memorial of Saint Leo the Great*
12:10pm King Phojanakong

Saturday, November 11 *Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours*
12:00pm To all the deceased parishioners
4:00pm Romy Postadan

Sunday, November 12
11:00am Dennis Raptis Sr.
7:30pm Larkin Glazebrook

Monday, November 13 *Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini*
12:10pm Regina A. Verlin

Tuesday, November 14
12:10pm Eleuteria Abinon

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

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