November 4, 2018 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: pgs. 655-657

Ordinary of the Mass: pg. 850 Kyriale Simplex Mass I (5pm and 8am); pg. 879 Missa Orbis Factor (11am)

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas: pg. 1000

Entrance Hymn: The Church's One Foundation #120

Entrance Antiphon (@5pm and 8am): Forsake me not..(pg. 944 #141); Ne derelinquas @11

Responsorial Psalm: I love you Lord, my strength.

Creed: Credo III (only sung at 11am) pg. 899

Offertory Hymn: O Lord, I Am Not Worthy #116

Communion: You will show me the path of life..(pg. 954 #173); Notas mihi @11

Communion Hymn: Panis Angelicus #116

Marian Antiphon: Salve Regina #124 / Recessional Hymn: Be Thou My Vision #123
**Saturday November 3rd**  
Saint Martin de Porres  
2:00pm - Pirotte-Conway Wedding (C)  
4:30pm - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass - (Jim & Wanda LeMay+)  

**Sunday November 4th**  
Thirty-first Sunday on Ordinary Time  
7:30am - Confessions  
8:00am - Mass - (Linda McDermott+) ~ Altar & Rosary Society  
9:00am - PSR Classes (MC)  
9:00am - RCIA & Basic Catechism for adults  
10:30am - Confessions  
11:00am - Mass~ (St. Mary Parishioners)  
4:30pm - Confessions/5:00pm - Mass - (Joseph Foster+)  

**Monday November 5th**  
(Please note change in Mass time today)  
10:30am - Mass -(David Huey+)  
Confessions after Mass upon request  

**Tuesday November 6th**  
10:15am - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (MC)  
11:30am - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass - (William Altmann+)  
5:30 pm - Vespers (C)  
6:30 pm - Choir practice (C)  
6:30pm - Scouts (FH)  

**Wednesday November 7th**  
10:00am - Scripture Study (MC)  
ADORATION AFTER MASS TODAY  
11:30am - Confessions  
THROUGH THURSDAY AT 6:00PM  
12:00pm - Mass -Ex. Form - (Deceased members of the Altman, Stone, Denee, & Martin Families)  
6:30pm - Scripture Study (MC)  

**Thursday November 8th**  
10:00am - Secular Franciscans (MC)  
11:30am - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass - (Holy Souls in Purgatory)  
5:30pm - Vespers (C)  
6:30pm - A & R General meeting (MC)  
8:00pm - Venture Scouts (FH)  

**Friday November 9th**  
11:30m - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass-Ex. Form - (Pete Madrid+)  

**Saturday November 10th**  
St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor  
4:30pm - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass - (Eugene Gerard Diamond)  

**Sunday November 11th**  
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Veterans Day  
7:30am - Confessions  
8:00am - Mass - (St. Mary Parishioners)  
9:00am - PSR Classes (MC)  
9:00am - RCIA & Basic Catechism for adults  
10:30am - Confessions  
11:00am - Mass- (Ampero Aguilera+)  
4:30pm - Confessions/ 5:00pm - Mass - (Rev. Lawrence Carney)  

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**Mass Times:**  
Monday - Friday @ 12:00 Noon  
Saturday @ 5:00pm  
Sunday @ 8:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm  

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(Please call for an appointment)  
*Donations of food & clothing may be brought to the Ministry Center Monday - Thursday by 12:00 noon.*  

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Jeffery Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Betty Underwood, Annie Moran, David Barrett, Mary Pappas, Anthony Rizzi, Bob Trusty, KE Hun Ngo, Bob DeSchepper, Roberta Vargas, Tonya Huey, Brodie Gorbet, Michele Jordan, Pat Sicola, Jerry Belcum, Darlene Huey, Maggie Cruz, Rob Rector, Harold Mitchell

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN:
SFC.Christopher Kinnaman - Wainwright, Fairbanks AL. (Grandson of Betty Kinnaman)
Fr. CPT. Brian Klingele - Kreech AFB & Nellis AFB, Nevada, (Nephew of Ken & Karen Klingele)
Cpl Trevor Melton - Camp Pendleton, CA (Grandson of Marilyn Pontalion)
Rev. Joseph Reardon - Bahrain (Persian Gulf) Command Chaplain
SSGT Christopher Wood - Cherry Point, NC (Grandson of Jean Wilcox)
ICSN Josiah Smith - San Diego, CA. (Grandson of Mary Smith) & IC3 Christina Smith - Virginia (wife of Josiah)

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Readings for the Week of November 4, 2018

**Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

**Monday:** Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10

**Friday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

**Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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The Book of Remembrance will be displayed throughout the month of November in front of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue. You may write the names of your deceased loved ones and friends in the book and they will be remembered in prayer.

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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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A Meditation on Mary and the Priesthood

By Sister Maria Josepha, L.M.

As the priesthood was being inaugurated at the foot of the cross, St. John was there to receive the priests’ role on behalf of all those who would, for ages afterwards, respond to the call to be an alter Christus (“another Christ”). As the priesthood was being inaugurated at the foot of the cross, Mary was there to receive all the graces and merits won for the Church, and to model the role of all the rest of God's people, both women and laymen.

Lest we forget, Christ died for us, His bride, the Church. The entire purpose of the priesthood is to be Christ on behalf of His bride the Church. To be Christ, the priest dedicates himself to doing as Christ did, in every particular possible. He heals, he forgives, he prays, he pours himself out, he offers sacrifice on behalf of the people and dies to himself completely. This is how Christ loves His Church and how every priest should relate to the Bride.

We are the bride. What is our role? To love. Love is often quiet, though active and demanding. It requires our full attention, fidelity and sincerity. This is the case in loving anyone. For our Lord, one more thing is required: “Do what I command you.” He is not like others whom we love: He is the Creator of Heaven and earth. And what does He command? “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind and…Love one another as I have loved you.” (Mt 22:37 & Jn 15:12)

Our Lady is the model for all the faithful. As Christ said in reference to her, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!” (Lk 11:28) Our Lady is first and foremost she who believed and was obedient to God's words. She poured herself out for Jesus, day in and day out, with her heart, soul and mind. This model is for priest and people alike, however, each vocation is distinct.

The call to be a faithful member of the laity is nothing to shrug at! To “Do what I command you” is no small request. To love God unconditionally is no small goal! Every Sunday we come to church to be by the side of Christ, whom we love. He asks us to come, and so we come. This means we must put aside all other things…sleep, food, friends (unless they all happen to be at Church too!), TV, sports games, parties, perhaps the favorable opinion of others and perhaps risking the affection of those close to us. But “no greater love has any man, than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” (Jn. 15:13-14)

We can do all this only through the grace of God. Mary acts from what she is: the receiver of every grace; she is entirely full of grace. We who were born with concupiscence, all sorts of evil tendencies and a deficiency in our capacity for grace will have to struggle all the more to be like her who is faithful. In our own pew, in our very hearts there can be the most active and intense struggle just to be attentive to God, focused on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and to maintain a heart full of prayer. We need not be jealous of those acting in the sanctuary, longing to be involved and “active” there. There is plenty “to do” within our own hearts to prepare us for the Holy Sacrifice. If our Lady spent all her life with Christ in preparation for the cross, we need preparation for the cross, both on the altar and in our lives, all the more!

I remember an acquaintance of mine commenting to me, “Maybe I'll live long enough to see women ordained to the priesthood!” I thought to myself, “Whatever for?” The priesthood is not the main part in a play which most of us must sit back and wish we had. The priest is the first to risk his life for our salvation (like Christ); he will stand before God with his sheep, to give an account of them (like Christ); he is the trained physician to whom the Lord gives the power to heal, bless and forgive (like Christ) and of whom much will be expected. As Dom Prosper Guéranger so aptly put it, when referring to the Confiteor (“I confess to almighty God…”) at the beginning of Holy Mass, “Listen with respect to the confession of God's ministers and earnestly ask our Lord to show mercy to him; for the priest is your father; he is answerable for your salvation, for which he every day risks his own.” (The Liturgical Year, Vol. VI, p.42)

We share in his priestly capacity only by extension. The priest receives the Sacraments from the hands of God and gives them to us; We then bring ourselves, full of God's grace to the world, and comfort the sorrowing, feed the sick and do all that the hands of a single priest (Christ) would take a thousand lifetimes to accomplish. This is the “priesthood” of the laity; we are the sons and daughters of God. Like our Lady, we can be the rock for our families, the one to whom all may come and take shelter from the insanity of the world. She was a stronghold for the Apostles in the early church and we who are the descendants in the Faith, can be that for all those we meet.

We must take up our role as church, as bride, as the one for whom He died. Christ has given us an active role: receiving Him at Holy Mass, through our beloved priests, and offering our own lives for others. Receiving is active in that we must prepare ourselves and worthily accept what is offered at the hands of the priest: the very Body of Jesus Christ. This is no small task, but “with God, all things are possible.” (Cf. Lk 18:27)
• Notice will be given for the next chant schola practice. Until further notice, there will not be schola practice on Tuesdays at 6 P.M.

• The Labor Mariae Sisters have produced greeting cards, Joannes Press. They are available for 50 cents each (card plus envelope) at the south vestibule. An additional Christmas card design will soon be added, as well. Your purchase of the cards helps to support the Labor Mariae Sisters.

**St. Mary’s Outreach Center News for September 2018**

For the month of September, we assisted 203 families with food for a total of 528 people of which 147 were children and 29 were elderly.

3,805 items of clothing were given to 205 families. We assisted 8 persons with prescription medications. 8 packages of diapers and wipes were given. Thanks to our volunteers who put in 354 hours in support of our services. Remember, we are requesting chili seasoning packets and any kind of canned tomatoes for the month of October and November.

Thank you to everyone who supports our St. Mary’s Parish Outreach Center.

**Altar & Rosary News**

*Sunday, Nov 4th, 8:00am Mass is our monthly Mass. We encourage all members of the A&R to attend this Mass and sit as a group. Family members are welcome to join in.*

*The November General Altar & Rosary meeting will be held on Thursday, November 8th, 6:30pm, at the Ministry Center. New members welcomed!* 

*A huge Thank You to all that attended and supported our Bunco Ladies Night Fundraiser. Through your generosity, we were able to raise $522! Bunco will resume in January 2019.*

*Nut sales have begun. Order forms can be found at the entrances of the Church. Please place your order forms, along with payment, in an envelope and place in the collection box. Orders can be picked up the following week after your respective Mass.*

**Blood Drive:** Tuesday, November 27, 2018 in Fitzgerald Hall from 3:00-6:30pm. It’s not too early to book your appointment, just go to: esavealifenow.org, enter Sponsor Code: stmarycatholic or you may contact Kathryn Falco at 816.797.5348