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'Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 3rd November 2024

Love the Lord your God, and love your neighbour as yourself.'

The readings this week remind us that the love of God and the love of other people lie at the core of our lives as Christians.

In the **First Reading**, Moses reminds the people of Israel, who are about to enter the promised land, that they must love God with all their heart, soul and strength.

The **Psalm** expresses our love for God, who is our rock and our refuge. It praises the God who has done so much for us.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews (**Second Reading**) speaks of Jesus as the ideal high priest. Unlike previous high priests, he lives for ever, and can 'intercede for all who come to God through him'.

Answering the question posed by a scribe in **the Gospel**, Jesus goes beyond the exhortation of Moses. We are indeed to love God, but we must also love our neighbour. Love of God, the greatest commandment, is inseparable from love of neighbour.

This week, we might want to focus our prayer on the people around us, near and far, that they should know and love the Lord, and live in peace.

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In his prayer intention for November,
For anyone who has lost a child, Pope Francis...
"We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit"

MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass Of
Anticipation 5pm.
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday
& Thursday - 9 am
Tuesday & Friday - 7 pm
Saturday 9am

Sacrament Of Confession

Saturday 9.30 am - 10am
4 pm - 4.30 pm
or by appointment

First Friday Adoration

6.30pm Followed By Holy
Mass at 7pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday To Friday

10:00am - 4.30pm
Lunch Break 12pm - 1pm

Saturday

10.00am - 12:00 noon

**Office is closed on
Monday**

Parish Ministries, Organization & Services

Altar Servers Ministry

Be The Light Ministry

Coordinator: Noli Pangilinan

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

BAPTISM: Call the parish office to register for the Baptism Preparation Course. This is for parents and godparents. It is held every 1st Saturday of the month from 1pm to 3pm. Baptism is every 3rd Sunday of the month at 1pm

MARRIAGE: Arrangements are to be made through the pastor at least six months prior to your wedding date. A marriage preparation course is a requirement of the Archdiocese. Secure a spot at all Marriage Prep courses. Go to registration webpage: <http://rcav.org/m-prep/>

CONVALIDATION: If your marriage was not celebrated as a Sacrament and you wish your marriage to be recognized by the Church, then call the parish office to make an appointment to see **Fr. Jack**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK : Call the parish office to request a hospital visit or for communion to the sick at home.

FUNERALS: Please contact the office before making any arrangements with the Funeral Home.

MASS INTENTIONS: Did you know, Catholics can "offer" Mass?

We do so for multiple reasons such as thanksgiving, for another person/s such as a birthday, graduation or wedding anniversary or as is most common, for the repose(peace) of the soul of someone who has died. Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church

Parish Events

Please be informed that Father Jack's email account was recently hacked. If you receive any suspicious emails, text or messages from his account, please ignore them and do not click on any links or provide any personal information.

1. Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal.

Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal tickets are now on sale in the Church foyer after all Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Prizes and draw dates are listed on the posters at the sales table and the Church notice board. Payment by cash or card is accepted.

2. Parish Annual General Meeting.

A Parish **AGM** will be held in the Church on **Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 2:00pm**. All parishioners are invited to attend. Items to be discussed are; parish projects completed, in progress and planned; reports from parish ministries; parish finances, and anything else that is added to the agenda between now and then. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in the discussions and ask questions. If you would like to have something added to the agenda, talk to **Fr. Jack ASAP**.

3. Knights of Columbus monthly meeting.

The Knights of Columbus are holding their monthly meeting on Sunday, 10 November, 2024 at 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre.

4. Parish Council Meeting.

The Parish Council will hold it's monthly meeting in the Parish Centre on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 7:00pm.

5. Parish Workday.

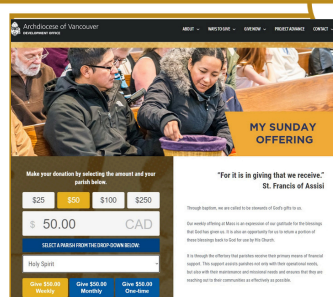
A parish workday will be held on **Saturday, November 23, 2024 commencing at 10:00am**. The main focus will be on the rectory, in preparation for **Fr. Jack** to move into it.



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Reflect

"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep" (Jn 10:11). Christ is the model for a genuine leader. Let us pray for our shepherds that they may reflect his example.

Pray

Christ,
you seek the lost
and comfort the afflicted.
You bind our wounds
and heal our broken spirits.
You did not shy from danger
for our sake,
but sought to save us
by giving your very life
for us.
Give that same spirit
to priests and bishops,
that the world
might see you
reflected in them.
Amen.

Act

Call your pastor or pastoral administrator today and let him or her know of your prayers of support. If he or she is an excellent shepherd, pray that the Lord may strengthen that gift. If not, pray that he or she may have a conversion of heart.

Clifford Hennings, OFM

Saints for November

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed



The Story of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. "If we had no care for the dead," Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them." Yet pre-Christian rites for the deceased retained such a strong hold on the superstitious imagination that a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for the departed members.

In the middle of the 11th century, Saint Odilo, abbot of Cluny, France, decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church.

The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification.

Superstition easily clung to the observance. Medieval popular belief held that the souls in purgatory could appear on this day in the form of witches, toads or will-o'-the-wisps. Graveside food offerings supposedly eased the rest of the dead.

Observances of a more religious nature have survived. These include public processions or private visits to cemeteries and decorating graves with flowers and lights. This feast is observed with great fervor in Mexico.

Reflection

Whether or not one should pray for the dead is one of the great arguments which divide Christians. Appalled by the abuse of indulgences in the Church of his day, Martin Luther rejected the concept of purgatory. Yet prayer for a loved one is, for the believer, a way of erasing any distance, even death. In prayer we stand in God's presence in the company of someone we love, even if that person has gone before us into death.

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Raised To Date \$18,431 **Total Pledged \$20,315**

↑ 111.0% **Outstanding Pledged \$1,884**

Giving by Source

Online	13.9%
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Parish	86.5%

Registered Households 237 **Average Payment Size \$143** **Archdiocesan Allotment \$16,700**

↑ 92.9%

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Parish Participation 19.8%

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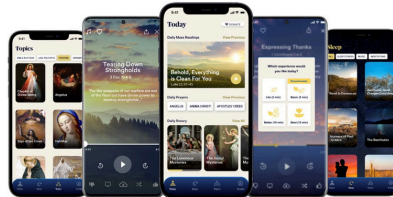
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