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PARISH OFFICE AND HOURS:

Mon to Thurs: 9:15 AM — 12:00 PM
1:00 PM — 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:15 AM — 2:00 PM

Sunday: 9:15 AM — 1:00 PM

Closed on Saturday and Holidays

DEVOTIONS:

Holy Rosary: before 8:30am Mass

Divine Mercy: Friday after 8:30am Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesday

Novena to Our Lady of Miraculous Medal:

Every Monday, October - May

Novena to St. Anthony de Padua:

13 Tuesdays (March - June 13)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mon - Thurs: 9am-12pm (Church)

Every Friday: 9am - 7pm (Church)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

For assistance call 416-410-3589

PARISH SCHOOL:

St. Lawrence Catholic School 416-393-5264

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday Mass : 8:30 am (English)

10:00 am (Italian)

11:30 am (English)

1:00 pm (Latin)

5:00 pm (English)

DAILY MASSES:

English: 8:30 am Monday to Saturday

Latin: 12:00 pm Monday to Wednesday

7:00 am Thursday

7:00 pm Friday

10:00 am Saturday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays following the 8:30 am Mass

Saturdays 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm

(or by appointment)

BAPTISM:

Visit our website or call the Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the Pastor ONE YEAR in advance. Marriage Preparation Course is required. Visit our website for more information.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

If one of your loved ones would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK:

Visitation and/or Holy Communion for the sick upon request.

A warm Welcome to New Parishioners!

Please fill out a parish registration form found in the foyer of the Church, and kindly introduce yourself to the Pastor.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Mark 12: 28-34



“You are not far from the Kingdom of God...”

The Pharisees have a bad name, but they should not. They, among all the parties of the Jews, were concerned above all to live holy lives and to keep the traditions and the Covenant. The vices they are reproached for, such as pedantry and pedanticity, and even hypocrisy, are occupational hazards of any group of people that try to do good. From ‘I am doing good’ to ‘I am good’ is a small step, and from ‘I am good’ to ‘anything is good if I do it’ is another small step. We see it often even today. As the saying goes, *corruptio optimi pessima* – the best, corrupted, becomes the worst.

Thus the most positive, you might even say the most intimate, contacts between Jesus and the Jewish establishment come when he is talking to a scribe or a Pharisee. Here is one of the best, and the most instructive. There is no suggestion in this Gospel that this Pharisee lawyer was trying to trick Jesus; he was just asking this teacher a typical Jewish question about priorities because he wanted to know the answer.

Jesus replies with an impeccable Rabbinic answer, bringing together two texts from different books of the Bible. In bringing them together he is using an acknowledged principle of exegesis: if two texts share the same words, they should be interpreted together. The two texts which Jesus uses are the only two in the Bible where occur the words ‘and you shall love’ with a direct object. The first, about love of God, is from the basic confession of faith in Deuteronomy 6,5, recited by every faithful Jew three times a day, ‘And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, mind and strength’, as straightforward a priority as you could wish. But the exciting thing about the answer is that Jesus couples that with another text from Leviticus 19,18, ‘And you shall love your neighbour as yourself’. The command is not new, but it is only staggering that Jesus puts it on a level with the other. It will, of course, in all his discussions be his main principle in interpreting the Law. But again and again Jesus shows his mastery of the scriptures, a more profound understanding, going straight to the heart of the major texts of the Bible.

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Bisogna considerare lo scriba del passo del Vangelo di Marco con grande benevolenza. Spesso Gesù accusa gli scribi di interessarsi più ai giochi di parole che non ai veri mali dei loro fratelli. Ma nulla di tutto ciò in questo brano. Ecco un uomo che cerca di conoscere. È un uomo alla ricerca di Dio, un uomo che vuole sapere come potere raggiungere Dio con sicurezza. Questo significa la sua domanda su quale sia il comandamento più importante. Gesù gli risponde in modo relativamente prevedibile, ma che va all'essenziale. Da tutta la Legge, ricava il solo comandamento che dà lo spirito della Legge stessa. Questo comandamento è divenuto una preghiera (Dt 6,4-5) che bisogna avere sempre nel proprio cuore, nella propria mente, nelle proprie mani e nella propria casa. Gesù vi aggiunge la necessità di metterlo in pratica, mediante quell'amore per il prossimo che permette a ciascuno di verificare se ama davvero Dio (1Gv 4,20). Lo scriba allora, felice di essere riconfortato nella propria fede, si felicita con Gesù. Ecco l'uomo che si complimenta con Dio, l'uomo che è contento di ritrovarsi in accordo con Dio. Non è commovente questo vecchio saggio che si complimenta con il giovane Rabbi, senza nemmeno sospettare che è con Dio stesso che si complimenta? Gesù ne è commosso. Accoglie con gioia l'osservazione di quest'uomo che è un vero credente, senza risparmio (Gv 1,47). Allora, gli apre il regno. Gesù risponde alle sue lodi con un'osservazione che ciascuno di noi vorrebbe sentirsi fare. Conferma lo scriba nella sua fede e, dandogli una garanzia come non ce ne sono altre, lo rassicura che non si sta sbagliando.



Eucharistic Adoration

Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm (Church)*

Every Friday 9am - 7pm (Church)*

*In Chapel, when there is a funeral.

Come and spend some quiet time in prayer!



**Mass Intentions
for the week**



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2ND – SABATO

5:00 P.M. - For All Our Parishioners

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3RD – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Joseph Melvin

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Susanna e Gianni Onisto
Filippo Lembo - Giuseppe Onisto
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Vito Sciuto e famiglia
Defunti famiglie Cuoppolo e Ciciretto
Rosaria Antonio Lisciandro
Elisabetta Barbieri
Rocco e Giuseppina Burdo
Giuseppe Morra
Michelina Mosca – Costanza Morra
Luca Caccamo
Carmela e Euplio Raffaele
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo
Angelo Lamanna e famiglia
Vicky e Nancy Masellis

11:30 A.M. - Living+Deceased 11:30 Choir

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. - Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY NOVEMBER 4TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Patricia Derushe

12:00 P.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Deceased Legionaries

12:00 P.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY NOV 6TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Filomena & Valentine Fernandes
+ Danilo Salcedo
+ Derek Davidson
- James Keuben
- Virginia Allen

12:00 P.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:30 A.M. - Avelina Benedicto

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Gianna Ramzi

7:00 P.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Bridget Johnpulle

10:00 A.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory



Offertory Last Week:

Regular: \$5,603.60



Sacred Journey - Bell Tower: \$5,955.00

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Dear Friends in Christ, a few years ago I wrote about the biblical figure of Judas Maccabee. I said that Judas was not only a great military man, but also a deeply religious and devout Jew: *“This equally impressive dimension of his life can be seen by the great solicitude, which he showed towards a number of fallen soldiers, who had died during a particularly difficult battle. When Judas discovered that each of these dead soldiers were wearing pagan amulets under their tunic, he neither judged nor condemned them for their idolatrous actions. Instead, he immediately set to collect a sum of money from his remaining soldiers and sent an offering to Jerusalem, so that sacrifices and prayers might be offered up for his men who had sinned and fallen. Scripture commends his action with the words: ‘In doing this Judas acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin’ (2 Mac 12:43-46)”* (cf. 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, 2022).

Throughout our history, the Church has taught that those who, although having died in God’s grace and friendship, can still possess degrees of imperfection that require a period of purification before they are able to behold the Beatific Vision of God. The great St. Augustine of ancient happy memory wrote: *“That there should be some fire even after this life is not incredible, and it can be inquired into and either be discovered or left hidden whether some of the faithful may be saved, some more slowly and some more quickly in the greater or lesser degree in which they loved the good things that perish, through a certain purgatorial fire.”* In recent times, the Catechism reminds us that: *“All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation, but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect...”* (CCC 1030-1031).

What are the means to help these poor souls who must be pure before they are able to enter heaven? Prayers... lots of prayers! St. Pio of Pietrelcina simply said: *“We must empty Purgatory with our prayers,”* which St. John Paul II considered *“Praying for the souls in purgatory...to be the highest act of supernatural charity.”* Prayer, however, is only one tool since these blessed souls can also benefit from other forms of offerings as St. John Vianney taught his congregation: *“Consider then...the magnitude of these sufferings which the souls in Purgatory endure; and the means which we have of mitigating them: our prayers, our good works, and, above all, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass”.*

While the purgatorial fire that these holy souls must undergo is undoubtedly a pain one, what many of us often forget, or at least fail to realize, is the other more intense suffering that they experience, that is, their intense longing for God. St. Thomas in his teachings wrote: *“The more one longs for a thing, the more painful does deprivation of it become. And because after this life, the desire for God, the Supreme Good, is intense in the souls of the just, the soul suffers enormously from the delay.”* St. Thomas’s teaching is corroborated by a vision that St. Maria Faustina Kowalska had one day, which she recounted in her Diary: *“I saw my guardian angel, who ordered me to follow him. In a moment I was in a misty place full of fire in which there was a great crowd of suffering souls. They were praying fervently, but to no avail, for themselves; only we can come to their aid. I asked these souls what their greatest suffering was. They answered me in one voice that their greatest torment was longing for God.”*

These little acts of charity that we make for these blessed souls will not be without its own rewards. Not only will the Good Lord bless us for our kind tenderness and solicitude for these holy souls, they themselves will show immense gratitude towards us one day too! St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori expressed this idea by saying: *“The blessed souls in purgatory are the Lord’s eternal spouses, and most grateful are they to those who obtain their deliverance from prison, or even a mitigation of their torments. When, therefore, they arrive in Heaven, they will be sure to remember all who have prayed for them”.* Venerable Fulton Sheen, in a similar vein, said: *“As we enter heaven, we will see them, so many of them coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say a poor soul you prayed for in purgatory.”*

Let us ceaselessly pray, do good works of charity, and offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for all these blessed souls, who unable to do anything to hasten their entrance into heaven, seek our help as they await to see the Beatific Vision of God. After entering heaven, these souls in turn will undoubtedly help us on our journey of faith, until that day when we will all behold the face of God together!

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



SACRED JOURNEY
RESTORING THE HOUSE OF GOD

THANK YOU!!!

FUNDS RAISED TO DATE: \$64,692.40

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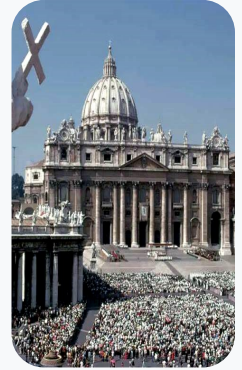
NOVEMBER ~ Month of All Souls ~ “REMEMBERING THE DEAD”



During the month of November, we are called to pray in a particular way for those who have died. There will be a special Memorial Prayer Box placed in front of the Sanctuary during the month of November. The names of the deceased may be written on the Envelopes provided and placed in the Memorial Prayer Box. During the month of November, the deceased will be remembered at all Masses.

in
loving
memory

Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him/her. May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed. rest in peace. Amen



2025 JUBILEE YEAR
ITALY PILGRIMAGE
With our Pastor
Father Thomas Lim



September 27 to
October 10, 2025

DETAILS
Coming Soon!



BELL TOWER Envelopes
Offertory November 9th and 10th
Your Donation is *appreciated*
no matter how *big* or *small*!
Thank you! GOD bless you More.

Dear Padre

November 3, 2024

Do saints ever smile? That question comes to me every year on the feast of All Saints (November 1) as I look at the pictures and statues in church. The faces are so somber and serious. What are the saints really like?

Artists through the centuries may have portrayed sanctity in very subdued tones. The saints, however, and their biographers tell a different story. The holy men and women who make up the communion of saints are an incredibly fascinating array of diverse personalities. The feast of All Saints celebrates our universal call to holiness. Our challenge is to imitate the characteristics these unique individuals have in common.

Saint Irenaeus (125–202) said that the glory of God is the human fully alive which reflects Jesus' own words, "I came so that they may have life; and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Saints enjoy life! The nearsighted St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696–1787), founder of the Redemptorists, sat in the back row of the Naples theater with his glasses off so he could enjoy the music he loved without the distraction of the half-naked chorus line. Saint Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582), caught devouring partridge in the convent kitchen, said, "When I pray, I pray; when I eat partridge, I eat partridge!" Saint Joan of Arc (1412–1431) loved horses, and St. Charles Borromeo (1538–1584) loved chess. Indeed, saints do smile. They even laugh. ●

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FATHER
YOU CALLED

SAINT LAWRENCE
TO SERVE YOU BY LOVE
AND CROWNED HIS LIFE
WITH GLORIOUS
MARTYRDOM.

HELP US TO BE LIKE HIM
IN LOVING YOU
AND DOING YOUR WORK.

AMEN

Knights of Columbus 20th Anniversary
Dinner Dance for Bell Tower
Saturday ~ November 9
SLM Parish Hall @ 7PM. See YOU!



Selling handmade quilts, arts and crafts,
bake goods for Bell Tower Fundraising
Nov 16th & 17th After the W/E Masses



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

Handicraft Holy Land Christians
November 16 - 17, 2024
After the 5 PM Saturday and ALL Sunday Masses
will be selling unique hand-carved olive wood religious art pieces made by Christian families living in Bethlehem. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.
Cash, debit, CC and cheque will be accepted.
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Every 3rd Saturday of the Month
After the 5 pm Mass



HOPE to SEE YOU THERE!

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community.

"Make sickness itself a Prayer"
~ St. Francis de Sales ~

