



Saint Paul

the Apostle

NOVEMBER 16, 2025



## 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all  
your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.”  
- Lk 21:15



## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - THERE IS REASON TO HOPE!

BY MARY PENICH

The sun's rays pierce the darkness to announce a beautiful day. Though the blinds usually prevent such intrusions, sunshine eases its way in. While my husband heads to the kitchen for coffee, I enjoy the view. I want to make the most of this crisp November morning, so I announce to myself, "Today, I'll walk!" The weather inspires Mike as well. When we meet in the kitchen, he says, "I'm thinking of heading to the lake later on." I respond immediately, "That will be great!"



I clean up after breakfast and then don sweats and a hoodie with sleeves long enough to pull over my hands. The temperature outdoors hasn't reached 50 degrees yet. When I'm certain I'll be warm enough, I head to the sidewalk while Mike drives off to run a quick errand. In 45 minutes, we'll meet at the entrance to the beach to walk along the shoreline together. Afterward, I'll be happy to ride home with him in the warm car. As I begin my walk, it occurs to me that it's mid-November. Less than 50 days remain in Year 2025! *Where has the time has gone, Lord?*

While I head east, I consider recent history. So many of us have dealt with uncertainty on numerous levels. Shortened daylight hours immerse us in darkness before many of us return home from work. Uncertainty at workplaces and financial insecurity do the same.



Threats both nearby and far away require us all to take care. Political activity also contributes to unrest. Wounds inflicted by opposing factions sting. It occurs to me that it's time to soothe those wounds with the salve of open minds and open hearts. People who truly want to do the right thing usually find ways to work together. With all of this in mind, I give thanks for the good in my life. Some recent news has been difficult, and I feel somewhat uneasy. Yes, there are so many things to pray about! As I look upward, a crisp breeze makes its way up my sleeves and sends a chill down my spine. *Are you telling me something, Lord?*

I walk on beneath the blue sunlit sky. I tell myself, "It's hard to believe that this beautiful sky reigns over our troubles." Many within our human family aren't feeling peace just now. A child in Ukraine tries to ignore the sound of explosions nearby. A child in Gaza wonders if she'll ever have a home again. A child in Ethiopia cries with hunger. Other little ones just a few miles and half a world away do the same. A friend who battles cancer prepares to say, "Good-bye". A lonely heart hopes for love, but with less fervor these

days. One of the working poor wishes only to get by as her struggle with daily expenses continues. How long will she be able to feed her children? Food pantries everywhere serve long lines. *Are you telling me something, Lord?*

As I walk on, I acknowledge the generations who have come and gone under this sky. More will do the same in the years, decades, and perhaps centuries ahead. Joyful days will punctuate human history, just as moments of sadness and despair leave their marks. I consider the tough times that have touched my own life, and a tear forms in my eye. Still, I find reason to feel grateful. Even in my sorrow, I've been blessed, and I will be blessed again. We all will! *Yes, Lord, I know!*

The strong lake breeze scatters neatly piled leaves as approach. Those leaves swirl high into the air and then nestle on the sidewalk before me. I ask aloud, "Is this where you're meant to be?" As those leaves crunch beneath my feet, it occurs to me that the difficult times in our lives swirl us high into the air as well. Then, when we recover to live on in the aftermath, we find that we are precisely where we're meant to be. Just like those leaves! *Am I getting this right, Lord!*

I catch sight of Mike at the beach entrance. We head down to the shore where we walk the length of the beach three times. I absorb this beautiful place while Mike preserves it in a few photos. We chat as we walk to the car and drive home. When I finally sit at my desk to write, another chill startles me. "Where is that coming from?" I ask. As I read today's scripture passages, God seems to explain. Malachi and Luke insist that we must never ever lose heart, especially when we're tempted to despair. Malachi (3:19-20) reminds us that God promises, "For you who know my name, the sun of justice with its healing rays will rise." Luke (21:5-19) shares a similar promise when he reminds us that Jesus said: "... not a hair on your head will be harmed. Your perseverance will save you." *Yes, Lord! Of course!*



Finally, I understand! God is telling us that, though we all experience suffering here, we will find peace and joy. This isn't a matter of hope! These promises are reality- the reality God hints at throughout our lives and then brings to fullness in the next. So, we mustn't lose heart! One day, we will bask under the perpetually blue skies of God's love! *Dear God, thank you!*

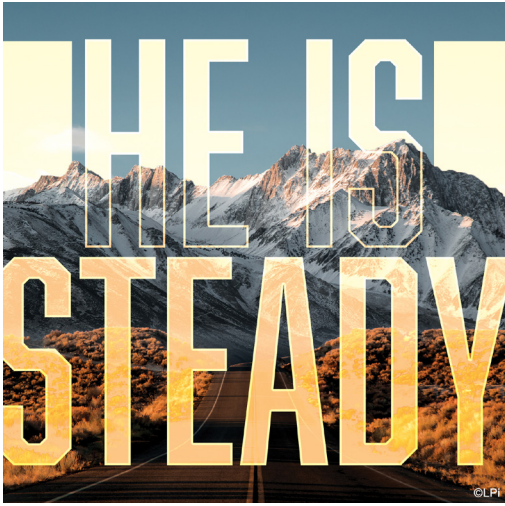
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# YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

## *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### GOSPEL MEDITATION



When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: "Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8). In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

### MASS HYMNS

*Opening Song:* **Spirit & Song #204 All Who Are Thirsty** by Benton Brown and Glenn Robertson

*At Sunday 11:30am:* **Spirit & Song #206 Blessed Be Your Name** by Matt Redman and Beth Redman

*Gloria:* **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

*Responsorial Psalm:* **The Lord Comes to Rule** by Timothy R. Smith

*Gospel Acclamation:* **MASS OF RENEWAL** by Curtis Stephan

*Preparation Song:* **I Am the Way** by Craig Colson

*At Sunday 5:00pm:* **Spirit & Song #351 Sound of Hope** by Ike Ndolo

*Eucharistic Acclamations:* **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

*Communion Song:* **On That Holy Mountain** by Joe Mattingly

*At Sunday 5:00pm:* **Spirit & Song #266 Awake, O Sleeper** by Ike Ndolo

*Closing Song:* **Gather #342 / Spirit & Song #209 Find Us Ready** by Tom Booth

*At Sunday 11:30am:* **Spirit & Song #196 He Is Exalted** by Twila Paris

## READING I

MALACHI 3:19-20A

Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven,  
when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble,  
and the day that is coming will set them on fire,  
leaving them neither root nor branch,  
says the LORD of hosts.  
But for you who fear my name, there will arise  
the sun of justice with its healing rays.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 98:5-6, 7-8, 9

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

## READING II

2 THESSALONIANS 3:7-12

Brothers and sisters:  
You know how one must imitate us.  
For we did not act in a disorderly way among you,  
nor did we eat food received free from anyone.  
On the contrary, in toil and drudgery, night and day  
we worked, so as not to burden any of you.  
Not that we do not have the right.  
Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model  
for you,  
so that you might imitate us.  
In fact, when we were with you,  
we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work,  
neither should that one eat.  
We hear that some are conducting themselves  
among you in a  
disorderly way,  
by not keeping busy but minding the business of  
others.  
Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus  
Christ to work quietly  
and to eat their own food.



## GOSPEL

LUKE 21:5-19

While some people were speaking about  
how the temple was adorned with costly stones and  
votive offerings,  
Jesus said, "All that you see here--  
the days will come when there will not be left  
a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown  
down."

Then they asked him,  
"Teacher, when will this happen?  
And what sign will there be when all these things are  
about to happen?"  
He answered,  
"See that you not be deceived,  
for many will come in my name, saying,  
'I am he,' and 'The time has come.'  
Do not follow them!  
When you hear of wars and insurrections,  
do not be terrified; for such things must happen first,  
but it will not immediately be the end."  
Then he said to them,  
"Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against  
kingdom.  
There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and  
plagues  
from place to place;  
and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from  
the sky.

"Before all this happens, however,  
they will seize and persecute you,  
they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons,  
and they will have you led before kings and governors  
because of my name.  
It will lead to your giving testimony.  
Remember, you are not to prepare your defense  
beforehand,  
for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking  
that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or  
refute.  
You will even be handed over by parents, brothers,  
relatives, and friends,  
and they will put some of you to death.  
You will be hated by all because of my name,  
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.  
By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

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## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,*  
*born of the Virgin Mary,*  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God,  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

**Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

**Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

## WEEKDAY PSALMS

**Monday: Psalm 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158**  
Give me life, O Lord, and I will do your commands.

**Tuesday: Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7**  
The Lord upholds me.

**Wednesday: Psalm 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15**  
Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

**Thursday: Psalm 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15**  
To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

**Friday: 1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd**  
We praise your glorious name, O mighty God.

**Saturday: Psalm 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19**  
I will rejoice in your salvation, O Lord.

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

**Tuesday:** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

**Friday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Saturday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

**Next Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Eric Rader | Walter & Emily Macrowski | John Carter Bennett | Gerena O. Monis | Roger Bys & Sida Marshall-Bys | Celanira Moeller | Marcy Davis | Lorna Crisostomo

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

7:30am: Ben Serrano | Patti Halloran  
9:30am: Joyce & Victor Schwartz | Sr. Jean Delores Schmidt | Helena Czyzewski | Clarie Plowgian | Elena Sanchez | Maureen Hendrickson | Marcia Piexoto  
11:30am: Celia J. Auguste | Lynn Sharpee | Celanira Moeller | Kristin Yee Reyes | Hector B. Brual, Jr.  
5:00pm: Harriet Sutton

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

7:30am: Linus Galuska | Anna Plutkis | James Vallely | Tom & Neillie Vallely | Joe & Thelma Goggin

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

7:30am: Nelaída Gaspar | Carl Willaby

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025

7:30am: Roy Hilo, Sr. | Michael Neylon

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

7:30am: Edmund Tryba | Jack & Marion Henderson | Armando & Benjamin Arceo, Jr.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025

7:30am: Maureen Killeen | Shannon Killeen

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Raymond De Silvia, Sr. | Alice De Silvia | Raymond De Silvia, Jr. | John Carter Bennett | Gerena O. Monis | Thomas J. Minich

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

7:30am: Ben Serrano | Edward Novick | Rodrigo R. Gorospe | Patricia Mansueto | Richard V. Siegal  
9:30am: Margaret & Laura Maricle | Michele Dulak Beye | Steven Dulak | Helena Czyzewski | Robert & Elizabeth Hund | Joseph Cresto | Nancy Kubarek | Mary & George A. Pratscher | Claire Plowgian | Elena Sanchez | Casis Family | Lucina Carino  
11:30am: Tom Wessel | Celia J. Auguste | Amalia Jacobo Calderon | Cristina Jacobo Calderon | Edward Myck | Harriet Sutton | Zenon Rebuyon | David & Holly Kelley | Silvestre & Crescencia Elefanté | Paulina Negrillo | Kristin Yee Reyes  
5:00pm: Ronald "Ron" Lauraitis

## DONATIONS SUMMARY

### Week of November 10, 2025

Sunday- \$11,850  
Sharing- \$192  
SVdP- \$375  
Holiday Dinners - \$1,406  
World Mission Sunday- \$353

Online Sunday- \$10,738  
Online Sharing- \$838  
Online SVdP- \$2,802

### Month to Date - November

Sunday- \$25,688  
Online Sunday- \$10,738  
Sharing- \$1,321  
Online Sharing- \$838  
SVdP- \$710  
Online SVdP- \$2,802  
Holiday Dinners - \$2,231  
World Mission Sunday- \$523



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rosa LaBellarte	Rod Reyes
Rachel Ciullo	Betty Falotico
Patricia Freeman	Keith Kellogg
Toni Lynn Mengarelli	Lisa Mischke
Shannon Bremmer	David Zilligen
Karen Swazas	Eduardo Perez
April Grandgeorge	Maria Domitila Zambrano de Polanco
Alma De Torres	Rafael Gloria
Stephanie Rappe	Collen Wishall
Vicki Shafer	Silvia Pinedo
Ruth Blood	Consuelo Vargas
Maria Delannoy	Juan Miguel Currea
Tom Asma	Gloria de Cardenas
Karla Arce	Helena Sznicher
Jeanne Syplen	George Lawrence
Glenn Garamoni	Michael Miller
Daniel Schmelz	Cynthia D. Caudell
Russell Yanow	Daniel Pawlak III
Victoria Sofia	Glafira Bunsen
Luquez Mogollon	Jackie Herrera-Giron
Kinga Szymoniak	Gino LaBellarte
Chris Lucy	Dianne Scirri
Donna O'Brien	Pat Wilson
Norilyn Querubin	Kimmy Cozart
Rey Querubin	Mark Wilson
Obdulia Elizalde	Pat Gundrum
Jovita Menes	Mary Thachil
Reginald Dulaca	Daniela Gaborik
Melody Cook	Amy Patterson
Brian Smolicek	Melissa Fernandes
Roberto Movilla	
Shani Stahnke	
Abby Swygard	

Please know that we pray for all of the sick at every Mass. However, if you would like your name or that of a sick loved one to be included in the list above, please email or call

Catherine in the Parish Office:  
[info@spa.church](mailto:info@spa.church) or 847-918-0600



*In loving memory of our recently deceased parishioners. May God's perpetual light shine upon them.*

*Agnes Ramirez*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S GARAGE  
9:30AM CIRCLE OF WOMEN  
11:00AM RECONCILIATION  
1:00PM BAPTISM - BOCCHIOCHIO  
1:30PM BAPTISM - ALANIS  
5:00PM MASS

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

7:30AM MASS  
9:00AM OCIA  
9:00AM FF | SUN K-6  
9:30AM MASS  
11:30AM MASS  
12:00PM COAT DRIVE SORT & DELIVER  
1:00PM BAPTISM - KOMSRI  
3:30PM CF 1-2-HS & SCU2  
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL  
5:00PM MASS  
6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

7:30AM MASS

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

7:30AM MASS  
8:00AM HOLY HOUR  
2:00PM FAITH SHARING  
6:30PM HANDBELL ENSEMBLE  
6:30PM SPRED  
7:00PM CURIOUS CATHOLIC  
7:00PM KNIT PURL PRAY

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025

7:30AM MASS  
9:30AM BIBLE STUDY - AM  
3:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT  
5:30PM FF | WED K-6, SCU 1  
6:30PM BIBLE STUDY - PM  
7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE TEAM MTG  
7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

7:30AM MASS  
8:00AM HOLY HOUR

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025

7:30AM MASS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

8:30AM BCBP MEETING  
11:00AM RECONCILIATION  
1:00PM BAPTISM - SWEENEY  
1:30PM BAPTISM - CAMBRONERO  
5:00PM MASS

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

7:30AM MASS  
9:00AM OCIA  
9:00AM FF | SUN K-6  
9:30AM MASS  
11:30AM MASS  
1:00PM BAPTISM - ADKINS  
1:30PM BAPTISM - SCHULZE  
2:00PM BAPTISM - DA BELLO  
3:30PM CF 1-2-HS & SCU2  
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL  
5:00PM MASS  
6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

## NOVEMBER 22/23 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	USHERS	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS		GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	A. Barrie G. Johnson K. Gaston B. Murphy A. Rusnak T. Rusnak	Brad Bonham Andy Thiel	Grzesiak, Shannon Hauck, Janet Kati, Warren Minich, Mary Anne	Hortelano, Nichola Wicinski, Carol Wicinski, Ed	T. Marlowe Open	Fr. Martin
SUNDAY 7:30AM	R. Dizon T. Shurtleff J. Siegal B. O'Brien S. Bilas	Jeff Bautista Elsa Kurien	Chandy, Lyla Janik, Margaret Nelsen, Eric Rafael-Azcueta, Teo	Wodek, Alberta Zdenahlik, Tammia	R. Azcueta T. Rafael- Azcueta	Fr. Chris Dn. Ivan
SUNDAY 9:30AM	M. O'Keefe N. O'Keefe T. Mengarelli P. Mengarelli D. Tomasiewicz Dn. Tomasiewicz	Jerry Donahue Cathy Latza	Beaudoin, Michael Belk, Karen Brennan, Tom	Latza Cathy Maus, Tom Nielsen, Charlotte	R. Pratcher G. Pratcher	Fr. Chris Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 11:30AM	G. Galano P. Watson C. Haines R. Terrazas R. Cuasay C. Karl	Anna Richardt Margaret Beth Sanchez	Auguste, Romie Colcol, Emery Fernandes, Melissa Ramirez,	Maricel Richardt, Annelise Schoenherr, Julie Tebbetts, Sue	S. Lechowicz W. Manila	Fr. John Dn. Mike
SUNDAY 5:00PM	B. Marchioni JJ Plamoottill V. Bate-Ambrus M. Deniz K. Deniz OPEN	Barb Wagner Teen or Lector I	Deniz, Kristy Gayton, Marisol Marino, Joe Plamoottill, JJ	Roberts, Jason Zdenahlik, Tammia	J. Cruz Open	Fr. Martin Dn. Brent

## ST. PAUL'S 6TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION ANNUAL COAT DRIVE IS HERE!

Our 6th Grade Faith Formation students are collecting New and Gently used Coats in all sizes as well as Mittens/Gloves, and Hats, for Holy Family in Waukegan. **No clothing items, please.**

The 6th Graders are also collecting non-perishable food items such as ramen noodle cups, and canned prepared food with pull tabs (tuna, fruit, and chicken). Monetary donations may be made via the parish website. Pick up a flyer in the Gathering Space for additional information. Please note that the final day to drop off items in the upstairs Gathering Space is the morning of Sunday, November 16th. Thank You in advance for your generosity!



## GRIEF JOURNEY MINISTRY

"What we have once enjoyed deeply, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us."  
-Helen Keller

You are invited to join with us as we gather with others who have lost a loved one. Here you will find support and encouragement in abundance.

The next meeting is November 19, 2025 at 3pm.

Sandy Gbur, Certified Grief Educator  
sgbur@spa.church | 708-217-2209

All is confidential; facilitated by a professional counselor



# BCBP

Invites you to a

## BREAKFAST & LIFE-SHARING

THEME: GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN ALL THINGS



November 22, 2025

8:30 am

Basement of St. Paul the Apostle Church



CURIOUS CATHOLIC  
PRESENTS

Deacon Mark Plaiss



Nov.18.25

Scripture Overview

All adults are invited to Curious Catholic this Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. Our speaker will be Deacon Mark Plaiss who will speak about Scripture - both questions related to it and discuss various stories from the Bible.

Deacon Mark is a Theology Teacher at Carmel Catholic High School. Wine and snacks will be served.

# Prayer Shawl Request

Are you or a loved one in need of a prayer shawl? Please complete the following information and place in the collection box at any of St. Pauls' weekend masses. You will be contacted regarding pickup/delivery of the shawl.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

eMail: \_\_\_\_\_



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM

The Catholic Charities Christmas Gift Program tags are in the gathering space during weekends in November until they are all gone. New generic toy/clothes or gift cards are also appreciated to fulfill requests.

For those new to the parish and/or this program, one selects a tag and purchases a NEW gift(s) for the person. Wrap the gift(s) and attach the tag securely with the name and CSP# showing, or write the name and CSP# on each gift (in case they get separated). Gifts are due back at the church during **Gift Weekend Dec 6/7<sup>th</sup> and NO LATER than 12pm Sunday.**

Immediately after the 11:30 mass on Dec 7th, we need help sorting all of the gifts by family, bagging them and loading them on to trucks. (Thank you Bekins Lake County movers for donating the trucks and drivers again this year!)

On Monday-Wednesday, Dec 8-10, we need volunteers to help check all of the bags at the warehouse. See us for details on signing up with Catholic Charities volunteer website.

For more information or questions, see Nancy Payonk or Carol Zimmer after all the masses or contact us. Nancy Payonk (847-309-8230), [napayonka@comcast.net](mailto:napayonka@comcast.net) or Carol Zimmer (847-732-6126), [zimmerca@outlook.com](mailto:zimmerca@outlook.com).



**Saint Paul**  
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SENIOR LUNCHEON

# Christmas

## CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025  
11AM- 1:30 PM

RSVP BY SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH  
[MURQUHART@SPA.CHURCH](mailto:MURQUHART@SPA.CHURCH) OR CALL 847-816-8677  
(PLEASE RSVP WITH NAME AND PHONE NUMBER)

Bring a New/Wrapped \$10-\$15  
Unisex Gift for Christmas Game  
(Optional)

Lunch Entertainment by  
Brass Band Quartet



Appreciate and  
Accepting Free-Will  
Donations



SCHOOL OF  
PARISH  
LEADERSHIP  
AND  
EVANGELIZATION

## Deacon Formation Program

### TOM ROBB TO BE INSTITUTED INTO THE MINISTRY OF ACOLYTE

Please continue your prayers for deacon candidate Tom as the Most Rev. Timothy O'Malley will preside at his institution into the Ministry of Acolyte on November 16, 2025 at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, USML. Tom is one of 15 candidates to be instituted into this ministry.

As is noted in the words of the Rite, instituted acolytes "have a special role in the Church's ministry." The Rite notes the following responsibilities:

- Assist priests and deacons in carrying out their ministry at the Eucharist;
- As special ministers, they are to give Holy Communion to the faithful at the liturgy, and to the sick;
- Because they are specially called to this ministry, they should strive to live more fully by the Lord's sacrifice and to be molded more perfectly in its likeness;
- They should seek to understand the deep spiritual meaning of what they do so to offer themselves daily to God as spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Him through Jesus Christ.

Regarding the Ministry of Acolyte, Canon Law also notes that newly instituted acolytes must regularly exercise their ministry from this point forward if they are to be considered for the possibility of Holy Orders.

Presently, there are nearly 500 active deacons in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Please keep Tom, his wife Stacy, and family, and all those in formation and their families, in your prayers that they might continue to answer God's call in their lives. Family, friends, and parishioners are invited to attend the liturgy/institution.

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Once again, thank you so much!

Sincerely,

*Jackie*

Jacqueline G. Lynn, Executive Director



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

### Two Things Can Be True At Once

As my husband and I drove our firstborn child home from the hospital, I sat alongside my daughter in the backseat. Terrified, exhausted, exhilarated, confused, hopeful — I was all of these things at the same time. I gazed at her, this magnificent little creature whose face was both familiar and strange to me, thinking: She is exquisite. She is the future. She is life.

And then I burst into uncontrollable sobs.

"What's wrong?" my husband cried, panicked, glancing in the rearview mirror.

"She's — going — to — die — someday," I blubbered, choking on my own tears.

"Ohhh, honey." I'll never forget the tone of his voice as he clearly debated turning this car around and taking me back to the hospital for an emergency psych evaluation. "I think you might be tired."

Ten years later, it's a memory we laugh about. I hadn't slept more than four hours in four days. Postpartum hormones had lain waste to my senses. Here, on the threshold of new life, all I could think of was death. It's funny. It's absurd.

But it also makes a lot of sense.

Love and hate. Hope and fear. Joy and sorrow. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something — even if we cannot understand what. Not yet.

In every moment of his earthly life, Christ shows us that two things can be true at once. A virgin is a mother. An exile is a king. The temple will be destroyed, and it will last forever. The world is ending. The world is beginning. The cross is death. The cross is life.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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St. Paul the Apostle's Society of the St. Vincent de Paul ministry would like to thank everyone who made donations to our Trailer Donation Event during the weekend of October 11 and 12. By noon on the final day, the trailer was at capacity! Also, a big thank you to the St. Vincent de Paul members who volunteered to make this event a **huge success**.



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alone. Bring Your  
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light of a candle in  
darkness. Wrap me in  
Your mercy, give me  
strength to face every  
hardship. Amen.**

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The Vocations Raffle was held last month. Last year, we were able to give \$500 to six seminarians. We hope to repeat, or offer to additional seminarians, this year. You can also purchase raffle books online through November using the QR code shown below. Please enter our council number, 11112, to credit the Divine Mercy Council at St. Paul the Apostle.

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Vivat Jesus,  
Steven Bilas  
Grand Knight, Divine Mercy Council #11112



## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN!

**Question:**  
*According to trad-  
ition, upon which  
mountain did the  
Transfiguration of  
Jesus take place?*

**Answer:**  
*Mount Tabor.*

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## SAINT BIO

### St. Elizabeth of Hungary | Feast Day November 17

Although her life was short, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207 – 1231) is recognized for her love of the poor and suffering, and as patroness of Catholic charities and the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, she chose a life of penance instead of leisure, which made an impact on the “commoners” she served.

St. Elizabeth married Louis of Thuringia when she was 14. Deeply in love, they had three children. Despite their wealth, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and St. Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband’s family did not look kindly upon her and mistreated her before finally throwing her out of the palace. However, the return of her husband’s allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

St. Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1228 where she cared for the poor in a hospital she founded in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. She died in 1231, but her great popularity resulted in her being named a saint only four years later.

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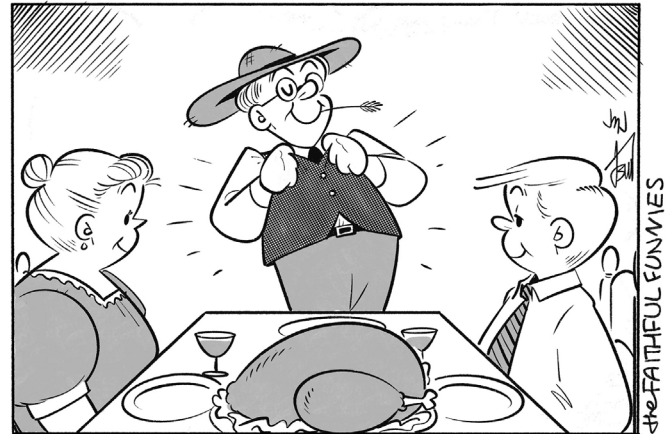
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**“What did the farmer wear to  
Thanksgiving dinner?”**



**“A har-vest.”**



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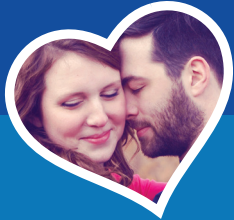


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