



SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH

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32nd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise." - Lk 20:36

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 PM English
7:00 PM Vietnamese

Sunday

7:30 AM English
9:00 AM Spanish
11:00 AM English
1:00 PM Spanish
4:00 PM Vietnamese
6:00 PM Spanish

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 AM English (Mon-Fri)
8:30 AM English (Mon-Sat)
6:30 PM Spanish (Mon only)
6:30 PM Vietnamese (Fri only)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

9:00 AM - 10 AM (Friday)
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (Saturday)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

7:15 PM (Monday)
9:00 AM (Friday)
3:30 PM (Saturday)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Sunday
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith-based Catholic community whose members are enriched by the celebration of the Sacraments and opportunities to deepen our prayer lives. Guided by the Word of God and family values, we strive always to be a beacon of light for the lost, the lonely, the marginalized, and all those seeking the truth as we walk in the footsteps of those first disciples of Jesus and our patron St. Polycarp.

NOVEMBER 6, 2022



Dear Parishioners of Saint Polycarp,

By the time this Pastoral Letter is read, we are already in the month of November—the month to remember our beloved-deceased family members and friends. The First and Second of November bring us to the celebrations of All Saints and All Souls. These two celebrations remind us that one day our earthly journey will end but, at the same time, this journey will become a spiritual journey in the mercy of God. I pray that one day the Church on earth will proclaim us “saints of God.” I also pray especially for the reposed soul of Mrs. Maria Bui Thi Sang, the mother of Father Nicolas Toan Nguyen, who passed away on Saturday afternoon, October 29, 2022. The funeral vigil, with the Blessing of the Body and the Vigil Mass for Mrs. Maria, will take place on Friday, November 11 at our parish of Saint Polycarp; and the funeral Mass for her will be on Saturday, November 12 at Saint Columban church.

The first weekend of November marks the celebration of the Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Gospel for this Thirty-Second Sunday touches on the spiritual reality of life after death. The Gospel begins with this proposition to Jesus: “Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying, ‘Teacher, Moses wrote for us, If someone’s brother dies leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendant for his brother’ (Lk 20:27-29). To reply to the Sadducees’ proposition, Jesus said, “The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise” (Lk 20: 34-37).

While it is true that God creates or establishes marriage for us humans, in Heaven we have God as our only source of joy and happiness. The joy of Heaven, which comes from God, or which God provides, exceeds all human desires and needs. God is our ultimate joy; there is no need for a supportive element, such as another human person or another being to supplement the joy of heaven.

The last two weeks of November bring our attention to some special civil and religious celebrations. The last Thursday of November celebrates Thanksgiving—a moment and an occasion for us to give thanks to God and to value our family relationship. Thanksgiving leads us to reflect on the history of our country, in which our Founder Fathers proclaimed, “In God We Trust,” and to reflect on the history of our human history—that is, it is a history that is grace-filled. God has always blessed us and keeps us in His mercy and love. Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate family. Please give thanks to God for your family—your parents, siblings, relatives.

The weekend before Thanksgiving, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. This solemnity marks the conclusion of the Ordinary Time. The weekend after Thanksgiving, the Church celebrates the beginning of the Liturgical Season of Advent. This Season ushers us to prepare for the Coming of Jesus the Savior.

This Thanksgiving, I will be away to spend time with my family in Vietnam. It has been seven years since I last saw them. Even though I am far away, my heart and prayers are always with you—my spiritual family. In my absence, Father Nicolas and Father Luis will oversee the pastoral and spiritual responsibility of the parish. I look forward to seeing you at the end of November.

May God bless you always. Mary, Joseph, and Saint Polycarp: pray for us!

Rev. Viet Peter Ho

Las lecturas de la semana del 6 de noviembre de 2022

Domingo: 2 Mac 7, 1-2. 9-14/Sal 16, 1. 5-6. 8. 15 [15]/
2 Tes 2, 16—3, 5/Lc 20, 27-38 o 20, 27. 34-38

Lunes: Tit 1, 1-9/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 17, 1-6

Martes: Tit 2, 1-8. 11-14/Sal 36, 3-4. 18 y 23. 27 y 29/
Lc 17, 7-10

Miércoles: Ez 47, 1-2. 8-9. 12/Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/
1 Co 3, 9-11. 16-17/Jn 2, 13-22

Jueves: Flm 7-20/Sal 145, 7. 8-9. 9-10/Lc 17, 20-25

Viernes: 2 Jn 4-9/Sal 118, 1. 2. 10. 11. 17. 18/
Lc 17, 26-37

Sábado: 3 Jn 5-8/Sal 111, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 18, 1-8

Domingo: Mal 3, 19-20/Sal 97, 5-6. 7-8. 9/
2 Tes 3, 7-12/Lc 21, 5-19

Las conmemoraciones de la semana

Domingo: 32º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario;
Semana nacional de conciencia por la
vocación; Fin del horario de verano

Martes: Día electoral

Miércoles: La dedicación a la basílica de Letrán

Jueves: San León Magno, papa y doctor de la Iglesia

Viernes: San Martín de Tours, obispo;
Día de los Veteranos (EEUU)

Sábado: San Josafat, obispo y mártir

Domingo: 33er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario;
Santa Francisca Javiera Cabrini, virgen

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Todo creyente se pregunta cómo será la experiencia del cielo. Las imágenes populares de personas que caminan con túnicas blancas se vuelven como ángeles, y los encuentros con aquellos que nos han precedido, hacen cosquillas en la imaginación humana. Jesús nunca fue demasiado específico acerca de cómo es el cielo en realidad. Pero nos asegura que existe y que todos están vivos en Dios. Aferrándonos a las tradiciones de nuestra fe, perseveramos a través de los desafíos de la vida confiados en que la promesa de Dios de vida eterna se hará realidad. Se nos dice que llegaremos a ser como Dios y veremos a Dios tal como es. Como Dios nos ha hecho, también nos ama y nos sostiene. Desear estar con Dios por encima de todos los demás deseos nos da la esperanza de que cuando cerremos los ojos en la muerte, caeremos en los brazos de Aquel que gentilmente nos llevará a donde debemos estar. Saber de antemano lo que nos encontraremos cuando lleguemos cambia poco.

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MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO - ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

¿Has pensado alguna vez sobre cómo será el cielo? ¿cómo será todo allá? Te has imaginado el reencuentro con tus seres queridos. ¡Qué gran felicidad! Todo será mejor que esto, de acuerdo a la promesa de Jesús. Tenemos reservada una morada en la vida eterna. La lectura del libro de los Macabeos nos da ejemplo de la forma de pensar de los siete hermanos. Es de admirarse su valentía y esperanza en la vida eterna. Estaban convencidos que la muerte física los prepararía para la resurrección. *“El segundo hermano, estando para morir, dijo: ¡No eres más que un criminal! Nos quitas la vida presente, pero el Rey del Universo nos resucitará a una vida eterna” (2 Macabeos 7,9).*

Vivir con desapego de las cosas del mundo es un verdadero arte, y aún más tenerlas y saberlas compartir, sabiendo que nada nos llevaremos al morir es una verdadera gracia. ¿Conoces a alguien que viva así? Son esas personas que tienen muchas posesiones y dinero y pareciera que no les importara, son desprendidos y bondadosos. *“Jesús le da un giro a esta perspectiva y afirma que nuestra peregrinación va de muerte a la vida: la vida plena, nosotros estamos de camino, en peregrinación hacia la vida plena, y esa vida plena es la que ilumina nuestro camino” (Papa Francisco).* Jesús, en la última frase del Evangelio lo afirma así: *“Él no es un Dios de muertos, sino de vivos, y todos viven por él” (Lucas 20,38).* Ojalá que entendamos este mensaje de la vida eterna.

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Thông Báo

- Ngày 5 và 6 tháng 11 sẽ có xin tiền lần thứ hai cho quỹ trợ giúp các gia đình phục vụ trong quân đội Hoa Kỳ của giáo hội Mỹ. Xin mọi người rộng tay giúp đỡ.
- Hội Legio Mariae sẽ bầu lại BCH vào Thứ Bảy ngày 5 tháng 11 lúc 5PM. Xin cộng đoàn cùng cầu nguyện để Hội có thể bầu chọn được một Tân BCH theo như ý Chúa muốn
- Cộng đoàn sẽ có buổi họp HĐMV vào Chúa Nhật ngày 13 tháng 11 lúc 1:00 giờ trưa tại phòng St. Polycarp. Trong buổi họp sẽ bàn về ngày lễ Thanksgiving, lễ Giáng Sinh, Tết, cũng như Dự Án Bánh Chưng Bánh Tết sắp tới. Kính mời đại diện các hội đoàn/đoàn thể tới tham dự đông đủ.

Mừng Bốn Mạg Đoàn LMTT



Trong tâm tình Tri Ân và Cảm Tạ Ba Ngôi Chí Thánh, toàn thể đoàn viên LMTT long trọng Mừng : **LỄ CHÚA KITÔ VUA** là Bốn Mạg Đoàn LMTT St Polycarp.

Chương trình như sau :

Tính Tâm: tại Hội Trường Giáo Xứ từ 12 giờ 30 PM đến 3 giờ 30 PM ngày Chúa nhật 20 tháng 11 năm 2022 .

Thánh Lễ: tại Thánh Đường lúc 4 giờ 00 PM ngày 20 tháng 11 năm 2022 .

Trân trọng kính mời Quý Cha , Thầy Sáu , Quý quan khách , BTV Cộng Đoàn , Quý tín hữu cùng toàn thể Đoàn viên LMTT và gia đình tham dự.

Thông Báo Tang Lễ



Trong niềm tiếc thương và chia sẻ nỗi đau mất đi người thân của cha Quản Nhiệm Nguyễn Toàn Nicolas. Cộng đoàn xin được thông báo:

Bà Cố Maria Bùi Thị Sáng

Vừa được Chúa gọi về lúc 3:30PM, ngày 29 tháng 10 năm 2022, tại Garden Grove, California. Hưởng thọ 71 tuổi. Chương trình tang lễ như sau:

Thứ Sáu, ngày 11 tháng 11 năm 2022

Tại Nhà Thờ Saint Polycarp Catholic Church
8100 Chapman Ave, Stanton, CA 90680

- 12:00PM: Nghi Thức Phát Tang & Làm Phép Xác
- 12:30PM-2:00PM: CĐ Saint Columban
- 2:00PM-3:00PM: Nhóm CTĐS. Tam Biên, GX Chánh Tòa Chúa Kitô.
- 3:00PM-4:00PM: CĐ Saint Polycarp, LMTT, nhóm LCTX, Hội CBMCG (St. Columban & St. Polycarp)
- 4:00PM-5:00PM: Liên Hội Legio Mariae & Hội Đền Tạ Trái Tim Mẹ
- 5:00PM-6:00PM: Ban TTV Lời Chúa, Ban TTV Thánh Thể
- **6:30PM-7:30PM: Thánh Lễ Đưa Chân**
- 7:30PM-8:30PM: Ca Đoàn Saint Michael
- 8:30PM-9:00PM: Gia Đình

Thứ Bảy, ngày 12 tháng 11 năm 2022

Tại Nhà Thờ Saint Columban Catholic Church
10801 Stanford Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92840

- **7:00 AM: Thánh Lễ An Táng**
- Sau Thánh Lễ Linh cửu sẽ được an táng tại nghĩa trang Chúa Chiên Lành
8301 Talbert Ave. Huntington Beach, CA 92840

Tháng 11 - Tháng Cầu Cho Các Linh Hồn

Tháng này là dịp để chúng ta nhớ đến linh hồn những người thân yêu mà Chúa đã gửi đến trong cuộc đời như: ông bà, cha mẹ, vợ chồng, anh chị em, con cái, cháu chắt, bằng hữu... Ta cũng nhớ đến những linh hồn quên lãng không có ai nhớ đến để cầu nguyện cho. Bà Thánh Monica khi còn sống đã căn dặn con mình là Thánh giám mục Augustinô rằng: "Con ơi, khi mẹ chết rồi, con có chôn cất mẹ ở đâu cũng được. Mẹ chỉ xin con một điều là hãy nhớ đến mẹ mà cầu nguyện cho mẹ mỗi ngày khi con bước lên bàn thờ tế lễ Chúa." Bà Monica khi còn sống đã đạt tới sự thánh thiện trọn hảo mà còn lo lắng cho thân phận mình sau khi chết như vậy.

Nơi một nghĩa trang ở Rôma, bên nước Ý-đại-lợi, ta đọc thấy dòng chữ này bằng tiếng Latinh: "Hodie Tibi, Cras Mihi" có nghĩa là "HÔM NAY BẠN, NGÀY MAI TÔI"... nhắc chúng ta nhớ đến Sự Chết. Sự Chết không tha cho một ai cả. Có nhớ đến sự chết, có suy gẫm về sự chết mới biết phải sống thế nào cho đẹp để được chết lành.

Hôm nay chúng ta cầu nguyện cho người, ngày mai người khác sẽ lại cầu nguyện cho ta: Một sự vay trả, trả vay rất hữu lý. Hôm nay ta cầu nguyện cho các Linh hồn trong Luyện ngục, ngày mai khi được về hưởng nhan thánh Chúa trên trời, các Linh hồn người lành sẽ đền đáp lại cho chúng ta bằng lời chuyển cầu thần thể của các ngài trước mặt Chúa.

Phân Ưu



Cộng đoàn được tin Cụ Ông **ANTÔN TRẦN MINH TÍNH** là một thành viên của Cộng đoàn đã được Chúa gọi về lúc 4 giờ 22 chiều Thứ Ba ngày 25 tháng 10 năm 2022 tại tư gia, hưởng thọ 75 tuổi. Cụ ông là Thân Phụ của chị **Trần Khánh Connie** (chị là

Đoàn Trưởng Đoàn Thiếu Nhi Thánh Thể của Cộng Đoàn hai nhiệm kỳ, từ năm 2012 đến năm 2017).

Thay mặt BTV, xin gửi lời phân ưu đến chị **Trần Khánh Connie** và tăng quyến. Nguyên xin linh hồn Ông GIUSE sớm hưởng Nhan Thánh Chúa

Thánh Lễ Thứ Sáu Hàng Tuần

Mỗi Thứ Sáu hàng tuần, lúc 6:00 - 6:30 chiều, cộng đoàn có giờ cầu hoặc đọc kinh Lòng Chúa Thương Xót. Sau đó là Thánh Lễ lúc 6:30 chiều. Ban Thường Vụ kêu gọi cộng đoàn dân Chúa cùng đến tham dự để tôn vinh Thánh Thể Chúa và tham dự Thánh Lễ thật đông đủ. Xin chân thành cảm ơn.

Mỗi Tuần Một Vị Thánh

Thánh Nicholas Tavelic và Các Bạn



Thánh Nicholas và các bạn là những người trong số 158 tu sĩ Phanxicô được tử đạo ở Đất Thánh khi họ được giao cho nhiệm vụ trông coi các vương cung thánh đường ở đây vào năm 1335.

Nicholas sinh năm 1340

trong một gia đình giàu sang và quý phái ở Croatia. Ngài gia nhập dòng Phanxicô và được gửi đi rao giảng ở Bosnia với Deodat Rodez. Năm 1384, các ngài tình nguyện sang Đất Thánh với nhiệm vụ trông coi các địa danh linh thiêng, chăm sóc các người hành hương và học tiếng Ả Rập.

Vào năm 1391, Nicholas, Deodat, Peter Narbonne và Stephen Cuneo quyết định thuyết phục người Hồi Giáo trở lại đạo một cách công khai. Ngày 11-11-1391, họ đến Đền Omar ở Giêrusalem và xin được gặp Qadi (giáo sĩ Hồi Giáo). Từ một bản văn viết sẵn, họ nói mọi người phải chấp nhận phúc âm của Đức Giêsu Kitô. Và khi được yêu cầu rút lại lời tuyên bố ấy, họ đã từ chối. Sau khi bị đánh đập và cầm tù, sau cùng họ bị chặt đầu trước đám đông.

Nicholas và các bạn được phong thánh năm 1970. Họ là các tu sĩ Phanxicô duy nhất được phong Thánh vì tử đạo ở Đất Thánh.

“Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you, for you alone?”

- ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

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Announcement from the English Religious Education programs: For those children who are preparing themselves for First Communion please meet the catechists in the back, right before going outside, to sign your Mass Cards. The priests and deacons are busy for taking care Mass and the catechists are the ones who will sign it for you.
Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS OFFICE HOURS

English/Spanish Faith Formation Programs
714 892-3158

Sister Jessica Corral
sr.jessica.corralestpolycarp.org

2 pm - 7 pm Monday
2 pm - 7 pm Friday
9 am - 2 pm Saturday
9 am - 4 pm Sunday

Confirmation 1 & 2 Programs
714 890-5200

Sister Teresa Thu Hang Dao
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1 pm - 5 pm Monday
1 pm - 5 pm Friday
1 pm - 5 pm Saturday
8 am - 2 pm Sunday

Vietnamese Religious Education
714 414-7437

Sister Mary Anne Nguyen
sr.maryannengestpolycarp.org

1 pm - 4 pm Monday
1 pm - 4 pm Wednesday
1 pm - 4 pm Friday

A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion. Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of goodwill, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

DURING THE RESPECT LIFE MONTH OF OCTOBER, THE BISHOPS OF CALIFORNIA ARE URGING ALL CATHOLICS TO VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 1, TO PRAY FOR THE END OF LEGALIZED ABORTION, AND TO PRAY FOR MORE VIABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR WOMEN FACED WITH AN UNWANTED PREGNANCY.



California Bishops Oppose CA
Constitutional Amendment to
Expand Abortion

**POTLUCK & TALK
TRINITATIS
MYSTERIUM**

The Unity of Divine Essence
in the Trinity of Divine Persons

Fr. William B. Goldin, S.Th.D.
Guest Speaker

Not uncommonly, Catholics are utterly perplexed by the Mystery of the Trinity (Trinitatis Mysteries). We might be tempted to think that the Trinity is so mystifying that we cannot speak intelligibly about the one true God at all. But is the doctrinal language we use to approach the Divine truly unintelligible? Or is it rather the case that, while God surpasses our understanding, we can nonetheless approach Him using the intellects He has given us? In this presentation, Fr. William Goldin will discuss the Church's teaching about the Triune God in order to shed some light on how to use human reason to discuss the Supreme Mystery surpassing all human reason.

**FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 18**

IN QUINN HALL

- Doors open 6:00 PM
- Potluck 6:30 PM
- Talk 7:15 PM

11482 Los Alamitos Blvd,
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

SAINT HEDWIG

Please share your story with us!

Recently we started a series of testimonials and stories from our parishioner family here at St. Polycarp. We would love to get to know a little bit more about you too! Please submit your story/information to editor@stpolycarp.org if you are interested in sharing a bit about yourself and your place here at St. Polycarp.

Meet Your Fellow Parishioners

Hello, I am Henry Nguyen, SCJ a religious brother from the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I became a member of St. Polycarp Catholic Church in 1994 when my family started to go to Mass there. While at St. Polycarp, I was an altar server, and assisted with the TNTT programs. I also served as a TA and catechist in the religious education programs and was a program leader from 1994 until 2009 when I left for college and again from 2011 to 2015 prior to leaving for the religious life. I have been away from St. Polycarp since entering the Congregations of the Priests. I took my perpetual professions with the Dehonians in January 2022, and was ordained to the diaconate on May 7, 2022 in Franklin, Wisconsin. My priesthood ordination is scheduled for December 17, 2022 at St. Columban at 10:00AM with Bishop Thanh as my ordaining Bishop.



Friday, Nov 11, 2022, VETERANS DAY

From all of our Priests and the parishioners at St. Polycarp family, we thank you all of the men and women who serve in the U.S. armed forces. We remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty.

Happy Veterans Day!

**WORLD YOUTH DAY
LISBON 2023**

CALLING ALL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS! WE ARE PREPARING A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER, PILGRIMAGE, AND ENCOUNTER JESUS CHRIST WITH FELLOW YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD. TENTATIVELY, ON JULY 29, 2023 - AUGUST 7, 2023.

JOIN US FOR A TRIP TO LISBON, PORTUGAL. IF YOU ARE AGES 18 - 39 AND ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE REACH OUT TO JOSEPH DO AT JDO@STPOLYCARP.ORG OR PLEASE DROP BY THE YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE.

St. Polycarp Catholic Church

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ORANGE COUNTY

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

The joy of giving

Join us in Celebrating this Christmas Season by Blessing a Family in need!
Please use the QR codes below to sign up to become a benefactor or a recipient!
Toys & Gift Cards Welcome.

ALL APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH.

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BENEFACTORS APPLY HERE:

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SCAN ME

Providing Help * Creating Hope * Serving All

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying." (2 Mc 7:9)

PSALM:

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full. (Ps 17)

SECOND READING:

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word. (2 Thes 2:16-17)

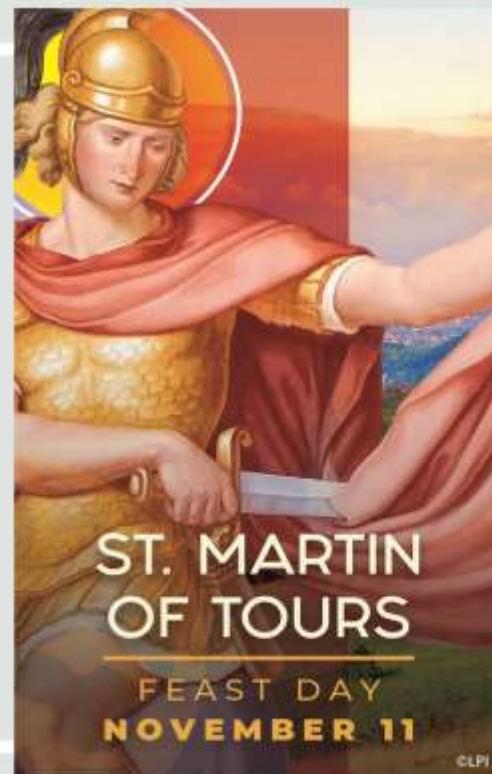
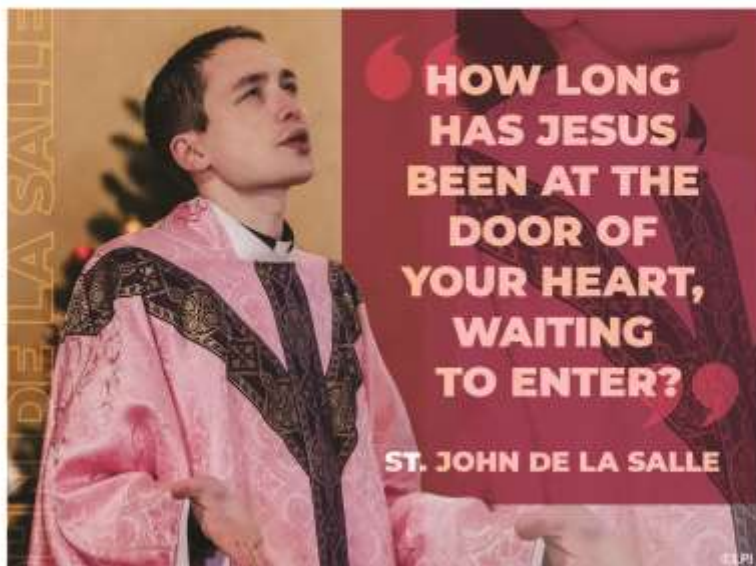
GOSPEL:

"And he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." (Lk 20:38)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6, 2022

- Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Tuesday: Election Day
- Wednesday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Thursday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
- Friday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
- Saturday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Discover Catholic Schools Week; St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin



Saint of the Week

Saint Martin of Tours was born a pagan in what is now Hungary around 316, but he was raised in Italy where his father, a tribune, was posted. At 15 he was compelled to serve in the Roman military, though he was already a catechumen. There is a popular legend that while on campaign the saint cut his cloak in half to share with a cold beggar. That night he dreamed of Jesus and his cloak was restored. He was baptized at 18. Only two years after his baptism, he was released from the military, he had refused his battle pay and to fight saying he was a soldier for Christ. He is the first recognized conscientious objector.

After his release from the military, he became a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers. He worked diligently against the Arian heresy, which denies the divinity of Jesus Christ, and established a community of hermits near Poitiers in 361, the first French monastery.

In 371 he reluctantly became bishop of Tours. Nearby, he founded a second monastery, Marmoutier, because he preferred the life of a monk he retreated often. In 384 there was a popular heresy infecting the Church in Spain, led by the bishop Priscillian and his followers. The emperor Magnus Maximus became involved, ordering the execution of the heretics. Saint Martin opposed the executions and protested the emperor's involvement in Church matters. Unfortunately, the Priscillians were executed anyway.

Saint Martin died in Candes-Saint-Martin, Gaul in 397. He is notably one of the first saints who was not martyred. He is the patron saint of France.

THE GOD OF THE LIVING

"Sic transit gloria mundi," is what they used to say at papal coronations. "So passes earthly glory." Everything is fleeting. Nothing is here to stay. But in reality, some things are forever. Our actions on earth do have the potential to reverberate in eternity.

Everyday Stewardship is a lifestyle that embraces what will last. It is being aware of how our choices and our actions can be received by God, and through His grace, amplified to showcase His glory.

Your great-grandparents were married for 60 years. Maybe they shared the greatest love anyone in your family has ever seen, and maybe they raised up a whole family of kids. But they've been gone for a generation now, and no one living remembers the softness in their eyes when they looked at each other. And to read today's Gospel, you might even get the impression that their marriage was nothing

more than an earthly whim. Gone. Fleeting. Temporal.

This week's readings invite us to contemplate the question: what exactly is immortal? What lasts beyond our earthly sojourn?

The seven brothers and their mothers whose martyrdom is told this weekend in Maccabees didn't die for the letter of the law, they died for the One who gave the law. In the same way, a marriage contract does not extend into eternity, but the fruits of a sacrificial love will live forever.

Good works, devotion, gratitude, selflessness, graciousness, accountability — these are all of God. He is not God of the dead; He is God of the living — and these are the things that last an eternity.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

November 9 is the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. What is the significance of this feast?

Every diocese has a mother church, the bishop's cathedral where the diocesan church gathers and celebrates. The cathedral is the seat of the bishop's authority over the diocese. That authority is intended to be one of service to God's people, shepherding and guiding them in a truly pastoral mode.

The pope is first and foremost the Bishop of Rome, as well as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. St. John Lateran is his cathedral, and its prominence derives from that reality. St. John Lateran cathedral traces its origins to Emperor Constantine who converted a portion of the Laterani family palace into a church, and gave it to Pope Sylvester (314-335) as the papal church and residence; St. John refers to the two saints in whose honor the church

is dedicated, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. It became known as the cathedral of the pope, and its facade's inscription refers to it as "the Mother and Head of all Churches, in the City and of the World." The universal celebration of this feast stresses the unity among Roman Catholics, as they unite themselves with the chair of Peter.





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