

Born Into Eternal Life Buried from St. Cletus Parish

NOVEMBER 2019 - 2020

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Mass Intentions for November 2 - 8, 2020

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
November 2	Fr. Clark & Fr. Gamboa	8:00am 7:00pm	Michael Lombardo, Deceased Members George Kurland Family, Jean Hills, Andrew Wnek All Souls
November 3	Fr. Clark	8:00am	BC Collins, Frank Wojcik, Mike Caplice
November 4	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Virginia Rachford, Mike Caplice, Stella Kadlec, Steve Glessner, Don Massagli
November 5	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Mike Caplice
November 6	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	BC Collins
November 7	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Gamboa	8:00am 5:00pm	St. Cletus Parishioners Louis & Irene Schoenberger, Benjamin Hronzy, Stella & Felix Gembala, Patricia Benes, Estella Reyes, Jean Hills
November 8	Fr. Clark Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa Fr. Gamboa	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:30pm	Jean Klein, Bill DePasquale, Emilia & Marco Rattin, Richard Gomez, George Duda, Patrick Mahoney Stacy Baker, Eleanor Mlot, Bob, Jim & Mike Caplice, Elizabeth Stange Daniel Linklater, Jerome Cherney St. Cletus Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THEIR FAMILIES...

Therese S. "Sue" Baker Mother of Fr. Ken Baker James Loughlin Jerry J. Welch

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.

October - Catherine Cosgrove, Sandra Eckrich, Rosemarie Gallagher, Virginia Kriho, George Popp, Toni Swindall, Vic Swindall

September - Carol Reckwerdt, Carol Griffith, Baby Vivian Furry, Frank Colonna, John Duda, Alice Dunkovich, John Zydek, Annette Bonvillian, Mary Ann Doornbos, John Paul Granger, Virginia Klecka, Frank Niwa, Waclaw Berdysz, Mary Duckett, Wayne Hamilton, Christine Wolosewicz

August - Joyce Arnold, John Collingwood, Jeanie Hills, Charles (Bud) Howe, Mark Radulski, Mary Ramirez, Rose Serrano, Ludwig Stoiber, Joseph Gregory Stroude, Laura Terrazino, Grace Yamamoto

Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

St. Cletus Parish will celebrate our All Souls Mass on Monday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. We will remember our dead with a bi-lingual liturgy. Pre-registration is required.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - BY RESERVATION ONLY

St. Cletus Parish is currently welcoming back parishioners, with a new limit of 100 for each Mass. We are also offering opportunities for prayer and confessions. All of these worship opportunities require that you pre-register. The sign up link can be found on our website,



www.stcletusparish.com. If you don't have internet access you can call the parish office at 708.352.6209 for assistance.

We will continue to offer Mass online from the St. Cletus altar on a daily basis and on Sunday.

Marriage Banns



Alyssa Olewinski & Jason McNamara

Notes from Fr. Bob...

THE SOLEMNITY OF **ALL SAINTS**

Saints do not necessarily live in quiet backwaters, nor do they usually sail through life serenely. Often they are people who go through great persecution, who suffer evil and remain faithful to goodness and love in their lives, and that is why they are examples to us. They encourage us in the very conditions of our own lives.

Saint Augustine tells us that a good person is not simply someone who does good, but more importantly, is someone who copes patiently with evil, someone who 'knows how to suffer.' It is the coping with evil in the world that really tests our mettle.

When the Lord sat down on the hillside and the people came to him, eager to listen to his words, what great sermon did he give them? What fantastic thing did Jesus say to unlock the mystery of life for people to live by? Jesus began to speak...blessed are the poor in spirit... blessed are those who mourn... blessed are those who hunger and thirst...blessed are those who are persecuted...blessed are you when people abuse you...

What kind of sense is this? Where is the wonderfulness in these experiences? That is our problem. We find it so hard to understand, so hard to put into practice "the secret science of life." But of course as with all secrets, we have to search to find the meaning. The Beatitudes set the scene for all of Jesus' teaching. They form a new message, not replacing the old but bringing it to perfection. The Ten Commandments teach us what to do and what not to do, but now Jesus offers a much richer way. The perfection Jesus calls us to is not the perfection of getting it all right, but of loving through the pain and suffering of this broken world. It is a way of compassion, of suffering, of healing the hurt of those who are broken. Jesus lives this way of life himself and invites us to take up our crosses and follow him.

Throughout the world, in every nation, race, tribe, and language, there are and have been millions of saints of God, people whose lives praise God and who witness to the 'blessed' way of life.

Malcolm Muggeridge, commenting on Our Lord's own sufferings and temptations, makes the point that 'every virtue must be cleared with the Devil.' It is the experience of opposition, hostility and frustration that reveals to us just how patient, how understanding, how persevering we are with one another. For many people this testing goes on every day – in war-torn countries, in pressurized lives, in domestic strife.

The world needs saints: people who understand that we are all the children of God, and who are prepared to



to that understanding, no matter how evil the world may be.

Let us honor all of God's children today. Remember those who have suffered and remained faithful. "Unless you become as little children..."

Blessings of the Saints in Heaven and on Earth,

F. Bol

Fr. Bob, Pastor

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK



Celebrated November 2020. National Vocation Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and

support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Tuna
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Corn
- Soup

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, they will be checked daily.



Follow us on Facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry

Now on Instagram: @St.CletusFoodPantry

If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Social Concerns Ministry contact Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 kgrant@stcletusparish.com

GIVING TREE



We will have many ways for donors to get tags for the Giving Tree this year, including no-contact options as well. One of the opportunities to get tags will be with trees in the Parish Center Gym. We will set up trees, spread throughout the gym, in easy to spot categories (adult women, boys, grocery gift cards, etc.). We will provide gloves and hand sanitizer for you to have while looking at the tag(s) you may want to take. These trees will be available every weekend starting November 7-December 6. More information to come!

We are currently looking for volunteers to help staff the Parish Center Gym during these times. Please read the descriptions carefully before signing up. Thank you! Sign Up at: shorturl.at/ahCH7

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Free Virtual Resume Review

ICN will be available to do a resume review with you on Saturday, November 7 from 9-11 am...on your phone! Simply email a copy of your existing resume to Resumereview@interfaithcareernetwork.org. Please include the telephone number at which you wish to be called. You will be notified of your 30-minute time slot via an email from ICN prior to the review. Please respond by 3:00 pm on Friday, November 6.

Join us for a helpful one-on-one conversation with a HR or other search related professional. Pick up some ideas and suggestions that may enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Now is the time to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. We look forward to hearing from you!

There is no charge for this service. ICN offers job support through various programs. For further information, visit us at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

Please join us Nov. 1 for a virtual, pre-recorded Homeless Persons' Memorial service organized by Grace Lutheran Church, 200 N. Catherine Avenue in La Grange. Held on All Saint's Day, the service will feature a short sermon and acknowledgement of

those who have died in our program or while homeless in the last year.

This is the second year that the church will be holding a memorial service for the homeless. Last year, Grace Lutheran Church held a service in memory of BEDS client Joan, known to many as the lady in the red coat. The service was attended by about 60 people, including family and friends who celebrated Joan's life.

"It was a deeply meaningful service for many of us," said Pastor Leland Albright, who is also the BEDS Plus Chaplain and a BEDS board member.

Pastor Leland said it is important to remember and honor the homeless who have passed. This year's virtual service will recognize those who have passed by name. If you would like to honor the memory of someone during the service, please email vedral@beds-plus.org.

Follow the BEDS Facebook page and website for further details on how to participate in the service.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local 24 hour hotline for Pillars, found in the purple box. You are not alone.





BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Our annual Baby Bottle campaign continues! Each year we help raise funds for Women's Care Center in downtown La Grange. Women's Care Center provides free, confidential counseling, support and education for pregnant women. Free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds help determine viability and dates (prenatal medical care and abortions not provided).

The campaign will run until the end of October. If you prefer an envelope but are not currently attending Mass, please contact Kendall at kgrant@stcletusparish.com or 708.215.5418. Online donations can be made at: supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate/ Choose the Chicago/LaGrange location.

RESPECT LIFE



Word of Life - "The Gospel of Life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. ... Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary" respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Register for programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are on Zoom during this time of Covid-19.

Enneagram Types | Thursday, Nov. 5, 7 - 8:30 PM

The Narrative Tradition of the Enneagram believes the best way to learn about each of the nine types or styles is to listen to people who identify with them. Listen in and ask questions as Marci Madary facilitates a panels on Type 9 (The Mediator). Cost: \$15

Advent at Home Retreat | Monday, Nov. 30, 7 PM thru Monday, Dec. 14, 8 PM

How is God adventing in your life, in the life of the world, in Planet Earth this year? Are you noticing the new Advent of God? In a retreat designed for busy people, participants commit to pray for one half-hour a day and meet with a spiritual director 5 times for 30 minutes over the two-week retreat. The retreat starts with an opening reflection and ends with a closing session. Cost: \$100. With Pat Bergen, CSJ, among others.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line - If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like to talk with a counselor, please call the

Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at (312) 948-6951 anytime M-F from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Spanish speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back. Learn more at https://www.catholiccharities.net,

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY!

Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at www.stcletusparish.com and click the "**DONATE**" BUTTON. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions or need help, call Mary Zwolinski 708.352.6209

Religious Education

ALL SAINTS DAY



When I was a child, I always thought of the saints as Catholic Superheroes. They started out as unsuspecting ordinary people, and then something amazing happened. They got zapped by the Holy Spirit and received amazing super powers of holiness to allow them to be extraordinary people! They were statues that I saw in Church, images in stained glass windows, or stories that I read in Saint books. As I've gotten older, I've come to realize they are more than statues or stories - they are friends. They are ordinary people who have done extraordinary things because they were transformed by their Baptism, and they decided to live in relationship with God and build His kingdom on earth. We are all born to be saints. We are part of the communion of saints in heaven and on earth! In 2011 Pope Emeritus Benedict dared young people to be saints. We should all use the amazing grace we received at Baptism to transform us into living saints on earth!

One such living saint is our recently deceased Coordinator of Religious Education, Debbie Pusinelli. Debbie passed away earlier this month from an 8 year battle with melanoma. In addition to being an extraordinary mother, wife, sister and friend, Debbie worked for the Church for over 20 years in different parishes. She accompanied thousands of young people in their faith journey from all age groups, from preschoolers to Junior High students preparing for Confirmation. Debbie's greatest gift was the ability to listen and truly be present to others. She provided pastoral help and support to hundreds of parents, students, Catechists and parishioners over the years. One of her favorite parts of her job was working with teens on their journey to Confirmation. She lovingly taught them

about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and truly exemplified each gift in her actions throughout her life. She wasn't perfect – no saint was ever perfect. None of us are perfect. But Debbie lived her life building God's kingdom on earth, and modeled how to use your God-given gifts to love and serve each other. She was a very humble person, and never liked to receive public praise or attention. Her actions spoke louder than her words, and she modeled how to live as a Catholic Superhero!



Sunday, November 1st is All Saints Day. A day we recognize those holy men and women who have gone before us and took the word of God to heart in order to bring about His kingdom. One description of a saint is: They are cheerful when it is difficult to be cheerful. They are patient when it is difficult to be patient. They push on when they want to stand still. They keep silent when they want to talk. They are agreeable when they want to be disagreeable. That is all. It's quite simple. Maybe that sounds more like people you know. They love and forgive, they pray and act. They aren't perfect. Remembering those stained glass images of saints, a child once said, "A saint is someone the light shines through." On this feast day of the Saints, remember that before these holy men and women became stained glass images and statues, they were ordinary people who had to get up every morning, and had to give their very best each day to love and serve God, and allow God's light to shine through them.

RCIA

RCIA JOYOUS CELEBRATION!

On Sunday, October 25th after over a year of journeying to the sacraments, our parish joyfully celebrated the sacraments of initiation with our RCIA group. Traditionally, this sacramental celebration takes place during the Easter Vigil, but with the pandemic this year, we had to postpone this celebration until last weekend.

Jennifer Ceron and Brenda Contreras were fully initiated into the Catholic Church with the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Jodi Golm and Peggy Montes were received into full communion with the Catholic Church with the celebration and the reception of the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Alexis Ceron, Anthony Fulgencio, Julio Fulgencio and Maria Loeza completed the sacraments of initiation, celebrating Eucharist and Confirmation. It was a joyous celebration!

Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey and their baptismal call to serve others. We were privileged to journey with them during the RCIA preparation time, and are excited to be with them at the table of the Lord! Please welcome them into our St. Cletus Parish faith family!



Brenda Contreras



Jennifer Ceron



Alexis Ceron



Jodi Golm

Maria Loeza



Peggy Montes



Anthony Fulgencio



Julio Fulgencio

St. Cletus School

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FOCUS ON OUR FACULTY

Below you can get to know our third and fourth grade teachers! We strive to off an integrated curriculum, which motivates students to understand the connection between the classroom lessons and their personal call to faith and service. Our teachers nurture each and every child building on confidence and self-image through hands on opportunities like special science projects and biography report presentations. The academic rigor of these years give our students the basis they need for success and preparation for the coming years. Our curriculum illustrates rewards of responsible behavior, and builds a strong and lasting realization of trustworthiness and reliability!



GETTING TO KNOW MISS GEAREN

Miss Gearen taught First Grade at St. Cletus starting in 2003. She stepped up to Thid grade in 2017. She has an Associate Degree from the College of DuPage in Early Childhood Education, a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Concordia University and Master's

in Education also from Concordia. Her Aunt Rita Woods was a teacher when St. Cletus first opened its doors and is proud to hear that she had been hired and follow her footsteps.



GETTING TO KNOW MRS. VARCHETTA

Mrs. Varchetta has taught within the Archdiocese of Chicago for seven years. This is her third year at St. Cletus. She graduated from Dominican University with her bachelors in 2014. She has her type 03 certification with a middle school endorsement in Social Studies, as well as

her ESL and Bilingual endorsements. She is currently back at Dominican University working towards her masters and is scheduled to graduate in May. In her free time, she loves to read, bake, craft, and spend plenty of time with her family outdoors. Her hope for this school year is to provide students with the tools and skills to grow academically, socially, and spiritually.



DAY OF THE DEAD

On the holiday known as the Day of the Dead, Ofrendas (altars) are decorated with sugar skulls, religious artifacts, and photographs of the deceased. A blend of Mesoamerican ritual, Catholicism and Spanish culture, the holiday is celebrated each year on November 1-2. Our Spanish and TLC teacher, Mr. Ochoa, began this tradition for us last year and it is now something the students and families truly look forward to! The display will be up until November 6th for our students and faculty to enjoy and continue to keep all of our loved ones in their prayers.



Although our school building has limited access, you can still take a tour of our school! Visit https://stcletusschool.com/about/why-choose-st-cletus/ to take a virtual tour of our classrooms and common areas. The 360° media can be found on the lower left-hand side of the webpage.



\$25.00 SPONSOR A TEACHER \$50.00 PER HOUSEHOLD

\$10.00 SPLIT THE POT

SHOW HOSTED AND PERFORMED VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM
PRE-SHOW AT 7:00PM - HAPPY HOUR BINGO! WIN PRIZES!
COMEDY SHOW STARTS AT 8:00PM

Event and Log-in information will be emailed prior to event.

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PLEASE SEND ADMISSION FEES BACK IN STUDENT FOLDER. FEE CAN ALSO BE PAID ONLINE AT: STCLETUSSCHOOL.COM/PARENTS	\$ We're unable to attend but would like to donate to help St. Cletus School
We hope that you can attend!	Please make checks out to: St. Cletus School



The Splendors of Ireland

August 15-25, 2021

Depart/return USA

Dear friends,

As many of you read in my bulletin article, Marlene & I went to Ireland last October to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock.

Marlene had an overwhelming urge to go, although neither of us knew much about this Marian Apparition site and the associated miracles of healing.

The pilgrimage made an indelible impression upon us both. (Marlene has an amazing story to tell). Subsequently she concluded that her given mission was to promote and publicize the events of 1879 at Knock back in the USA where too little is k about this apparition.

November 11, 2020 at 1:00 pm To register please email

To register please email

Deacon Stuart Heyes for invitation link

Please join our Webinar

Stuart.heyes@icloud.com

And so, we decided to plan this trip, not only to Knock, but to travel around the whole of Ireland and at a leisurely pace.

We want you to experience the best of Irish hospitality, culture, spirituality, history, scenery, sights and sounds.

Ireland is a truly unique place as all who've been there or came from there will agree.

We look forward to your company, on what we believe will be a most memorable visit to the Emerald Isle, land of laughter, awesome hospitality, Guinness and a much slower pace of life.

Blessings - Don. Stuart & Marlene

Other Ministry Notes

SAT. MORNING 8AM COMMUNION SERVICE



On November 7th we will begin offering weekly (Saturday) communion services.

These will be led by a group of parishioners and Deacon Stuart.

Please plan on joining us on Sat 11/7 to meet the group and receive Jesus, but note that pre-registration will still be required.

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. December 8th. We will discuss **Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ng.

For those who like to look ahead:

February 9: <u>Happiness is the Choice You Make</u> by John Leland

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

TIME TO PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER!



Now is certainly the time to ask for Mary's intercession and guidance! Parishioners meet in church every Wednesday at 1:00 to pray the Rosary together. It is such a beautiful way to join our

voices and reverence together and pray for our personal intentions as well as those of our parish and world. We alternate the mysteries, praying the Joyful then the Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries so that we ponder all of the blessed moments in Christ's life through Mary's eyes. Thank you to our faithful team of greeters/ cleaners who make this gathering possible. Also, if you have rosaries to donate or that need repair, you can drop them off in the designated box in church.

When we had the Rosary Table in the narthex in October and May, it was always amazing to see how Mary used our efforts to reach out to others. So many times, someone would say they were just looking for a Rosary for a friend or for an ailing relative. Or that someone close had just died and they wanted to pray for them. We gave out over 40 rosaries each time, along with guides on how to say the Rosary, rosary pouches and other devotional aides. Also, a Living Rosary member agrees to pray a particular decade each day along with other members, so that all together the entire rosary is prayed daily.

Over a hundred people are members and you can also join anytime by calling Mary Lu at 630-430-3338. I have been praying the Fourth Joyful Mystery, the Presentation in the

Temple, for over 20 years, but still have new insights about God's great gift of His love, His son Jesus, and the people who cared for Him as an infant. Everyone has time to pray one decade each day and to make Mary a cherished part of your daily devotions. Come join us in whatever way works for you. Your Mother is waiting with open arms.

MEET SOME OF THE ST. CLETUS REOPENING STAFF



Camille waiting outside to welcome and check in parishioners

I retired about one year ago, and one of my retirement goals was to become a volunteer at Saint Cletus. The pandemic temporarily put that goal on hold. I would "attend" the Saint Cletus masses online, longing to return to our special parish. When I saw that churches were going to carefully reopen, I knew my volunteering journey was about to begin!

I am currently serving as a greeter and/or usher. I have served at masses, reconciliation, baptisms, funerals, private prayer/rosary, and

weddings. Most services require a sacristan, greeters, ushers, and cleaning crew, so many volunteers are needed to continue to provide the safe reopening of our parish. I am thankful for our priests, ministers, musicians, sacristans, cleaning crew, and fellow volunteers who continue to give of their time to ensure that our parish is a safe and welcoming place in which to worship.

I have had the wonderful opportunity to meet many parishioners and serve with fellow volunteers during the reopening of Saint Cletus. I would like to encourage you to consider joining our group of volunteers. You are able to decide how much or how little you want to volunteer, and I promise that you will be happy you chose to serve the needs and people of Saint Cletus Parish. Our volunteers are a warm and welcoming group of people who merely want to answer the Holy Spirit's call to volunteer and serve one another. Please consider joining us!

Thank you - Camille Koch

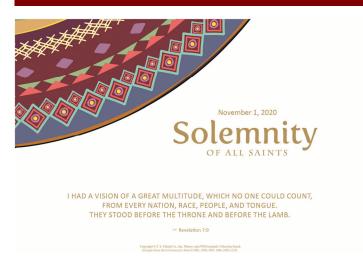
TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE EMAIL REOPENING@STCLETUSPARISH.COM

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication.

Tuesday:

Sunday Readings



OUR HOPE AND GOD'S PROMISE

The Church uses these waning November days and darker skies as the season to remind us of the last things. Today's feast, the Solemnity of All Saints, is the centerpiece of three days that point to doctrines we proclaim each time we say the Apostles' Creed: "We believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." And while the days and our hearts may be dark, the readings today are bright with the light of faith. John's vision in the book of Revelation reveals dazzling angels and white-robed saints gathered in triumph around the throne of God. In the responsorial psalm we sing our longing to see God's face, and in the second reading John writes that we are God's children and will, in fact, see God "as he is" (1 John 3:2). This is our hope. This is God's promise. Today we celebrate the triumph of those who already gaze on the face of God. Tomorrow we cry out for mercy with those in purgatory, who, like us on earth, still long to see God's face. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — John's vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14). Psalm — Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — By God's love, we may be called God's children (1 John 3:1-3).

Gospel — The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).

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SAINTS AND SINNERS

The only difference between the saint and the sinner is that every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future.

Oscar Wilde

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;

Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016 Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;

Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10 Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8 Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9;

Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18

[13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: All Saints; Daylight Saving Time ends;

National Vocation Awareness Week

Monday: Commemoration of All the Faithful

Departed (All Souls' Day)

Tuesday: Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time;

St. Martin de Porres; Election Day

Wednesday: St. Charles Borromeo

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES (1579-1639)

November 3

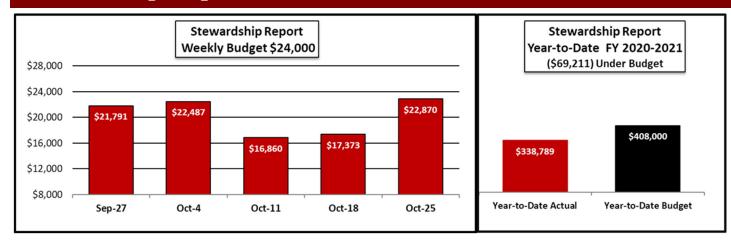
An old illustration pictures Martin de Porres, finger to his lips—"Shhhh!"—as several mice peek out of sacristy vestment drawers, preparing to join a rodent "procession" following him out of church! Martin's rescue of these unwelcome guests, and statues depicting him, broom in hand, feeding a dog, cat, bird, and mouse from the same dish symbolize his life and sanctity. Initially denied entrance by the Dominicans because of his mixed race (Spanish father, Panamanian mother), Martin cherished society's marginalized. For him, menial tasks, lovingly done, were sacred. Great and lowly alike feasted on his charity. Enemies were reconciled by this mulatto" (his self-description), kind even to those whose racism demeaned him. Apprenticed to a surgeon-barber in his youth—thus patron saint of hair stylists and public health providers—Martin dispensed healing and dignity to Lima's poorest, serving in them the Christ he adored for hours in the Blessed Sacrament. By the time he died, all Peru called him Martin the Charitable, a title even those of us who will never be called "saint" might still aspire to. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LIMITS TO SAINTHOOD

All saints can do miracles, but few of them can keep a hotel.

—Mark Twain

Stewardship Report



Sunday Readings

READING 1 (REV 7:2-4, 9-14)

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, "Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel. After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb." All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed: "Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen." Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 24: 1-6)

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? or who may stand in his holy place? One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior. Such is the race that seeks him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

READING 2 (1 JN 3:1-3)

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

GOSPEL (MT5:1-12A)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

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