

**LITURGIES FOR THE THIRTY-
THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
AND OUR ORD JESUS CHRIST, KING
OF THE UNIVERSE**

November 20 - 26, 2023

Monday, 11/20 † Weekday

6pm: Ronald Powell by Wife, Mary Kay

**Tuesday, 11/21 † The Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

8am: Willa

9am: A.S.-Alicia

**Wednesday, 11/22 † Saint Cecilia, Virgin &
Martyr**

9am: A.S.

6pm: Olivia

**Thursday, 11/23 † Weekday, Saint Clement I, Pope
& Martyr, Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel
Agustan Pro, Priest & Martyr, Thanksgiving Day**

9am: Parishioners of Saints Cyril & Methodius & All
Saints **AT ALLSAINTS**

10am: ~~SS.~~ Parishioners of All Saints & SS. Cyril &
Methodius **AT SSCM**

**Friday, 11/24 † Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs**

8am: Milo

9am: A.S. Harry Owen by Michael & Cindy Owen

**Saturday, 11/25 † Weekday, Saint Catherine of
Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr; BVM**

8:30am: Colette

**Saturday, 11/25 † Vigil, OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

4:30pm: Frank Kida, Sr. by Donna Kida

**Sunday, 11/26 † OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

7:30am: Mary

9am: A. S. Andres (Birthday) by Grandma

11am: Parishioners

The Office will be closed November 22,23,24 & 27

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

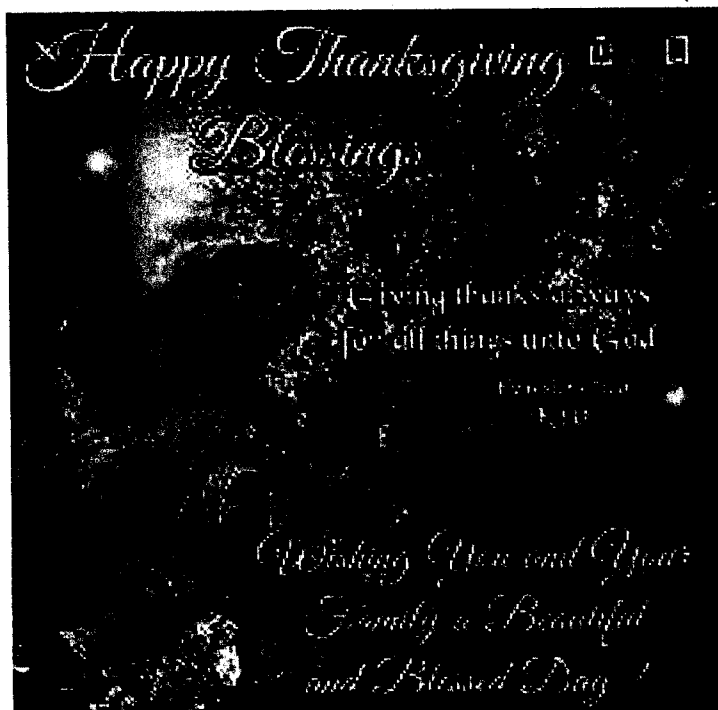
Thurs., Nov. 23 –NO Legion of Mary

Thurs., Nov. 23–NO Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sun., Nov. 26– 9:30am – NO Religious Education

Sun., Nov. 26 – 12N – Finance Council

We will once again be selling our beautiful Christmas Cards featuring our own beautiful stained glass windows. They will be on Sale \$10 per box or \$15 for 2. Someone will be in the back of the church after each Mass selling them.



The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love.

Dear Padre

November 19, 2023

My grandmother says Catholics used to fast from midnight until they received Communion. When did the fasting time change to only one hour, and why?

The ancient discipline of fasting before Communion became a universal practice by the fifth century. Until 1953, those who would receive holy Communion refrained from consuming food, water, and medicine from midnight to the time of Communion. In 1953 and 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the fast from food to three hours and from water for one hour (*Christus Dominus* and *Sacram Communionem*).

In 1966, Pope St. Paul VI further reduced the fast to one hour and allowed water and medicine at any time (*Paenitemini*). In 1973, he reduced the fast for the sick and elderly to fifteen minutes before Communion when one hour is prohibitive (*Immensae Caritatis*).

The loosening of the restrictions was in no way intended to lessen the reverence for the holy Eucharist. The changes were made to allow as many Catholics as possible to receive the Eucharist, which can be difficult when priests are in short supply. For the same reason, *Immensae Caritatis* also allowed the practice of having extraordinary ministers give Communion. Despite the changes to the Communion fast, unity and uniformity have been maintained. And of course, Catholics are free to fast before Communion beyond the duration and degree currently prescribed. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

Good News!

November 19, 2023

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 / Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Those who are willing to take great risks are often the ones who give birth to dreams of growth and new life. Often it is at the scary edge of life where such growth ultimately takes place. In 1776, those who sparked a revolution and risked their personal wealth founded a new nation. President Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, when many were urging him not to do so, thus opening the door of freedom to those who found it locked. In South Africa, Nelson Mandela risked speaking out against apartheid, was imprisoned for twenty-seven years, and was eventually freed to become the leader of a new South Africa.

So often those who risk to make life new are those who are living at the growing edge of God's reign, instruments of God bringing creation to new life.

In the parable in this week's Gospel, three individuals are entrusted with a treasure of great worth. The third person backs away from any risk, burying it because he is stifled by fear. God's dynamic presence, on the other hand, grows when individuals risk doing the right thing in spite of the consequences, when they are willing to speak an unpopular truth, when they take a stand for those on the edges of society, when they break down the barriers of racism and oppression. In the end, we need to listen less to our fears and more to our dreams. It's where God does God's best work: at the edges. ●

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BE THANKFUL...

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness...you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have NEVER experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation...you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death...you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep...you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet and spare change in a dish someplace...you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still alive and still married...you are very rare, even in the United States.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful...you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder...you are blessed because you can offer God's healing touch.

If you can read this message, you just received double blessing in that someone was thinking of you, and furthermore, you are more blessed than over 2 billion people in the world that cannot read at all.

Have a good day, count your blessings, and pass this along to remind everyone else how blessed we are.

- Author Unknown

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Oh, God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;

When I have work, help me
to remember the jobless;

When I have a warm home,
help me to remember the homeless;

When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer;

And remembering, help me
to destroy my complacency
and bestir my compassion.

Make me concerned enough
to help, by word and deed,
those who cry out
for what we take for granted.