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Friday, November 1, 2019

(Lec. 667)

- 1) Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
- 2) 1 John 3:1-3
- 3) Matthew 5:1-12a

ALL SAINTS

- SOLEMINTY

(Holyday of Obligation)

FOCUS: We are created for eternal happiness with the Creator himself.

On the Solemnity of All Saints, we recognize that our God has called us to himself, and we thank him for the grace to respond to that call. Those who have gone before us and enjoy their place in the kingdom are our constant intercessors, presenting our needs to the One who hears and answers all prayers.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading from Revelation, John writes that he saw a great multitude before the throne and the Lamb. In the second reading, John tells his community what love the Father has bestowed upon them, calling them his children, and that they will see him, eternally, as he is. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus teaches the crowd, giving them the Beatitudes.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As people of hope, let us gather our prayers and offer them to our Father in heaven.

- 1) For Church leaders, may the call to sainthood inspire their every act, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For elected officials, may God's wisdom be their guide as they serve those they represent, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who are suffering, may God's grace, and the intercession of the saints and martyrs who suffered, bring them comfort and consolation, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may God's endless love for each one of us embolden us to live as the sons and daughters we were created to be, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, through God's mercy may they join the saints in the heavenly banquet, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Father, you created us to be saints. Hear and answer these prayers today, and help us to seek you above all else. We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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Saturday, November 2, 2019

(Lec. 668)

- 1) Wisdom 3:1-9
- 2) Romans 5:5-11
or Romans 6:3-9
- 3) John 6:37-40

**THE COMMEMORATION
OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED
(ALL SOULS' DAY)**

FOCUS: Jesus died for us to bring us to eternal life with him.

On this feast of All Souls' Day, we are invited to remember our loved ones who have gone before us. We can take comfort in Jesus' words that the Father will raise them to eternal life. Let faith be our guide as we look to the examples they offered us of fidelity to God. May we strive to follow their example.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Book of Wisdom explains that *The souls of the just are in the hand of God*. In the Letter to the Romans, Paul writes that Jesus *died at the appointed time for the ungodly*, so that they might be saved, and be *reconciled to God*. In the Gospel, Jesus promises to accept everyone who comes to him.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Knowing the love of God for all of us, his children, we offer him our prayers.

- 1) For all in the Church who teach the faith, may God bless them with fortitude and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civic leaders, may the humility of Christ guide them in their governance, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For refugees who must flee from their homes and homelands in search of safety and security, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those who grieve the loss of loved ones in this faith community, may God's love bring them peace and solace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead, may they be wrapped in the loving arms of our heavenly Father, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of all life, shine your light on those who are in need and hear our prayers, which we make through Jesus our Lord.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

(Lec. 153)

- 1) Wisdom 11:22–12:2
- 2) 2 Thessalonians 1:11–2:2
- 3) Luke 19:1-10

**31ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FOCUS: No one is lost to the love of God.

In love, God created the world and all things in it. His love for all souls moves him to forgive sins so all can repent and know his love. Jesus Christ is the embodiment of his love, and comes to invite and empower each of us, especially the lost, to turn back to God and know the joy of his mercy.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the Book of Wisdom, the author says that God loves all things because they are his, and he overlooks sin so that all may repent. In the second reading, Paul offers prayer and encouragement to the Thessalonians in their efforts to glorify the Lord. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus empowers Zacchaeus to return to right relationship with him.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Our loving and merciful God wants us all to return to him. Let us turn to him today to offer our prayers.

- 1) That God may continue to bless and sanctify Pope Francis in his holy ministry, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That government officials may be guided by God's grace in working for and promoting justice, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That all who feel lost and estranged from family members may be healed and reconciled through the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That the love of Jesus may guide and encourage members of this faith community to grow in virtue, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That those who have died may know the loving welcome of God in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, you sent Jesus to seek and save the lost. Hear our prayers today and help us to believe in your loving mercy. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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Monday, November 4, 2019
(Lec. 485)

- 1) Romans 11:29-36
- 2) Luke 14:12-14

MONDAY OF
31ST WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Charles Borromeo,
Bishop)

FOCUS: God is the great giver of love and mercy.

Because of our fallen nature, God's great mercy is even more evident. Our imprisonment through original sin, and God saving us through Jesus' life, death and resurrection, show us that we owe everything to God's grace and can claim nothing for ourselves. As God has given us his mercy without us earning it or being able to repay him, we can, with God's grace, be generous to those who cannot repay us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Saint Paul reminds the Romans that, *The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable*. Through disobedience, all have received mercy. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the Pharisee to invite not only his friends and relatives, but also to welcome the outcasts who cannot repay the kindness.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Gathering together the needs we hold in our hearts, we confidently turn to God with our prayers.

- 1) For Pope Francis, may God bless him with wisdom and health, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civic leaders, may the Lord guide them in enacting policies to help the poor and downtrodden, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the disabled and all those with any affliction, may God grant them healing of body and spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For our faith community, may we be strengthened in faith, hope and love through the grace and mercy of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all the faithful departed, may they find peaceful rest in the heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving Father, we trust in your mercy and humbly implore you to hear our prayers. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

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Tuesday, November 5, 2019
(Lec. 486)

- 1) Romans 12:5-16b
- 2) Luke 14:15-24

TUESDAY OF
31ST WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Support one another in announcing the kingdom of God.

Jesus uses a parable to illustrate how important and urgent it is to respond to God's invitation to the eternal banquet. Our communal response as Church is illuminated in Paul's description of how Christians can take on various complementary ministries to announce the kingdom.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Saint Paul explains that we are all given different gifts, yet we are all one Body in Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about responding to the invitation to *dine in the Kingdom of God*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Placing our trust in the Lord, let us join together and offer him our petitions.

- 1) For leaders in Church ministry, may God's grace nourish and strengthen them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government leaders, may God increase in them the Holy Spirit's gifts of wisdom and understanding as they carry out their duties, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those feeling trapped by addiction, may the Lord lift their burdens and enable them to make healthy choices, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For the homebound in our community, may the compassion of Jesus comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they enjoy the heavenly banquet that has been prepared for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of generous bounty, hear our prayers and grant us your mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Wednesday, November 6, 2019
(Lec. 487)

- 1) Romans 13:8-10
- 2) Luke 14:25-33

WEDNESDAY OF
31ST WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: As disciples, following Christ is our primary commitment.

As Paul states: *The one who loves another has fulfilled the law.* The only command greater than love of neighbor is love of God. To follow Jesus means loving him above all earthly attachments, even our intimate relationships.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Paul speaks of love as the fulfillment of the law, saying that all other commandments can be summed up in the commandment to *love your neighbor as yourself.* In the Gospel, Jesus lists conditions for being a disciple, including carrying one's own cross and following him, and renouncing possessions.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us join together to present our petitions to our heavenly Father.

- 1) That the Church, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, may be strengthened and restored in her mission of making disciples of all nations, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That policymakers may be inspired by God's merciful love toward them as they carry out their duties, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That all who are in need of healing may receive it, in God's mercy, and be surrounded by care and compassion, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That all present at this Eucharist may be transformed by God's grace as we continue to seek and follow his will, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That those who carried their crosses after Jesus in this life may have eternal life at his side, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving God, we ask that you hear our prayers and answer them according to your great love for us. Through Christ our Lord.

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Thursday, November 7, 2019
(Lec. 488)

- 1) Romans 14:7-12
- 2) Luke 15:1-10

THURSDAY OF
31st WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Jesus died to save all who believe in him.

The theme of relationship runs through today's readings. Paul emphasizes how Christians are all connected because Jesus died to save anyone who believes in him. In the Gospel, Jesus chastises the Pharisees for questioning his relationships. Jesus willingly associates with sinners because they are the "lost sheep" he wants to save.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In Paul's Letter to the Romans, he describes how all believers are connected through Jesus. Paul reminds the Romans that at judgment day, *each of us shall give an account of himself to God*. In the Gospel, the Pharisees question why Jesus preaches to sinners and tax collectors. Jesus responds with the parable of the lost sheep and the parable of the lost coin to emphasize the triumph of one sinner's repentance.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As God's children, let us approach our loving Father with our deepest needs.

- 1) For Pope Francis and all leaders of the Church, may God continue to guide and instruct their hearts as they live in service for others, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For local government leaders, may God provide them with courage and stamina as they serve the community, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the chronically ill, may the Holy Spirit bring comfort and healing to both their bodies and souls, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those gathered here today, may God continue to bless our efforts to conform our lives to being his disciples, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all those who have died, especially those we remember now, may God grant them eternal rest, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty Father, grant these prayers we offer you today. May your guidance and peace renew us so that we might spread your Word. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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Friday, November 8, 2019
(Lec. 489)

- 1) Romans 15:14-21
- 2) Luke 16:1-8

FRIDAY OF
31ST WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Jesus challenges his followers to bring their best work to serving their heavenly master.

How do we bring our best efforts to the glorious work of building God's kingdom? One way is by paying more attention to God's work than to worldly concerns. Because we live in the world, daily tasks take up a great deal of our time, but we can go about those tasks obeying God's commands in a spirit of love, compassion and forgiveness.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In his Letter to the Romans, Saint Paul speaks to the grace in his ministry to proclaim the Gospel to all the Gentiles. In the Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples the parable of the dishonest steward.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: In faith, we bring our petitions to our merciful God, for our needs and for the needs of others.

- 1) For Church leaders, may God grant them every grace as they serve his people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For public leaders, may the Lord bless them with prudence in their decision-making, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who cannot find work, may God provide for their need and make a way for them to share their gifts with others, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may Christ's light direct our ways and shine through us as we bring his Word to all we meet, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all those who have died, may the Lord bring them into the eternal joy of his heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Lord, we thank you for hearing our prayers. Take all our work and direct it to your holy purpose, through Christ our Lord.

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Saturday, November 9, 2019
(Lec. 671)

- 1) Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
- 2) 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
- 3) John 2:13-22

**THE DEDICATION
OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
- FEAST**

FOCUS: God built a foundation for us to stand firm upon.

The Church is the foundation of the world; its presence gives hope to all who look to our heavenly Father. Today is the feast of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, which is the center of our Church. The readings today talk about the cleansing, the nurturing, the care of and the need for the foundation that we have in the Church.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading describes the waters from within God's holy Temple, refreshing and nurturing all it touches. In the second reading, Paul says that we are temples of God and that *the Spirit of God dwells in [us]*. In the Gospel, Jesus clears the Temple of all the money changers, and speaks of rebuilding it in three days.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Gathered together as the holy Church, we bring our needs before the Father.

- 1) For Pope Francis, may the power of the Holy Spirit continue to uphold him as he leads the Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government leaders, may God give them strength as they work to uphold the dignity and sanctity of human life from conception through natural death, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the lonely, sick and infirm, may the presence of Jesus in their lives provide them strength, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this eucharistic community, may our faith in God be nurtured through the blessings we receive in the Eucharist, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they come to know eternal peace in the presence of our Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love and mercy. We ask that you hear our prayers, that one day we will live with you forever. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

(Lec, 156)

- 1) 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
- 2) 2 Thessalonians 2:16–3:5
- 3) Luke 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

**32ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FOCUS: The God we worship is the God of the living.

In putting Jesus on the spot, the Sadducees were unexpectedly rewarded with a firm declaration of the truth of the Resurrection. By proclaiming God to be the God of the living, Jesus strengthens the resolve of all who place their trust in him and who hope in a share in the eternal life of God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our first reading from Maccabees recalls the bravery of seven brothers and their mother who preferred death to denying their hope in the God of Israel. Saint Paul reminds the Thessalonians of God's fidelity and encourages them to find hope and strength in the Lord. In the Gospel, the Sadducees attempt to put Jesus on the spot on the topic of resurrection.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: The Lord invites us to place our hope in him. Let us therefore bring our prayers and petitions before him with confidence and trust.

- 1) For the Church as the body of the risen Christ here on earth, may God give us fortitude as we faithfully and boldly proclaim the truth of the Resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For those in leadership positions, may the Holy Spirit bless their efforts in promoting policies that benefit the common good, let us pray to the Lord
- 3) For those who feel trapped by sin and doubt, may God move their hearts toward repentance and belief in his mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us gathered here, may the presence of the Lord in our everyday lives perfect and protect us, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died marked with the sign of faith, may they come to share in the fullness of eternal life in the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving God, hear these prayers which come from our hearts and answer them according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Monday, November 11, 2019
(Lec. 491)

- 1) Wisdom 1:1-7
- 2) Luke 17:1-6

MONDAY OF
32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Martin of Tours,
Bishop)

FOCUS: The Lord knows us intimately.

Though Jesus' words in today's Gospel might appear intimidating, we are reminded of the love God has for us, even amidst our sin. There is no part of our lives that God does not know, and this intimacy draws us into deeper relationship with the Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom gives instruction to *seek [the Lord] in integrity of heart*. For wisdom is not available to those who plot evil, or who lie under a burden of sin. In the Gospel, Jesus warns against those who lead others to sin, and he cautions his disciples to be on their guard, and to forgive those who repent of their sins.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: On this memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, we come to the Lord with our prayers in the company of the saints.

- 1) For the Church and her faithful, may God nurture all believers in faith, hope and love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For leaders of nations and those who serve in military positions, may God instill in them a heart for justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who are suffering today, may God's healing love rest upon their hearts, minds and bodies, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For members of this faith community, may God's love transform us and bring us ever closer to him, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may God bring them into eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of mercy, you know the depths of our hearts and love us as we are. Please answer these prayers according to your perfect will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Tuesday, November 12, 2019
(Lec. 492)

- 1) Wisdom 2:23–3:9
- 2) Luke 17:7-10

TUESDAY OF
32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Josaphat,
Bishop and Martyr)

FOCUS: Give witness to God's love in our lives.

Our focus today is on being faithful servants. It is not something we do because we are expecting to be rewarded, rather it is a choice we make to live a servant lifestyle as holy witnesses to God's love.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom says *the souls of the just are in the hand of God*. Though the envy of the devil brought death into the world, all who are faithful to God will receive mercy and grace, and *abide with him in love*. In the Gospel, Jesus asks his Apostles about the proper role of a faithful servant, and tells them how they should behave in that role.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As faithful servants, let us present our needs and petitions to our merciful Lord.

- 1) That all members of the Church may be sanctified with the grace we need in leading lives abounding in virtue and charity, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That leaders of nations may be blessed with integrity and humility as they work together to bring peace to the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That those who feel unworthy of forgiveness may receive the peace of our merciful God and be strengthened in a life of faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That God may guide this faith community as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus and serve one another in his love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That our deceased brothers and sisters in Christ may spend eternity in the Lord's presence, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of all creation, we present our needs to you this day. Help us to nourish and sustain our faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Wednesday, November 13, 2019
(Lec. 493)

- 1) Wisdom 6:1-11
- 2) Luke 17:11-19

WEDNESDAY OF
32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
USA: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini,
Virgin)

FOCUS: May our hearts be ever thankful.

In the Gospel today, Jesus acknowledges the faith of the grateful Samaritan. It is a good reminder to be thankful for the love and mercy God offers us each day.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading is addressed to earthly powers, urging them to seek wisdom. In the Gospel, Jesus heals 10 lepers and only one returns to thank him.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us come with thankful hearts before our just and compassionate God and offer him our prayers.

- 1) For Pope Francis and all shepherds of the Church, may God give them considerate and just hearts as they guide their flock, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For judges and magistrates, may God's compassionate justice guide their deliberations and rulings, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those held unjustly or convicted falsely, may God be present with them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those who serve this faith community in lay ministry, may the Holy Spirit guide their hearts as they enrich our faith lives, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they have eternal life with God in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of all goodness, listen to our prayers and show us your divine mercy. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

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Thursday, November 14, 2019
(Lec. 494)

- 1) Wisdom 7:22b-8:1
- 2) Luke 17:20-25

THURSDAY OF
32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Let us be instruments of God's grace in building up the kingdom.

The kingdom of God is among us. Jesus dwells within our hearts as we place our lives in his service. What a privilege to be able to receive him in the Eucharist as we await the fulfillment of God's kingdom on the Last Day.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, we hear about the qualities of Wisdom. Wisdom is given to God's people, encouraging them when traversing life's challenges. In the Gospel, Jesus announces to the Pharisees that the kingdom of God is in their midst.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Knowing that God is the source of all life, let us now turn to him with our prayers.

- 1) For the Church, may the Lord continue to bless her and make her ever more holy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For those who serve in government, may the Holy Spirit guide their actions in the light of justice, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who have no place to rest or call home, may the Lord look graciously upon them and grant them their every need, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us gathered here, may the Lord keep us steadfast in faith and hope, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they rest with joy in the presence of our Father in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, we bring you these petitions knowing that you are the source of all love, joy and peace. We pray in the name of your Son, Christ our Lord.

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Friday, November 15, 2019
(Lec. 495)

- 1) Wisdom 13:1-9
- 2) Luke 17:26-37

FRIDAY OF
32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.
Saint Albert the Great,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church)

FOCUS: Today is the day to walk in the way of the Lord.

The reign of God is mysterious. Because of its mystery, it is both formidable and, at the same time, our hope. Since we will not know the day or the hour we will be called to judgment, it is wise to be prepared with faith-filled hearts each and every day.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Book of Wisdom extols the logical allure of beauty, which leads us to the Creator of all things beautiful. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches about how the fullness of the kingdom of God will take people by surprise.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With trust and confidence, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

- 1) For all in the Church who teach the faith, may God bless them for their charity and grant them wisdom as they minister, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civil authorities, may God empower them with the gifts of honesty and forthrightness in their work, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who suffer illness in isolation, may God's compassion and our prayers be of consolation, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the goodness of the Lord be revealed through us as we serve one another, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, especially our loved ones, may they and all the faithful rest in peace with God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: O Holy One, we humbly ask that you hear our prayers and grant them according to your will. Through Christ our Lord.

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Saturday, November 16, 2019
(Lec. 496)

- 1) Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9
- 2) Luke 18:1-8

SATURDAY OF
32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.
Saint Margaret of Scotland;
Saint Gertrude,
Virgin;
Saturday in honor
of BVM)

FOCUS: God hears our prayers.

God cares for his people enough to intervene on their behalf. Unlike the judge in Jesus' parable, God delights in answering our prayers and petitions. The call to persevere in prayer is not about changing God's will, but about changing our hearts. Persistent prayer makes us holy and helps us to endure in faith until the end of time.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The author of the Book of Wisdom recounts God's mighty deeds on behalf of Israel – the tenth plague and the parting of the Red Sea. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches about prayer by telling the parable of the persistent widow and the dishonest judge. He asks whether the Son of Man will find faith on earth.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: God our Father hears us when we call to him. United with Christ as God's sons and daughters, let us pray.

- 1) For the Church, may she be blessed with an increase in vocations to the priesthood, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government officials, may the Lord who came to serve rather than be served instill in them the same heart, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For victims of human trafficking, may God rescue them from slavery and lead them to freedom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us, may this memorial of Christ's sacrifice inspire us to persevere in prayer with the patience of faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they find peace and eternal rest through the mercy of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Father, we believe that you hear our prayers. We ask that you answer them according to your will. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019

(Lec. 159)

- 1) Malachi 3:19-20a
- 2) 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
- 3) Luke 21:5-19

**33RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FOCUS: Our security lies in God alone; he is our anchor and strength.

In the Gospel today, Jesus paints a picture of a time when there will be wars and earthquakes and famine. Yet he offers hope and says, *Do not be terrified*. We must know that our security cannot rest in anything of this world, but on God alone, who will sustain us in times of suffering.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Malachi proclaims the coming judgment where the proud and evildoers will face destruction, while those who fear the Lord will be healed. In the second reading, Paul reminds believers to behave in an orderly way. In the Gospel, Jesus describes events that involve the persecution and suffering of believers, and warns them not to be taken in by false prophets or worldly signs.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As we entrust ourselves to God's care and protection, let us offer our petitions to our Father in heaven.

- 1) For leaders of the Church, may the Spirit provide them wisdom in addressing the needs of their particular communities, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For our national and local representatives, may God inspire and sustain their efforts in promoting freedom from persecution and justice from oppression, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who suffer from physical or mental struggles, may God's healing Spirit restore them to full health, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For our local community, may the Holy Spirit enable us to grow in love and charity, especially as we welcome the stranger who seeks us out, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all those who have died, may they experience fullness of joy with the saints in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

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Monday, November 18, 2019
(Lec. 497)

- 1) 1 Maccabees 1:10-15,
41-43, 54-57, 62-63
- 2) Luke 18:35-43

MONDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.
The Dedication of the
Basilicas of
Saints Peter and Paul,
Apostles;
USA: Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne,
Virgin)

FOCUS: *Your faith has saved you.*

The blind man in today's Gospel was persistent in his efforts to reach Jesus. He understood who Jesus was, and what Jesus could do for him, and he did not allow obstacles or naysayers to stop him from reaching out. His faith in Jesus outweighed everything else. As Jesus did for the blind man, so he will do for us when we approach him in faith.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading recounts the time period under King Antiochus when many of the Israelites abandoned their faith, sacrificing idols and profaning the Sabbath. Others remained steadfast in faith, preferring to die rather than defile themselves. In the Gospel, a blind man calls out to Jesus, using the title, *Son of David*. He asks to be able to see, and Jesus heals him, saying, *your faith has saved you*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

PRIEST: Trusting in the promise of Christ that our prayers will be heard and answered, we turn to our Father in faith.

- 1) For the Church, may God's restorative power bring about healing and a greater call to holiness, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For those in positions of authority, may God's benevolence guide their exercise of power, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick, and for those who care for them, especially all those in the health care professions, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For families in this faith community, may God bless their bonds to each other and strengthen their love for one another, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they rest in the warmth of our Lord's love for all eternity, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Gracious God, in you we find gladness and joy. Help us to live faithfully each day and walk in your way. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019
(Lec. 498)

- 1) 2 Maccabees 6:18-31
- 2) Luke 19:1-10

TUESDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: We can trust that in hardships we will be upheld in faith by our saving Lord.

Common to all people of faith are experiences of hardship. But the Lord will uphold us, as he did Eleazar when he surrendered his life and Zacchaeus when he offered to surrender some of his wealth. Indeed, this is why Christ came: to seek and to save us. In trusting that the Lord remains faithful, Eleazar and Zacchaeus model courage in faith.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Eleazar, the dignified scribe, chooses torturous death rather than renunciation of faith. In the Gospel, Jesus calls Zacchaeus, the tax collector, down from the tree, saying, *today I must stay at your house*. Zacchaeus joyfully receives Jesus and, in response, pledges to give away half of his wealth.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As people of faith trusting in a faithful God, we present our prayers before the Lord.

- 1) That persecuted members of the Church may be protected by God's shield, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That the wisdom and generosity of Christ may guide leaders in the fair and just use of our nation's economic resources, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That God may uphold us through any hardship, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That the stranger may find Christ's welcome in our faith community, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That those who have died may be granted eternal rest with the angels and saints in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty Father, you sent your Son to seek and save us according to our needs and the designs of your holy will. We ask that you hear our prayer, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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Wednesday, November 20, 2019
(Lec. 499)

- 1) 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31
- 2) Luke 19:11-28

WEDNESDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: The message of God's merciful offer of salvation is the treasure at the heart of the kingdom.

Jesus uses a variety of parables to describe the kingdom and our participation in it. Today he reminds us that, like the Maccabees of old, our hearts must be invested in the kingdom – totally faithful and ready to take risks and even suffer death to receive its offer of life.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, a family of seven brothers and their mother are subject to torture and death for their refusal to eat pork, which would have been *in violation of God's law*. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the 10 gold coins, and then *proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Having listened to God's word, let us with courage and faith bring our prayers before the Father.

- 1) For all entrusted with ministry in the Church, may the Lord protect them from all evil, and bless them in their fidelity, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civil authorities and members of the judicial system, may God strengthen them in righteousness and justice, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those enduring burdens and difficulties, especially ones that are difficult to see, may God's loving mercy bring them relief and flourishing, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the Lord banish from our hearts whatever may endanger peace among us, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they hear the words *well done good servant*, and so enter the kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty and eternal Father, through your Word you bring forth life and even more marvelously redeem it. Hear our prayers and answer them according to your holy will. We make them through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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Thursday, November 21, 2019
(Lec. 500)

- 1) 1 Maccabees 2:15-29
- 2) Luke 19:41-44

THURSDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary)

FOCUS: Strive to put God first in our lives.

Strong emotions are at the center of our readings today. Mattathias risked much to cling to his beliefs, and likewise Jesus felt great sorrow for the city and the people he loved. Do we feel strongly about our faith? Let us search our hearts and strive to put the Lord first in our lives.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Today's first reading tells of Mattathias and his sons defying the pagan emperor and establishing a stronghold in the nearby hills, refusing to worship false gods. In the Gospel, Jesus weeps over Jerusalem, foretelling that it will be ruined because the people never realized who they had in their midst.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting in God's loving providence, let us bring our needs and the needs of the world to him.

- 1) For Catholic missionaries, may God bless their efforts as they bring the Good News to people everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civic leaders, may the Holy Spirit lead them in acting with integrity and truthfulness, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who are marginalized or overlooked, may they be blessed with the certainty that Jesus loves them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For the people of this faith community, may God hear and answer our prayers for eyes to see him and ears to hear him, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died in God's grace, may they come to know the wonder of everlasting life in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty God, hear us as we turn to you for all our needs. We pray through Christ our Lord.

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Friday, November 22, 2019
(Lec. 501)

- 1) 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59
- 2) Luke 19:45-48

FRIDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Cecilia,
Virgin and Martyr)

FOCUS: *We praise your glorious name, O mighty God.*

Sacred spaces are meaningful in the history of our faith. These spaces, dedicated to God, are set apart as holy and help us focus our prayer and our worship.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Judas leads the Jewish people to rededicate the Temple in Jerusalem, bringing *great joy* to them. In the Gospel, Jesus cleanses the Temple by driving out the merchants and proclaiming, *My house shall be a house of prayer.*

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With hearts that are open to God's love, we bring our concerns to our heavenly Father.

- 1) For the Church, may God grant us clarity and grace and keep us holy and blameless in his sight, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For world leaders, may God grant them strength in their efforts to bring about justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For refugees, immigrants and anyone who feels far from home, may God comfort them and provide for their needs as they seek a place to live, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For the faith community gathered today, may God grant us the ability to see our lives clearly in order to better serve God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all those who have died, may God grant them eternal rest, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers of your children and provide for our needs. We ask these and all things through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

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Saturday, November 23, 2019
(Lec. 502)

- 1) 1 Maccabees 6:1-13
- 2) Luke 20:27-40

SATURDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

(Opt. Mem.
Saint Clement I,
Pope and Martyr;
Saint Columban,
Abbot;

USA: Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro,
Priest and Martyr;
Saturday in honor
of BVM)

FOCUS: *He is not God of the dead, but of the living.*

The Sadducees expected that the Messiah would be concerned about Jewish law, so their questioning of Jesus is a legal debate. Jesus' answer is about what it means to have eternal life. This answer is completely outside of what the Sadducees understand, so they are left speechless.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, as King Antiochus dies, he realizes that his wickedness to the Israelites is *why these evils have overtaken [him]*. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches the Sadducees about resurrection and eternal life.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With thankful hearts, mindful of all the great things God has done, we bring our prayers before our loving and compassionate God.

- 1) For the Church, may God grant us fortitude as we work to further God's kingdom on earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For world leaders, may God open their hearts as they work to protect all human life, especially the unborn, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who are sick in mind, body or spirit, may God's healing presence give them peace in the midst of suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may God develop within us hearts of love and stewardship, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they enjoy the fullness of life in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Lord God, we truly rejoice at the hope of salvation. Hear these prayers of your people and in your great mercy answer us as we cry out to you. Through Christ our Lord.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

(Lec. 162)

- 1) 2 Samuel 5:1-3
- 2) Colossians 1:12-20
- 3) Luke 23:35-43

**OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
- SOLEMNITY**

FOCUS: Today we celebrate Jesus, preeminent over all creation yet always bestowing his love and forgiveness.

Jesus, *the image of the invisible God*, is preeminent over all creation and head of the Church. On this solemnity, we recognize that Jesus Christ is King, but we also know that our loving Savior shows us compassion and mercy, as he showed to the good thief.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the tribes of Israel anoint David, their shepherd, as king. In the reading from Colossians, Paul writes of the incredible glory of Jesus, firstborn of all creation, head of the Church, and preeminent over all creation. In the Gospel, Jesus shows his compassion and mercy by assuring the good thief of his entrance into his kingdom.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: In the name of Jesus, our King, we have the courage to approach God with the needs of people around the world.

- 1) For Pope Francis, may the gifts of the Holy Spirit be his guide as he inspires Catholics to faithful service, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For those in authority, may they be guided by the Lord as they focus on humble service to the people in their care, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For victims of violence and hatred, may Jesus, the Divine Physician, bring them healing and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those who volunteer in this faith community, may God bless their efforts, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they join the angels and saints in the kingdom of heaven with Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of majesty and glory, hear the prayers we bring to you in the name of Jesus, our King and our Lord.

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Monday, November 25, 2019
(Lec. 503)

- 1) Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20
- 2) Luke 21:1-4

MONDAY OF
34TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.
Saint Catherine of Alexandria,
Virgin and Martyr)

FOCUS: Like Daniel and the poor widow, let us give our all to God.

Both Daniel and the widow make a sacrifice without caring for the personal cost, which could be loss of life for Daniel and loss of livelihood for the widow. Both completely trust God to provide what they need.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

When Daniel and three companions are selected to train for King Nebuchadnezzar's service, they resolve to not defile themselves with the king's food and wine. God grants each man knowledge and gives Daniel the gift of prophecy. In the Gospel, a poor widow's offering of two small coins catches Jesus' attention, and he praises her gift.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us bring our prayers and petitions before our God with faithful trust in him.

- 1) For religious men and women, that God may continue to bless them in their vocations, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For governments and world leaders, may God's gracious will be revealed to them as they contemplate their decisions and actions, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the poor, may the Father show them his loving care, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For our faith community, may God move our hearts to be gracious stewards of our time, talent and treasure, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they enjoy the eternal presence of God in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving Father, look kindly upon these needs we bring to you today. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus, who is Christ the Lord.

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Tuesday, November 26, 2019
(Lec. 504)

- 1) Daniel 2:31-45
- 2) Luke 21:5-11

TUESDAY OF
34TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Let us believe in the Lord and place our trust in him.

It is human nature to want to be in control – to know what is coming next. But this world is finite and unpredictable. God’s kingdom, however, will last forever. Let us shift our focus from worrying about today to hopeful anticipation of the eternal kingdom.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Daniel explains that all earthly kingdoms will fall, no matter how great they are, for they pale in comparison to the kingdom to be established by the God of heaven. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches the crowds not to fear the fall of earthly powers and dominions, or problems posed by natural disasters.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: My sisters and brothers, let us now bring our prayers before the Lord who has done marvelous deeds.

- 1) For the Church, may God continue to renew the faithful as we work together for the fulfillment of the kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For those who serve as civic leaders, may God give them the grace to be models of thankfulness, and to encourage their constituents to be good stewards, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who feel lost or forgotten, may the Holy Spirit grant them listening ears and helping hands to comfort them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us gathered in this holy place, may we be freed from fear of the future and live more fully in the present given to us by the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our faithful departed, may they enter into the joy of God’s eternal kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Lord God, we praise you for the abundant blessings you shower upon us. In your kindness, free us from fear so we may be more faithful to you. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Wednesday, November 27, 2019
(Lec. 505)

- 1) Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14,
16-17, 23-28
- 2) Luke 21:12-19

WEDNESDAY OF
34TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: The life of discipleship can be challenging.

Discipleship is not always easy. In fact, there will be times when we will be asked to stand up for our faith in difficult circumstances. We must persevere in love, as Christ taught, and keep our sight on our ultimate goal of eternal life in his presence.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

When called upon to interpret the divine writing that has appeared in the king's palace, Daniel warns of the kingdom's impending fall due to the king's actions against the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds his followers that they will face much persecution and be called upon to testify because of the Lord.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting in his mercy, let us bring our petitions before the Lord.

- 1) For the Church, may the Lord continue to give us wisdom in witnessing to the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all members of the judicial system, may the Holy Spirit aid them in exercising their responsibilities with good and prudent judgment, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all those who are traveling this day, may the Lord keep them safe, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all members of our faith community who feel lonely or isolated, may the Lord comfort them and lift their spirits, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may the Lord grant them eternal joy in his presence, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving God, we bring these prayers before you, trusting that you will answer them in accordance with your will. We ask this in Christ's name.

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NOTE: For Thanksgiving Day, any readings from the *Lectionary for Mass* (vol. IV), the Mass “In Thanksgiving to God,” nos. 943-947

Thursday, November 28, 2019
(Lec. 506)

- 1) Daniel 6:12-28
- 2) Luke 21:20-28

THURSDAY OF
34TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(USA: Thanksgiving Day)

FOCUS: *He is the living God, enduring forever.*

In a world that often implores us to focus on ourselves, it can be difficult to stay focused on God. But since, as we heard in the first reading, *he is the living God, enduring forever; his Kingdom shall not be destroyed*, we must strive to be diligent, trusting and prayerful. Christ redeems us and with faith in him we gain eternal life.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Today’s first reading is the story of Daniel in the lions’ den. God saves Daniel from death because Daniel has consistently shown his trust in the Lord. The Gospel from Luke gives us snapshots of the fall of Jerusalem and the end times, but leaves us with the comforting knowledge that redemption is near for those who trust in God.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us turn now to our Father with our prayers and petitions.

- 1) For Church leaders, may God bless them with the wisdom and courage necessary to lead us through painful times, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government leaders throughout the world, may God open their eyes to see the needs of all their people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those struggling with physical, emotional or spiritual pain, may God’s love grant them solace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those in our faith community who have drifted away from the Church, may God open their hearts to his grace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they share in the heavenly banquet promised by Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty Father, hear and answer our prayers that we offer, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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Friday, November 29, 2019
(Lec. 507)

- 1) Daniel 7:2-14
- 2) Luke 21:29-33

FRIDAY OF
34TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: God's kingdom is at hand, and promises eternal salvation to those who remain true to him.

The kingdom of God is real. It is eternal. It is open to all who embrace God's message and live in his spirit. It is a gift from the Father who reaches out in love to his children. Jesus has given himself to ensure our salvation and through him, we have been delivered.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Daniel dreams of four beasts, representing four mighty, yet temporary, kingdoms which ruled on earth. His vision includes a fifth kingdom; the kingdom of the Son of Man which is clearly eternal. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus uses a parable of the fig tree to demonstrate that the signs show that God's kingdom is at hand.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As we gather together in faith, let us join our hearts and minds in prayer to God.

- 1) For all members of the Church, may God be with us as we discern his call to serve others, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For those in authority throughout the world, may the Holy Spirit guide them as they work to protect the dignity and sanctity of human life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who feel anxious or alone, may God's message of love and compassion be with them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us here today, may God's grace be with us as we share our faith with the young people in this community, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they live eternally in the kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, we offer these prayers knowing that you have promised to provide all we need as grateful members of your family. Through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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Saturday, November 30, 2019
(Lec. 684)

- 1) Romans 10:9-18
- 2) Matthew 4:18-22

**SAINT ANDREW,
APOSTLE
- FEAST**

FOCUS: Let us bring the good news of salvation to others.

Although most of us are not called to be preachers or even teachers of the Word, we know we have a responsibility to bring others to Christ. We can do that, and help to bring about God's kingdom on earth, by our everyday words and actions – by making service to others the number one priority in our lives.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Saint Paul reminds his readers of the responsibility to bring the good news of salvation to others. In the Gospel, Peter and Andrew are called by Jesus to be *fishers of men*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As disciples of Jesus, let us open our hearts and bring our prayers to our merciful Father.

- 1) For Pope Francis and all the clergy and evangelists among us, may God's Holy Spirit guide their words as they strive to bring Christ to others, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For leaders of state, may God grant them fortitude in bringing necessary services to those most in need, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who are burdened by fear, may Jesus, the Divine Physician, offer them hope, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may God's gifts in our lives help us to respond to his call to bring the Gospel to others, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they know the loving embrace of a compassionate God this day, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty Father and God of all, give us the confidence we need to be heralds of your Gospel. We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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