OCTOBER 25, 2020

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings are all about the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives.



Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets, as well as the purpose of all God's laws in today's Gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing — but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments.

He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

How is the second like the first? What do the two commands have in common? Love.

Love God first and love neighbor as self. This is the heart of the stewardship way of life — simple enough for a child to understand, challenging enough to be the life's work of every "grown-up."

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, October 26

8:30 a.m. - Marilyn Hall † | Joachim Kim † Anne Charlton †

Tuesday, October 27

8:30 a.m. - Joseph Cassidy † | Richard Wherry †

7:00 p.m. - RCIA

Wednesday, October 28

8:30 a.m. - John & Dolena O'Neill †
Dennis Madigan † | Special Intention
Special Intention for the birthday of
Simon Alzamora Arana

Thursday, October 29 - No Mass

Friday, October 30

8:30 a.m. - Nancy Barber † | Mario DiFranco † Special Intention for the Nickerson Family

Saturday, October 31

5:00 p.m. - Horst Behlau †

Deceased members of McElheran & Stasiak Families † Special Intention for Marion & Gary Turple Marriage

Sunday, Nov 1 Solemnity of All Saints

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

11:00 a.m. - All souls †

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

"Love God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind."

Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious?

Call Fr. Greg at 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Do you know of someone in need of prayers for healing? Please contact the church office to add them to our weekly intentions.

DIOCESAN SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a **25th**, **40th**, **50th**, **60th** or **60th**+ anniversary in the year 2020. To receive a certificate, please contact the parish office and complete a registration form by November 13.

ONGOING FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS

We welcome you to join our RCIA session for "God the Father"

at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 27th in our parish hall.

NOVEMBER 2020: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

On All Souls Day, Monday November 2nd, we pray for the souls of all the faithful departed. Praying for the souls that have departed this world is an important part of our Catholic faith. If you would like your loved one remembered in our prayers of the faithful at Mass on this day and for the entire month of November we invite you to pick up an envelope at the doors of the church marked "All Souls Day Remembrance." These names / the envelopes containing the names will be placed in a basket in front of the ambo. Rather than praying for one intention (loved one) at each Mass we will pray for the souls of all these loved ones and friends who have gone before us. Eternal rest grant on to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in the peace of Christ. Amen.

USHERS NEEDED

The Usher Ministry is in need of more male and female volunteers for each of our weekend masses. The primary duties and responsibilities include the offertory collection and distribution of bulletins at the conclusion of Mass with a friendly goodbye. This is a great opportunity to serve with very little time commitment required. Feel called to this ministry? Perhaps a Mother and school aged son, or Grandfather and granddaughter. So many possibilities of serving here at St. Julia - a caring Roman Catholic Community. Please see Fr. Greg.

GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

"I will never leave you or forsake you"
Hebrews13:5

May your troubled heart find peace and comfort in the knowledge that you are never alone. May God's presence ease your trembling spirit and give you rest. He knows how you feel. He is ever aware of your circumstances and ready to be your strength, your grace and your peace. He is there to cast sunlight into all of your darkened shadows, to send encouragement through the love of friends and family and to replace your weariness with new hope.

God is your stronghold. And with Him as your guide you need never be afraid. No circumstances can block His love. No grief is too hard for Him to bear. No task is too difficult for Him to complete. When what you are feeling is simply too deep for words and nothing anyone does or says can provide you with the relief you need God understands. He is your provider. Today, tomorrow and always. And He loves you. Cast all your cares on Him and believe.

Something to Think About Special Encouraging Thoughts



Are you called to join other Canadian Catholic women learning how your leadership has the power to transform where you work, volunteer and live? Applications are now available for the 2021-2022 Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation Program. The in-person and online program, facilitated by the Providence School of Transformational Leadership and Spirituality at Saint Paul University (Ottawa) runs from April/2021 to May/2022. Visit www.cwlfcanada.ca Application deadline November 20, 2020.

CARLO ACUTIS: HIS LIFE PLAN WAS "TO ALWAYS BE CLOSE TO JESUS."



On October 10, 2020, Carlo Acutis was Beatified in Assisi, Italy. What helped to make this ceremony so unique, was that both Carlo's parents and his brother and sister were present. The reason is that he was only fifteen years of age when he died from leukemia in 2006.

I believe that this modern day 'saint in the making', Blessed Carlo, can serve as an inspiration, especially to our young people who need good role models today. They should be able to identify with this young man who played video games, was comfortable using computers and surfing the internet. In many ways he seemed so ordinary; however, what he did was truly extraordinary. That is why he is in the process of becoming a saint.

Blessed Carlo Acutis said that his life plan was "to always be close to Jesus." He tried to do this throughout his short life. He had a strong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and was often found praying before our Eucharistic Lord. This devotion became his inspiration to create a computer database of all the Eucharistic miracles from around the world. This led to the creation of a website that is world renowned.

He also loved the poor and those in need. When his funeral was celebrated in Milan, his family and friends were shocked to see the many homeless and poor attending. His family did not realize that for many years Carlo had been quietly helping those people.

The Church does not 'make' saints. She simply recognizes what is already present in such a holy life. This is a holy life that can really speak to our youth, especially regarding social media, the Eucharist and care of the poor and marginalized.

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