Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, November 10 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. Holy Name
9:30 A.M. Sophia Barberini
11:00A.M. Steve Fulop
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Calogero Gambino
Andrea Gambino

MONDAY, November 11– Saint Martin of Tours
9:00 A.M. John P. Mc Dermett

TUESDAY, November 12-Saint Josaphat
9:00 A.M. Rino Del Carro

WEDNESDAY, November 13-St. Francis X. Cabrini
9:00A.M. Guillerma Galido

THURSDAY, November 14–Weekday
9:00 A.M. John Belanich Family

FRIDAY, November 15-Saint Albert the Great
9:00 A.M. Giacinta Ciancio

SATURDAY, November 16-St. Margaret of Scotland
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society

5:00P.M. Alberta Andrew

SUNDAY, November 17– Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. Joseph Cseri
9:30 A.M. Nestazio Pesa
11:00 A.M. Philamena McPartland
12:30P.M. Rino Del Carro
Concetta Di Pompo
Nicola Cicolini
Antonio Bruno

Today's Readings

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1 Kings 17:10-16
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the market-places and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." **Mark 12:38-44)**

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Titus 1:1-9
Luke 17:1-6

TUESDAY: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14
Luke 17:7-10

WEDNESDAY: Titus 3:1-7
Luke 17:11-19

THURSDAY: Philemon 7-20
Luke 17:20-25

FRIDAY: 2 John 4-9
Luke 17:26-37

SATURDAY: 3 John 5-8
Luke 18:1-8

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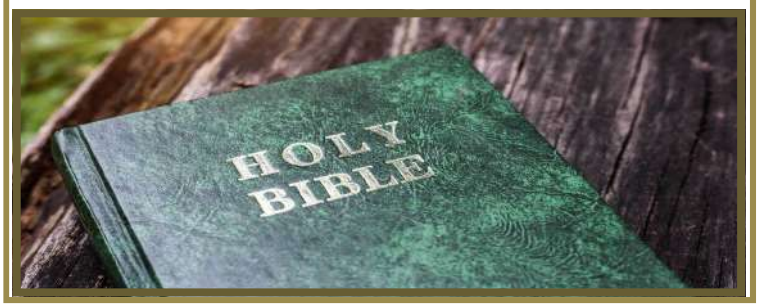
Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

In today's Scriptures, we encounter two widows, one who met and served Elijah and the other observed by Jesus from a distance. Both gave from what little each had. What they had in abundance, however, was ***faith!***

As people of faith we must work to eradicate from our language the phrases of unbelievers. Phrases like *I can't. I'm too weak. Why me? Get someone else.* If Christ has claimed us as one of his own, then we need to claim him as our one and only Lord. We do this by what we do, day in and day out, not just by what we say in this holy place.

If we spent less time worrying about our place or status in life and more time believing we have the power to make a difference, imagine what might happen. For we do have the ability to make a positive impact on the lives of those we encounter in the course of a week. Begin with those who dwell under the same roof with us because our relationship with Christ has impacted us. We have to believe the world will be blessed, because we will bless it, because we have been blessed in turn by Christ. The world can be different because we will change it; we have been changed by Christ. All things are possible in Christ. For in Christ, we have an abundance of faith. Do we hoard our faith or do we share our faith?

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

Monday, November 11, 2024
The Feast of
Saint Martin of Tours

A conscientious objector who wanted to be a monk; a monk who was maneuvered into being a bishop; a bishop who fought paganism as well as pleaded for mercy to heretics—such was Martin of Tours, one of the most popular of saints and one of the first not to be a martyr. Born of pagan parents in what is now Hungary, and raised in Italy, this son of a veteran was forced at the age of 15 to serve in the army. Martin became a Christian catechumen and was baptized when he was 18. At 23, he refused a war bonus and told his commander: "I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ. Give the bounty to those who are going to fight.." After difficulties, he was discharged and went to be a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers. He was ordained an exorcist and worked with great zeal against the Arians. Martin became a monk, living first at Milan and later on a small island. When Hilary was restored to his see following his exile, Martin returned to France and established what may have been the first French monastery near Poitiers. He lived there for 10 years preaching throughout the countryside. The people of Tours demanded that he become their bishop. Martin was drawn to that city by a ruse and was brought to the church, where he reluctantly allowed himself to be consecrated bishop. Some of the consecrating bishops thought his rumpled appearance and unkempt hair indicated that he was not dignified enough for the office. Along with Saint Ambrose, Martin rejected Bishop Ithacius's principle of putting heretics to death—as well as the intrusion of the emperor into such matters. He prevailed upon the emperor to spare the life of the heretic Priscillian. For his efforts, Martin was accused of the same heresy, and Priscillian was executed after all. Martin then pleaded for a cessation of the persecution of Priscillian's followers in Spain. He still felt he could cooperate with Ithacius in other areas, but afterwards his conscience troubled him about this decision. As death approached, Martin's followers begged him not to leave them. He prayed, "Lord, if your people still need me, I do not refuse the work. Your will be done."

Tuesday, November 12, 2024
The Feast of
Saint Josaphat

In 1595, the Orthodox bishop of Brest-Litovsk in present-day Belarus and five other bishops representing millions of Ruthenians, sought reunion with Rome. John Kunsevich—who took the name Josaphat, was to dedicate his life, and die for the same cause. Born in what is now Ukraine, he went to work in Wilno and was influenced by clergy adhering to the 1596 Union of Brest. He became a Basilian monk, then a priest, and soon was well known as a preacher and an ascetic. At a relatively young age, upon becoming both bishop of Vitebsk and archbishop of Polotsk, Josaphat faced a difficult situation. Most monks, fearing interference in liturgy and customs, did not want union with Rome. By synods, catechetical instruction, reform of the clergy, and personal example, however, Josaphat was successful in winning the greater part of the Orthodox in that area to the union. But the next year a dissident hierarchy was set up, and his opposite number spread the accusation that Josaphat had "gone Latin" and that all his people would have to do the same. He was not enthusiastically supported by the Latin bishops of Poland. Despite warnings, he went to Vitebsk, still a hotbed of trouble. Attempts were made to foment trouble and drive him from the diocese: A priest was sent to shout insults to him from his own courtyard. When Josaphat had him removed and shut up in his house, the opposition rang the town hall bell, and a mob assembled. The priest was released, but members of the mob broke into the bishop's home. Josaphat was struck with a halberd, then shot, and his body thrown into the river. It was later recovered and is now buried in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He was the first saint of the Eastern Church to be canonized by Rome. Josaphat's death brought a movement toward Catholicism and unity, but the controversy continued, and the dissidents, too, had their martyr. In 1964, newspaper photos of Pope Paul VI embracing Athenagoras I, the Orthodox patriarch of Constantinople, marked a significant step toward the healing of a division in Christendom that has spanned more than nine centuries.

Wednesday, November 13, 2024
The Feast of
Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini

The youngest of thirteen children, Frances Cabrini was born on July 15, 1850 in a small village called S'ant Angelo Lodigiano near the city of Milan, Italy. She grew up enthralled by the stories of missionaries and made up her mind to join a religious order. Because of her frail health, she was not permitted to join the Daughters of the Sacred Heart who had been her teachers and under whose guidance she obtained her teaching certificate. However, in 1880, with seven young women, Frances founded the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She was as resourceful as she was prayerful, finding people who would donate what she needed in money, time, labor and support. She and her sisters wanted to be missionaries in China; she visited Rome to obtain an audience with Pope Leo XIII. The Pope told Frances to go *"not to the East, but to the West"* to New York rather than to China as she had expected. She was to help the thousands of Italian immigrants already in the United States.

In 1889, New York seemed to be filled with chaos and poverty, and into this new world stepped Mother Frances Cabrini and her sister companions. Cabrini organized catechism and education classes for the Italian immigrants and provided for the needs of the many orphans. She established schools and orphanages despite tremendous odds. Soon, requests for her to open schools came to Frances Cabrini from all over the world. She traveled to Europe, Central and South America and throughout the United States. She made 23 trans-Atlantic crossings and established 67 institutions: schools, hospitals and orphanages. Her activity was relentless until her death. On December 22, 1917, in Chicago, she died. In 1946, she was canonized a saint by Pope Pius XII in recognition of her holiness and service to mankind and was named Patroness of Immigrants in 1950. Today the Missionary Sisters, their lay collaborators and volunteers work as teachers, nurses, social workers, administrators and members of institutional boards of trustees. They can be found on six continents and 15 countries throughout the world – wherever there is a need.

Prayer to St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Saint Frances Cabrini, woman of God, woman of spirit and vision. You crossed the oceans many times to bring the love of Christ to many nations. You offered the people you met the gift of life and love by responding to their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs in practical and creative ways. Against great odds, you achieved what was thought to be impossible. Inspired by your sense of justice, your love, and compassion, l come to you now to intercede for me through the Heart of Jesus (Pause and name petition). Watch over me this day and those I love. Strengthen me in my weakness, sustain me in my struggles and bring me a deep and lasting peace and make me whole again. May I always recognize Christ in the people I meet and respond to them with respect and sensitivity as you did. I ask this through our one God now and forever. Amen.

Remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick, that they may find health and comfort:

Awyn Profit, Jack Orlando, Steven Joyce, Judy Hanley-Brickner, John Wrenn, Augustin Cisneros, James Nunez, Vincent Wytak, John & Carol Ross, Jeffrey Hyans, Marie LoVolpe, Jessica St. Preux, Al Ciani, Alesha Moses, Nancy McCaffrey, Christopher Wojtalik, Theresa Pacheco, William Goss, Luke Pacheco, Vincenza Papa, Jim Schneggenburger, Anthony Criscuolo, Samantha O'Sullivan, Marilyn Miller, Pat Gravino, John Carmody, Rosario Duran, Vivian Papa, Joel Steinmann, Anna Governali, Tim Graham, Antonio Postiglione, Mario Tamburello, Christopher Araimo, Charles Principato, Jim Kreitler, Humberto Cordova, John Schakir, Margaret Culhane, Benedicto Randazzo, Angelo Niakas, Peter Lopez, Alex Humen, Rick Simonsen, Aubrey Madden, Madison Millett and Leonardo Di Marco.

Also remember in your prayers all the deceased of the Parish. Please remember to continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and married life.

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"You are not far from the Kingdom of God"

Pray for Vocations

Consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life. Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email:vocations@diobrook.org

Parish Mission Statement

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Catholic community that is centered in Jesus, gathers in worship and witnesses the Gospel message. The parish values and welcomes each person's gift of time, talent and treasure. As a faith-filled community, we are committed to minister to the spiritual, educational and material needs of all people.

FOCUS:

God calls us to give all we have, putting our trust in Him.

Our readings today feature two widows who teach us about faithfulness. To have faithis not just to hold our breath and aimlessly wish for good outcomes. Rather, God calls us to a faith that is endless trust in Him, knowing in our deepest heart that God loves and cares for us beyond measure.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before the 9:00AM Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 8:00AM each morning, Monday through Saturday, giving parishioners an opportunity for private prayer before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. At 8:30AM the rosary will be prayed by parishioners. At 8:50AM the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. Jesus calls us to perseverance in prayer. "Pray without ceasing." "Watch and pray." Eucharistic adoration helps us discover the Real Presence of Christ.

What a wonderful way to begin our day praying before the Blessed Sacrament in silence or praying the Holy Rosary.

Please make every effort to take advantage of this time with the Lord. We are living in challenging times and we all need the Lord to strengthen our faith and give us the courage to live each day.

Commit To Praying A Rosary During The Month Of The Poor Souls In Purgatory

The month of November is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary everyday for the suffering souls in Purgatory. Remember, these souls are certain of entering Heaven, but first they must be purified in Purgatory. They cannot do anything for themselves, but you can do something for them. Their time there is shortened by your prayers and good works, and by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

PARISH MASS BOOK

2025 Mass Book

The 2025 Mass Book is now open. Per Bishop Brennan's instructions, we will be taking Mass Intentions from January 1 to June 30, 2025.

All Announced Masses are $15.00
After July 1, 2025 Masses will be **$20.00**
Purgatorial Mass Cards are $30.00
Memorials (Altar Bread, Wine, Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Candles) are $75.00
Altar Flowers are $100.00

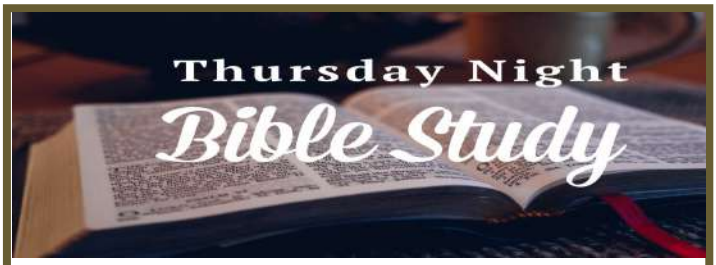
Welcome to Our Church

If you wish to register as a parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi Church, please stop by the Rectory Office during regular business hours. There you can pick up a census card which can be filled out at that time or returned by mail or in the Sunday Collection Basket. You can even download the census card on line. Just check our website at:
stfrancisofassisiastoria.org
You will then begin to receive weekly offering envelopes.

Mass Attendance for November 2/3, 2024:

5:00PM	106
8:00AM	42
9:30AM	376
11:00AM	102
12:30PM	48

Total: 674



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY

"In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." (John 16:33)

The Gospel according to John

Dear SFA Friends and Family

All are Invited … ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us on Thursday, November 14th, at 7:20-8:50pm in the St. Joseph room of the Rectory. This week's study will be from the Book of Glory, John 14:15-17:26.

The Gospel readings and study will be conducted using the Little Rock Scripture Study program. Study booklets will be provided.

If you are interested in joining the study group or would like further information, please contact us through the Rectory at **(718) 728-7801.** Please be sure to leave your name and contact information.

Grow in Knowledge and Love of Scripture

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Weekly Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity of giving each week. Your weekly offering helps us pay our monthly bills.

The collection amounts for Sunday 11/2-11/3 will be printed in next weekend's bulletin.

School parents must use church envelopes.

On Monday, November 11th, the Rectory office will be closed all day in observance of Veterans Day.

The office will open on Tuesday, November 12th, at 9:00AM.

Have an idea or question for our St. Francis of Assisi Parish Council?
Email us at
sfaparishcouncil@sfaacademy.org
We look forward to hearing from you!

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
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Thank you to all who have supported the Annual Catholic Appeal. I appreciate your sacrifices and generosity in the appeal. As of November 4th, we have pledged $33,411.76 towards our goal of $41,679.00. If you have not contributed to the appeal please prayerfully consider a gift to help us reach our goal. To this date, 34.17% of our parishioners have supported the appeal.

I appreciate all of your support and assure you of my prayers.

Msgr. Maresca

PLEASE NOTE

Bishop Brennan has informed me that he does not have a priest to assign to St. Francis at this time. Since I am one person, please call to make an appointment if you need to speak with me.

I am grateful for your prayers and support at this time. Things will work out. Remember, "With God all things are possible." Thank God for the wonderful priests who have worked out their schedule to assist with masses on the weekend. I thank you for your patience and cooperation at this time.

Msgr. Maresca

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next weekend, November 16th and 17th, the second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.
~ Romans 12:4-7

Welcome to our bulletin series, "One Tree, Many Branches," where we highlight the dedicated staff, employees, and laity who keep our parish thriving

Deacon Nick Scarlatto: A Pillar of Service and Faith

At St. Francis of Assisi Church, we are blessed to have Deacon Nick Scarlatto, a dedicated servant of God who has been a cornerstone of our community since his ordination in 2015. Deacon Nick's journey with us began much earlier, in 1973, when his family moved to our parish. Over the years, he has become an integral part of our spiritual family, embodying the true spirit of diakonia—service, support, and ministry.

Deacon Nick's day starts with prayer, fulfilling his daily promise of praying the liturgy of the hours and interceding for various intentions. His commitment to prayer reflects his deep devotion to our parish, the Diocese, and the Universal Church. "A deacon's role in the church is to serve," he says, and he lives this out through his daily activities, whether at work, with family and friends, or in his official capacity.

His responsibilities are diverse and impactful. From serving at Mass, presiding over wake services, and officiating at baptisms and holy matrimony, to rotating with other clergy for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Deacon Nick's presence is felt in every corner of our parish life. He follows the rites of the Catholic Church with dedication, always adhering to the principle of "do the red and say the black" which refers to the instructions and texts in the Roman Missal.

Despite facing challenges such as a fear of public speaking, Deacon Nick has grown in confidence with the support of Monsignor Maresca, the parish staff, and our parishioners. His humility and willingness to serve have touched many lives, especially during times of loss. "I have been truly humbled to receive heartfelt gratitude from the bereaved for my service to them," he shares, highlighting the reciprocal nature of ministry.

Deacon Nick's role extends beyond traditional worship settings. As the moderator of youth ministry, he guides our young parishioners on their faith journey, encouraging them to explore and grow their faith in challenging times. His involvement in evaluating candidates for ordination to the Diaconate further exemplifies his commitment to nurturing future leaders of our church.

Balancing his work, ministry, and family life is a constant challenge, but Deacon Nick manages it with grace. He emphasizes the importance of prayer and spiritual practices, advising others to make time for prayer in their daily lives. His interactions with the faithful bring him the most joy, whether it's receiving feedback on a homily or comforting a grieving family.

Deacon Nick's ordination has been a blessing not only for him but also for his wife Jeanmarie and son Dante. His journey is a testament to the power of faith, service, and community. We are deeply grateful for all that he does for us, and we celebrate his unwavering dedication to our parish.
Thank you, Deacon Nick, for your tireless service and for being a beacon of faith and compassion in our community. Your impact is immeasurable, and we are blessed to have you among us.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

November 10-November 16

Sunday, November 10
8:00AM—Holy Name Mass

Monday, November 11
VETERANS DAY
Rectory Office & School Closed

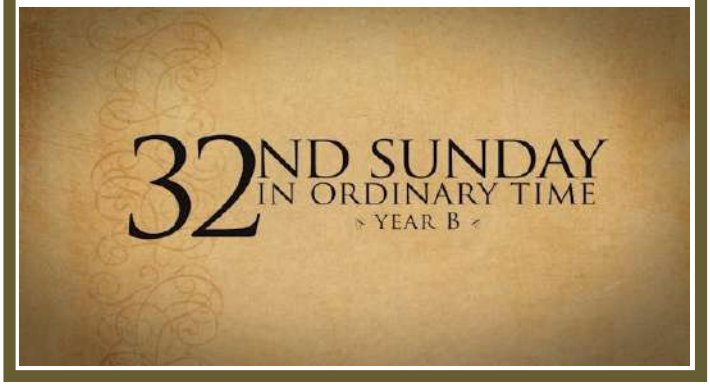
Tuesday, November 12
8:00AM Veterans Day Ceremony
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 13
3:00PM Drama Club-MCH
7:00PM Baptism Class

Thursday, November 14
10:00AM—Legion of Mary
3:30PM Jiu Jitsu
6:00PM IACA
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, November 15
6:00 PM Youth Group to set up Advent Giving Trees—Church

Saturday, November 16



NEXT WEEK

November 17-November 23

Sunday, November 17
9:30AM Children's Liturgy
10:40 CCD

Monday, November 18
12:00PM Golden Age Mass
1:00PM Golden Age Meeting
3:00PM Children's Choir
6:00PM CYO EOY Party
7:00PM Adult Choir

Tuesday, November 19
3:00PM SFA Singers
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 20
3:00PM Drama Club-MCH

Thursday, November 21
10:00AM—Legion of Mary
3:30PM Jiu Jitsu
6:00PM IACA
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, November 22
Grocery Bingo

Saturday, November 23

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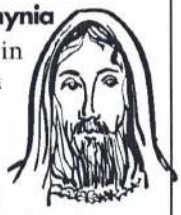
One Minute Meditations

St. Josaphat of Volhynia



Born in Lithuania in 1580, St. Josaphat, a Ruthenian Archbishop of Plotsk, made the unpopular decision to unite his diocese with the Catholic Church. In response to the death threats his efforts provoked, he declared, "I am here among you as a shepherd, and you ought to know that I would be happy to give my life for you." Despite relentless persecution by a schismatic faction, he remained steadfast in his mission and was ultimately martyred by an enraged mob.

Be prepared, not afraid

Jesus warns us to expect trials but assures us not to be afraid. Following Him doesn't mean life will be easy, but it promises unshakable peace and everlasting joy. Trust in Him and prepare your heart to receive Him.

"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21).

Become friends with God's friends

Befriending a saint whose story resonates with your own can deepen your connection with God. Through their writings, prayers, and practices, saints offer wisdom for living faithfully and acquiring virtue. They aren't distant figures but companions in faith. Find a special, "holy friend" to encourage you to grow in holiness.

Adopt a saint: Choose a saint whose life, interests, or profession appeal to you. Learning how someone achieved extraordinary virtue can attune you to how God might be working in your life.

Read their writings: The saints' meditations, letters, and books on the spiritual life can enrich our experience of God's love, while giving practical advice for living our Faith.

Imitate a saintly practice: Wake with your alarm to offer your day to God. Offer a small sacrifice daily for priests. Make space in your heart for God by decluttering your home. Refuse to gossip.

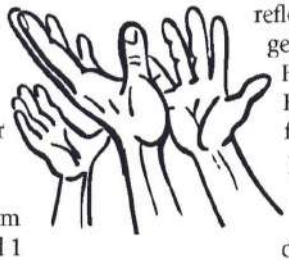
Pray with them: When asking earthly friends for help or prayers, we aren't "praying" to them. It's the same with our heavenly friends. When you pray, invite some "holy friends" to add their prayers to yours.

Join them at Mass: "In communion with and commemorating the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, the Church offers the Eucharistic sacrifice" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1370). At every Mass, we're in the company of the saints.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe in Purgatory?

This doctrine has scriptural roots. In Jesus' parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31), the Rich Man, though suffering after death, expressed concern for his brothers. Other references include 2 Maccabees 12:43-46, Wisdom 3:1-6, Zechariah 13:8-9, and 1 Corinthians 3:13-15. Purgatory reflects God's mercy and generosity, because it reflects His desire for us to be with Him and experience the fullness of Heaven. Our prayers for those in Purgatory help hasten their purification, drawing them closer to eternal joy.



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Stay grounded this Christmas season

Advent and Christmas can be a magical time, but the hustle and bustle of the secular season can leave even the calmest person feeling overwhelmed. Stay grounded by honoring your priorities, making time to recharge, and focusing on Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

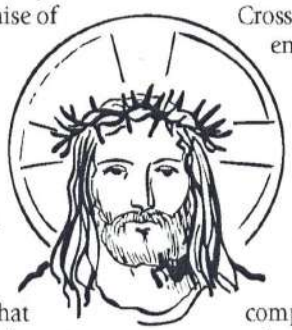
Honor your priorities: Setting and keeping priorities will help streamline your holiday schedule. An example of "holiday priorities" might including spending time with loved ones, taking time for daily prayer, and refusing to overspend. You'll feel more at peace because you're putting first things first.

Make time to recharge: Remember the importance of getting enough rest, especially when juggling extra social commitments, projects, decorating, and travelling. Resting takes any form that helps you feel refreshed – napping, praying, walking, reading, listening to music.

Seek the Prince of Peace: For Christians, Advent and Christmas commemorate that Love came to Earth as a child. We know true peace is only found in Jesus. Consider devoting five minutes daily for Him. Pray for His peace to reign in your heart.

from Scripture — John 18:33b-37, Jesus' Kingdom is "not of this world"

Throughout the years of slavery and oppression, God's promise of a triumphant Israelite king kept hope alive. Many clung to the image of an avenging savior who would destroy their enemies and make Israel a nation to be feared. Jesus, bound, beaten and seemingly powerless before Pilate, the powerful Roman governor, was not what they had in mind. They didn't want a king who talked of love, suffering, and service; they wanted one who would wipe their enemies off the face of the earth. They wanted Jesus to come down off the Cross.



Yet it was Jesus' sacrifice of love on the Cross that conquered the real enemies of sin and death. Jesus is King and He has a Kingdom, but as He teaches Pilate and us, His power is not of this world. His kingdom is about peace, justice, integrity, repentance, charity, forgiveness, compassion, and care for the poor and needy.

Do our lives and actions reflect that awareness? As Christians we are challenged to become more "Christ-like" in our actions, and that means becoming more like Jesus, our King.

Feasts & Celebrations

November 6 - St. Jean-Theophane Venard (1861). Born into a pious family in Poitiers, France, St. Jean-Théophane was ordained in 1852 and sent as a missionary to Vietnam, to minister to persecuted Catholics. Eventually, he was arrested and martyred.

November 9 – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (1724). The Lateran Basilica was built by Emperor Constantine and is the pope's cathedral. The Church-wide feast of the Lateran's dedication is an expression of the Church's unity with Rome.

November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1917). Mother Cabrini started the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Italy and founded 67 institutions to care for the sick and forgotten in Europe, S. America, and the U.S. She was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized.

November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle (1st Century). The son of a Galilean fisherman and brother of Simon Peter, he introduced Jesus to Peter. After the Resurrection, he conducted missions in Turkey, Greece, and Macedonia. He was martyred on a X-shaped cross.

Q & A — How can we admonish the sinner without judging?

The phrase "Don't judge me!" is often used to deflect correction and excuse sinful behavior. So how can we kindly speak the truth when it's needed?

Judge acts, not people. God gives us the ability to recognize whether actions—our own or others'—are right or wrong. However, we can't judge a person's heart, soul, or intentions. Only God knows their motives.

Start with humility. Jesus said, *"First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly…"* (Matthew 7:5). Before offering correction, ensure you are living an authentically holy life yourself.

Pray and fast. Some situations require more than words. Prayer and sacrifices on behalf of others can have a powerful impact, especially when it's not possible to intervene directly.

Love is the goal: Speaking the truth to a loved one is difficult, but it's an act of love. True correction looks out for the person's well-being. When done with care and compassion, the person will sense that the correction comes from love, not judgment.

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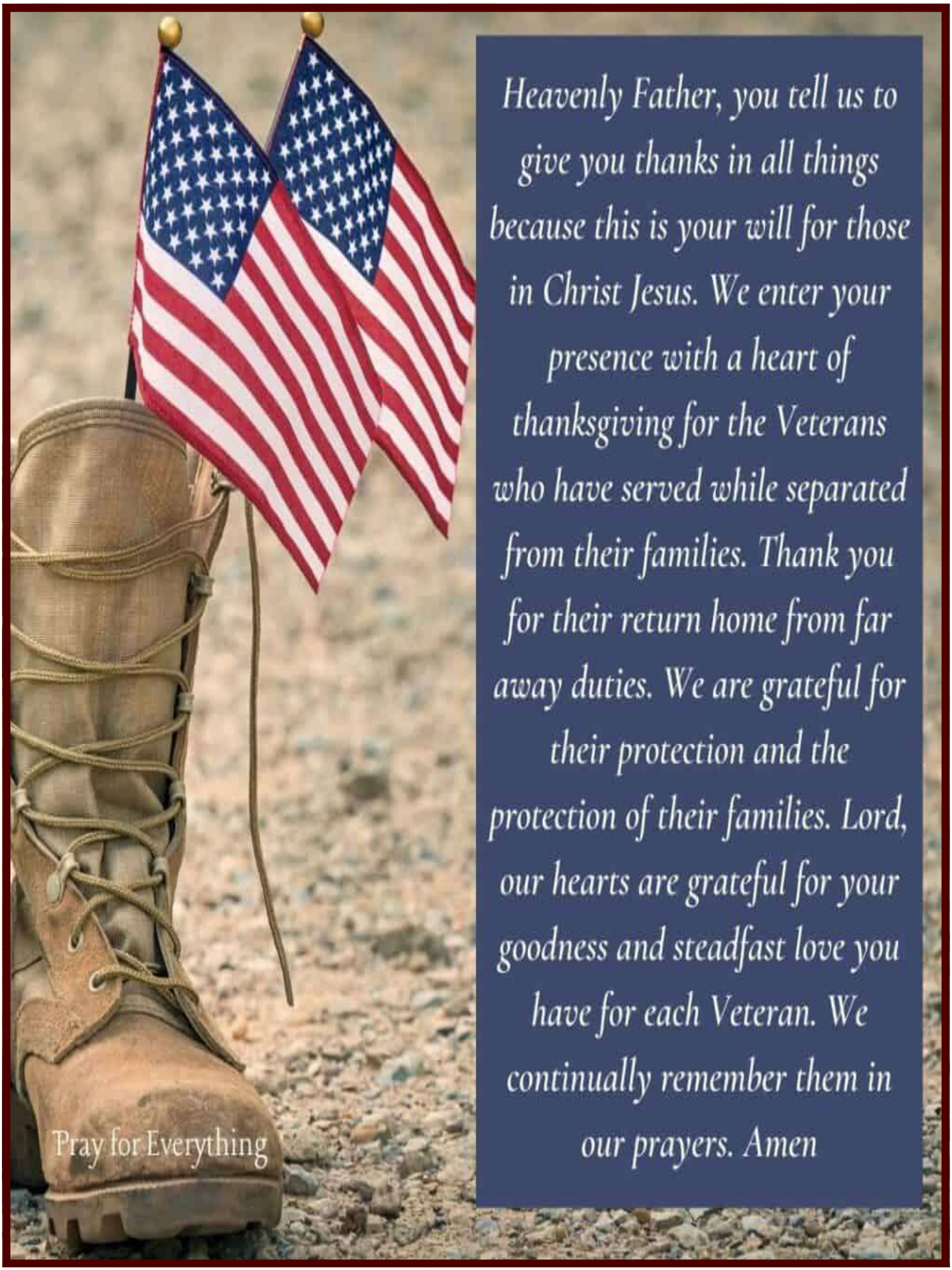
Heavenly Father, you tell us to give you thanks in all things because this is your will for those in Christ Jesus. We enter your presence with a heart of thanksgiving for the Veterans who have served while separated from their families. Thank you for their return home from far away duties. We are grateful for their protection and the protection of their families. Lord, our hearts are grateful for your goodness and steadfast love you have for each Veteran. We continually remember them in our prayers. Amen
Pray for Everything

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