

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 31, 2021

Detail, Anonymous, *Christ in the House of the Pharisee*,
England, c. 1480–1490

You shall love your neighbor
as yourself.

MARK 12:31



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Today's Gospel shows Jesus as fully part of Israel's covenant tradition: he responds to the scribe's question by proclaiming Deuteronomy's *Shema* which both of them would have revered and recited since childhood: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:4–5). But note the "editorial changes" both Jesus and the scribe make to the *Shema*. To Deuteronomy's heart, the Biblical seat of the will and affections, and soul, the deepest part of the human person, and strength, encompassing both physical ability and material treasure, Jesus adds "with all your mind," a phrase the scribe changes to "with all your understanding" (Mark 12:30, 33). Perhaps Mark, the author of today's Gospel, wanted to consecrate to the kingdom's service the philosophical reflection and intellectual exploration so valued by the Greco-Roman world—and our world—in which the Gospel would be preached.

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KNOWING AND DOING

Jesus makes a further change to Israel's *Shema*: to the Deuteronomy text Jesus adds Leviticus 19:18: "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." For Jesus, these commandments cannot be separated. The scribe, delighted at Jesus' answer, goes on to indicate that he has grasped one of the central tenets of Jesus' kingdom: ritual worship and practical charity toward one's neighbor are twin expressions of love for God. This insight places the scribe "not far from the kingdom of God," says Jesus (Mark 12:34). But is "not far" close enough? For the scribe, as for the rich would-be disciple from a few Sundays ago, as for each of us, it is one thing to know what we ought to do and quite another actually to do it. So, then: what about us? How do we live out, in daily practice, the covenant whose words we know so well, but whose deeds we so often find a challenge?

Today's Readings: Dt 6:2–6; Ps 18:2–3, 3–4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23–28; Mk 12:28b–34

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Notes from Fr. Anthony ...



Lo and behold, All Saints and Holy Souls are around the corner. It seems as though time goes faster after August for some sad reason and it goes from sun and long days to rain and early sunsets. Well this year since All Saints falls on a Monday, it is not a holy day of obligation, however we should still make every effort to get to Mass as it is a very important feast day in our Faith. On that day we celebrate the victory of those who have fought the good fight and now reign victorious in heaven – our triumphant brothers and sisters. Since it is a Monday (as you know there are not usually Masses scheduled on Mondays) in order to make it possible for us to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on this great feast we are scheduling two Masses: **for All Saints it will be 9:00 AM at St. Isidore and 6:30 PM at Holy Family. For All Souls Day as well we are scheduling two Masses: 9:00 AM at St. Isidore and 12:10 PM at Holy Family.** Next year we will reverse the Masses and do the early Masses at Holy Family and evenings at St. Isidore. I feel this is an equitable solution and gives everyone the opportunity to go to Mass on those days. Disappointment always seems to be lurking somewhere in the shadows, and unfortunately my plans to get an altar for our cemetery didn't quite pan out this year for Holy Souls, however the hope is to have something permanent done before summer next year and that will enable us to celebrate Mass in the cemetery next year for Memorial Day and for Holy Souls.

By way of reminder, on All Souls there is the opportunity to gain an indulgence by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead. With as many cemeteries as we have between our two churches, it should be easily accomplishable for us and we can apply that indulgence to our deceased family or friends. Lord knows we can all use the prayers and when we contemplate the fact that the souls in purgatory can no longer pray for themselves but depend on us (their brothers and sisters in the Faith) for help and succor, can we turn a deaf ear to their pleading? It is such an easy task to accomplish this service and how much help and relief can we obtain for them, in addition to their never-ending gratitude. We would do well to think of the fact that these allies of ours will be there to plead for us on the day of our judgement, begging the Good God to remember our kindness to them and to forgive us our faults and allow us to enjoy the Beatitude of the Blessed which we helped them to attain. Their gratitude and the help they offer in return must not be underestimated. The other side of the proverbial coin is All Saints Day. We look for help and solace from those who have fought the good fight, have run the race to the finish, have gained the crown stored up for them. This personal relationship with the saints is an invaluable benefit and very particular to our Catholic Faith. We obviously do not pray “to” the saints themselves; we pray “to” God “through” the saints. After all, they are our brothers and sisters - and as any good family relationship tells us - we can turn to those members of our family in times of need knowing that they themselves might not be able to solve our problems, but that they can help us find a solution using their experience and knowledge. Those abilities of the saints are magnified immensely due to their being in heaven, it would be like having a star player on our team that we can always depend on. How joyful do we feel when we can be of assistance to our loved ones or they are able to help us? How much more perfect and holy the joy of the Saints when they are able to help us, as their love is magnified and perfected by their proximity to God. We would do good to remember that we are all capable of reaching eternal glory in heaven and to take a bit of advice from Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen that reminds us: *“To do God’s Will until death, that is the inner heart of all holiness.”*

Fr. Anthony

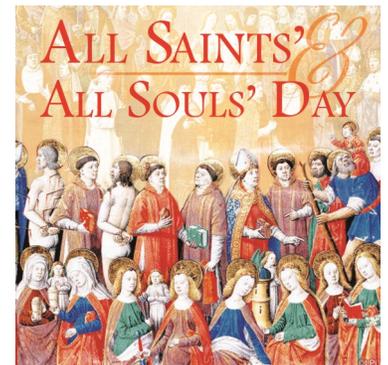
REMEMBERING. . . The month of November is time to especially remember your family and friends who have passed away. There will be a display at Holy Family for you to list these names. The “In Memory of” tags are for your use. Just fill one out and it will be put up on the “Memory Wall” for the entire month of November. November 1st (Monday) is a Holy Day of Obligation and November 2nd is All Souls Day.

A little history. . . While many canonized saints are celebrated with their own individual feast days (such as St. Patrick), saints that have not been canonized have no particular holiday. **All Saints' Day** recognizes all the saints including those whose sainthood is known only to God. On **All Souls' Day**, we're talking about all souls and asking God's mercy for them. We're talking about those people who have died before us, and their process of getting to heaven, through Christ.

So let us remember those who have died by filling out one of the tags. Use as many as you may need. We will take care of putting them up for you.

**All Saints * All Souls
Precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.**

BOOK OF THE DEAD. . . This book will be on display near the altar during the month of November. If you have a family member that passed away since last November, please enter their name in the book. Please enter only your family members so that we don't get duplicate entries.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Tues until Nov. 19—6:30-8p Bible Study—St. Isidore
Thurs.—Quilting—9:00 am-Noon —Holy Family
Nov. 6—TMIY—7:00 a —9:00a—St. Isidore
Nov. 7—After Mass—Men's Club Meeting-Holy Family

Men's Club Meeting at Holy Family

Sunday November 7 following 11:00 Mass.

We will be voting on changes to the Men's Club constitution and by-laws that would open the group up to include the women of the parish. Copies of the proposed constitution and by-laws are available in the church entryway. Women of the parish are also invited to attend.

"To be Great is to Serve"

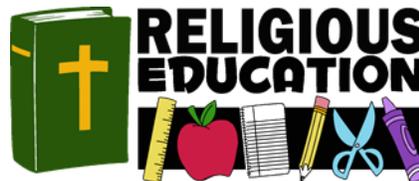


Can you serve our parish as a lector? This ministry is necessary for the Liturgy of the Word. Please consider helping out. Contact the office if you are interested.

QUILTING QUIPS. . . Don't forget the Christmas store will be opening soon at Holy Family. Meet Mary Izdebski—she's another one of the ladies who travels weekly from St. Isidore to help with the quilting ministry. For the past several weeks, Mary has been sewing, clipping corners, and turning right side out some of those fabulous microwave bowls that have been a big seller in years past. If you need a new one, she has made a great variety. They make wonderful gifts any time of the year, so stock up and buy a couple for future gift. Make sure you check out Mary's work, starting Nov. 13th! cjb

Religious Education Formation—REF

Holy Family—9:50—10:50 am—Sundays
St. Isidore—10:15—11:15 am—Sundays



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Nov. 10—Business Meeting—7:30 pm

Knight of the Month: Ron Miersen

Family of the Month: Steve & Mary Izdebski

Family of the Year: Don & Pat Brown



This Christmas

Buy Local

Buy Handmade

Buy from people you know

Remember, the Big Stores don't do a little "Jig" when they make a sale.

Support the Holy Family Christmas Store and we might do a little "Jig" for you!*

***All proceeds benefit the local area food banks!**

Attention Women of All Ages!

Please join us for 12 weeks of fellowship and study of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

We will look at living out the Works of Mercy in our families, work places, ministries, and communities. Real women sharing real stories about their lives and experiences to inspire us!

Using the study book, Misericordia (Latin for Mercy), from Blessed Is She Ministry, we will learn how to live the Works of Mercy through the examples of modern lay holy women of God from nearly every continent and walk of life.

Cost: \$15 for the study book.

Meeting Location: Holy Family Parish Hall

When: Wednesdays from 6:30 -8:00

Starting: November 10th

To register: Please email Carol Theile at:

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Please make checks payable to Holy Family Catholic Church and mail, put in offertory basket or drop off at either St. Isidore's or Holy Family church office.

Roman's 12:15 "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. "



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

Saturday—Oct. 30 —(5:30 PM) Intentions of the Basgall Family
 Sunday — Oct. 31 —(9:00 AM) † Harold Hurst by Janice Hurst
 Monday—Nov. 1 All Saints Day—(9:00 AM) † All the Deceased Members of our Parish & their Friends & Family
 Tuesday—Nov. 2 All Souls Day—(9:00 AM) † All The Faithfully Departed
 Wednesday— Nov. 3— (6:30 PM) † Leon Lundie, Sr. by the Lundie Children
 Thursday— Nov. 4—(8:30 AM) † Becky Scollon-Butts by the Family
 Friday— Nov. 5—(8:30 AM) † Sheila Doyle by the Family
 Saturday—Nov. 6 —(5:30 PM) † Jerry Barnum by Ann & Family
 Sunday — Nov. 7 —(9:00 AM) † Bob McMonagle 1st Anniversary by Terry McMonagle

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday—Oct. 30—(4:00 PM) † Maria Jones by Leonard Mitchell
 Sunday—Oct. 31—(11:00 AM) † Richard Ehlert by Harold & Vivian Durling
 Monday—Nov. 1 All Saints Day—(6:30 PM) † All the Deceased Members of our Parish & their Friends & Family
 Tuesday— Nov. 2 All Souls Day —(12:10 PM) † Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Teresa Flynn
 Saturday—Nov. 6—(4:00 PM) † Ed Ladiski by George & Paula Harris
 Sunday—Nov. 7—(11:00 AM) † Barb Rewerts by Jerry & Margaret Ann Horak

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR Archie Schebester (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Theresa Pickler (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Autumn Michels, Pamela & Dan Morgan, Tori Martens, Tom & Mary Hughly (Friends of RoseMarie Thering), Charles Shipley (Brother of Marian Horsley & Nancy Shipley), Janice Smith, Hugh Smith, Beth Ann Elliott (Daughter of Don & Denise), Clarence Dell, Craig & Caren Henning, (Nephew & Niece of Leonard Mitchell) Vince Minarik, (Son in Law of Leonard Mitchell), Terri Sue (Daughter-in-Law of Leonard Mitchell), Brad Walker, Virginia Bernal (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Fr. Mathias Thelen, (Brother of Pam (Ryan) Fabus), Bonnie Ehlert, Gary Delaney (Nephew of Bev Delaney), Pat Spencer (Friend of Bev Delaney), Charles Oleniczak, Judith Bond, Sandy McPherson (Sister of Cooky Hawkins), Sharon Darling, Jim & John Ginther (Sons of Ron & Charlene), Ron & Charlene Ginther, Carlos Duncan (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Steve Butler, Sean Robinson, Chasidy Martin, (Niece of Doug & Char Angell), Jesse Loar (Great Grandson of Leonard Mitchell), Dawn Wrobel, Mary Lou Willoughby (Sister-In-Law or RoseMarie Thering), Rosa Zamarripa, (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Taylor Nixon, (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Bob Bunn (Nephew of Pat White), Terry Powell, (Son of Marti Rowley), Bob McCue, Kathy Latz, (Daughter in Law of Pat Latz), Star McCann (Niece of Marian Horsley & Nancy Shipley), Tom Hulburt (Son of Nita Hughes), Larry Miller, Diane Mead (Friend of Joanne Evans), Gary Hrncharik, Donna Fruchey, Kirt Baker, (Nephew of Mike Bachelder) Collene Smith, Mary Jane Schoendorf

Remember our service members in your prayers:



Taylor Earl Parsons—Air Force—Space Force
 Aubrey Hurst—National Guards
 Christian Garza—Army
 Fr. Brandon Oman—Air Force
 LTC Nathan Cooley - USN
 MSGT Joshua Delaney - Air Force
 Alexandra Cultra - Navy
 Andie Ostrander—Navy
 Patrick Schiffer—Air Force

(To add names, - contact the office.)



ADORATION— WEDNESDAYS

St. Isidore Church
 5:30—6:20 pm Confessions
 6:30 pm Mass
 Adoration & Confessions Following Mass
 Until 7:45 pm

WEEKLY OFFERTORY October 23 & 24, 2021

St. Isidore Offertory - \$2,342
 Holy Family Offertory - \$2,311
 Online Offertory - \$1,365

TOTAL: - \$6,018