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Good News!

October 30, 2011

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10 / 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 / Mt 23:1-12

It takes a lot to shock us these days. Long gone are the television shows with married couples in twin beds. It's hard to find a non-G-rated movie without profanity. Halloween costumes are skimpier and more grotesque every year. What used to startle us is now commonplace.

The same, unfortunately, can often be said about Jesus' words in the Gospels. How many times have we heard him say, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted"? These words, in their first-century Mediterranean context, were incredibly shocking. Jesus' contemporaries believed that prosperity and honor were signs of God's favor. To hear that God actually wanted us to humble ourselves upended all they believed. No wonder Jesus ended up in trouble with those in power.

But are Jesus' words simply the "same ole, same ole" for us? When was the last time we were startled by Jesus' challenge to humble ourselves? No, we don't have phylacteries to widen or tassels to lengthen. Yet certainly we've sought unnecessary recognition when we felt we weren't being credited for our work. We've cut off others in traffic or pushed our way to the front of a line because we felt our time was more important than everyone else's. Instead of deeply listening to a friend, we've drawn the conversation back to our accomplishments and needs.

Perhaps it's time to let Jesus' words sink in more deeply— to let them shock us. Saint Paul reminds us today, "You received not a human word but...the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe." Let's invite Jesus to shake us up and allow his Word to work in our hearts.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Ďays at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

$\frac{\text{NEXT WEEK}}{\text{THIRTY-FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME}}\\ \text{OCTOBER 29}^{\text{TH}} - 30^{\text{TH}}$

USHERS' GROUP IV

FAITH FORMATION SESSION 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

OCTOBER 29

5:00 p.m. Mass offered for <u>+Joyce Bachl</u>, request of St. Maurice Ushers Group

OCTOBER 30

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for + Agnes Murphy, request of Dorli and Lou Cloutier CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for <u>+Jason Bates</u>, request of Susan, Erica and Michelle Williams

5:30 p.m EVENING PRAYERS

MONDAY, OCT. 31

9:00 a.m. MASS

TUESDAY, NOV. 1

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Kwiatkowski and

+Ostrowski families, request of

Irene Kwiatkowski

7:00 p.m. First day of Novena Masses offered For the souls of departed members of our Families and parish.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2

ALL SOULS DAY

9:00 a.m. Second day of Novena Masses

9:00 a.m.- 12 noon

CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

3:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament

THURSDAY, NOV 3 NO MASS

FRIDAY, NOV. 4 SATURDAY NOV. 5

> <u>RECITATION OF THE</u> ROSARY BEFORE VIGIL MASS

Readings for the Week of October 30, 2011

Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15 Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt

25:1-13

MEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

Now is the time to consider a Christmas spiritual renewal, to take a break, figure things out, to consider God's plan for you. The Third Annual Men for Christ Weekend is to be held December 16, 17 and 18th at Enders Isalnd. The retreat is open to high school seniors, college men and those who are married or single. The retreat includes communal and private prayer, adoration time with Jesus, an opportunity for confession, Holy Mass, and dinner with Bishop Cote. There will be specific talks regarding the vocation of married life, priesthood and the permanent diaconate.



Please share your fellowship and your talents with us on Wednesday from 9;00 a.m. to Noon at the Parish Center. Coffee is always brewing.

We are still in need of more flour, sugar, paraffin and shortening (Crisco type) as well as tea cups and saucers, teaspoons, do not need to be matching, baby food jars. Please place any donations in the vestibule of the Church.

God's Plan for Tithing

Last Sunday's Offertory \$ 3,605 Last Year's Offertory \$ 2,470

"Whoever exults himself will be humbled." Mt 23:12
"Exalt" seems like such a pompous word. Who among us would put ourselves on a pedestal and sing our own glory? Yet, that's what we do when we thing that we get all the credit for our accomplishments. We must humbly acknowledge that all we have and all we do is a result of God's blessings to us. Thus, we are called to give back to God in gratitude for all that He has given us.

Sharing is caring! Please share a weekly offering that reflects a sacrifice according to your current means. We need every family to prayerfull consider a reasonable increase from their current level of weekly support. Please support or parish consistently by doing your "fair share" to financially support the parish that you have chosen membership in.

Can You Spend One Hour with Me?

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

EVERY WEDNESDAY

3 P.M. - 7 P.M.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR THE SALVATORIAN FATHERS ENVELOPES ARE IN THE BACK ON USHERS' TABLES

Only 3 weeks away from the Christmas Fair. Save the date, November 19, 2011.



Please do not forget your food donations for the Thanksgiving Food distribution coming up on November 20th.

OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE PART IN THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES OF OUR PARISH.... Always needed.....

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For further information please call the rectory. You will be put in contact with the appropriate individuals.

NEXT WEEK

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 5TH -6TH

2ND COLLECTION FOR SALVATORIAN FATHERS TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 9 – 9:45 A.M. USHERS' GROUP I

SATURDAY NOV. 5

5:00 p.m. Mass offered for + <u>Joyce Bachl</u> request of Carol & Marty Zabielski

SUNDAY, NOV. 6

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for <u>+John Ciscon</u>
Request of Theresa Ciscon

Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for + Christina (Carelle)

Michele, request of Antonio & Sandra Michele

5:30 p.m. EVENING PRAYERS

MONDAY NOVEMBER 7

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for <u>+Clifford Mishio</u> 4th Anniversary

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for <u>+Levi Fournier</u>

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9

9:00 a.m. MASS

9:00 a.m. – noon **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP**

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 NO MASS

7:00 p.m. K of C Business meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 NO MASS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY BEFORE VIGIL MASS

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







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