

November 12, 2017

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour.”
Matthew 25:1-13**

Weddings in Jesus' times differs dramatically from today's customs. Recall the play/movie *Fiddler On The Roof*. In many orthodox Jewish families even to this day, the parents would arrange the marriage of their children sometimes as early as childhood.

One year before the wedding date a ceremony would take place in which the couple would promise or 'betrothed' themselves to each other in marriage. A big feast would take place in which the two families would celebrate the upcoming wedding. Recall in the gospel that Mary learned she was pregnant with Jesus after her betrothal but before she and Joseph lived together as husband and wife.

The families arranged a target date for the wedding with no specific date and time. Around that time the groom would arrive with his friends. These friends ran ahead announcing that the groom was coming. Everyone in town would be invited to the weeklong wedding feast. However, they must be ready when the groom arrived.

If the groom came from another town no one knew exactly when he would show up. He might arrive today, tonight or next week. In any case everyone was expected to be prepared. Young girl friends of the bride would show the way for the groom. Since no one knew when he would come they and everyone in town had to remain prepared. When he arrived a procession would form and move onto the house of the bride. Once those in the procession entered the house the door would be shut and no one could enter from that point on. Jesus tells this parable to an audience familiar with Jewish marriage customs. They understood that to not be prepared when the groom arrived meant you would be shut out from the week-long feast. Jesus' listeners understood the parable clearly. We need to be prepared.

In the second reading St. Paul tells the Thessalonians that those in the community who have died will undergo the same general judgment that we who remain alive will receive when Christ comes again. At that time Jesus will judge all souls, living and dead. Those who have lived a life preparing for eternal glory will find their reward; those who neglected their spiritual lives will find eternal damnation.

Spiritual preparation requires constant vigilance lest we fall into sin. The only way we can remain vigilant is through prayer, worship, and living lives according to the commands of God.

Fr. Walter Austin

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



**Are you still praying
about your
commitment to Jesus?**



Don't wait until it's too late!

Needed: Saturdays at 11pm

PLEASE CALL 652-2615

Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration wish to thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the following favors:

- In thanksgiving for my son receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation today.
- Thank you, Father, for another safe week.
- Thank you for protecting my beautiful niece in a car accident.



***Upcoming Mass
Schedule Changes for
the LaPlace Area***

With the start of the new liturgical year on December 3rd, the weekend Mass schedules at Ascension of Our Lord and St. Joan of Arc will be as follows:

Ascension of Our Lord Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 3:00 pm (Spanish), 7:00 pm

St. Joan of Arc Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm

The above schedules allow for there to be a Sunday morning Mass every hour in the LaPlace area. Also, notice that the Spanish Mass time has changed.

Special Collection – November 19th

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next week, our special collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection, you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday, November 13 <i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini</i>	
8:30 am	Dave Scioneaux
Tuesday, November 14	
8:30 am	Keating & Tamplain Families
Wednesday, November 15 <i>St. Albert the Great</i>	
4:30 pm	(PDB) Residents of Place DuBourg
6:00 pm	Zulma Williams
Thursday, November 16 <i>St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude</i>	
8:30 am	Jeffrey & Patrick Cupit
Friday, November 17 <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	
8:30 am	Philip Dupuy
Saturday, November 18 <i>The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne</i>	
4:00 pm	Stuart Torres, Clarence & Myrtle Torres, Vincent, Felicie, & Joseph Favorite, Melvin & Nellie Powell, Paul & Mary Lato, Grace Lamonte, Rita Zeringue, Miriam Castaneva, Lawrence & Rodney Acosta, Tom & Teresa Bautsch, Gloria Maurin, Barbara Mondello, Frank & Angelina Purpera, Sr., Cody Lucia, Marie & Mike Ordogne, Ethel Andry McLeod, Melanie Dion, Burton Mayeux, Special Intention
Sunday, November 19 <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
8:30 am	Gwen Booth, Dudley John Beadle, Deana Guilbeau, Fr. Benjamin Piovan, Joseph Hayden, Kimberly Clement, Souls in Purgatory
10:30 am	Deacon Paul & Philip Dupuy
5:00 pm	(en espanol) Our Parishioners
7:00 pm	Conrad & Brady Families

VIGIL LIGHT for November

- In memory of Elma, Emanuel, & Doug Sicard

CHAPEL CANDLES THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

- In memory of Philip Dupuy
- In memory of David Revolva
- In memory of Rebecca Labat Tassara & Special Intentions for her family

YOUTH NEWS

Monthly Youth Mass

Sunday, November 12th at 7:00pm

Questions? Email Ms. Emily at aolcyo@gmail.com

KC COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN

November 18th, 19th, 25th & 26th

We are asking for coats to be donated and brought to Church at all Masses those weekends. These coats will be delivered to the needy children in our community for the winter season. The coats should be clean and in good condition.



PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, November 13	
11:00am	Rosary for Peace – Adoration Chapel
6:00-7:30pm	PSR
7:00pm	Pastoral Council – Parish Office
Tuesday, November 14	
6:00pm	Dynamic Catholic Prayer Group – Church
6:30pm	Bereavement Team Meeting – PPH
Wednesday, November 15	
12:00noon	Silver Crusaders Mtg. & Potluck – PPH
6:30pm	Welcome & Hospitality Ministry Meeting – PPH
7:00pm	RCIA – Parish Office
7:00pm	KC General Meeting – KCH
Thursday, November 16	
12:30-3:00pm	Hearty Meal – DBH
7:00pm	Spanish Bible Study – PPH
Friday, November 17	
School Fall Fun Fest	
4:30pm	Thanksgiving Basket Assembly – DBH
Saturday, November 18 Team 3	
Coats for Kids Campaign	
9:30am	Daisy Scouts – PPH
Sunday, November 19 Team 3	
Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection	
Coats for Kids Campaign	
8:30am	Altar Society Monthly Mass
11:00am-2:30pm	Thanksgiving Basket Distribution

#iGIVECATHOLIC
#GIVINGTUESDAY

Beginning November 10,
visit iGiveCatholic.org
to make an advanced day
#iGiveCatholic gift in support
of your favorite parishes,
schools, and ministries
or "Give Catholic" on
#GivingTuesday, November 28!

