

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

“See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.”

— 1 John 3:1

REFLECTION

The first reading today is from the Book of the Prophet Malachi. “If you don’t listen to me, I will make your life awful!” This is often how God acts in our lives. Our lives become so awful that finally we think of the Lord and wonder what He wants of us and if we are being faithful. Malachi asks us: “Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?” This is a message for all of us, even today. Do we keep the covenant of the Lord? Are we faithful to the teachings of Scripture and of the Church? If we are not faithful, why? The second reading is from the First Letter to the Thessalonians. One important point in this reading is this: “In receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God.” This is so important for each of us to understand! We speak in human words and yet we can receive the word of God. This is particularly true when we read the human words of the Scripture and by faith believe that God is revealing Himself. Today many people no longer believe that Scripture is God’s revelation. We Catholics believe with our whole being that the Scriptures are the Revelation of God. The Gospel today is from the Gospel of Saint Matthew. Here we encounter this teaching: “The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” We should always keep this teaching in our hearts and in our minds. We must seek to serve one another, not dominate one another. We should seek to proclaim this word of God in the way we live and relate to one another. The more humble we become, the possible it is for God’s word and God’s presence to be known by others. Jesus gives us the example of those who try to follow the Law but only put burdens on others. It is clear that our challenge is not to judge others nor to tell others what to do. Our challenge is to live the word of God in such a way that others are drawn to God.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — John’s vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

Psalm — Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — By God’s love, we may be called God’s children (1 John 3:1-3).

Gospel — The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED

In your hands, O God our Father, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away. welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with Your Son and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Thursday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Friday: St. Leo the Great

Saturday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: *Funeral*

Tuesday: Penn 2nd Anniversary †

Wednesday: All Souls

Thursday: In honor Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.

Jimmy Arkansas 41st Anniversary †

Big Jimmy 30th Anniversary †

Jimmy Gorman

J.R. for healing

Paco’s Pete Birthday

Friday: Dean Birthday

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal (\$19,882.00) by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The man walked into the house panting and almost completely exhausted. “What happened, Honey?” inquired his wife.

“It’s a great new idea I have,” he gasped. “I ran all the way home behind the bus and saved \$2.00.”

“That wasn’t very bright,” replied his wife. “Why didn’t you run behind a taxi and save \$10.00?”

DON’T PASS ME BY

Don’t pass me by Jesus,

My soul must not be lost.

My heart must be unfettered,

No spirit tempest tossed.

Stay at my side, my Jesus,

Please guide me on my way.

Throughout the narrow passage

Protect me from the fray.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,955.00	\$3,101.00
Number of Families contributing	75	58
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (41 Weeks)	\$134,309.00	\$136,236.00
Received to Date	\$117,572.00	\$92,111.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$16,737.00	\$44,125.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$159.00	\$9,033.00

Twenty-six people contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$50.00	\$50,205.00

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$6,835.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$97.00.

1 CHILDREN contributed \$2.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Saint in thanks for him on his 5th Birthday and also in loving memory of Eddie O. on his 69th Birthday;
2. the Wife and Family of Penn in loving memory of him on the 2nd Anniversary of his death;
3. Eddie Blaze and Logan in thanks for Boz on his 8th Birthday;
4. Mary O'Hara in loving memory of Johnny Howard on the 18th Anniversary of his death;
5. a Parish Member in honor of St. Philomena;
6. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Thomas Patrick Costello and Joslyn Sherlock.

ROSARY AT THE CEMETERY The *Rosary at the Cemetery* for our Parish Family members who have gone to eternal rest will be held this *Sunday, November 5th at 3:00 P.M. at Pineview Memorial Gardens.*

THANK YOU to a member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. Anthony; a member for a \$50 donation in thanks to St. Anthony for something found; a member for donation in honor of St. Christopher for a special intention; a member for a donation in thank to St. Anthony for the needy; a member for a donation in honor of the Holy Spirit and Sacred Heart; and also to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ends this Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 A.M. Please remember to set your clocks back by one hour on Saturday night, November 4th.

KEYBOARD & MUSIC CLASSES will be held on Tuesday at 5:00 P.M. in the Church. All those who are interested in practicing please come on Tuesday.

SINGING PRACTICE for the children will be held on Wednesday at 5:00 P.M.

ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE will be held on Tuesday after 7:00 P.M. Mass for children in 3rd grade and up.

SPEAK & LISTEN

SPEAK in such a way that others love to **LISTEN** to you.
LISTEN in such a way that others love to **SPEAK** to you.

READERS

Sat. Nov. 4th, 4:00 P.M.
Reed & Cathy Lisa

Sun. Nov. 5th, 10:00 A.M.
Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

Sat. Nov. 11th, 4:00 P.M.
Leah & Dayna

Sun. Nov. 12th, 10:00 A.M.
Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	- Lauren Ashley
Tuesday	- Paris
Wednesday	- Gracelynn
Thursday	- Dayna
Friday	- Natalie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday	- Theresa Hun
Tuesday	- Winnie Ann
Wednesday	- Julie Ann
Thursday	- Cathy Carroll
Friday	- Rosie Cat

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	November 4th
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

November 5th	November 12th
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie