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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

2025 Woodman Drive

Kettering, Ohio 45420

PARISH OFFICE: 937-253-5171

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

3033 Far Hills Avenue

Kettering, Ohio 45429

PARISH OFFICE: 937-293-1191

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-Noon

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

4500 Ackerman Boulevard

Kettering, Ohio 45429

PARISH OFFICE: 937-434-6081

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

VISIT OUR NEW COMBINED WEBSITE MGPARISH.ORG

ADORATION

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS

Fridays: Adoration with Exposition following Noon Mass

Daily: Church Monday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. &

Tuesday to Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;

Adoration Chapel available 24/7 (call office for code)

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CAMPUS

First Fridays: Adoration with Exposition following 8:30 a.m.

Mass, 7:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations

Daily: Eucharistic Chapel open from 5:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

ASCENSION CAMPUS

Adoration before the tabernacle is encouraged before and after daily Mass. Contact the parish office for access to the chapel for Adoration at other times.

SACRAMENTS

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Anyone desiring to inquire about the Catholic faith, or seeking to complete their Sacraments, including children age 7+, should contact Chris Kreger, Director of OCIA, at 937-401-0423 or Joe Ollier, Director of Evangelization at 937-253-5171, or visit mgparish.org/become-catholic.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office in case of serious illness or upcoming surgery. Communal anointing services are celebrated three times per year.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the marriage date.

INFANT BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class, preferably before the birth of their child, to have a child under the age of 7 baptized. Classes are held monthly at rotating locations: Sunday, November 2, 9:30 a.m., Ascension, Parish Office Building; Wednesday, December 10, 6:30 p.m., St. Albert the Great, Spirit Center. For more information, and to RSVP (required), please contact Kristi Gaston, kgaston@mgparish.org for St. Albert, or Joe Ollier, jollier@mgparish.org for Ascension and St. Charles.

RECONCILIATION

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

Saturday 3:00-4:30 p.m.

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Friday: After Noon Mass

Saturday: 3:15-4:00 p.m.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PRIEST

By: Fr. Jeff



As a priest, I have often heard two contrary beliefs from parishioners:

- What does a priest do during the week outside of Masses and the weekends? It is light, right?
- You are so busy, so I don't want to bother you. I don't want to add to your stress.

So, where is the truth? Somewhere in the middle. Priests do a lot more than prepare for and celebrate Masses—for example, I am writing this for the bulletin! Priests desire to be there for their parishioners—please always ask if you need a Sacrament, counsel, or want to share a coffee or meal. Or in my case—share a cigar. To help demonstrate what a priest does, I would like to share a day in my life as Fr. Jeff. Let's dive into a beautiful and joyful day, Monday, September 22:

First, I snoozed my alarm like a pro—it was already clear I had a case of the Mondays. I rushed out of bed late, prayed a morning offering and Angelus, quickly got a mug of coffee before the Communion fast, and began praying Morning and Daytime Prayer from Liturgy of the Hours. Then, I prayed 30 minutes of mental prayer before heading out to St. Charles for the 8:30am School Mass. I was proud of myself for walking in the door at 8:20am. I was ahead of schedule.

I celebrated Mass for the grade school. The students greatly rejoiced at my spiritual insights,

bad jokes, and squirrel brain. Some of these may be true... After a series of high fives to the departing students and checking in with the staff, I made the trek back to St. Albert.

In order of priority and importance, I refilled my coffee, picked out a cigar, and sat down to do 30 minutes of spiritual reading. I dove into sections of John's Gospel with the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible and continued with St. John of the Cross: Master of Contemplation. I normally do this before the morning Mass, however, my professional snoozing didn't allow enough time. From there, I grabbed my laptop and did miscellaneous work until it was time for the Noon Mass at St. Albert. I may or may not have joked with the office staff somewhere in between...just maybe.

After Noon Mass, I grabbed lunch and worked for another hour or so before heading to Kettering Hospital Main Campus. I do rounds there every Monday afternoon for any Catholic patient who requests anointings. I had ten patients today—which tied the record. Although, as I was walking to the tenth patient, a hospital chaplain asked if I could anoint another patient who had just begun hospice care. Eleven patients was a record—although, I still had one to go. A parishioner and friend had contacted me earlier in the day saying that his wife's health and taken a turn for the worse. So, I headed up

to Miami Valley to anoint her. I successfully navigated that crazy parking garage and found the hospital connector on the first try. I visited and prayed with them after the 12th anointing of the day.

It was time to return to the rectory, so I called Fr. Tom on the way to check in with him about a few items. I had prayed the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet on my drives to, between, and from the hospital.

When I returned around 6pm, I scrounged up a dinner. Then, I settled down to pray evening prayer and anticipate Tuesday's Office of Readings. I watched some shows for a bit before prepping coffee for tomorrow. It was time to head to the rectory chapel to pray Night Prayer and get ready for bed. I gave thanks for this full day loving Jesus, the staff, and parishioners.

This was a more full day than typical, however, it was a blessed day. Some days we don't have much on the calendar (days to catch up on homily prep, emails, prepare for meetings, write, etc.); other days, we have the day booked. Please, always ask if there is something we can do to help. We were ordained to worship God, celebrate the sacraments, and walk with all of you—our parishioners—on the narrow path. It is a beautiful life that allows us to enter into the lives of so many sons and daughters of Christ. The priesthood is the best. Praise be to Jesus Christ.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country **November 2-8, 2025**. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

MASS TIMES

AS ASCENSION SA ST. ALBERT SC ST. CHARLES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:30 AM SC Ruth Schleich
Family

9:00 AM AS Patty Clary
Bev Ishmael

NOON SA James Gantt
Marilyn Gantt

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:30 AM SC Larry Arway
Family

NOON SA Timothy Allen Shock
J/J Shock

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:30 AM SC Ernie Reser
Marie Lieser

9:00 AM AS Ellie Mutlu
Terry Scheper

NOON SA Carol Drescoll
J/J Shock

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:30 AM SC George Gillespie
Kitty Schaefer & Family

9:00 AM AS Louis Ciambro
Paul Tarlano

NOON SA Fagan Family Members
Thomas Fagan

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:30 AM SC Members of the Christ Child Society

9:00 AM AS Armand Perron
Debbie Rogers

NOON SA Paul Miller
B. Albers

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

4:30 PM SA Walter Keyes
Kay Moore

5:00 PM AS Familia Gaitano Alfonzo
Giovanni Lamanna

5:00 PM SC Leopold Lupia
Tony Lupia

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:30 AM AS Church of the Ascension

8:30 AM SA St. Albert the Great

8:30 AM SC St. Charles Borromeo Church

10:30 AM SC Chris Albrecht
Jim Albrecht Family

11:00 AM AS Roy Mead
Motto Family

11:00 AM SA Theresa Taylor
Kay Moore

PLEASE GO TO
MGPARISH.ORG/MASS
TO SEE THIS WEEK'S
PRESIDER SCHEDULE



GIVE



Give joyfully,
build community.
Your generosity
powers vibrant
parish life and meaningful ways
for everyone to grow in faith and
fellowship.

For more information about
giving, visit
mgparish.org/give.



THE FEAST DAY
OF ST. CHARLES
BORROMEO IS
CELEBRATED ON
NOVEMBER 4.

STEWARDSHIP OCT. 26

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Offertory Income \$25,124
YTD Offertory Income \$367,122
YTD Budget \$412,250
St. Vincent de Paul \$652

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Offertory Income \$17,887
YTD Offertory Income \$385,985
YTD Budget \$408,650
St. Vincent de Paul \$445

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Offertory Income \$39,896
YTD Offertory Income \$577,297
YTD Budget \$486,800
Diakonia \$726

WORSHIP

Our parish family Mass of Remembrance will take place on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 10:00 am at St. Charles. This special Annual Mass is for the deceased of the parish who have died during the last year. Those who have died between the dates of October 1, 2024 and September 30, 2025 will be remembered by name at this Mass. Family members of the deceased are encouraged to attend this Mass. Please support them and remember them and their deceased family members in your prayers.

MGFP MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

SAT. NOV. 8

10 AM

ST. CHARLES CHURCH

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

It is time for Liturgical Volunteers to submit their availability to serve for the months of December, January, and February. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Sacristans, Lectors, Altar Servers, and Greeters should submit their availability in Ministry Scheduler Pro by Tuesday, November 11. If you have any questions, please contact your MSP Admin.

USHERS NEEDED

All three campuses in our family of parishes are seeking dedicated parishioners to join our Usher Ministry. As a welcoming presence for everyone attending Mass, ushers play a vital role before, during, and after each liturgy. No experience is necessary; just a friendly spirit and a heart for service. Training is provided at each campus, and high school students are encouraged to participate. For more information, please contact one of the parish offices.



As we celebrate All Souls' Day, and begin a month during which we remember our beloved dead, these words of hope from Fr. Gerald E. Murray, which appeared in First Things in November 2021, ring true: *"Sorrow and hope coexist easily in the Christian dispensation. Grief is assuaged by trusting in God's goodness, while fulfilling our duty to pray for one another, now and when we are separated by death."*

COFFEE & DONUTS

Join us for Coffee & Donuts, including healthy options, after the morning Masses at Ascension on Sunday, November 9 in the Witzman Center, hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 14891. Freewill offerings will support two seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Come enjoy fellowship with your MGFP family and the Knights.

WEDDING BANNS

3RD Benjamin Woeste & Madison Rooney

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF...

John "Jack" Templin passed on June 25, 2025.

Thomas J. Ferdelman. His Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday, November 4, at St. Charles Campus, at 10:30 a.m.

PRAYER LIST

Melanie Abfalter, Sharon Barcus, Barbara Blackstone, Carol Berus, Molly Berus, Holly Brown, June Chifala, Florence Cobey, Catherine Crowley, Janet Debanto, Darlene Duke, Sue Falter, Betty Gaudion, Alec Graham, Barbara Griffin, Carol Harris, Beverly Heithaus, Paul Heuing, Mary Ann Hickey, Larry Hoffman, Ben Holtzman, Norbert Kahle, Jim & Evelyn Kelly, Kate Kelly, Jeffery Miller, Jennifer Murphy, Mike & Michele N., Don Paul, Mary Jane Ryan, Nan Romer, Isobel Ruse, Mary Louise Scott, Mary Ann Smith, Robin Steberl, Jack Stein, Mary Stuart, Ron Vechant, Angela Woessner, Graham Wright, MaryLu Zimmermann.

Please call the Parish Office to request a name be added to the Prayers for the Sick in the event of acute illness, upcoming surgery/rehabilitation, etc. Names will remain for three weeks at a time unless otherwise requested.

OUR MINISTRIES

A WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT / UPDATES OF SOME OF OUR MINISTRIES, CLUBS, AND GROUPS

PREPLANNING YOUR FUNERAL MASS

While we know that our time on earth is limited, we seldom take steps to help alleviate the burdens that fall on our loved ones at the time of our passing. To assist you with one of these important elements, we are offering an informational workshop on preplanning your Funeral Mass, based on the Catholic Funeral Rites in the Order of Christian Funerals. All members of our Mother of God parishes are welcome! Join us on Saturday, November 15, at 10:00 a.m. in the church at St. Albert the Great. Questions? Feel free to reach out to one of our Pastoral Associates of Worship: Margaret Wager (Church of Ascension), Kristi Gaston (St. Albert the Great), or Deacon Chris Jasek (St. Charles Borromeo).

STAFF REFLECTION

FR. TOM



DEAR FAMILY

In special ways in October and November, our Church asks us to heighten our focus on love of others, which resonates powerfully with the Stewardship and Love in Action parameters of our Archdiocesan Beacons of Light initiative. It all reminds us that God usually asks us to show love of Him by showing love of others, especially the most defenseless, needy, and destitute in our world. These acts of kindness are what we take into eternity and will be our honor and glory for all eternity.

It is about storing up riches in what matters to God: the only true and enduring wealth we ever acquire.

We begin October with Respect Life Sunday, when we are reminded how precious new human life is and are reminded to be maximally attentive in protecting and supporting new human life before and after birth, with joyful anticipation and wonder who they might grow up to be. In mid-October, our Church celebrated Mission Sunday, when we are reminded of our call to support the missionary activity of our Church. While most of us are not called to the missions, we are all called to support those who are, yearning for all in our world to know what we know and have what we have in Christ. What a different world we would

have if all had lives rooted in Christ, a goal we never get tired of pursuing.

We begin November by celebrating All Saints, which reminds us of our call and capacity for greatness in Christ. The next day, All Souls, we pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died, a spiritual work of mercy assuring others will pray for us after we die. In mid-November, we celebrate the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, which is focused on helping people learn to take care of themselves and become productive members of society.

A new and current initiative for the needy is ordered toward care and concern for immigrants, for whom our bishops have asked us to solicit our government leaders to assure fair and compassionate treatment. Our Archbishop just hosted a Zoom meeting on the difficulties and injustices of the current immigration policies. I was especially saddened to hear how difficult it has become for immigrants to follow the law, but most saddened to hear how some immigrants who have managed to follow the law are still being treated as criminals.

Jesus regularly tells us to pursue what matters to God, and nothing matters more to God than our concern and care for other human beings. That is why our Church puts an emphasis on it in various ways throughout the year. We want to become wealthy in what matters to God: the eternal wealth we take with us.

BULLETIN REMINDER:

The submission deadline for the November 16 bulletin will be earlier than usual. Please submit all requests by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3. Articles may be sent to

- Sarah Green: sgreen@mgparish.org
- Anna Godby: agodby@mgparish.org
- Amanda Ortiz: aortiz@mgparish.org

OUR COMMUNITY

OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE

On the weekend of November 8/9, 2025, our MGFP will be participating in the National Collection for the Archdiocese of the Military Services, USA (AMS). The Collection is taken once every three years to increase awareness and support of the mission, "Serving Those Who Serve." Ministries offered by AMS benefit those who serve in all six branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, Veterans and their families, including those enrolled in a US Military Academy, those in treatment at a US Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center and those who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders – including those from our own parish and diocese.

The mission of the Archdiocese of the Military is to ensure that service members, veterans and their families are able to receive the sacraments through preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion, Penance and Holy Matrimony. In addition, AMS co-sponsored Seminarian Program is the only vocations program in the United States that provides priests to serve as military chaplains and also to serve in parishes and dioceses across the country that struggle with their own critical shortage of ministers. When the priest separates from the military, he returns to his diocese or community.

Please be as generous as you are able with your donation, and continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. To learn more about the AMS, go to

milarch.org/nationalcollection

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

**SUNDAY, NOV 30
5:30 - 7:00 PM**

Explore more info and RSVP in here! →
More details in next week's bulletin.



VETERANS DAY MASS

We invite all Veterans to our Veterans Mass and Brunch Celebration! Monday, November 10th, 8:30 Mass at St. Charles Parish and Brunch in the St. Charles School Gym following Mass. Please RSVP by Thursday, November 6th by calling Maggie Collins at 937-401-2864 or email mcollins@stcharleskettering.org.



**SATURDAY
11.08.25
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**
Ascension Catholic Parish
Parish Gym

RAFFLE TICKET SALE

Basket Raffle Tickets for the Harvest of Values Bazaar will be on sale throughout the next week. Purchase tickets for \$1 each, \$5 for 6, or \$10 for 12 at the Ascension Parish Office during office hours. View baskets at mgparish.org/bazaar. Winners will be drawn at 2:30 p.m. on November 8; you do not need to be present to win.

WHEN AND WHERE TO GET TICKETS:

NOV. 5: Women's Guild Meeting at Ascension in the Witzman Center, Rm. 114



EXPLORE THE BAZAAR PAGE NOW!

Questions?
Call Diane Borchers
937-231-3373

OUR COMMUNITY

OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

11/8

8 AM
ASCENSION
Witzman Ctr
Rm 119

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

SESSION 8: THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

What is the Resurrection? What do we mean when we say Jesus "rose from the dead?" Dr. Brant Pitre lays out the evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus, focusing on three things: The empty tomb, the appearances of Jesus to His disciples, and the fulfillment of Scripture. All men of MGFP are invited! Contact Mike Wager, mewager07@gmail.com, 937-361-1369.

YOUNG ADULTS

The MGFP Young Adult Ministry welcomes all in their 20s and 30s for faith, friendship, and service. Join us for our next meeting on November 9 at 4:00 p.m. at The Spirit Center, St. Albert the Great Campus. Learn more at mgparish.org/young-adults

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN

The Mother of God Family of Parishes is looking for volunteers to serve as catechists and substitutes for Children's Liturgy of the Word, with particular need at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Albert and the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Charles. The time commitment is just one Sunday Mass per month, and training will be provided. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Tara Schumaker (tschumaker@mgparish.org) for Ascension and St. Albert, or Sarah Price (sprice@mgparish.org) for St. Charles.

JR. HIGH

EDGE is our Middle School Youth Ministry. We offer events for middle schoolers to experience faith in action through prayer, service, and friendship, helping them grow in relationship with God, others, and their identity as beloved children of God. We meet at each school every other week and we have IGNITE nights two times a month. Go to mgparish.org/edge for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL

Life Teen is our High School Ministry for all teens, where we live out "faith in action" through community, service, and spiritual growth in a welcoming, come-as-you-are environment. We meet every Sunday during Communio Nights at St. Charles Borromeo. Go to mgparish.org/high-school for more information.



STAG PTO PRESENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT

An adults-only social event for ages 21+

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT PARISH CNTR

DOORS OPEN AT: 6:00PM

TRIVIA STARTS AT: 7:00PM

BYO BEVERAGES & SNACKS

50/50 RAFFLE

CASH PRIZE FOR WINNING TEAM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

\$100 /PER TABLE

Teams can be made up of 6-8 people

Register online by
scanning the QR
code or visiting
<http://go.rallyup.com/stagsfalltrivia>



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MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE PRESENTATION

Join Fr. Tony, Deacon Chris, and other pilgrims as they share the fruits of their Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with anyone who would like to learn. The presentation will be Monday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Borromeo/Charles Rooms at the St. Charles campus. We will share about the places we visited, the message of Medjugorje, and our personal experiences.



FEED THE HUNGRY

Casserole pans are available in the Narthex/Gathering Space at each campus at various times each month to provide a meal for our neighbors at the St. Vincent shelters. Instructions are with each pan. **Visit mgparish.org/food-collection for more information on what to bring and when!**

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Pans due by: November 21

(Deliver frozen meals either to the Witzman Center or drop off in the parish office by Noon on the due date.)

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

**Pick up pans: December 5
Pans due by: December 13**

(Deliver frozen meals to the breezeway entrance between 9:00-10:00 a.m.)

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Pans Due by: November 9

(Deliver frozen meals to the Hospitality Room, 8:00-10:45 a.m.)

LOVE IN ACTION

CARE OF GOD'S CREATION ECO TIP

Got too much stuff or items left from a garage sale? The Dayton Humane Society now has a thrift store open at Cross Pointe Center with proceeds benefitting the animal shelter. Check out their website for lists of acceptable items for donation (Humane Society of Greater Dayton).



GIVING TREES

Join our Giving Tree Ministry to help families in need by selecting a tag and giving a gift, sharing Christ's love and generosity.

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

- Choose a tag with gift ideas from our Giving Trees.
- Donations may be placed in designated boxes/baskets near the Trees or given to staff members.

WHERE CAN THE TREES BE FOUND?

- Gathering Space or Narthex
- Near the back doors of the Chapel (Chapel side at St. Albert)
- Bulletin Boards

DUE DATE FOR GIFTS IS: DEC 7, 2025

TO ENSURE FAIRNESS IN THE GIFTS, WE KINDLY ASK THE FOLLOWING:

Up to **\$50/PER GIFT CARD** (UNLESS NOTED)

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

UP: Nov 14

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

UP: Nov 8

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

UP: Nov 16

NOVEMBER 2025

Impact

**GIVING
TUESDAY**



Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

Choose abundance.

This month, we celebrate Thanksgiving. Many will gather at table with family and friends, eat favorite foods, and pause to share the things for which they are thankful. While it is wonderful to have this annual time for giving and sharing gratitude, every day can and should be a day for thanks-giving, for calling to mind the many blessings of life, faith, relationships, talents and gifts, material and financial resources.

This isn't a simple glass-half-empty or glass-half-full sort of thing. Many of us have been taught to think about life through a lens of scarcity: What is missing?

What needs fixing? An attitude of gratitude leads us to look at life instead through a perspective of abundance. We see that each day

and all that surrounds us is a gift from God, and grow in our desire to share with others out of gratitude for our many blessings.



Make choosing abundance over scarcity a habit.

It is easy to get caught up in our daily routines and activities and lose sight of God's grace and abundance in our midst. People who study the formation of habits tell us that it helps to prompt ourselves to remember what we are trying to make part of life. Following the prompt, practice the behavior, and then pay attention to the difference the habit makes in order for it to stick.

At first, this may seem awkward or forced. Stick with it! You'll soon recognize God's abundant

grace beyond what you are able to comprehend. Such a grateful life does take practice. It is sure to have lasting impact, so that your life will be full and overflowing with abundance!

A thanksgiving prayer

Good and gracious God, you are the source of every good gift, of all we are and have and will be. We give you thanks this day for the abundant blessings of life, faith, family, and friends, for the beauty of creation and all that reminds us of your goodness. Open our hearts to perceive your grace in our midst, our minds to learn and know your truth, and our hands to share your loving presence in the world. Guide us as we commit ourselves to living as good and faithful stewards of the many gifts you have given us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, through the working of the Holy Spirit. One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Impact this month

- 1. Prompt yourself.** Designate time each day to call yourself to a moment of gratitude.
- 2. Practice.** Begin the day with a prayer of gratitude. Express thanksgiving at meals. End the day noticing the many times you were blessed.
- 3. Pay attention.** Ask God to guide you to develop a grateful heart. Out of gratitude, share your time and resources more readily with others.

Stay awake!

It happens to the best of us. We grow complacent, weary, blind to the love of God and the needs of others.

**"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."
(MT 24:42)**

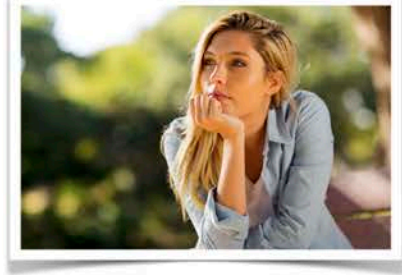
Jesus' message is clear. We do not know when Christ will return in ultimate, final glory, establishing forever the kingdom of God on earth. This is not intended to frighten us, but to wake us up, reminding us to be watchful and ready.

Wake up to God's Purposes

We must admit that we are often not fully awake. Our lives take on a particular rhythm of interactions and activities, for better or worse, and unless we are intentional about it, faith is not a factor in our daily lives. Staying awake is about living "on purpose," keeping God's purposes in mind. Jesus helps us understand that God's way is about putting God and others first. God's way is to be awake to the people who need care, mercy, forgiveness, and compassion. God's way is to be watchful for systems and situations that are not just, in which peace is desperately needed, at home, in local communities, in our nation and in the world.

Live On Purpose

To be awake is to be constantly attentive to the ways in which we may respond to the people and situations that need God's love. Living each day on purpose, intentionally shaping our daily interactions and decisions out of love of God and neighbor insures that we will be ready "on the day the Lord will come."



Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

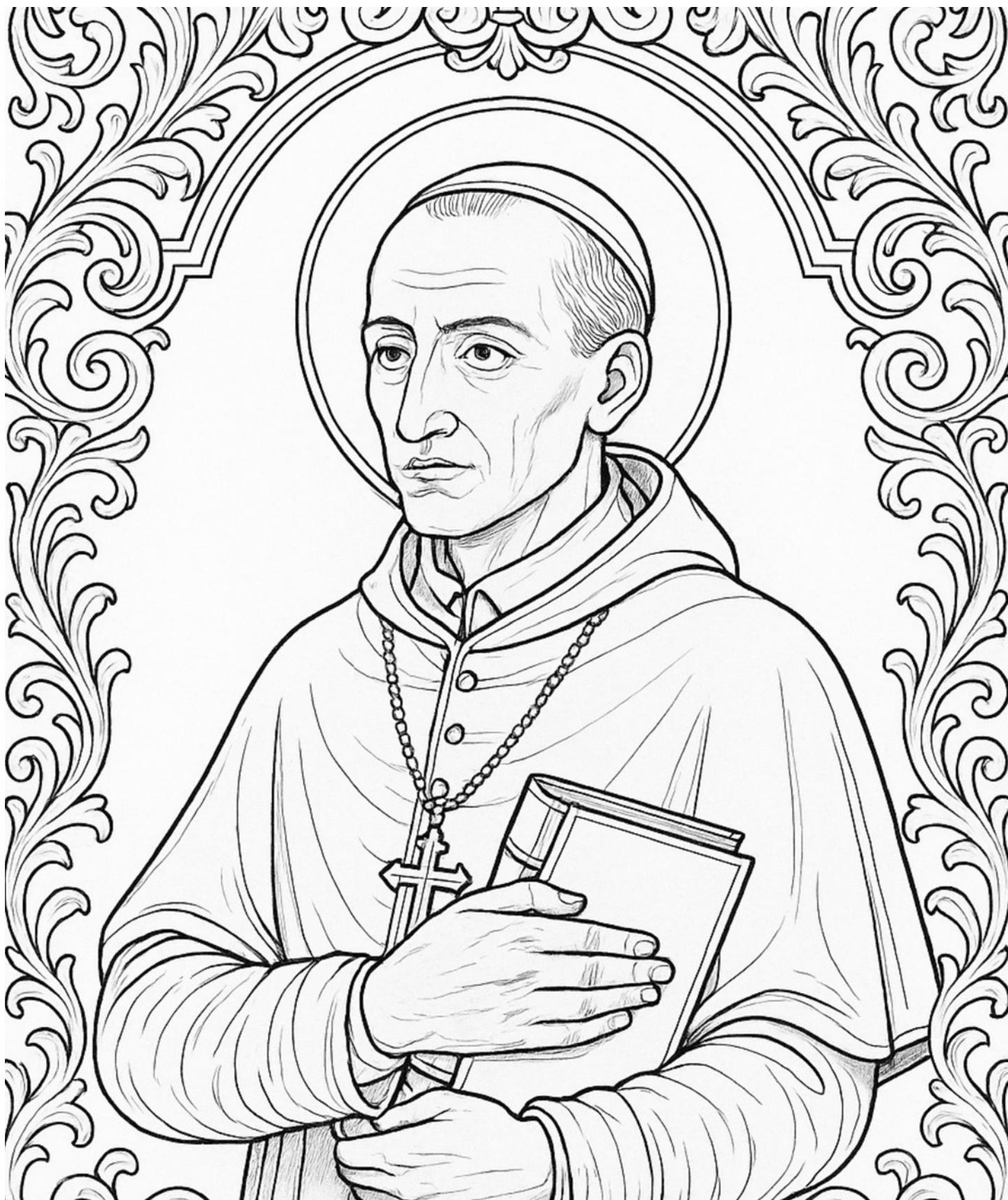


This year, the Sunday before Thanksgiving is the final Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We are baptized into Christ's life as priest, prophet, and king. Today, we are reminded that following Jesus' kingship is not about earthly power, but rather of

humble obedience to God's will. "The Lord wishes to spread His kingdom also by means of the laity, namely, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace....Clearly then a great promise and a great trust is committed to the disciples: 'All things are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.' (1 Cor 3:23)(LG, 36)

This mission of spreading Christ's kingdom is sacred, although not always easy. Faith in Jesus Christ calls us to persevere, to "stick with it" even when it is difficult to do so. Our faith is sure to be tested, by the circumstances of daily life, by aspects of our social and cultural surroundings, by the knowledge that many in our world suffer the effects of violence, poverty, war, and injustice.

Throughout his earthly ministry, in his death on the cross, and in his resurrection, Jesus helps us to grasp the implications of discipleship, and he encourages us to keep the wider view, certain that the challenges of the moment will not have the final word. Jesus, the Word made flesh, the king of the universe, is that final word, that of truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love, and peace.



KIDS' COLORING PAGE OF THE WEEK: SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO
FEAST DAY: NOVEMBER 4

St. Charles Borromeo was a kind and hardworking saint who lived in Italy many years ago. He loved God very much and spent his life helping the Church and caring for people who were poor or sick. He taught others about Jesus and made sure priests had good training so they could guide their communities well. St. Charles showed great courage and love, especially during times of trouble, and he is remembered as a good shepherd of God's people.

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11/11

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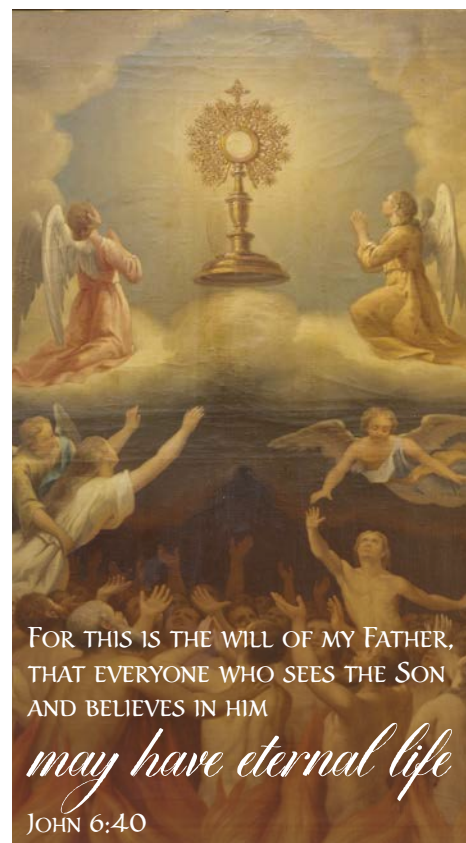
Reflection on John 6:37-40

The feast known as All Souls' Day, or The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, falls on Sunday this year, providing us with a beautiful opportunity to remember and celebrate our loved ones who have followed Christ through death and Resurrection, and recall that one of the key foundations of our Catholic intellectual tradition is the continuity of persons and communities.

In Flannery O'Connor's short story, *Revelation*, Ruby Turpin envisioned "a vast horde of souls rumbling toward heaven." The author of *Hebrews* saw a "cloud of witnesses." However we may envision them, all of these great souls we remember and celebrate today are a part of us, and we of them. Today and every day, faith reaches across the precipice that now stands between us and them. Faith unites us and keeps us mindful that they who enjoy the full experience of eternal life pray for us and remember us, as we, for our part, remember and pray for them.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

— Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
Wisdom 3:1-9
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9
John 6:37-40

Monday, November 3, 2025

Saint Martin de Porres
Romans 11:29-36
Psalm 69:30-31, 33-34, 36
Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Romans 12:5-16ab
Psalm 131:1bcde, 2, 3
Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Weekday
Romans 13:8-10
Psalm 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9
Luke 14:25-33

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Weekday
Romans 14:7-12
Psalm 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14
Luke 15:1-10

Friday, November 7, 2025

Weekday
Romans 15:14-21
Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Luke 16:1-8

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Weekday
Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11
Luke 16:9-15

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SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES

Saint of the Day: November 3

Patron Saint of African Americans and Social Justice

Martin de Porres was the son of a freed woman of Panama and a Spanish grandee of Lima, Peru. His parents never married each other. After the birth of a sister, the father abandoned the family. Martin was reared in poverty, locked into a low level of Lima's society.

When Martin de Porres was 12, his mother apprenticed him to a barber-surgeon. After a few years in this medical apostolate, Martin de Porres applied to the Dominicans to be a "lay helper," not feeling himself worthy to be a religious brother. After nine years, the example of his prayer and penance, charity and humility led the community to request him to make full religious profession. Many of his nights were spent in prayer and penitential practices; his days were filled with nursing the sick and caring for the poor.

It was particularly impressive that he treated all people regardless of their color, race, or status. He was instrumental in founding an orphanage, took care of slaves brought from Africa, and managed the daily alms of the priory with practicality, as well as generosity.

Martin's life reflected God's extraordinary gifts: ecstasies that lifted him into the air, light filling the room where he prayed, bilocation, miraculous knowledge, instantaneous cures, and a remarkable rapport with animals.

Martin became a formidable fundraiser, obtaining thousands of dollars for dowries for poor girls so that they could marry or enter a convent.

Many of his fellow religious took Martin as their spiritual director, but he continued to call himself a "poor slave." He was a good friend of another Dominican saint of Peru, Rose of Lima.

Read the full article: "Saint Martin de Porres" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-martin-de-porres/> (Accessed October 20, 2025).

Prayer

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

Offerings

Holy Water

Consecration

Mystery of Faith

Great Amen

Our Father

Lamb of God

Communion

Prayer

Jesus stood on a mountain to teach the Sermon on the Mount. Follow the maze to reach Jesus.

Beatitudes!

Blessed are the

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for they will be called children of God.

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J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Gospel

Jesus was teaching His disciples. These teachings are called the Beatitudes. Listen carefully to learn how Jesus asks us to live. The Beatitudes are blessings that help us be happy with God.

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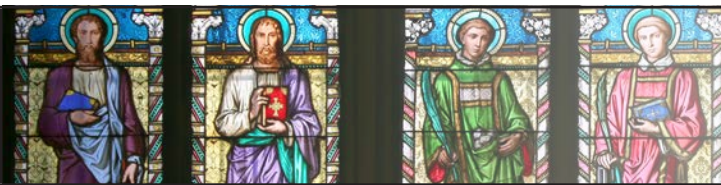
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