

## Daily Readings

### Week of October 31, 2021

Sunday, 10/31: Dt 6: 2-6/Ps 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7: 23-28/  
Mk 12: 28b-34

Monday, 11/1: Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14/Ps 24: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3: 1-3/  
Mt 5: 1-12a

Tuesday, 11/2: Wis 3: 1-9/Rom 5: 5-11/Jn 6: 37-40

Wednesday, 11/3: Rom 13: 8-10/Ps 112: 1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14: 25-33

Thursday, 11/4: Rom 14: 7-12/Ps 27: 1bcde, 4 13-14/Lk 15: 1-10

Friday, 11/5: Rom 15: 14-21/Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16: 1-8

Saturday, 11/6: Rom 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16: 9-15



# SACRED HEART

**“RETURN TO ME &  
RENEW YOUR SPIRIT”**



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Mass Schedule: 11:00am Sunday

[www.sacredheartoj.org](http://www.sacredheartoj.org)

**October 31, 2021**

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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### Office Hours:

Tues.: 8:00am-5:00pm, Fri.: 7:00am-3:30pm

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### Schedule for November 7, 2021

Lector: CCD

Greeters/Gifts: CCD

Servers: CCD/Kevin

Money Counters: Patty/Monte

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Patty/Ron

### Today's Mass Intention:

#### Haggar Aidoo

#### Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck,  
Leonard Lasack, Paul Lasack,  
Marilyn Stevenson, Derek Denniston,  
Julie Ahrendsen
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



# To Our Parishioners & Friends

## THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS:

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven” (Matt 5:12a).

I recently read a story about a man who was attracted to the church after attending a bible study class in preparation for RCIA. He had become deeply engrossed in everything Catholic after realizing that Catholicism was never as bad as he had thought.

A few encounters in the RCIA were sufficient to cause him to walk on clouds as he became enthusiastic in everything he was discovering about Catholicism. He soon appreciated how priests celebrated the Mass and was sure he could do all the priests were doing. And delays to ordination seem arbitrary to him because he held deep misconceptions about what we are called to do in the church.

Many of us may hold a few misconceptions about the church like this newcomer to the church. We don't quite well understand the church just as we don't realize the significance of our personal commitment to it. So, it is critical that we take our cue from the saints as we take a moment to reflect on the life of the saints, which were characterized by daily discernment and stewardship, and patience.

Christian living is managed through discernment. Discernment itself is our ability to experience a voice in prayer other than one's own, directing us to accomplish something. The voice we hear through discernment is often that of the Holy Spirit who combines our experiences of the Word of God and the Sacraments to indicate a for us the path to follow that we may accomplish our mission in life as Christians. The process of discernment may take longer for some than for others. And importantly, we rely on God to discern his will and our mission.

True discernment ends in and improves our practice of stewardship—the use of our gift of life, talent, time, and treasure to facilitate God's work on earth and to make a difference in the lives of others, the church, and the world. This is what makes our vocation and are the holy events that gain God's attention and rewards. The words of Jesus in the Beatitudes indicate how God recognizes our holy actions and rewards us with his blessings. These blessings produce saintly life within us as we put everything we have and are into the service of others and the church, as did the saints.

The saints demonstrated patience in prayer and deeds. We too need to be patient in prayer and await all that God is asking of us to give and to do for him.

The celebration of All Saints is on Monday and Mass will be at St. John's at 6:30 pm. Come and let us pray together to seek the intercession of the saints.

- Monday is November 1st. Join us for the celebration of All Saints Mass at 6:30pm at St. John's in Mount Vernon.
- Tuesday is November 2nd. Join us for the celebration of All Souls Day Mass at 8:00am at St. Isidore's in Springville.
- The next Sanctuary Guild meeting is on Monday, November 8th at 6:30pm in the church library. All ladies are welcome!
- After Mass on November 7th there will be a Liturgy Committee meeting.
- Starting Sunday, November 7th, the 1st Sunday of each month we will be having a “Children's Mass”. During this Mass, our parish kids will participate in many aspects of the Liturgy and it will be an awesome opportunity for our kids to deepen and grow in their faith journey. “One of the most powerful forces on earth is the prayer of a child.”-Wess Stafford
- The next Sunday for CCD is Sunday, November 7th at 9:45am.
- Do you have someone that you would like to have as the Sunday Mass intention? Let Colleen know! A donation of \$5.00 is requested for each intention.



## FORMED

Parishioners of St. John's, St. Isidore's and Sacred Heart now have access to FORMED --- an on-line platform with over 4000 Catholic videos, movies, educational topics and kids' programming. Browse the many options for movie night or find something to enhance your prayer life.

\*\*Sign-up is easy and FREE at [formed.org](http://formed.org)  
(use zip code 52314).\*\*

Please have all bulletin submissions to Colleen Coon by Wednesday PM

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