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THE MAGNIFICAT

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God
my Savior,
for he has looked on
the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on
all generations will call me
blessed; for he who is mighty
has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those who
fear him from generation
to generation.

He has shown strength
with his arm;
he has scattered the proud
in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty
from their thrones,
and exalted those of
humble estate;
he has filled the hungry
with good things,
and the rich
he has sent away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his offspring
forever.

AMEN

Sunday November 14, 2021
33rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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Sprit of Life

"Lord I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof..." Matthew 8:8

The way we think and feel, can both inform us and even define the way we live in, and perceive the world around us to be. But the way we think and feel is influenced and informed by a multitude of sources. The result is that there are some notions that we have that greatly influence who we are, what we will allow ourselves to do, who we will become, or what we will allow to limit the breadth and depth of our lives. Without a discerning mind we may not take the time to consider whether the source itself, is accurate, let alone true. We may unwittingly allow ourselves to be defined by another, rather than being informed. To the degree that we become more mindful of what is impacting our senses, the greater the awareness that grows within us as to what is life giving or life smothering. This can come down to a matter of how we interpret a single word and then how we apply that understanding to ourselves. It may say a great deal about who we are, and how we see the world. What it all comes down to is distinguishing between two things when it comes to the meaning of a word: as it is presented to me by another (this is their meaning being given to me) or, appreciating the word as it truly is (minus interpretation). This is no small task. Let us look then at the word, **worthy**.

Within our Eucharistic Liturgy, as part of the Communion Rite, we as a community say "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word, and I shall be healed." This passage comes from Matthew 8:8, but what does it mean? The word worthy as an adjective meaning, *having or showing the qualities or abilities that merit recognition in a specified way*, and as a noun, *is a person notable or important in a particular sphere (Merriam Webster)*. So when we say we are **NOT** worthy, what we may be saying about ourselves is that we do not have any qualities or abilities that merit God's recognition, in any special way, and, that we are not important in any particular sphere. If that is the case, then we are not only saying that we are not good enough to have God come to us, but that there may be actually something fundamentally wrong, defective about us: we are not deserving of having God do anything for us. If this is the case, we approach God, gravelling. We may be asking for the crumbs that come from the table, but even this we are not convinced we have a right to even ask. Simply, we are not good, nor will we ever be. But what if this is not the case? What if we are misunderstanding the phrase "not worthy?"

What if instead, it is not a matter that we are not good enough, or that we are defective, but is in fact a humble and wise acknowledgement that there is nothing I can do to earn or merit God's grace and love. It is our way of saying that I know that it is God's pure, unconditional choice to love us, as we are in this very moment: **it is a statement of humble gratitude**. As well, it is not about us being perfect and good first, so that God would ever consider coming to us. But it is we who become ever more aware that God has always been present in our lives, that we are transformed in the moment, moment to moment, to become more and more like the One who *comes and dwells among us* (within us). So, when we say we are not worthy, this is an acknowledgement that our union in God is only possible when we choose to open ourselves up to God, who is always been right there. Saying these words, believing them, becomes our healing: God loved us first, and we become whole and free as we accept it.

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This Tuesday, November 16th we will have our monthly food drive for St. Vincent de Paul. What you are able to share is greatly appreciated.



Thank you

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"Each of us must confront our own fears, must come face to face with them. How we handle our fears will determine where we go with the rest of our lives. To experience adventure or to be limited by the fear of it."

Judy Blume

Mass Schedule Week of November 15th - 21st

Monday 9:00AM	November 15th Souls Of Purgatory
Tuesday 12Noon	November 16th (CS) +Deceased fathers Silviu Mitrofan & Silvestru Moraru
Wednesday 12Noon	November 17th (CS) No Exposition or Adoration +Deceased members of the Simioni Family
Thursday 9:00AM	November 18th (CS) +Josef & Anna Fibikar Helga & Peter Fibikar CS - Communion Service
Saturday 4:00PM	November 20th +The Muzzi Family
Sunday 9:00AM	November 21st +Deceased K. of C. Members
Sunday 11:00AM (B)	November 21st SI Mary Anne Lenio's Birthday (B) Baysville

Confessions on Saturday 3:15PM - 3:45PM or by appointment.

We pray for those who have died,
Trevor Petch & Gerry Keyes
and we join our prayers with those
who are in need ...

Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Kevin Phillips, Joe Hanrath, John Dunbar, Connie Gregory, Rebecca Muzzi, Ian Bruce, Ruth Anne Foley, Sharron Purdy, John Schreurs, Robert Foley, Jack Ataman, Sharon Boivin, Doris Lane, Marjory Curry, Verna Simioni, Irene Downey, Anita Verzyden, Marion Majkot, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Pam & Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Evan Maroney, Peter and Philip Tomkin

Lose Yourself: Getting Past 'Me' to 'Thee' / Ruth Burrows (last part of the article)

Although Jesus' word is addressed to all, historically his words often were addressed to those who were chosen to hold authority in the community he was creating, preoccupied as they were with precedence. There is nothing more contemptible than arrogant abuse of spiritual authority, and surely it is sacrilegious to use what has been given for the service of others to further self-interest. A careful, heart-searching reading of the Gospels and the New Testament letters is indispensable. Be servants of one another, we are told. Consider other people's welfare rather than your own. Think of yourself as unimportant and other people and the reign of God all-important. Get rid of all anger and bitterness. Watch! Pay attention to thoughts, words, behavior. We soon realize how difficult it is to get rid of our innate self-centeredness. We find our ego lurking behind even our most generous efforts.

Paradoxically, to accept humbly and trustfully the impurity of our motives, seeing ourselves far from the loving selfless person we would like to be, is choosing to be little, admitting our helplessness and unimportance—provided, of course, that we are doing our utmost. Childlike, we surrender our autonomy to our Lord who, we now see, must do everything for us, and we find a happy freedom in the knowledge that he is everything we are not and he is all for us. When we no longer insist on being god to ourselves, every one of our doors is thrown open to the king of glory. Our sustained, earnest effort is important, but what God does is infinitely more important and decisive.

Genuine prayer—how poor and unsatisfactory it can seem!—never inflates the ego but always induces humility, revealing as it does our spiritual helplessness and dependence on grace. Patience, meekness, a lowly opinion of self and deep respect for others must always characterize the people God has chosen for his own. The Gospel of John shows us the inner reality of the Father's perfect child. "The Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees his Father doing" (5:19). Jesus joyfully accepts to be powerless so that his Father can be all in him, and thus he is the perfect human expression of the Father. Through Jesus' surrender the Father can achieve his loving purpose for humankind: "I do always the things that please him" (8:29).

We see Jesus as pure receptivity for all that the Father would give or would ask. How splendidly, gloriously human he is in his perfect obedience! Jesus had a human will and knew conflict. We see him distraught, torn in the temptation to refuse the revolting, fearsome chalice held out to him. "My Father!" Yet my food, the only meaning of my life, is to do the will of my Father. I am not alone, my Father is with me, and so, "Your will be done." Not only is he our exemplar; Jesus, through his own perfect obedience, is the source whence the Holy Spirit comes to us to enable us to do what is impossible: "For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Mt 7:14). To glimpse something of the blessedness that is ours in the surrender of self is to cry out to God from the heart: "Take me from myself, wrest me away and take me to you."

Ministerial & Group Meetings

SVDP Food Drive	Tuesday, November 16th, 9:30AM - Noon, Garage
2nd Huntsville Spark Unit	Tuesday, November 16th, 6PM, Parish Hall
2nd Huntsville Spark Unit	Tuesday, November 23rd, 6PM, Parish Hall
Knights of Columbus Meeting	Thursday, November 25th, 7PM, Parish Hall

Parish Pastoral News

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive:

This Tuesday, November 16th, 9:30AM to 12noon in the Parish Garage, we will have our monthly Food Drive. Whatever you are able to share with us, we will greatly appreciate it. Thank you.

Month of November / We Continue to Love and Remember Our Loved Ones:

We will be placing on the interior side walls of our church hearts or crosses, with an image of a loved one who has died. If you wish to participate, please take a cross or heart home with you. Place a picture of your loved one on it and then bring it to church during the month of November, and place it on the wall, where you like. If you have questions, ask any of the Parish Pastoral Team members.

Knights of Columbus Cash Calendar: The cost of the calendar is \$20. There's a draw every day: 353 draws - \$40 each / 8 draws - \$175 each and 4 Special draws: March - \$180 / June - \$400, September - \$500 / December - \$1,000. A total of \$17,600 in cash prizes. You can win more than once as all numbers remain in the draws all year.

This is a fund raiser for the Knights of Columbus who use the proceeds to help others in the Huntsville area as part of their charitable outreach and mandate. As we help them, the Knights are able to help others.

HOT LUNCH TUESDAYS:

They will continue with Family Restaurant as we did last year. To ensure that this happens and succeeds, we will require your financial support through donations. You can either use the poor box at the entrance of the church or drop an envelope in the donation basket at mass. Thank you.

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - November 20th / 21st			
	4:00PM Mass	9:00AM Mass	11:00AM Mass
Readers	Jim Waters	Helen Hebb	June McDonald
Ushers	Walter Grys Marguerite Goodfellow Laila Etherington Tracy Shisko	Al Kudryk Mary Kudryk Craig Martin Eleanor Wolfle	John MacInnis Jean MacInnis Linda Lacroix Hugh Knox
Counters	Tuesday November 23rd	Wanda Roberts	& John Schreurs

Prayer or Mass Requests:

If there is someone you would like us to remember in our prayers, and wish to have their name added to our list, or to have a mass said for someone, please contact the office and let us know. Also, please let us know when it would be appropriate to remove someone's name from our prayer list.

New To the Parish

We welcome you and look forward to getting to know you. Please let us know you are here, and ask us how we together can make your transitioning to the area enjoyable and affirming. Our contact information is on the cover of this bulletin

Parish Nurse News:

Just a quick reminder that flu shots are available at most pharmacies and physician offices. Influenza is just as serious as Covid 19 so the more protection you have the better off you will be. With the lifting of some Public Health measures, I encourage you to look very carefully at the situation you are putting yourself in, continue to wear your mask over your mouth and nose and keep that 2-metre social distance.

The Thursday Clinic is available for walk in sessions. Drop by and get your BP checked, your medication reviewed or just to chat. I am available after Mass every Thursday for as long as it takes. I have also started visiting those who are housebound or have recently been hospitalized. If you know of someone who would like a Nursing visit, please let me know.

Marguerite Goodfellow RN Parish Nurse

The 2022 Sunday Missals: They have now arrived and are at the entrance of the church. Sorry for the delay. To help cover the cost of the missals, the suggested donation is \$5.00. Thank you.

"The poverty of the mind is where the roots of actual poverty begin"
Keniel Huntley
Where the mind goes, so one's will follows and this we become

Last Weekend Offertory
November 6th / 7th
Sunday Offertory Total / \$3,921.00
St. Vincent de Paul Collection / \$2, 561.00