

November 26, 2023: 34TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

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Reflection:

The greatest evil in the world

Mother Teresa said:

'Many today are starving for ordinary bread. But there is another kind of hunger

- the hunger to be wanted, to be loved, to be recognised.

Nakedness too is not just the want of clothes, but also about loss of dignity, purity, and self-respect.

And homelessness is not just want of a house; there is the homelessness of being rejected, of being unwanted in a throwaway society.

The biggest disease in the world today is the feeling of being unwanted and uncared for.

The greatest evil in the world is lack of love, the terrible indifference towards one's neighbour.'

Lord, warm our cold hearts with your grace, so that we your disciples may produce the fruits of love.

(From *The Complete Poems of Patrick Kavanagh, 1984, Goldsmith Press*)

Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year A, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.354

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Mass During Week:

Tuesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.

Wednesday 10am this week only, Friday 2pm Lohnes Complex.

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Lohnes Complex*

First Friday of each month - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex.

Bible Study:

November 28th, 2023, after evening mass.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Postponed until further notice.

Reconciliation:

By request.

Marriages:

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections:

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS
November 18th & 19th, 2023

Regular Sunday	1737.75
Loose Offering	110.10
Parish Dues	100.00
Building Fund	15.00
Votive Candles	33.35
Sunday Missals	204.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	5.00
World Mission Sunday	5.00
Shepherds Fund	630.00
St. Vincent de Paul	130.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	Late Patricia Marie Dunphy Late Daphne B. Brake
Wed. 10 am	Late Bob Beales
Thur. 7 pm	Late Mary Jo Roche
Fri. 2 pm	Lohnes Complex
Sat. 4:30 pm	Parish Community
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 2	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Lynette Taylor	Art Hall
December 3	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Victoria Murphy	Wayne Dicks
Communion to the sick – John Carroll	

MASS CHANGE: Wednesday’s mass November 29th, at 7pm **will be held at 10 a.m.** This is the only change for this week.

BIBLE STUDY: To start Tuesday, November 28 after evening Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS:

Saturday, December 23 at 4:30pm.
 Sunday, December 24 at 4:30pm and 9:30 pm.
 Monday, December 25 at 11a.m.

SYMPATHY: Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dorothy Specker who died this week. Let us remember her at prayer.

FILLATRE FUNERAL HOME – TREE OF MEMORIES CELEBRATION: Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00pm at Remembrance Square. Join us for the official tree lighting! Memorial Service - 7:30pm at First United Church. Reception to follow! Memorial bulbs can be purchased through Hospital Foundation Office 709-784-5353

BINGO: The Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be having bingo today Sunday, November 26th, 2pm. at Sacred Heart Elementary School. Please continue with your donations and help.

SUNDAY MISSALS: For 2023-2024 have arrived and are \$7.00 each. They can be found in the back of the church, or at the parish office.

ANNUAL ADVENT ECUMENICAL SERVICE: is at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 25 Main St., Sunday December 3, 7pm. All singers are welcome to join the choir. Rehearsals Sunday, December 3 at 5:45pm.

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist: The “source and summit” of the Christian life. Next sessions are December 4th and 11th at the Cathedral from 6:30p.m. - 8:00p.m. Please contact angie.dolomount@gmail.com or 709-631-4543 for more information.

POOR BOX COLLECTION: The next SSVP Poor Box Collection will be taken up on the weekend of December 2-3. Thank you for your continued support.

COFFEE TIME: Our Parish Outreach Committee will continue coffee time after masses on Sunday mornings. Come join us for a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a little snack. This is the time to share with your brothers and sisters and welcome new members. Baked goods are always welcome.

BLUE CHRISTMAS: - Christmas can trigger strong emotions of grief and loss for those individuals and families who have experienced a death in the family. The Cathedral parish would like to invite the entire community to come together in prayerful support of those who are mourning as we await the birth of Christ. The prayer vigil, on Monday, December 18th at 7 p.m., will be followed by a time for coffee and fellowship. All are welcome.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE 2023: Advent is a time to prepare our hearts to receive our Lord. He is the bringer of peace, healing and reconciliation. In order to receive him, and the healing that he brings, our Reconciliation Service will be Wednesday, December 20 at 7pm. **Note** that All Hallows Parish will host their service on Tuesday December 19th at 7pm.

PARISH OUTREACH: This committee is offering to bring communions and provide a pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. To anyone needing a pastoral visit or communion to the sick please call the parish

office at 709-785-5025 and you will be directed to a committee member.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL. Your response has been remarkable, and we are still in need of men’s and lady’s items. If you haven’t had the opportunity to contribute or are planning to do so, your support is invaluable. Also consider donating gift cards or cash to make this Christmas season brighter for those in need. A list of suggested items for men and women is available at the back of the church, guiding you on how to make a meaningful impact. Our hearts are warmed, and we extend our gratitude for your generosity.

STOCKING STUFFERS: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is still accepting stocking stuffers for the Christmas Hampers. A list of suggested gift donations/gift cards can be found at the back of the church. The collection box is located at the back of the Church. For those who prefer to make cash donations, envelopes are available on the church table and tax receipts can be provided. If you wish to sponsor a hamper or can help in any way, please contact the Society at 638-9010. We sincerely appreciate your ongoing generosity.

SHEPHERDS’ FUND FOUNDATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN - YEAR 2023: This weekend November 25 and 26, the Campaign was conducted. Check your envelop package for this Appeal or a specially addressed envelope may be provided by your Parish. A regular envelop labeled SHEPHERDS’ FUND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN is fine, please put your name/address on it to ensure you will get a receipt for tax purposes. Contributions are welcome anytime. Thank you again for your support.