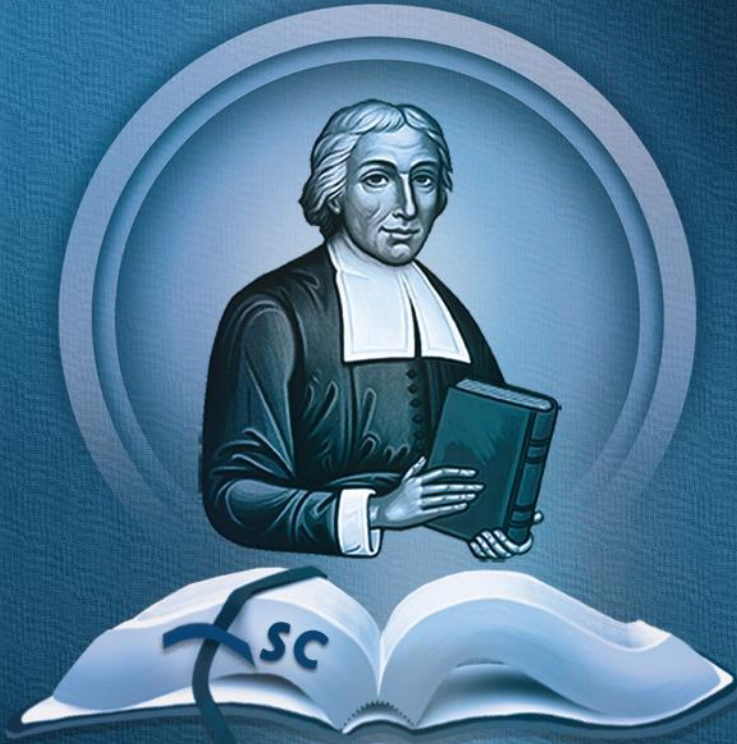




Brothers of
the Christian
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WORD OF GOD
IN THE EYES OF LASALLIANS

BIBLE DIARY **2023**

LASALLIAN PRAYERS

PRAYERS FOR LASALLIAN VOCATIONS

(For the use of Monthly Novena)

DAY : 1

Eternal God, bless our Institute with holy and faithful Lasallian brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as vowed religious in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that, in him, with him and through him, we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, and always be faithful to the Lasallian mission entrusted to all of us. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY: 2

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call many members of the Church to be generous workers for your people and to gather in your harvest. Send them to share the Good News of Jesus with all the people on earth. Father, we ask this prayer Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY : 3

Lord Jesus, you chose the apostles to propagate the faith and establish your holy Church in the world. We earnestly beseech you to bless our Institute with many more Lasallian brothers and sisters who will love you with their whole strength and will gladly spend their entire lives in making you known and loved by all men. Amen.

DAY: 4

O God, you sent your Son, Jesus, to bring eternal life to those who believe in Him. We join Him in praying for laborers for your harvest. May your holy Spirit inspire men and women to continue his mission through religious life and lay ministry. May this same Spirit make known your will to every one of us. This we ask through Christ our Brother. Amen.

DAY: 5

Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, we humbly beg of you to revive in your Church that Spirit which you did so abundantly bestow on the Apostles. Call, we pray you, very many to be the witnesses of the Lasallian mission in the world. May the zeal for your glory and the salvation of souls inflame those whom you have chosen. May they be saints in your likeness, and may your Spirit strengthen them. O Jesus, give us more Lasallians after your own Heart! Amen.

DAY: 6

Lord, in your love for your people, you provide inspired men and women as shepherds for your people, and you call them to leave all things to serve you joyfully. May those whom you have chosen as servants and ministers of the Gospel, show forth dedication and compassion. May they provide, by their way of life, a convincing sign of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world. Amen

DAY: 7

Almighty and eternal God, in your unending love, you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church as religious. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us. Being faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, may they announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth. This we ask through Christ our Lord Amen.

DAY: 8

O God, Father of all mercies, provider of a bountiful harvest, send your graces upon those you have called to gather the fruits of your labor. Preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of your children that they may discern your holy will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all your faithful to follow their respective paths in life, guided by your divine word and truth. Through the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the angels, and saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DAY: 9

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, give to our young people the generosity necessary to follow your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give to parents, that faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to serve you. May your example and that of your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let your grace sustain them. Amen.

LASALLIAN PRAYER TO MOTHER MARY

Oh Holy Mary my Sovereign Queen, I humbly commend my soul and body to you and to your special protection, now, everyday of me life and at the hour of my death.

To you I commit all my hopes and consolation, to you I fly in all my wretchedness and trouble, To you I entrust my life and the end thereof, so that through your holy intercessions and through your merits, all my actions may be directed and disposed according to your will and that of your Divine Son. Amen.

LASALLIAN PRAYER TO THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Help us to be Brothers who are visible signs of hope, as Your Holy Presence enlivens our world today. Give us compassionate hearts as we face those Brothers and Sisters who experience the challenges of human Poverty. Inspire us in word and deed when we meet those who are alone and vulnerable. Make us welcoming and available persons to all those who feel excluded and depressed. May your church on earth be a true community of truth and love, the symbol of freedom and justice, so that all people may find in it abundant reasons for faith, hope and love.

May we, Brothers of the Christian Schools be genuine ambassadors and ministers of your Gospel to all those entrusted to our care.

We ask all these things, Oh loving God of the Universe, in the name of Jesus our Brother, through the power of the Holy Spirit, and with the intercession of Saint John Baptist De La Salle and all our saintly Brothers. Amen.

LASALLIAN PRAYER

O God, who for the Christian education of the poor and for the preservation of youth in the way of truth, did raise up St. John Baptist, Confessor, and did form by him a new religious family in the Church, mercifully grant that, through his intercession and example, we may be animated with zeal for your glory in saving souls, and merit to share his crown in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

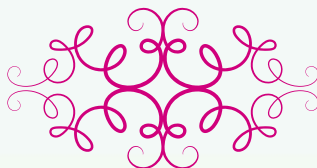
PRAYER OF A LASALLIAN TEACHER

This prayer echoes the spirituality of St. John Baptist De La Salle, who was proclaimed by the Catholic Church on May 15, 1950, to be the Patron Saint of Teachers.

You, O Lord, are my strength, my patience, my light, and my counsel. It is you who touch the hearts of the children entrusted to my care. Abandon me not to myself for one moment.

For my own guidance and that of my students, grant me the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of a holy fear of you and an ardent zeal to procure your glory.

I unite my efforts to those of Jesus Christ, and I beg the Most Blessed Virgin, Saint Joseph, the Guardian Angels and Saint John Baptist De La Salle to protect me this day in the performance of my duties. Amen.





33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Year A

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Psalm 127: 1-5

℟️ O blessed are those who fear the Lord !

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways !
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. *℟️*

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;

you children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. *℟️*

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life ! *℟️*

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord; whoever abides in me bears much fruit. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents;

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see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trust worthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trust worthy slave; you have been trust worthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



® In today's gospel we are told the story of the talents that were given to others to look after, while their boss was going away for a time. The talents were amounts of money. Different individuals were given different amounts of money according to their ability. Now if you are not good with money pay heed to this gospel. When the boss returned from his journey, he called his employees to account. Two of the three in the gospel made good investments for their boss and they were well rewarded. The shock in today's gospel is the treatment of the man who was given the least amount of money. He was frightened and hid the money safely for his boss's return. He knew the boss was harsh and ruthless but he failed to invest wisely and make a profit. So, his money is taken from him and given to the one who has the most. Talents are also gifts that God freely gives us. Dear God, thank you for the gifts and talents you have given me increase my gifts so that I can help others.

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NOVEMBER

MONDAY

33rd Week in Ordinary Time

GREEN

FELIX OF VALOIS



CONFESSOR & CO-FOUNDER

(1127 - 1212)

Born in Valois, Felix renounced his possessions and retired to a dense forest where he gave himself to prayer and contemplation. Along with St. John of Matha, he founded the Order of the Holy Trinity for the Redemption of Captives (Trinitarians or Redemptionists) in order to ransom Christians held as slaves by Moors in Spain and Northern Africa. He devoted himself to the promotion of Regular Observance and for the redemption of bondsmen.

First Reading: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63

From them came forth a sinful root, Antiochus Epiphanes, son of King Antiochus; he had been a hostage in Rome. He began to reign in the one hundred thirty-seventh year of the kingdom of the Greeks. In those days, certain renegades came out from Israel and misled many, saying, "Let us go and make a covenant with the Gentiles around us, for since we separated from them many disasters have come upon us." This proposal pleased them, and some of the people eagerly went to the king, who authorized them to observe the ordinances of the Gentiles. So they built a gymnasium in Jerusalem, according to Gentile custom, and removed the marks of circumcision, and abandoned the holy covenant. They joined with the Gentiles and sold themselves to do evil. Then the king wrote to his whole kingdom that all should be one people, and that all should give up their particular customs. All the Gentiles accepted the command of the king. Many even from Israel gladly adopted his religion; they sacrificed to idols and profaned the Sabbath. Now on the fifteenth day of Chislew, in the one hundred forty-fifth year, they erected a desolating sacrifice on the altar of burnt offering....*(please see appendix Page 505)*

Psalms 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158

℟️ Give me life, O Lord, and I will keep your commands.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

℟️ Today's gospel tells us about the blind man calling out to Jesus as he was approaching Jericho. The blind had faith and called out to Jesus, 'Son of David have pity on me'. Jesus asks the blind man, 'What can I do for you?' Jesus is asking us the same personal question, 'what can I do for you?' Close your eyes and imagine Jesus asking you 'what can I do for you?' Speak to Jesus in your heart and tell him. Dear God, I cry out to you and ask for your help in my life bless all those that I love and keep them safe.

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31

Eleazar, one of the scribes in high position, a man now advanced in age and of noble presence, was being forced to open his mouth to eat swine's flesh. But he, welcoming death with honor rather than life with pollution, went up to the rack of his own accord, spitting out the flesh, as all ought to go who have the courage to refuse things that it is not right to taste, even for the natural love of life. Those who were in charge of that unlawful sacrifice took the man aside because of their long acquaintance with him, and privately urged him to bring meat of his own providing, proper for him to use, and to pretend that he was eating the flesh of the sacrificial meal that had been commanded by the king, so that by doing this he might be saved from death, and be treated kindly on account of his old friendship with them. But making a high resolve, worthy of his years and the dignity of his old age and the grey hairs that he had reached with distinction and his excellent life even from childhood, and moreover according to the holy God-given law, he declared himself quickly, telling them to send him to Hades. ...*(please see appendix Page 505)*

Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

℟️ The Lord upholds me.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, God loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

℞ We have heard the story in the gospel many times about Zacchaeus and how Jesus seeks him out. Zacchaeus repents and becomes a new man open to the teachings of Jesus. But today I would like to talk to you about the psalm. The psalm tells us that no matter who is against us God will always keep us safe. No matter our circumstances or our despair God is with us. In situations like this it is a great act of faith to realise that God will look after us. Dear God, increase my faith.



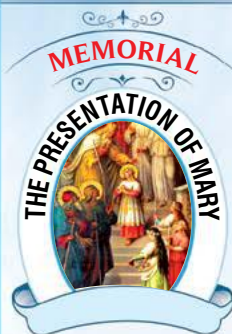
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NOVEMBER

TUESDAY

33rd Week in Ordinary Time

WHITE



The feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is associated with an event recounted not in the New Testament, but in the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James. According to that text, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, who had been childless, received a heavenly message that they would have a child. In thanksgiving for the gift of their daughter, they brought her, when still a child, to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her to God.

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NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY

33rd Week in
Ordinary Time

RED

MEMORIAL

CECILIA



VIRGIN & MARTYR

(c. 250)

Born in Rome, Cecilia presented herself as a perfect example of Christian womanhood who preserved her virginity and suffered martyrdom for the love of Christ. She converted her husband into Christianity and developed a ministry of giving proper burial to martyred Christians. She was beheaded for her actions because she refused to sacrifice to false gods. She is regarded as the patroness of musicians, because she heard heavenly music in her heart when she was married.

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31

...(please see appendix Page 505)

Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8 and 15

℟ *When I awake, O Lord, I shall be filled with the vision of your presence.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, says the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 19:11-28

As they were listening to this, Jesus went on to tell a parable, because he was near Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. So he said, "A nobleman went to a distant country to get royal power for himself and then return. He summoned ten of his slaves, and gave them ten pounds, and said to them, 'Do business with these until I come back.' But the citizens of his country hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to rule over us.' When he returned, having received royal power, he ordered these slaves, to whom he had given the money, to be summoned so that he might find out what they had gained by trading. The first came forward and said, 'Lord, your pound has made ten more pounds.' He said to him, 'Well done, good slave! Because you have been trustworthy in a very small thing, take charge of ten cities.' Then the second came, saying, 'Lord, your pound has made five pounds.' He said to him, 'And you, rule over five cities.' Then the other came, saying, 'Lord, here is your pound. I wrapped it up in a piece of cloth, for I was afraid of you, because you are a harsh man; you take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' He said to him, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked slave! You knew, did you, that I was a harsh man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? Why then did you not put my money into the bank? Then when I returned, I could have collected it with interest.' He said to the bystanders, 'Take the pound from him and give it to the one who has ten pounds.' (And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten pounds!') 'I tell you, to all those who have, more will be given; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. But as for these enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and slaughter them in my presence.'" After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem

℟ The psalm is telling us about someone who is just. Many times, in our lives, we will call out to God for help. The psalm tells us that the good person has been tested; life has been tough and difficult. But they have remained faithful to the teachings of God. The good person in the psalm is asking for the protection of God. God will always keep us safe. Dear God, help me to realise that you are always with me and that you are always protecting me against harm.

First Reading: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29

The king's officers who were enforcing the apostasy came to the town of Mode in to make them offer sacrifice. Many from Israel came to them; and Mattathias and his sons were assembled. Then the king's officers spoke to Mattathias as follows: "You are a leader, honoured and great in this town, and supported by sons and brothers. Now be the first to come and do what the king commands, as all the Gentiles and the people of Judah and those that are left in Jerusalem have done. Then you and your sons will be numbered among the Friends of the king, and you and your sons will be honoured with silver and gold and many gifts." But Mattathias answered and said in a loud voice: "Even if all the nations that live under the rule of the king obey him, and have chosen to obey his commandments, every one of them abandoning the religion of their ancestors, I and my sons and my brothers will continue to live by the covenant of our ancestors. Far be it from us to desert the law and the ordinances. We will not obey the king's words by turning aside from our religion to the right hand or to the left." When he had finished speaking these words, a Jew came forward in the sight of all to offer sacrifice on the altar in Mode in, according to the king's command. When Mattathias saw it, he burned with zeal and his heart was stirred.

...(please see appendix Page 506)

Psalm 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15

✠ *To one whose way is blameless, I will show the salvation of God.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Today harden not your hearts, but listen to the voice of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 19:41-44

As Jesus came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

℞ Today's gospel tells us about Jesus curing a boy. Imagine being present at this miracle. How would you make sense of it? The father of the boy was delighted that his son had been cured. When we pray to God for someone who is ill and they make a recovery, are we not grateful to God? Sadly, sometimes we pray and the person may not make a full recovery. Sometimes they may die. This is a test of faith for us. We are unable to grasp the width and depth of God's love for us. In illness and in health God is always with us, especially in illness. Dear God when I am ill may I be aware of your presence in my life.



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NOVEMBER

THURSDAY

33rd Week in
Ordinary Time

GREEN

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL

CLEMENT I



POPE & MARTYR

(d. c. 100)

Clement was the third Pope after St. Peter to rule the Church, at about the end of the 1st century. He wrote a renowned letter to the Corinthians with the object of preserving peace and concord among them. During the time of Emperor Trajan while leading a ministry among fellow prisoners, he was executed by being tied to an anchor and thrown into the sea. He is the first Apostolic Father of the Church.

**COLUMBAN,
BL. MIGUEL
AUGUSTIN**

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NOVEMBER

FRIDAY

33rd Week in Ordinary Time

RED

MEMORIAL

ANDREW DUNG - LAC & CO



MARTYRS

(d. 1862)

Andrew was one of 117 people who were martyred for their faith in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. He was tireless in his preaching and often fasted and lived a simple and moral life. To avoid persecutions under emperor Minh Mang he changed his name to Lac and moved to another prefecture to continue his work. He was finally arrested and beheaded. They were all canonized by Pope John Paul II on June 19, 1988.

First Reading: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59

Then Judas and his brothers said, "See, our enemies are crushed; let us go up to cleanse the sanctuary and dedicate it." So all the army assembled and went up to Mount Zion. Early in the morning on the twenty-fifth day of the ninth month, which is the month of Chislev, in the one hundred forty-eighth year, they rose and offered sacrifice, as the law directs, on the new altar of burnt offering that they had built. At the very season and on the very day that the Gentiles had profaned it, it was dedicated with songs and harps and lutes and cymbals. All the people fell on their faces and worshiped and blessed Heaven, who had prospered them. So they celebrated the dedication of the altar for eight days, and joyfully offered burnt offerings; they offered a sacrifice of well-being and a thanksgiving offering. They decorated the front of the temple with golden crowns and small shields; they restored the gates and the chambers for the priests, and fitted them with doors. There was very great joy among the people, and the disgrace brought by the Gentiles was removed. Then Judas and his brothers and all the assembly of Israel determined that every year at that season the days of dedication of the altar should be observed with joy and gladness for eight days, beginning with the twenty-fifth day of the month of Chislev.

1 Chronicles 29:10b, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd

✠ We praise your glorious name, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; and I know them, and they follow me.

Gospel: Luke 19:45-48

Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; and he said, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer'; but you have made it a den of robbers." Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

✠ Today's gospel reminds us that we are to be witnesses for God. By our actions of love, charity and compassion others will ask us why we act in such a way. God will give us the wisdom and words to talk when we are challenged for following the ways of God. Families will be divided; brothers will betray one another. This is a reminder to us that following God is not for the faint-hearted. If God calls you to follow, then you will be given gifts and talents and rewards if you persevere. Dear God help me to persevere when things are tough help me carry my daily cross.



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NOVEMBER

SATURDAY

33rd Week in Ordinary Time

GREEN



Born in Alexandria, Catherine was known to have converted 50 pagan philosophers who were summoned to debate with her on pro Christian arguments. Sentenced to be executed on a spiked wheel, she touched the wheel and it shattered. Unable to torture her to death, the emperor beheaded her. She was invoked as the patro-ness of students, teachers, librarians and lawyers. She is one of the 14 Holy Helpers, venerated especially in Germany and Hungary.

First Reading: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13

King Antiochus was going through the upper provinces when he heard that Elymais in Persia was a city famed for its wealth in silver and gold. Its temple was very rich, containing golden shields, breastplates, and weapons left there by Alexander son of Philip, the Macedonian king who first reigned over the Greeks. So he came and tried to take the city and plunder it, but he could not because his plan had become known to the citizens and they withstood him in battle. So he fled and in great disappointment left there to return to Babylon. Then someone came to him in Persia and reported that the armies that had gone into the land of Judah had been routed; ...*(please see appendix Page 506)*

Psalms 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19

℟️ I will rejoice in your salvation, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Gospel: Luke 20:27-40

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally, the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive." Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

℟️ Today's gospel gives tells us about spiritual matters and physical things. It talks about marriage this is both spiritual and physical. Marriage is a sacrament, an encounter with God. Some of the people in today's gospel try to trick Jesus by asking a controversial question. They ask who the woman will be married to when the resurrection comes, because the woman had married seven brothers. At the resurrection Jesus tells them no-one is married because we will be like spirits. Dear God may I look after those you entrust to my care always remembering your presence in my life.