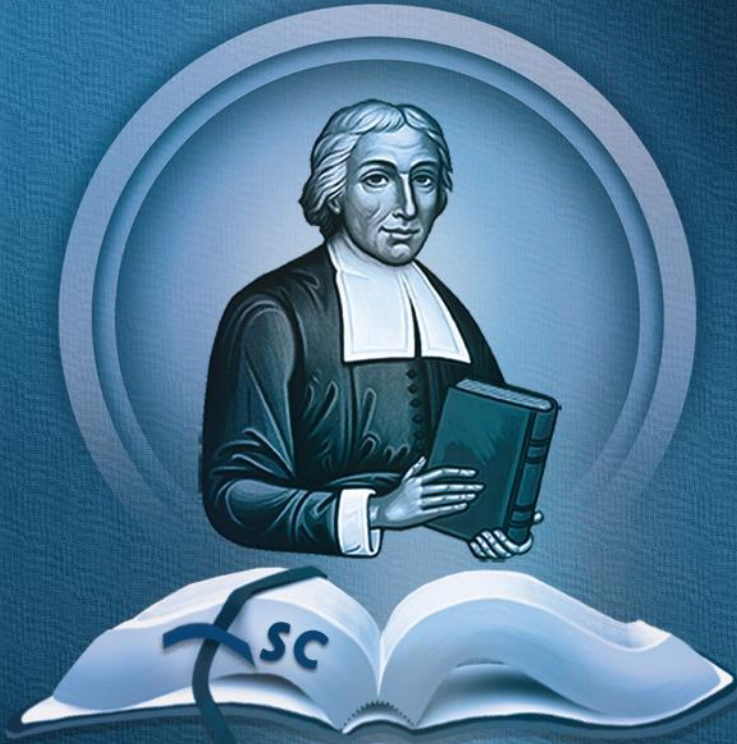




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WORD OF GOD
IN THE EYES OF LASALLIANS

BIBLE DIARY **2023**

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Entrance Procession and Song

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All : Amen.

Greeting

C : The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with You all.

All : And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

C : Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. (a brief silence)

All : I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (and, striking their breast, they say:) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault, therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God

C : May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All : Amen.

C : Lord, have mercy.

All : Lord, have mercy.

C : Christ, have mercy.

All : Christ, have mercy.

C : Lord, have mercy.

All : Lord, have mercy.

THE HYMN "GLORIA"

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore You, We glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

The Responsorial Psalm

The Second Reading (When prescribed).

The Acclamation before the Gospel

The Gospel

The homily

The Profession of Faith (when prescribed)

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

The offertory procession and song Presenting the bread:

C : Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Presenting the Chalice:

C : Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, It will become our spiritual drink.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

C : Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All : May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands / for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER - II

C : The Lord be with you.

All : And with your spirit.

C : Lift up your hearts

All : We lift them up to the Lord.

C : Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All** : It is right and just.

C : It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, your Word through whom you made all things, whom you sent as our Saviour and Redeemer, incarnate by the Holy spirit and born of the Virgin.

Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, he stretched out his hands as he endured his Passion, so as to break the bonds of death and manifest the Resurrection. And so, with the Angels and all the Saints we declare your glory, as with one voice we acclaim:

All : Holy, Holy, Holy....

C : You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

CC : Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, So that they may become for us the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At ✠ the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: **TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying: **TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

C : The mystery of faith.

All : We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and Profess Your Resurrection until you come again.

CC : Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

C1 : Remember, Lord, Your Church, Spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N.our Pope and N.Our Bishop and all the clergy.

In Masses for the Dead, The following may be added : Remember your servant N., Whom you have called (today) from this world to yourself. Grant that he (she) who was united with your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Resurrection.

C2 : Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

CC : Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All : Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C : At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All : Our Father, who art in heaven, / hallowed be thy name; / thy Kingdom come, / thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, / Give us this day our daily bread, / and forgive us our trespasses, / as we forgive those who trespass against us; / and lead us not into temptation, / but deliver us from evil.

C : Deliver us, Lord, We Pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All : For the kingdom / the power and the glory are yours / now and for ever.

THE RITE OF PEACE

C : Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will who live and reign for ever and ever.

All : Amen.

C : The peace of the lord be with you always.

All : And with your spirit.

C : Then the deacon (or the priest) adds: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All : Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

The Priest, with hands joined, says the following prayer in a low voice:

May the receiving of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgement and condemnation, but through your loving mercy be for me protection in mind and body and a healing remedy.

The Priest genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice, says:

C : Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All : Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

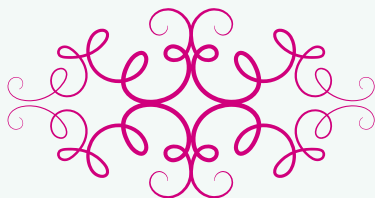
THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE DISMISSAL

C : The Lord be with you. **All** : And with your Spirit.

C : May almighty God bless you, the Father, **All** : Amen.
and the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

C : Go forth, the Mass is ended. **All** : Thanks be to God.





32nd *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Green

Year A

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Psalm 62:2-8

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long:
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry,
weary land without water. *R.*

So, I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. *R.*

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. *R.*

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help; in the
shadow of your wings I rejoice. *R.*

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Sunday

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Stay awake, and be ready; the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.



Ⓜ Today's gospel tells us a story about always being ready. If we make arrangements to meet another person, then we agree on a time date and place. Sometimes unforeseen circumstances may stop us from meeting at the agreed time, date and place. We do not know the future. We presume a lot about the future. For example, we will be here tomorrow, maybe, maybe not. I hope and pray we are. Young people prefer to live in the future. Often, they would say: when I am older I will learn to drive and have a car. When I am older, I will be able to work, earn money and have my own house. Often young people say, 'I can't wait until...' They spend a lot of excited time in the future. Today's gospel reminds us that we should be prepared and ready for God in our lives. Dear God, help me be ready to accept you into my life daily and may I respond to the promptings of your Holy Spirit.

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NOVEMBER

MONDAY

32nd Week in Ordinary Time

GREEN

STANISLAUS KOSTKA



RELIGIOUS

(1550 - 1568)

Stanisław Kostka was a Polish novice of the Society of Jesus. He had a great devotion towards St Barbara who seems to have accompanied by two angels, entered his room with the Blessed Sacrament when he was attacked by a demon. As a novice, he was known for his cheerful sanctity, angelic innocence and purity of thought and speech. He is invoked against palpitation and those dying without receiving the Viaticum.

First Reading: Wisdom 1:1-7

Love righteousness, you rulers of the earth, think of the Lord in goodness and seek him with sincerity of heart; because he is found by those who do not put him to the test, and manifests himself to those who do not distrust him. For perverse thoughts separate people from God, and when his power is tested, it exposes the foolish; because wisdom will not enter a deceitful soul, or dwell in a body enslaved to sin. For a holy and disciplined spirit will flee from deceit, and will leave foolish thoughts behind, and will be ashamed at the approach of unrighteousness. For wisdom is a kindly spirit, but will not free blasphemers from the guilt of their words; because God is witness of their inmost feelings, and a true observer of their hearts, and a hearer of their tongues. Because the spirit of the Lord has filled the world, and that which holds all things together knows what is said.

Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10

℟ Lead me, Lord, in the way everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, You shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.

Gospel: Luke 17:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples, "Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive." The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

℟ Today's gospel reminds us about being separated from God. Being separated from God is sin. Sometimes we act in a way that is contrary to God. Sometimes we may be that individual who is causing someone to break away from God's love. We may encourage others to fight. We may call others bad names. We may use bad words. These separate us from the love and presence of God. We must often forgive others when they do us wrong or harm. This is difficult; and challenging following God is difficult and challenging. God will give you help to move on and forgive. Dear God, help me to forgive others the hurt they have caused me help me remember that you are always with me. I must forgive those because you forgive me.

First Reading: Wisdom 2:23–3:9

For God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it. But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Psalm 33:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

℟️ I will bless the Lord at all times.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Gospel: Luke 17:7-10

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

℞ Today's gospel reminds us that we are to use our gifts and talents to help others. God has given you grace to help you in your life. Grace is supernatural help given to us by God. We receive grace when we receive the sacraments. Grace enables us to reach and help those that need it daily. Sometimes when we are tired, our tolerance level drops and we can be quick to say something before thinking, and this may cause distress to others. Dear God, help me remember that when I am in a bad mood, I may have the grace to see my error and ask for forgiveness.



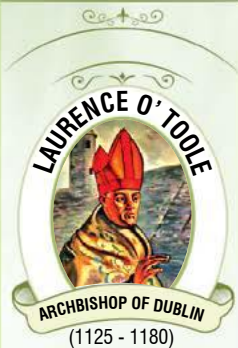
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NOVEMBER

TUESDAY

32nd Week in Ordinary Time

GREEN



St. Laurence O'Toole was Archbishop of Dublin at the time of the Norman invasion of Ireland. He played a prominent role in the Irish Church Reform Movement of the 12th century and mediated between the parties during and after the invasion. He was most widely known for his piety, charity, and prudence, and was respected as a negotiator. He reformed much of the administration and clerical life in his diocese.

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NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY

32nd Week in Ordinary Time

GREEN



St. Albertus Magnus also known as St. Albert the Great was a Dominican friar and bishop who was known for his intellectual abilities. He was a respected philosopher, scientist, theologian and teacher. He introduced Greek and Arabic science and philosophy to medieval Europe. During his life, Albert wrote thirty eight volumes covering topics ranging from philosophy to geography, astronomy, law, friendship and love. He is the patron saint of scientists.

First Reading: Wisdom 6:1-11

Listen therefore, O kings, and understand; learn, O judges of the ends of the earth. Give ear, you that rule over multitudes, and boast of many nations. For your dominion was given you from the Lord, and your sovereignty from the Most High; he will search out your works and inquire into your plans. Because as servants of his kingdom you did not rule rightly, or keep the law, or walk according to the purpose of God, he will come upon you terribly and swiftly, because severe judgment falls on those in high places. For the lowliest may be pardoned in mercy, but the mighty will be mightily tested. For the Lord of all will not stand in awe of anyone, or show deference to greatness; because he himself made both small and great, and he takes thought for all alike. But a strict inquiry is in store for the mighty. To you then, O monarchs, my words are directed, so that you may learn wisdom and not transgress. For they will be made holy who observe holy things in holiness, and those who have been taught them will find a defence. Therefore, set your desire on my words; long for them, and you will be instructed.

Psalm 82:3-4, 6-7

ⲗ Arise, O God; judge the earth!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Ⓜ Today's gospel reminds us about being thankful to God. When someone helps you, are you not thankful? Often, we take many things for granted and we may forget to thank God. How many times when you pray do you thank God? If you were one of the 10 people in the gospel today, would you be one of the nine or the one who went to look for Jesus and thank him? Most of us would say I would be the one. How many times have you been in a group and was involved in doing something risky? Would you be the one to say 'Stop' or would you be just part of the group? Peer pressure is important especially when used for good. Dear God, give me the courage to be the one who stands out from the group to do good.

First Reading: Wisdom 7:22b–8:1

For wisdom, the fashioner of all things, taught me. There is in her a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, irresistible, beneficent, humane, steadfast, sure, free from anxiety, all-powerful, overseeing all, and penetrating through all spirits that are intelligent, pure, and altogether subtle. For wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things. For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore, nothing defiled gains entrance into her. For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom. She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail. She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

Psalms 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175

℟️ Forever is your word, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, I am the vine; you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit.

Gospel: Luke 17:20–25

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you." Then he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. They will say to you, 'Look there!' or 'Look here!' Do not go, do not set off in pursuit. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first he must endure much suffering and be rejected by this generation.

℟️ The Blessed Martyrs of Almeria. In today's gospel Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God. He tells us that the Kingdom of God is among us. What does this mean? It means that God is in each and every one? So, God is among us. It can be challenging to realise that God is in everyone especially when we have been hurt or see others being cruel. Today's gospel tells us about the suffering of Jesus but his apostles did not fully understand. No one wants to suffer, no one wants to die. But Jesus suffered and died for us. Love always conquers fear; so do not be afraid to follow the path of Jesus. Dear God, strength us to follow the path you have chosen for us. May we always remember your great sacrifice.



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NOVEMBER

THURSDAY

32nd Week in Ordinary Time

GREEN



Margaret of Scotland also known as "The Pearl of Scotland" worked tirelessly to bring justice and relief to the poor of Scotland. She dignified the court, providing an example of purity and reverence that led others to follow in her path. She also built churches and encouraged practices of religious devotion. She attended to charitable works, serving orphans and the poor every day and was washing the feet of the poor in imitation of Christ.

GERTRUDE THE GREAT

17

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY

32nd Week in Ordinary Time

WHITE

MEMORIAL

ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY



WIDOW

(1207 - 1231)

Elizabeth of Hungary was a medieval noblewoman who responded to personal tragedy by embracing St. Francis' ideals of poverty and service. After her husband's death she sent her children away and regained her dowry, using the money to build a hospital where she herself served the sick. She became a symbol of Christian charity. She is the patron saint of the Third Order of St Francis, bakers, beggars, and charitable societies.

First Reading: Wisdom 13:1-9

For all people who were ignorant of God were foolish by nature; and they were unable from the good things that are seen to know the one who exists, nor did they recognize the artisan while paying heed to his works; but they supposed that either fire or wind or swift air, or the circle of the stars, or turbulent water, or the luminaries of heaven were the gods that rule the world. If through delight in the beauty of these things people assumed them to be gods, let them know how much better than these is their Lord, for the author of beauty created them. And if people were amazed at their power and working, let them perceive from them how much more powerful is the one who formed them. For from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator. Yet these people are little to be blamed, for perhaps they go astray while seeking God and desiring to find him. *...(please see appendix Page 474)*

Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5

✠ *The heavens declare the glory of God.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Straighten up and raise your heads, because redemption is drawing near.

Gospel: Luke 17:26-37

Just as it was in the days of Noah, so too it will be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking, and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed all of them. Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot: they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day that Lot left Sodom, it rained fire and sulphur from heaven and destroyed all of them—it will be like that on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, anyone on the housetop who has belongings in the house must not come down to take them away; and likewise anyone in the field must not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Those who try to make their life secure will lose it, but those who lose their life will keep it. I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding meal together; one will be taken and the other left." Then they asked him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."

✠ Today's gospel tells us two stories. The first is the story of Noah; the second is the story of Lot. In both these stories everyone was busy with their lives forgetting about God. However, within the two stories some people are saved like Noah and Lot. The gospel reminds us that however busy we are with all the cares and worries in our lives, we should remember that God is with us. Like Noah and Lot God will save and help us. Dear God, help me like you helped Noah and Lot to do your will.

First Reading: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9

For while gentle silence enveloped all things, and night in its swift course was now half gone, your all-powerful word leaped from heaven, from the royal throne, into the midst of the land that was doomed, a stern warrior carrying the sharp sword of your authentic command, and stood and filled all things with death, and touched heaven while standing on the earth. For the whole creation in its nature was fashioned anew, complying with your commands, so that your children might be kept unharmed. The cloud was seen overshadowing the camp, and dry land emerging where water had stood before, an unhindered way out of the Red Sea, and a grassy plain out of the raging waves, where those protected by your hand passed through as one nation, after gazing on marvellous wonders. For they ranged like horses, and leaped like lambs, praising you, O Lord, who delivered them.

Psalms 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43

Remember the wonders the Lord has done.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, God has called us through the gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

R Today's gospel tells us about the persistent widow who would not give up. She tried and tried until she got what she wanted. The judge was dishonest in the story but he gave into the widow. We can learn two things from this gospel. The first is obvious. The widow did not give up; she kept going and going until she got what she wanted. The widow wanted justice because she had been wronged. In her society at the time, it would be difficult for a woman being on her own to get justice especially by law. Even though the judge is dishonest and did not really want to help the widow, he did. The judge did not fear God or respect man. Maybe the judge did not know who God was or maybe he did not really fully understand, but he did help the widow. Dear God, increase my faith so that I may be faithful to your daily calling.



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NOVEMBER

SATURDAY

32nd Week in Ordinary Time

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This feast celebrates the dedications of two of the four major basilicas of Rome. St. Peter's Basilica was originally built in 323 by the emperor Constantine. The basilica was constructed over the tomb of Peter the Apostle. St. Paul's Basilica is located outside the original walls of Rome. It was also originally built by the emperor Constantine though it was destroyed by fire in 1823. The Basilica was built over St. Paul's grave.