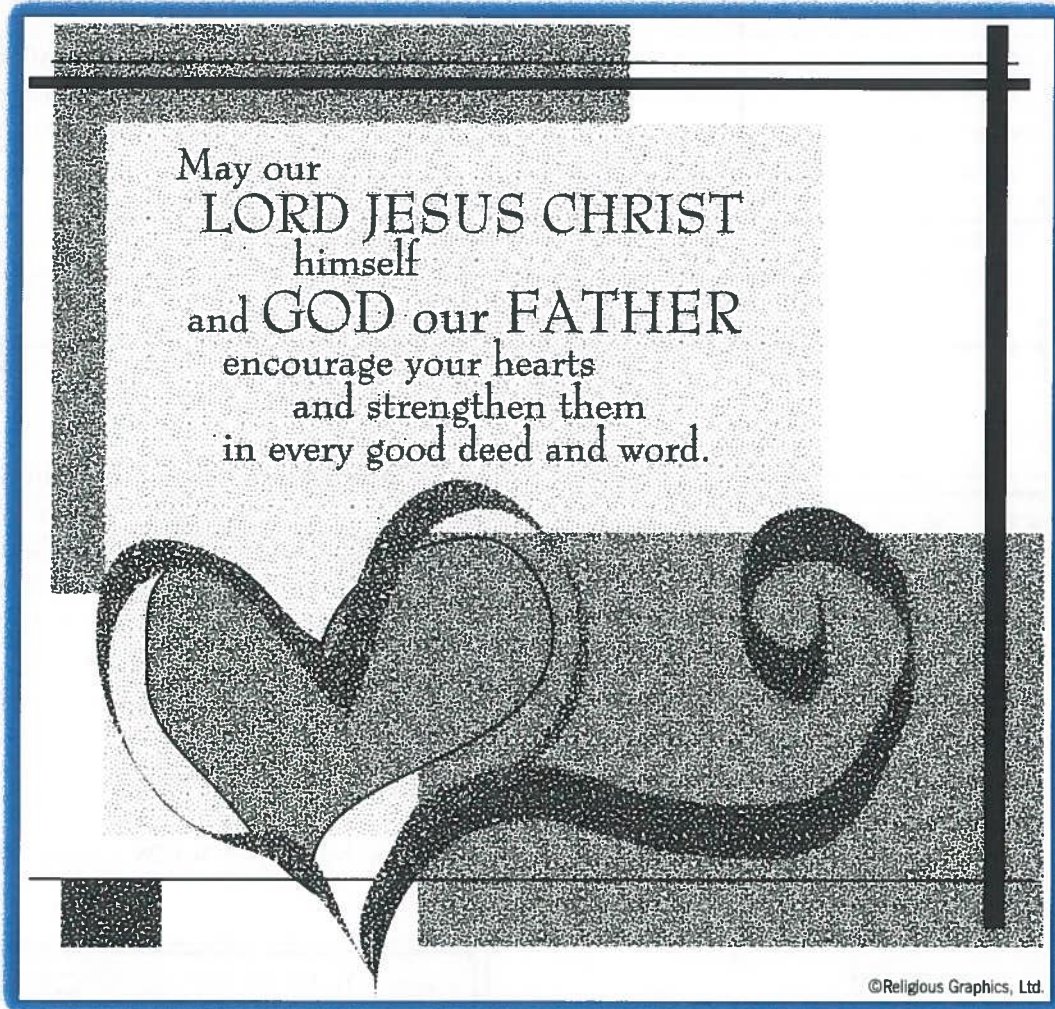


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Sacred Heart, Goodrich

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 5-6, 2022



“THE SOULS OF THE JUST ARE IN THE HANDS OF GOD... Wis 3:1

OUR PAST YEAR'S BELOVED DECEASED

NOVEMBER 2021–OCTOBER 2022

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ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN ETERNAL PEACE. AMEN

Quotable: "I am not dying, I am beginning to live."

—Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-97), at her death

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12-13, 2022

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, November 12 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, November 13 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, November 13 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, November 13 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron
Ushers	Dan Hoffman Dave Emling Roger Jensen Gery Wright	James Mallaney David Kirkpatrick	Youth Mass	Erik Wheeler Corinn Wheeler Darren Lovell Kim Smicker
Lector	Rob Landeck	Terri Weakley	Youth Mass	Dana Masching
Servers				Bella Eich
Greeters			Greeter — Jerry Ogrentz R. Leader — Youth Mass	Brent Fulton

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 7 (SMM)

8:00 am +John Andrzejewski (Pat Gray)

Tuesday, November 8

8:00 am at SH +John Andrzejewski (Knights of Columbus)

Wednesday, November 9 (SJ)

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, November (SMM)

8 :00 am No Mass

Saturday, November 12 (SMM)

5:00 pm For All the Parish Family

Sunday, November 13

7:30 am (SH) +Don St. Germaine, Sr. (Steve/Darlene Soucie)

9:00 am (SJ) +Bill Miller (His Family)

10:30am (SMM) +Tom & Nina Smolkovich (Dan Hoffman)

A Look Ahead

November 5-6—2nd Collection for relief of Hurricane Ian

November 5-6—K of C Food for Families food drive

November 13—15—Parish Mission

November 19-20— 2nd Collection Campaign for Human Development

Sunday, Nov. 20—Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 29—SMM CCW meeting 7:00 pm

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Question of the week:

To what must I die in order to fully live in the way God calls me?

Collections Week of Oct. 29-30, 2022

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,779

St. James—\$1,750

Sacred Heart—\$1,115

Thank you for your generosity!

A Stewardship Moment 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of November 5-6, 2022

In today's second reading we hear Saint Paul urging the members of the community at Thessalonica to direct their hearts to God's love through Christ. He wants them to be laser-focused on Christ, and nothing else. He desires that they be strengthened by the Lord and shielded from what is not Christ-like. Good stewards cultivate a "laser-sharp" focus on Christ; not on things that could give them false or superficial images or ideals. Let's think about our own daily focus: Do we direct our hearts toward Christ or are there other "gods" that claim our attention? Our career? Material possessions? Sexuality? Favorite sports team? Political leanings? Does our daily life point to Christ so that those who are younger and less mature in their faith learn from our example?

Reflections

All Souls

When the powers of hell prevail
O'er our weakness and unfitness,
Could we lift the fleshly veil?
Could we for a moment witness
Those unnumbered hosts that stand
Calm and bright on either hand?
Oh what joyful hope would cheer
Oh what faith serene would guide us.
Great may be the danger near;
Greater are the friends beside us.

Gospel Shorts Is There Life Beyond Life

The Sadducees didn't believe in eternal life ... what a depressing thought! They had no hope for a life with Christ after death. They tried to trick Jesus by asking him about a woman who has several husbands because she keeps becoming widowed, asking him which would she be married to in heaven. Jesus wouldn't play that game. He shared the truth with them, but they still would not believe. Unfortunately, many people today also cannot grasp the truth of eternal life. They are without hope. But Christians do have the assurance that the Christ who created us at the beginning of our lives also will bring us to be with him for all eternity.

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who supported our recent fundraiser. The winners of the Cash Raffle were:

\$500—John Arseneau

\$300—Gary Papineau

\$200—Chris Pristach

Thank you so much—we appreciate your continued support.

Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary—

- Our CCW meeting for Nov. will be held on Nov. 29 due to the Mission. We will be serving soup and chili that night.

St. James—

- We will be having a CCW meeting on Sunday, November 13th after mass. All are invited to attend
- We are collecting food in the hallway for the Herscher community Thanksgiving baskets. All non-perishables are accepted but they are requesting canned fruits and vegetables if at all possible. Donations will be accepted through November 13, 2022.
- Change of plans—Our winter wear display is up and ready to go, so feel free to donate whenever you would like. Last day to donate is Dec. 11. Please consider a donation to help those in need during our chilly Illinois winters.

Sacred Heart—

- Our next CCW meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 7 pm due to Election Day. Hostesses will be Pam Dumas and Lori Jensen. Join us as we plan our holiday events.

All Parishes:

- **Adult Education Class** will meet on Nov. 7, Nov. 21, and Nov. 28 at Sacred Heart again this month.
- St. Margaret Mary will be hosting this year's Council of Churches Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service on Sunday, November 20 at 7 pm. If you are interested in singing in the choir for the service, please come to the one practice at 5:45 that evening.
- **Mark your calendars for our Tri Parish Mission which will be held on Sunday, November 13—Tuesday, November 15. Fr. Daniel Bowen will present on the Four Last Things.**
- The offertory envelopes for 2023 are in the back of each church. If you do not see your envelopes, please call the parish office at 815.426.2550.

The Doorbell

A pastor was walking down the street one day when he noticed a small boy trying to use the doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy was very small and the doorbell was too high for him to reach.

After watching the boy's efforts for some time, the pastor walked across the street up to the little fellow and rings the doorbell.

Kneeling down next to the child, the pastor smiled and asked, "And now what, my little man?"

To which the boy replied, "Run!"



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Saint of the week: St. Martin of Tours (Nov. 11) was born to pagan parents; his father was a Roman military officer and tribune.



Martin was raised in Pavia, Italy. Martin discovered Christianity and became a catechumen in his early teens. He joined the Roman imperial army at age 15, serving in a ceremonial unit that acted as the emperor's bodyguard, rarely exposed to combat. In addition, he was a cavalry officer assigned to garrison duty in Gaul.

Baptized into the Church at age 18, he tried to live his faith, he refused to let his servant wait on him. Once, while on horseback in Amiens in Gaul (modern France), he encountered a beggar. Having nothing to give but the clothes on his back, Martin cut his heavy officer's cloak in half, and gave it to the beggar. Later he had a vision of Christ wearing the cloak. This incident became iconic of Martin.

Just before a battle, Martin announced that his faith prohibited him from fighting. He was charged with cowardice, was jailed, and his superiors planned to put him in the front of the battle. However, the invaders sued for peace, the battle never occurred, and Martin was released from military service at Worms, Germany. Martin was a spiritual student of Saint Hilary at Poitiers, France.

On a visit to Lombardy to see his parents, Martin was robbed in the mountains – but managed to convert one of the thieves. At home he found that his mother had converted, but his father had not. The area was strongly Arian, and openly hostile to Catholics. Martin was badly abused by the heretics, at one point even by the order of an Arian bishop. Learning that the Arians had gained the upper hand in Gaul and exiled Saint Hilary, Martin fled to the island of Gallinaria (modern Isola d'Albenga).

Learning that the emperor had authorized the return of Hilary, Martin ran to him in 361, then became a hermit for ten years in the area now known as Ligugé. His reputation for holiness attracted other monks, and they formed what would become the Benedictine abbey of Ligugé. Martin preached and evangelized through the Gallic countryside. Many locals held strongly to the old beliefs and tried to intimidate Martin by dressing as the old Roman gods and appearing to him at night; Martin destroyed old temples, built churches on the same land, and continued to win converts. Martin was a friend of Saint Liborius, bishop of Le Mans, France.

When the bishop of Tours, France died in 371, Martin was the immediate choice to replace him. Martin declined, citing unworthiness. Rusticus, a wealthy citizen of Tours, claimed that his wife was ill and asked for Martin; tricked by this ruse, Martin went to the city where he was declared bishop by popular acclamation, and then consecrated on July 4th 372.

As bishop, he lived in a hermit's cell near Tours. Other monks joined him, and a new house, Marmoutier, soon formed. He rarely left his monastery or see city, but sometimes went to Trier, Germany to plead with the emperor for his city, his church, or his parishioners. Once when he went to ask for lenience for a condemned prisoner, an angel woke the emperor to tell him that Martin was waiting to see him; the prisoner was reprieved.

Martin himself was given to visions, but even his contemporaries sometimes ascribed them to his habit of lengthy fasts. An extensive biography of Martin was written by Sulpicius Severus. He was the first non-martyr to receive the cultus of a saint.

Obscure Saint of the week: St. Theodore the Studite (Nov. 11) was a monk at the monastery of Saccudion, Asia Minor in 781. He was ordained c.787. He became the abbot of the Saccudion monastery in 794. He became the abbot of the Stoudios monastery outside Constantinople in 799, which caused him to be the spiritual teacher of many wise and holy men. His writings include the first recorded stand against slavery. Theodore also fought against iconoclasm. These opinions and writings put him in conflict with imperial authorities, which led to him being exiled three times.



The Mission is coming— *We hope to see you there!*

PARISH MISSION PRAYER

God our Father,
we offer you praise and thanksgiving
for all the many gifts you have given us
through Jesus, Your Son.
We thank you especially
for the gift of our parish Mission.
Loving and gracious God, quiet our minds and hearts,
that we may be open to the gift of your truth.
Grant that our parish mission may be:
a time of grace for all,
a time of growth for the young,
a time of refreshment for the old,
a time of renewal for families,
a time of healing for the broken,
a time of joy for the sorrowing,
a time of challenge for the complacent,
a time of forgiveness for the sinner,
a time of strength for the holy,
a time of homecoming for those who have been away.
Grant, most Loving God,
that our Mission may bring down your richest blessings
on each and every member of our parish community.
We pray through the intercession of Mary, Our Mother of Mercy,
in the Name of Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever.
Amen

The Sunday Gospel in Everyday English

Some Sadducees came up. This is the Jewish party that denies any possibility of resurrection. They asked, "Teacher, Moses wrote us that if a man dies and leaves a wife but no child, his brother is obligated to take the widow to wife and get her with child. Well, there once were seven brothers. The first took a wife. He died childless. The second married her and died, then the third, and eventually all seven had their turn, but no child. After all that, the wife died. That wife, now—in the resurrection whose wife is she? All seven married her."

Jesus said, "Marriage is a major preoccupation here, but not there. Those who are included in the resurrection of the dead will no longer be concerned with marriage nor, of course, with death. They will have better things to think about, if you can believe it. All ecstasies and intimacies then will be with God. Even Moses exclaimed about resurrection at the burning bush, saying, 'God: God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob!' God isn't the God of dead men, but of the living. To him all are alive" (from Luke 20).



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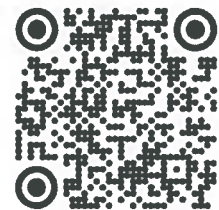
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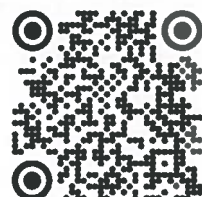
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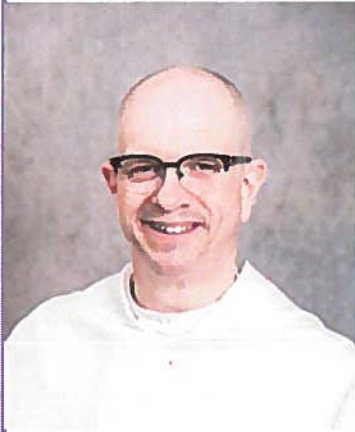
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Our Parish Mission Nov. 13-15



Fr. Daniel Bowen, O. de M., will be visiting the Tri-Parish Catholic Communities from Nov. 13 through Nov. 15.

Fr. Daniel was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio in 1970. He earned his bachelor's degree in communications in 1992, from Ohio University.

In 2008, he professed his first vows as a Mercedarian friar. He earned his Master's degree in Theology and Master's in Divinity at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 2013. Making his Solemn vows in 2014, he was ordained to the priesthood in 2015.

Fr. Daniel's first assignment after ordination was in Saint Petersburg, Florida where he served for three years as a Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart Parish. Returning to Cleveland, Ohio in 2018, he has served as Vocation Director for the U.S. Mercedarian Vicariate, and most recently in 2022, also assigned as Master of Students at the Mercedarian House of Studies in Columbus, Ohio. In

addition, he has served both in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and in the Diocese of Buffalo.

For more of Father Daniel's life story, please watch the video of his appearance on EWTN's the Journey Home: <https://youtu.be/ePwFDq0r-78>

Fr. Daniel will speak at each of the Masses on the weekend during his visit. The Four Last Things is the title of his Mission. Starting Sunday evening, each presentation will begin at 7 pm. He will be available for confessions before and after each talk or by appointment by calling the rectory (815) 426-2153. There will be a free will offering taken each evening.

The recitation of the most holy Rosary will be led each evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Church offers a Plenary Indulgence to the faithful who attend each evening of a parish mission; there will be a special Apostolic Blessing on Tuesday evening at the conclusion of the talk to impart this Indulgence.

The Masses/programs are open to the public.

HERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT DETAILS:

Sun. Nov. 13 (St. Margaret Mary in Herscher)

6:30 p.m. Rosary

7:00 p.m. Parish Mission: 1) Introduction and Death

8:00 p.m. Parish Mission Confessions

Mon. Nov. 14 (Sacred Heart in Goodrich)

6:30 p.m. Rosary

7:00 p.m. Parish Mission: 2) Judgement and Hell

8:00 p.m. Parish Mission Mass (Saint Serapion) w/ blessing of sacramental oil

Tues. Nov. 15 (St. James the Apostle in Irwin)

6:30 p.m. Rosary

7:00 p.m. Parish Mission: 3) Heaven and the Spiritual Life /with plenary indulgence

8:00 p.m. Parish Mission Confessions



November 6, 2022

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
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2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 | 2 Thes 2:16—3:5 | Lk 20:27-38

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

My colleague grew up playing a lot of basketball, and she has pointed out the obvious: Despite the fact that the hoop is much larger than the ball, and there is a very large backboard behind it, it can be very easy to miss a shot. Depending on where you are on the floor, you have to set your sights on, and aim the ball toward, a very specific place in space or on the glass. The king in the first reading and the Sadducees in the Gospel are shooting airballs. Each one of them is, literally, not seeing the right goal. In answering the Sadducees' questions, Jesus challenges their assumptions – not about marriage, but about life after death: “Those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead ... can no longer die ... they are the children of God ... and he is not God of the dead, but of the living.” Something even greater, beyond human understanding, awaits. The seven brothers who experienced horrible deaths rather than violate God's law knew that. We, too, hold onto hope that we will be among the living whom Jesus describes. In the meantime, we can place our trust in Jesus and focus on living according to the example he set for us. We may not know exactly what life after death will look and feel like, but we can trust the psalmist's words: “Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I like to run races of various distances, and one of my favorite things is seeing the fun posters people hold up (“This is a lot of work for a free banana”) and hearing shouts of encouragement. Even more powerful, of course, is the encouragement of friends and family members as we face challenges or difficulties. So it's heartening to hear from St. Paul that we can count on Jesus and the Father as a source of “everlasting encouragement and good hope.” Again we are reminded that we cannot – and should not have to – do it alone. Instead, we can join Paul in asking God to “encourage [our] hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.” In turn, we can encourage others in their faith and daily lives, seeking to reflect God's love to those we encounter.

ACTION One positive thing about social media is the way it allows us to lift one another up through a simple “Like” or comment. In the same way that we “connect” with others on social media, our kind, encouraging words and Christian example in our comments can connect others to Jesus and his Church.

Sunday, Nov 06, 2022

Formation information

Did you know there are more than 700 religious institutes and societies of apostolic life at work in the United States? That women religious outnumber men religious by more than three to one? That nearly three-fourths of those currently in formation for religious life are Millennials (born roughly from the early 1980s to late 1990s)? That 30 percent of newer entrants to religious life are ethnically and racially diverse, including Asian/Pacific Islander (13 percent), Hispanic (10 percent), black (6 percent), and mixed race (1 percent)? We can't list all 50 facts here, but to download your own post-able, share-worthy list for National Vocation Awareness Week (which starts today), check out Fifty Fun Facts about vocations on the National Religious Vocation Conference website.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5; Luke 20:27-38 (156). *"Pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may speed forward and be glorified as it did among you."*

Monday, Nov 07, 2022

Until we rest in You

National Vocation Awareness Week runs annually the first full week of November (this year, Nov. 6-12) to promote vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to pray and support those who are considering these vocations. Have you ever thought about a vocation to religious life? Do you know someone who could use help discerning such a vocation? Take some time this week to visit Vision Vocation Network for resources to help you discern your path, including a calendar of discernment events, a "Vocation Match" tool to find religious communities, and a treasure trove of helpful articles. This year's theme: "Pathways for a restless heart." Does that speak to you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6 (491). *"And the Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'"*

Tuesday, Nov 08, 2022

A day to vote your values

"When it comes to labor and politics, I am inclined to be sympathetic to the left, but when it comes to the Catholic Church, then I am far to the right." So said Dorothy Day—born this day 125 years ago—voicing the struggle many U.S. Catholics feel on Election Day. Though Day, born in 1897, was a suffragette, arrested for demanding that women get to vote, she never voted in her lifetime once women finally got the right in 1920. Her reasons were complicated. But the U.S. Catholic bishops offer guidance for all who wonder about the worth of their vote, insisting that "participation in political life is a moral obligation."

TODAY'S READINGS: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10 (492). *"We have done what we were obliged to do."*

Wednesday, Nov 09, 2022

Build your vocation steeped in love

For nearly a millennium, the Catholic Church has marked on this day the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, so named for the hill upon which it sits just east of the Colosseum in Rome. The cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, it is the official seat of the pope (the bishop of Rome) and is dedicated to both of the New Testament's two most famous Johns: the Baptist and the Apostle. At this halfway point of National Vocation Awareness Week,

consider the far-reaching impact of these servants honored in the Catholic Church's highest-ranking edifice. Let's dedicate ourselves as they did to spreading the Good News of love, and through our own holy vocations attain our heavenly reward!

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). *"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me."*

Thursday, Nov 10, 2022

Make peace with your vocation

Saint Leo the Great is one of the few popes remembered as the "Great." This accomplished preacher and writer was also such a skilled diplomat that he convinced Attila the Hun to spare Rome from attack in 452 and later kept a plundering Vandal army from burning the city. We recognize Saint Leo during National Vocation Awareness Week, a time to recall that God has called us each by name to love and serve in our own way. Saint Leo used his gifts to uplift Christ. How do you use yours? Sharing God's peace is a good place to start.

MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25 (494). *"For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."*

Friday, Nov 11, 2022

Holiness cut to fit

Humility and generosity are the key attributes associated with many saints, and fourth-century Saint Martin of Tours is no exception. While on patrol in Gaul as a soldier in the Roman Army, it is said that Martin took pity on a half-naked beggar by cutting his officer's cloak in half and sharing it with the shivering man. The incident is immortalized in Christian art and iconography throughout Europe and became a defining image of what it means to be Christian. Martin took to heart the words of Jesus: "Whatever you did for one of these least of mine, you did for me" (Matt. 25:45). In Martin's honor, extend your compassion beyond your comfort zone today.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37 (495). *"For this is love, that we walk according to his commandments."*

Saturday, Nov 12, 2022

Seek unity where possible

For the first thousand years Christianity was one big, mostly happy family. But for a number of reasons the church was divided in the Great Schism of 1054. Saint Josaphat (c.1580-1623) was a Catholic bishop trying to reunite the Eastern Church with Rome. But, alas, he was a little heavy-handed. When he discovered a priest in his diocese was celebrating Mass according to the Byzantine practice, he had him arrested and thrown in jail. This angered a mob of unruly citizens who attacked and violently dispatched Josaphat, tossing his body in a river. We can honor his good intentions today, while perhaps choosing another approach to unity. Pray we unite in those things that matter most.

MEMORIAL OF JOSAPHAT, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8 (496). *"I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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