



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
November 13, 2022*

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE LORD
COMES TO
RULE ALL
THE EARTH
WITH
justice.



PSALM 98

33rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed." - Lk 21:16-18

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Friday

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass, Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.
In the Church

St Ann's
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 11:30 &
6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass: Thurs & Sat.
9:00 a.m.

Holiday Schedules will vary

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. These baptisms are private and not done at the masses currently. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism.

Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:00—3:30 at the church holding the 4 PM Mass
Or by appointment.

Please call the Rectory Office to set up an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Rectory 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a Priest.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, November 13, 2022

7:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
11:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann & Saint John
6:15 - Manuel & Ana Barros & Family — Memorial

Sunday, November 20, 2022

7:30 - Kathleen Andrews — 2nd Anniversary
11:30 - Joanne Hanson — 3rd Anniversary
6:15 - Alma Chick — 29th Anniversary

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 12, 2022

4:00 — Louis & Mary Oriola — Memorial

Sunday, November 13, 2022

9:30 — Dorothy Boisclair — 4th Anniversary

Saturday, November 19, 2022

4:00 — John Keanneally — Month’s Mind

Sunday November 20, 2022

9:30 — Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative



My Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this, the signs of fall are all around us – the falling leaves, the falling temperatures, the darkening skies. All of these are measures that time is moving on, and we with it. As we move into the fall season, we experience a “death” of sorts. The dying leaves remind us that all life ends. Yet, with this death comes a “rebirth”; the leaves serve as nourishment for the grass, keeping it alive even as it lay dormant under the (coming) hard, cold ground and (most likely) snow. It is the same way with our lives of faith. When we are baptized, we are told, we are baptized into Christ Jesus – into His life, death and resurrection. It is this hope of resurrection that keeps us going.

Today’s gospel (all the readings, really) deals with the topic of “eschatology” – the “end times”. As Jesus tells it, we must be aware that there will be times when it may seem that the end times are upon us. Think back to the beginning of this century, when the “millennialists” (those concerned with the perils this new century would bring, including (but not limited to) the end of the world) spoke that “Y2K” would be the end of us all. Yet here it is, two decades later, and we’re still here! Perhaps they were part of that corps that Jesus was speaking of, those who speak in the name of God to pronounce the imminent nature of the end of the world. As well-intended as they may have been, they were caught up in the “spirit” of the signs that surround us which may be reminiscent of the Book of Revelation.

Things, seemingly, haven’t gotten any better – there are still wars, catastrophes and natural disasters which surround us, seemingly on a daily basis. Yet we still go on with our lives, as we should. If we were to give in to every “prophetic” vision, every outcry of the “end being at hand”, then we would scarcely get anything done! So, how do we know what is the “true” vision? How can we discern false prophets from the authentic Word of God? I think the key is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us, among its many gifts, the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding and Right Judgment. If we pray for, and use, these gifts, then we would put ourselves in a good position to judge wisely and well the “signs of the times”. We can use these gifts as a way to discern what is truly the Word of God from the “prophet of the week”.

May we have the courage to pray to the Holy Spirit of God for the gifts which will help us discern truth from falsehood. May we know that God is at work in our hearts, our homes and our world. May we trust that God will never leave us abandoned, and will lead us to all truth. May we help others to discern so that none may be lost to the Enemy. May we know that at the “end time”, Jesus will call us home to Himself and give us all of the gifts of the Kingdom.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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DISCIPLES OF HOSPITALITY

The Disciples of Hospitality are seeking volunteers from both Saint John’s and Saint Ann’s to work together in preparing our Collaborative for the up-coming Christmas Season and to brainstorm ideas as we move forward in growing this ministry.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 21st at 6:30 in Saint Ann’s Parish Center. If you have any questions or are interested in joining but unable to attend the November 21st meeting, please drop us an email at:

Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com



**Christmas Sharing
For Saint Ann's**

After surveying our Christmas Sharing families, we will again ask you to purchase gift cards that will be distributed to the families, Project Grad Teen Moms, and senior citizens.

The following stores are preferred: Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Amazon. We are asking for gift cards in any amount up to \$50. This will allow us the flexibility to give an amount appropriate to the family, teen mom or senior citizen. We will also need \$25 Trucchi's or Market Basket cards for families and Senior Citizens, and items for the Senior Citizens' gift bags.

All gift cards should be placed in an envelope marked "Christmas Sharing" in the St. Vincent de Paul boxes at the doors of Saint Ann's Church, or sent to Linda Santry. There is a box at the rear of the church for Senior Citizens gift bag items. They must be received by November 30th, to allow the parents' time to purchase gifts before Christmas. See the handout on November 6th for more details.

If there are any questions, please call or email Linda Santry: **508-586-6535** or linda@santry.org

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE for children lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, or in early childhood.

November 19, 2022 (Saturday)
9:00 Am

St. Augustine Church,
43 Essex Street, Andover, MA

For those who cannot attend in person, this Mass will be streamed live at: StAugustineParish.org/live-stream



Cross Catholic Outreach

Father Theo Okpara of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Reminder...

Offertory Donations that are to be recorded should be made in an assigned envelope provided by the Waltz Envelope Company or by using our On-Line Giving Program.



East Bridgewater HUGS is ready for the 2022 holiday season.

If you or someone you know from EB has a need, please go to www.ebhugs.org and fill out the online application for assistance. Applications should be completed by Sunday, November 6th.

If you would like to adopt a child or family this Christmas, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact me directly at wishes@ebhugs.org.

If you would like to make a cash donation, you can Venmo at East Bridgewater Hugs, use Paypal on our website, www.ebhugs.org, or drop cash or checks or gift cards off at the EB Public Library or any of our drop off locations or mailed or dropped at HUGS, 100 Lorraine Drive, EB. If you have any questions, please call Theresa at 508-350-9811.

Giving Trees will be up by mid November, for those who want to help by taking tags to purchase specific gifts from a child's wish list.

Thank you to every-
and helps us to make
so many families in



one who participates
Christmas bright for
need.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR HEATING COSTS



With the anticipated increase in fuel costs, we estimate that this winter will be a combined cost of approximately **\$30,000** for the heating bills of Saint Ann's and Saint John's.

Oops please excuse the lack of an appropriate additional 0 reported last week. Making it 30,000 rather than 3,000.

Therefore, the second collection until further notice will be directed to those bills.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today's first reading and gospel passage both speak of the "Eschatology" (or writings about the "end times") ... basically, what will happen at the end of the world as we know it. When we look at the end of the world, there are generally two schools of thought: a) talk of it is to be avoided until absolutely necessary or b) it is to be spoken of, if not embraced. It is this latter view that St. Francis takes, as we read of his embracing of "Sister Death" ("Praised by You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape") in his seminal work, "Canticle of the Creatures". Francis's understanding of death within the context of God's creation was a capstone discovery that completed a lifelong process of conversion and seeking God. And at the center of his ability to make peace with his own mortality was his fraternal worldview of creation. Today, this fraternal worldview serves as a lens through which we too can look at death and embrace its presence as a constitutive component of creation that is part of God's plan. In doing so, I believe we will find a source for Christian eschatological hope in an era that is often marked by pessimism, injustice, and violence.

From the beginning of his life until close to his death, Francis, like most people, appears to have dealt with the reality of death largely through avoidance and exploitation. This response was rooted in his fear of death. Sometime between 1209 and 1215, when Francis was in his early thirties, he writes, "And you think that you will possess this world's vanities for a long time, but you are deceived because a day and an hour will come of which you give no thought, which you do not know, and of which you are unaware when the body becomes weak, death approaches, and it dies a bitter death." This fearful tone is echoed in his *Later Exhortation* where he writes, "But let everyone know that whenever and however someone dies in mortal sin without making amends when he could have [done so] and did not, the devil snatches his soul from his body with such anguish and distress that no one can know [what it is like] except the one experiencing it." These are but two examples of Francis's early thoughts on death. Although the language is spiritualized and denotes a certain religiosity, the underlying attitude toward death is strictly negative. There are two themes that come across strongly in these early writings of Francis, namely, the inevitability of death and that death is both painful and to be feared. The first theme is of little note, as all who reflect on death come to this conclusion, but the second theme is highly problematic.

At the end of his life, however, as Francis drew near to the death that he feared for so long, the tone of his expression of death changed noticeably. Along his journey of life, prayer, and ministry, Francis remained convinced of death's inevitability, but he started to view its meaning and his relationship to death rather differently. Where once he saw death as painful, as something to be feared, he now dared to call death his "sister." This is all part of Francis' "conversion", one which (like for many of us) happens over time but happens powerfully and would allow Francis to pass into Eternal Life with a peace which only God can bring. May we know such peace, coming to a point of embracing "Sister Bodily Death" so that we may fully embrace Eternal Life.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS



I Believe in One God (Part III: Father)

Many years ago, I attended the baptism of a child born to a college friend at a local Protestant Church. I was struck by the fact that the minister did not baptize the child "in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Instead, the minister said, "I baptize you in the Name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier." While it is true that we attribute creation to the Father, redemption to the Son, and sanctification to the Holy Spirit, these three things are the work of the whole Trinity. In the New Testament, God is publicly revealed as a Trinity of Divine Persons at Jesus' baptism. When Jesus is before John the Baptist, the heavens are torn open, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus, and the voice of the Father declares Jesus as his beloved Son. When the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray as he prays, Jesus shares his own prayer and invites them to follow his example. Jesus teaches them to pray the Our Father. In John's Gospel, Jesus repeatedly addresses God as Father when describing the unique relationship he has with the Father as his Son. Therefore, in the Catholic Church, the ordained minister always baptizes using the words, "I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Yet, it is difficult for some to speak about God using only masculine terms: Father and Son. The Catechism of the Catholic Church addresses this difficulty in its teaching on God as Father:

By calling God "Father", the language of faith indicates two main things: that God is the first origin of everything and transcendent authority; and that he is at the same time goodness and loving care for all his children. God's parental tenderness can also be expressed by the image of motherhood, which emphasizes God's immanence, the intimacy between Creator and creature. The language of faith thus draws on the human experience of parents, who are in a way the first representatives of God for man. But this experience also tells us that human parents are fallible and can disfigure the face of fatherhood and motherhood. We ought therefore to recall that God transcends the human distinction between the sexes. He is neither man nor woman: he is God. He also transcends human fatherhood and motherhood, although he is their origin and standard: no one is father as God is Father. (CCC, #239)

The great Christian theologian, mystic, and monk, St. John of the Cross speaks beautifully about God as Father in his poem describing the Incarnation of the Son, he writes:

Then he called the archangel Gabriel and sent him to the virgin Mary, at whose consent the mystery was wrought, in whom the Trinity clothed the Word with flesh. And though Three work this, it is wrought in the One; and the Word lived incarnate in the womb of Mary. And he who had only a Father now had a Mother too, but she was not like others who conceive by man. From her own flesh he received his flesh, so he is called Son of God and of man. (Romances, #8)

When parents bring their children to the Church for baptism, they want their children to have a life they cannot give as earthly parents. Desiring eternal life for their children, parents bring their children to the Church, our spiritual mother, so that the Father in heaven may unite them to his only begotten son by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, do not be afraid to call upon God as Father, in the midst of your Mother the Church, and pray the words Jesus teaches us to pray, "Our Father . . ."

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT JOHN'S

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Kay Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Joan Fisher, Gail Butler, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Debbie & Fred Sprague, Baby Ryan, Joe Pigeon, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh, Jeannette Arruda, Gerry Penney. Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Jeannette Shalginewicz & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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**PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME
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Pantry days will be the **FIRST MONDAY** of the month, except for holidays, from **3 pm to 5:30 pm.**, and the **THIRD MONDAY from 3 pm to 4:30 pm.**, except for holidays. Please check the schedule.

THE FOOD PANTRY

*Monday, November 7, 2022
Monday, November 21, 2022*

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums., ie \$100

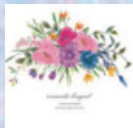
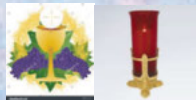
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Suggested donation \$25+

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FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK
\$75+

St Ann Prayer Line:

To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org. If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like to expand our membership for this worthy endeavor.



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St. Vincent de Paul at St. Ann's is looking for donations for a calendar raffle — any gift cards (store, Amazon, restaurants or whatever you want to donate) wine baskets, movie baskets, just a few ideas, if you want to donate a monetary amount, please put it in an envelope labeled for the raffle and put it in SVdP boxes at the sides and back of St. Ann's Church. Any help you can give is extremely appreciated.

Thank you and God Bless

West Bridgewater Food Pantry
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Saturdays — Southeast Cyclone's Bingo
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Bingo starts at 6 PM SHARP





Family Mass Thank You

Thanks to everyone who came to our Family Mass at the 9:30 Mass at St. John's last Sunday! Our ushers and gift bearers did an awesome job and the kids did a great job answering Fr. Paul's questions. Special thanks to the folks at Restoration Coffee and the Melcher and Choquette families for providing the coffee and donuts!

Our next Family Mass will be December 4th at 9:30. All are welcome to join us!

Matt Brady

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