

**O God, you are my God whom I seek;  
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts  
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.**

PSALM 63:2

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# THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## NOVEMBER 8, 2020



Actions have consequences. As children, we were often told that if we would do something, then we would receive a present or a reward. If we didn't, it might result in a punishment. Geometry also uses the "If-Then Statement." That is what our scriptures are like this Sunday. In each reading, there is a suggested action on our part, which will result in a desired outcome. There is a feminine personification of God as Wisdom, Psalm 63 and the intimate thirsting for God, the letter to the Thessalonians on believing in Christ, and Matthew's parable of the wise and foolish virgins. In the world of instant everything, we are not good about being patient, and our follow-through can be terrible. But each reading in its own way promises us that if we diligently seek God, we will be blessed and rewarded, and that it is worth the work and the wait!

### KEEP YOUR LAMPS

In the old spiritual, "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" we hear the imperative to wait and be ready, and while there are many variations, it usually ends "The world is nearly done." "The time is drawing near." or "The day is dawning nigh." The liturgical year is near its end, and we begin to feel that tension of "already but not yet" as the readings become more eschatological (about the end-times) in nature. We are called to wait patiently. Yet, like the wise and foolish virgins, we run the risk of falling asleep, and/or running out of oil. Waiting for God, preparing for God, requires much hope, much preparation and discipline, and at times it is counter-intuitive. We must put aside impatience or the desire for immediate gratification and keep the end in sight. In running terms, it is not a sprint, but a marathon.

### TRIMMED AND BURNING

So how do we do this? Whether we are sitting in the pew or one of those involved more intimately in liturgical ministry, this is a call for spiritual self-maintenance. None of our scriptures today is passive. Seeking and waiting for God requires work. Presence and participation in the liturgy are among the easiest and most natural ways to provide fuel for our spiritual lamps. But like a car, we need to do more than just put in gasoline. There are other needs to attend to for upkeep. Just read the opportunities in this bulletin! Perhaps you may want to attend a parish scripture class or find a spiritual book to read. Sign up online to receive the daily readings or some sort of daily reflection. Find a spiritual podcast to listen to on your commute home from work or turn off the news and music and drive in morning silence. Share simple, regular prayer times as a family such as at meals and bedtime. Experience the sacrament of Reconciliation. Or maybe you do too much, and the call is to let go of something. Do not become burned out or lose heart. Take courage and remember, "The day is drawing nigh!" Amen.

### TODAY'S READINGS

- Wisdom 6:12-16  
Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]  
Matthew 25:1-13



Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

November 08, 2020

*The St. Francis of Assisi Community is a welcoming Christian family.*

*We believe in Jesus Christ and are guided by the Holy Spirit and the example of St. Francis.*

*We gather to celebrate, to grow in the knowledge of our faith rooted in the Catholic tradition, and to recognize our responsibility to reach out to the world.*

## MORSELS & TIDBITS FROM OUR PASTOR

### **Notes on the Scripture**

"I don't get anything out of prayer": This frequently heard lament in the world of pastoring includes many variations: "I don't get anything out of going to Mass/going to Confession/attending parish missions/believing what my faith teaches/practicing the responsibilities of my religion." Being Catholic altogether may seem extraneous to living a good and moral life. Everybody can produce a saintly atheist friend as exhibit A for the power of common decency.

Needless to say, we do all this—partake of sacraments, remain faithful to prayer, attend to church teaching—not for any immediate cosmic "hit" of spiritual gratification. Once in a while we may get one. The lion's share of the time however—the grace of the hour, as it were—goes into storage under our account. We're investing in a relationship, and like any relationship, the proof is often in history.

### **Stewardship**

Every year we always try to present our Annual Report. This year, even though it is a little later than normally, we finally were able to do it. I hope you received our Stewardship Story in mail and had a chance to review it. I want to express my deep gratitude and pride to all the parish members who continue to support St. Francis of Assisi Parish through the sharing of their God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure.

As we are all aware, the global spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19, has become a central topic of discussion and concern for many of us. It has caused us to change many things. Thankfully, the report for the fiscal year 2019/20 is positive. Even though our collections went down we were able to cut some of our expenses and finish the year with \$13,000 surplus. Thank you for such commitment and ongoing support. It's a true act of faith and trust to remain engaged with what is important, even when we aren't entirely sure what's coming next. We are deeply grateful for those who have been able to continue giving generously during this time. Be assured that your gifts have been carefully stewarded by the leadership of this community.

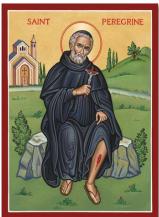
### **May they rest in peace**

During the month of November we remember and pray in a special way for our deceased loved ones. Keep in mind that you can write names of your loved ones and put them in a basket in the narthex (we have a special place prepared by the paschal candle) so that we can include them in our prayers throughout this month.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace.*

God Bless,



Saint Peregrine was healed of a cancerous ulcer on his leg which was considered beyond saving. The fame of this event in 1325 spread rapidly round the western Church. Christians, and especially the sick, began to invoke his name and seek his intercession for the relief of their suffering and even for a cure from sickness. The canonization of St. Peregrine in 1726 increased people's devotion to him which spread to the universal Church.

St. Francis of Assisi began offering a novena September 14 to St. Peregrine for those suffering from cancer and an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. The novena will be held for nine Mondays, through November 9. All parishioners are welcome to participate. Please remember to wear your mask and social distance.

St. Peregrine is the patron saint for persons suffering from illnesses of all types in particular cancer.

**Grief Support Group** gathers at St. Francis of Assisi on the 2nd Monday of the month.

**Next meeting is November 9 at 4:00 pm.**

Each session is independent – and the sessions are open to all. Sessions are held in the Great Room. To register, please email [parishoffice@sfaorland.org](mailto:parishoffice@sfaorland.org) or call the parish office: 708-460-0042.



## HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

# THANKSGIVING



## NOVEMBER 21, 22 & 26TH

The Helping Hands Food Drive Collection is Saturday, Nov. 21st and Sunday, Nov. 22nd before and after all masses. Collection will also take place on Thanksgiving morning, Nov., 26th, before and after mass. Food drive benefits St. Philip Neri, St. Blase and the Orland Township food pantries.



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Question call  
[Ann@ 708-642-1784](mailto:Ann@708-642-1784)

As always, we thank-you for your continued generosity!!

## HOPE EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY (Helpful Outreach for People Seeking Employment)

The HOPE Employment Ministry provides job search guidance for the unemployed and those in career transition. Meetings are FREE and open to the public. The next meeting is: Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00pm (in the McBrady Center at St. Elizabeth Seton) The topic is Résumé Fundamentals. Registration and safety guidelines are provided on their website or contact Arnie Skibinski at [askibinski@steseton.com](mailto:askibinski@steseton.com).

## PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

### IMPORTANT NOTE: SATURDAY CONFESSIONS HAVE MOVED TO 9:00 AM ON SATURDAYS

In order to allow for time to sanitize the church before Funerals and Weddings, since October 24, 2020, Individual Confessions will now be heard from 9:00-9:30 AM on Saturdays.



Come participate in our

## THANKSGIVING DAY SPECIAL

for our [YouTube](#) video series,

### "In the Spirit of St. Francis"

Take a brief moment to record yourself individually or with your family saying in one word, phrase, or sentence about what you have been thankful for this year. Record on your camera, phone, tablet etc. and email it to me (using a cloud link via iCloud, Google Drive, OneDrive etc.): Fr. Jay Suero @ [jusuero@sfaorland.org](mailto:jusuero@sfaorland.org).



If you are not tech savvy but would still like to participate, stop by the office during our office hours and we can record you very quickly! I will put together a montage of the different faces of our parish to hopefully inspire and remind us all of the good things we have been able to still experience in spite of all the negativity we experienced this year. I will try to fit as many as I can, but if there are a lot of clips then I may have to exclude some.

We will release it on Thanksgiving Day morning through our email blast and will be available on our [YouTube](#) channel. Just type in "**St. Francis of Assisi - Orland Park, IL**" in the search bar on YouTube and you should be able to find it!

If you have any questions, feel free to shoot me an email (see above) or call the office as well 708-460-0042.

Gratefully,  
**Fr. Jay Suero**



### What to do with your leftover Halloween candy?

Catholic Charities at SFA is in need of candy for the Christmas Stocking project. Please drop off any unopened wrapped candy to St Francis through November 15th. Your donations are truly appreciated!



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## EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children (RCIA)

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Interested in being baptized? Already baptized but desire to become a member of the Catholic Faith? Seeking to have your older children baptized? Did you miss Confirmation when you were younger?

Then the RCIA is for you!

Virtual Sessions are held on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Call (708-460-0042), or email the Parish Office ([parishoffice@sfaorland.org](mailto:parishoffice@sfaorland.org)) to receive the link



### JOB OPENING AT OUR PARISH SCHOOL



The Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School is looking to hire part-time help for their EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM. Hours are between 1:45pm and 6pm. Candidates would start immediately after being background checked. Pay scale from \$10-\$15/hour based on previous experience. Part-time; not benefits eligible. If interested, please email the Director of Extended Day, Mrs. Donna Vimarco at [dvimarco@cjschool.com](mailto:dvimarco@cjschool.com).



We joyfully welcomed the following children  
into our Christian Community

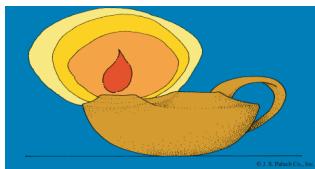
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Adaline Mae Munoz

Daughter Aaron & Megan (Casey) Munoz

Marius Benedikt Romero

Son of Reynaldo & Karen (Salvana) Romero



Adeline  
Pavlik

## SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

*Names of sick relatives and friends normally appear in the bulletin for six weeks. After six weeks, the names are written into our parish book of prayers for continued remembrance. At the request of the family, names will appear in the bulletin for a longer period.*

Shirlee Baker

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Ellie Pacek

Joe Perez

Giovanna Picciolini

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Paul Ruzella

Michael Stevenson

Louis Tassone

Marianne Vancina

Bob Winiarski

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep those listed below in your daily prayers

**Saturday, November 7**

**4:00 PM** Robert A. Carlo, rq. by Carlo Family and Daniel S. O'Rourke, rq. by Sally O'Rourke and Christina Bonato, rq. by Tina Bonato and Leonard Labuda, rq. by Gary & Edith Sarge and Jack Crisham, rq. by Crisham Family and Vince McNulty, rq. by Mary Kay Burberry

**6:00 PM** Cecilia Gasior, rq. by Eugene & Anna Sroka

**Sunday, November 8**

**8:00 AM** People of St. Francis

**10:00 AM** Jozef Krzystyniak, rq. by Krzystyniak Family

**12:00 PM** Raymond Branchaw, rq. by Ramona Branchaw and Margaret Crowley, rq. by John & Rose Prohaska and Phyllis Cabrera, rq. by Carmen, Jim and Anna Walsh and Maran Ward, rq. by Jim, Carmen & Anna Walsh

**Monday, November 9**

**8:30 AM** Barbara Sommerfeld, rq. by John & Virginia Zbos

**Tuesday, November 10**

**8:30 AM** Paul Bresnik, rq. by Paula Buividas

**Wednesday, November 11**

**8:30 AM** Bill Callaghan, rq. by Thursday Friends

**Thursday, November 12**

**8:30 AM** Brett Roberts, rq. by Whisson Family and Steve Kulbieda, rq. by Ray & Maran Peregoy and James Ryan, rq. by Jim, Sheryl, Tess & Cassi Ryan

**Friday, November 13**

**8:30 AM** Daniel Albrecht and Robert Purcell

**Saturday, November 14**

**4:00 PM** Michael Weber, rq. by Maria Weber and George Buckner, rq. by Adams Family and Martin Bonato, rq. by Tina Bonato and John Brogan, rq. by John & Sheila Pacholski and Barbara Sommerfeld, rq. by Bobbi Mangan

**6:00 PM** Schweiger & Norris Families, rq. by The Family and Ralph Tassone, rq. by Tassone Family and Louise Stefanik, rq. by Teri Sankey and Stefan Nowak, rq. by Grace Marzec

**Sunday, November 15**

**8:00 AM** Alice Rozewicki, rq. by Hinsdale PADS Team and Charles Schwarz, rq. by Brian and Carolyn Whiteford and Marian Ward, rq. by Bill & Beth Doyle

**10:00 AM** Ruth Burke, rq. by Susan Campagna and Wladyslaw Borodenko, rq. by Maria Borek & Family and Robert Jaeger, rq. by Susan Campagna

**12:00 PM** People of St. Francis

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**MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday - 4:00 & 6:00 PM; Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM  
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The Religious Ed Offices are located in the St. Francis Center, up the hill, west of the church. Religious Ed office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The Religious Ed offices are closed on Fridays. Masks are required in the building.

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**REGISTRATION** Become a registered member of the parish by completing a registration form which is found in Church.

**BECOME A CATHOLIC - R.C.I.A.** The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact the parish office at 708-460-0042

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Baptisms can be arranged by appointment. A baptismal conference will be set up with the parents.

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Communal celebration of the Sacrament will be held during Advent and Lent. Individual confessions are heard on Saturdays at 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Effective 10/24/2020 Individual Confessions will be heard at 9:00—9:30 AM to allow time for sanitizing the church before Funerals and Weddings.**

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** Weddings need to be scheduled at least 4-6 months in advance upon approval of a priest. Couples are reminded to secure the church date before the reception hall. Please check our website for more details.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK** Those of advanced age or suffering from a chronic or serious illness are invited to be anointed. A priest is available to offer the Sacrament whether the ill person is at home or in the hospital. Please call 708-460-0042.