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All Souls – Veteran's Day Commemoration

A Sabbath Thought

What can we learn from Jesus the Messiah who is our teacher? His words may inspire us but his deeds are the real models by which we shape our living. We, too, must heal, forgive and die each day out of love for others.

About Today's Bible Readings

MALACHI 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

Through the prophet, the Lord excoriates those who violate the task entrusted them to impart wisdom and justice.

Responsorial Psalm: 131:1, 2, 3

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:7b-9, 13

Paul explains the *educational philosophy* that guided his preaching. He stayed out of the way, as it were, so that God's Word could speak for itself.

MATTHEW 23:1-12

Practice what you preach, says Jesus. In that way, your words will ring true because your very life will be an example to others.

ENTRANCE RITE – Jeremiah 7:3

V. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel:

R. Reform your ways and your deeds, so that I may remain with you in this place.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA – Colossians 3:12

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

THE GOSPEL – MATTHEW 23:1-12

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – Nov. 5th

31st Sunday Ordinary Time

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Commemoration of All Souls

Honoring Veteran's Day

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Nov. 12th

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Nov. 19th

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Nov. 26th

Solemnity – Christ the King

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

The Baptism of Denni Rae Guss.

VETERAN'S DAY

Saturday, November 11th is set aside each year to remember and to honor all those who serve or who have served or who will serve in the armed forces of the United States of America, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for us and for our freedom. Please, do not forget or diminish their service in any way. Go out of your way to thank a veteran or active duty member this week and pray for their safety always.

THANKSGIVING GENEROSITY

And let's not forget about those individuals in our community who are less blessed than ourselves. If you are able to donate food, clothing, money or other items to help them as the holiday season begins, please do so. God Bless you all.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick, homebound and troubled members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Ken and Judy Mawson, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Janis Hogg, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Jerry Butto, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Bishop Bernard Nowicki, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Kaleb Gates, Larkspur Dente, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Gerry Brunson and Berne Bloom. For all veterans everywhere. For all of our departed loved ones and family members.... **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, November 11th; Medicare Prescription Workshop in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 AM until ?. Please see information below.

Sunday, November 12th; The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 Mass.

Wednesday, November 15th; The Book Club will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM.

Sunday, November 19th; Regular Monthly meeting of the Parrish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

MEDICARE WORKSHOP

On Saturday, November 11th we will be holding a Medicare Prescription Workshop from 10:00 AM until ? to help you better understand your Medicare Prescription coverage. Our own Kim Grossman will be available to explain your options and to answer any questions you may have. Please add your name to the signup sheet on the table in the vestibule if you plan to attend.

MULDOON'S DOG

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, "Father, me dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a mass for the poor creature?"

Father Patrick replied, "I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature."

Muldoon said, "I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?"

Father Patrick exclaimed, "Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why did ya' not tell me the dog was Catholic?"