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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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November 3, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 2

5:00 pm Herb and Pauline Emilson - Memorial

Sunday, November 3

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

9:30 am Albert Lozeau - Birthday Remembrance

11:00 am James Vincent - Memorial

6:00 pm Available

Monday, November 4

9:00 am Maureen Healey - Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday, November 5

9:00 pm Kathryn Dannemann - Anniversary

Wednesday, November 6

9:00 am Henry F. Dannemann - Anniversary

Thursday, November 7

9:00 am Genevieve Nash - 17th Anniversary

Friday, November 8

9:00 am Patricia Buckley - Memorial

Saturday, November 9

5:00 pm Patricia Davis - Birthday Remembrance

Rita Toland - Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, November 10

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

9:30 am Available

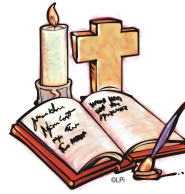
11:00 am Dr. John and Rose Amore - Memorial

6:00 pm Available

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the first reading we hear Moses speaking to the people about what the law they are to observe and, in the Gospel, Jesus speaks a similar message to a scribe who had approached him. The words were clear then and they are just as clear and relevant for us today! "Love God with all your heart, soul and strength" and "Love your neighbor as yourself." Taking these commandments to heart and living by them is not an easy task, but it is what we are called to do as baptized Christians. To live by these commandments requires daily prayer and the intentionality to live by God's word. May our prayer bear fruit in our words and actions this week as we strive to fulfill God's commandments.

Mass on Sunday at 6:00 pm will be celebrated on: November 3, 17, 24 December 1, 8, 15
All parishioners are welcome to attend.



Book of Remembrance

Our Book of Remembrance has been placed in the sanctuary of the Church for the month of November. You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the book. We

ask all our parishioners to remember in their prayers all those who have passed away. May they all rest in peace with the Lord.

All Souls Envelopes: November is the month of All Souls. In memory of your deceased loved ones, envelopes are available on the tables at the doors of the church. Please write the names of your beloved deceased on the back of the envelope and then place your envelope on the altar in the church.



New Day Bereavement Support Group

**Tuesday November 5th
12:30 to 1:30 pm**

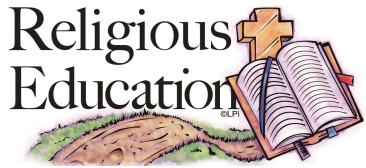
Our New Day Program is based on the premise that sharing one's thoughts, feelings and experiences with others in a similar situation is one of the most helpful ways to move beyond the pain that is caused by the death of a loved one. If you are recently or not so recently bereaved because of the loss of a loved one, you are welcome to attend on Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in the choir loft at Saint Christine's Church. If you are unable to attend but are interested in knowing more about the group, please call Susie McCarthy at 781-837-0088 ext. 19.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Christine's Church will take place every Thursday. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am, followed by Adoration at 9:30 am and ending with Benediction at 6:45 pm. Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.



Congratulations to Most Reverend Richard Henning, STD on his installation as our new Archbishop of Boston. Please pray for our new Archbishop as he begins his leadership of our Archdiocese. He offers many gifts and ideas to share as he carries on the wonderful leadership we have had for the past 21 years with Cardinal Sean O'Malley. And let us also pray for Cardinal Sean as he begins his retirement. Cardinal Sean now becomes Archbishop-emeritus and plans to live part time in Boston and Washington. DC.

Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time



There will be no Faith Formation classes on Tuesday, November 5th due to Election Day and the closure of the Marshfield Schools. Classes will take place on Wednesday, November 6th.

Veterans Day: There will be no Faith Formation classes on Sunday, November 10th and Monday, November 11th due to the Veterans Day holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, November 12th.

Grades 6 - 7 - 8

Classes are underway and catechists are needed on Monday and Wednesday evenings. If you have not registered your child, please contact Maryanne Bursaw at the Faith Formation Office at 781-834-6003 x 23.

Confirmation Classes will meet on:

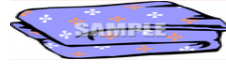
Grade 9 Sunday, November 3rd 5:00 pm hall
Grades 9 and 10 Sunday, November 17th 5:00 pm
Please bring your donations for the Food Pantry. Following class, Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 pm. All parishioners are welcome.



Hurricane Relief Collection

November 9th & November 10th

The people across multiple southern states of the United State experienced the impact of two deadly and powerful hurricanes. Over 280 people perished and many are still missing. Recognizing the immediate and growing need for assistance, Cardinal Sean has asked that a special collection be taken in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston to help our brothers and sister in need. 100% of funds collected go directly to Catholic Charities agencies in these disaster-stricken communities to provide disaster relief. **A special collection will take place next weekend.** Please make your checks payable to Saint Christine's Parish with Hurricane Relief written on the Memo line. Thank you for your prayers and generosity for everyone impacted by these hurricanes.



2024 BLANKET AND COAT COLLECTION

November 16th and 17th

Our Coat and Blanket Collection benefits Project Care and Concern in Dorchester. Led by Sister Joyce Mullen, Project Care and Concern provides food programs, a thrift store and senior citizen and family outreach for the past 51 years.

The blankets and coats should be in new or very good condition. A truck donated by the Warsofsky family will be available by the garage to accept your donations before and after each Mass until 12 noon on Sunday, November 17th. Thank you for your support.



Catholic Women Today and Tomorrow

CWTT would like to remind you to return your back packs of toiletries for the VETERANS to the foyer of the church by this Sunday, November 3rd. The parish has overwhelmingly embraced this project for the homeless Veterans and we warmly thank you. Your donations will be delivered to Cape Cod Cares for the Troops and distributed to the Veterans. We sincerely thank you for your support and generosity.



Moms & Tots will meet on Tuesday, November 5th in the parish hall. The play group will meet every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 11:00 am.

There will be activities for all the children. Parents, guardians, Pre-K children and babies are welcome. Coffee and snacks will be served. You are welcome to join us !!!



Please remember in your prayers those who have recently passed away especially:

Mary Farrell, David Fleming, Jr., Howard Harding, George Lotti, Walter Matulewicz, Edward Purfield, Ronald Montgomery, David Richardson, Jr., and William Shields

May they all rest in peace with the Lord.



You can support Saint Christine's Parish on a regular basis by signing up for On-Line Giving. By giving your weekly or monthly contribution on a recurring electronic basis, you help our parish more accurately forecast our finances. This method is a safe, secure, dependable and convenient means of giving. You can also set up a payment plan with smaller amounts being paid weekly or monthly. Visit www.saintchristines.org and click on the on-line icon or scan the QR code. For more information and assistance, please call the rectory at 781-834-6003 x 11.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION October 26/27

Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,800
Received:	\$ 4,997
On-Line Giving:	\$ 2,650
Total:	\$ 7,647
Deficit:	\$ 2,153

We are so grateful for your generosity. Thank you.

Live Streaming Masses on Television

You can watch Mass celebrated at Saint Christine's anytime on your computer. Go to saintchristines.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the You Tube link. Masses will be streamed on:

Saturday, November 9th 5:00 pm
Sunday, November 17th 11:00 am



Marshfield Food Pantry

Donations of food, soup and canned vegetables are needed. Also needed are personal care items such as shampoo, soap, shaving cream, razors, deodorants, detergents, tooth brushes, tooth paste and diapers (babies and adult). You may bring your donations to the Food Pantry at Library Plaza on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00 am to 12 noon and Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Monetary donations for the Food Pantry are also needed and may be sent to P. O. Box 1097, Marshfield, MA 02050. Thank you for your support.



Card Making and Coffee

A "Thinking of You" Ministry

All parishioners are invited to come and make handcrafted cards for our parishioners who need a happy greeting. We will meet Friday, November 15th, in the parish hall after the 9:00 am Mass. (about 10:00 am) All supplies will be provided. We just need your hands to help. Please call Eileen Shacochis at 781-834-4097 for information. This ministry is for everyone and all ages are welcome.



Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Visitors to the Homebound

are needed to assist at our weekend Masses. If you would like to be a minister, please call Mary Doolan at 781-834-6003 ext. 21 or Ann Roth at ext. 15. Training will be provided.

Sowing Seeds needs fall clothing in good condition in all sizes for adults and children. Gift cards to local stores are also needed. Sowing Seeds also helps resident with bills such as rent, phone, utilities, and car repairs. If you are a Marshfield resident and need help, please call Sowing Seeds at 781-837-3777, leave a message with your name, phone number and a brief message and someone will return your call.

The Clothing Bank, located on the corner of Route 139 and School Street, is open on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to 12 noon to distribute and receive donations. Sowing Seeds does not handle emergencies. Thank you for your support.



On Saturday, November 9th at 12 noon, all are invited to join together to pray the Rosary in front of the Marshfield Police Station on Ocean Street. Come and pray together for our country, peace in our world and your own special intentions.

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS
For the Parish Family of Saint Christine



THIRTI-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
November 3, 2024+

Reading

Dt 6:2-6

Moses tells the Chosen People to 'Fear the Lord', we too must 'Fear' Him...and love Him! Honor Him by following His commands and hold Him in our love!
Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

Psalm

Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

Do you see the Lord as your strength? Have you followed Him or do you(we) just keep close when it is a hard time for us? What does it mean to be 'my rock'? Do we see Him there?

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,
and I am safe from my enemies.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The LORD lives! And blessed be my rock!
Extolled be God my savior.

You who gave great victories to your king
and showed kindness to your anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Reading

Heb 7:23-28

Jesus, our high priest, perfectly shows us what we should be doing...we, however, have difficulty...

Brothers and sisters:

The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them. It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jn 14:23

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my father will love him and we will come to him.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 12:28b-34

How far are we from God's kingdom? Dare to ask Him that question and listen for the response!

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,

"You are not far from the kingdom of God."

And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

*Some Thoughts...*As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped (chapter 11 and part of chapter 12), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

Front Porch with God

- Me:** Good Morning Father!
- God:** Hey! Good Morning to you as well. It is *so* good to see you!
- Me:** And it is always good to see you and talk with you.
- God:** Thank you - I love hearing that. And I *do* feel the same way about you.
- Me:** That makes me feel so good. I know in today's Gospel and in the other readings too, it was all about loving YOU. I know how important that is.
- God:** So tell me. You know how important that is because you heard it today in the Liturgy of the Word or because you just know it?
- Me:** A little bit of both, I guess. I mean I do know I am suppose to love you.
- God:** Suppose to love? Or that you just do love me?
- Me:** Yeah, well I get the difference. I do. And I guess I used to love you as an obligation kind of thing but I've learned, I've felt more comfortable over the time we have spent together just realizing more and more that I just simply love you. Does that make sense?
- God:** More than you can ever realize. That means a lot to me.
- Me:** Well, can I make one other thing clear?
- God:** Please do.
- Me:** After your Son said the "love you stuff", then he really made it hard with all the love one another stuff?
- God:** Ah, there is the greater challenge, eh?
- Me:** Oh, you don't know how hard it is.
- God:** Of course I know. But I would not ask it of you if it wasn't important and what has to be done for you all to live according to my will.
- Me:** But some of us are so hard to love and ...
- God:** You think I don't know that about you? Many of you?
- Me:** Well, I know. I know. But we sure do make it hard on ourselves.
- God:** YES!! YOU DO!
- Me:** We'll try or at least I can say that I will try harder.
- God:** Thank you. That's a start. C'mon, hot chocolate time.



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