

PRAYER CORNER

Almighty God, as we ask your help
for our brothers and sisters who are ill,
we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place.
May your love touch others through us,
and may I help all people to live in peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Frances of Assisi

JESUS SPEAKS TO US

One of the scribes, when he came forward and heard them
disputing and saw how well he had answered them, 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.”

Mark 12:28-31

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**ORDINARY TIME : OCTOBER 31st
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY**

The **Gospel** is from Mark 12:28-34. The personal lesson which comes over loud and clear for every sincere Christian from today's gospel, is that the solid foundation of our Christian religion is love of God and neighbor. As our Lord says: "there is no other commandment greater than these." All the other commandments are expansions of these two and indications of how we are to put these two commandments into daily practice. For example: why am I forbidden to murder my neighbor? Simply because he belongs to God; it was God who gave him his life, and God has commanded me to love and respect him. Taking his life is interfering with God's rights, and disobeying him as well. Likewise, the prohibition of idolatry, refraining from insulting God's name, keeping the Sabbath day holy are the principal ways of indicating how we should love God.

One may ask: how can I love God? He is infinitely perfect, he needs nothing from me, what therefore can I do for him? I can understand loving my neighbor—for a neighbor can need help, advice, encouragement and consolation. I can prove my love by giving these to my neighbor, but God has no such needs. While the infinite God has no needs that I can supply, he has claims on my service, on my respect, on my gratitude—claims so basic and so great that I must be ready to suffer persecution and even death rather than deny or dishonor him. It was God who gave me existence and every gift that I have. It was God, through the incarnation of his own divine Son, who made me his adopted child and heir to heaven. Everything that I am and have and hope to be, I owe to God's generosity; therefore, he has an

unquestionable right to my gratitude, my reverence, my respect—these are the ways in which I can show my love for him.

The keeping of God's commandments, the prayers of thanksgiving, praise and petition which daily we offer, the attendance at Mass and other liturgical functions, these are the means God gives us of showing our love, our recognition of total dependence on him and our gratitude for all he has done and is doing for us. God does not need any of these signs of our submission and reverence and respect, but we need them absolutely, for they are the means he has given us of fulfilling his purpose in creating us—to share his eternal glory with him. To love God then, is not an obligation imposed on us by some demanding superior but a privilege granted us so that we can become worthy of the greater gifts he has in store for us.

Loving our neighbor—and in the Christian code this means all men no matter what may be their color, race or religion—is, according to our divine Lord, another most effective way of proving to God that we love him. We are all fellow-children of God, members of the one family. Our heavenly Father loves each one of us and wants our salvation. If we love our common Father we will do all we can to help his other children also to attain salvation. It will earn for us God's favor.

If we observe these two commandments we are "fulfilling the whole law and the prophets,"; we are serving God and showing our gratitude to him for all his goodness to us. The Christian who is following Christ in love is already active in the earthly kingdom of God and traveling safely toward God's eternal kingdom of peace and happiness.

--Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M

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Mass Schedule:

Monday-Friday — 7:00 a.m.

Saturday — 8:00 a.m.

Saturday — 5:00 p.m.

Sunday — 10:00 a.m.

Holy Day -- see bulletin

Confessions:

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. — 6:50 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. — noon

Saturday 4:00 p.m. — 4:50 p.m.

Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, & Fri

10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

FATHER BART'S CORNER

**My sisters and brothers:
Venerable Henriette Delille**



Henriette Delille, was born in 1812 in New Orleans, Louisiana, as a free woman of color. At 24 years of age, Henriette experienced a religious conversion, and proclaimed: "I believe in God. I hope in God. I love. I want to live and die for God."

Henriette eventually founded the Society of the Holy Family, responding to the need for treatment of the enslaved, elderly and sick, and care and education for the poor.

Henriette received tribute for her life's work in these words from her obituary, ". . . (Henriette) devoted herself untiringly for many years, without reserve, to the religious instruction of the people of New Orleans, principally of slaves. . . ." The last line of her obituary reads, ". . . for the love of Jesus Christ she had become the humble and devout servant of the slaves."

Archbishop Philip M. Hannan began the canonization process for Henriette DeLille in 1988. A special commission in Rome gave approval in 1988 after a review process. In 2004 a biography of her life, written by Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB, was published.

The Canonization process is comprised of four phases: Servant of God, Venerable, Blessed and Saint. As of this time, an alleged miracle attributed to Henriette is being tried in a Catholic Tribunal, and the decree of judicial validity was issued in the investigation of her life, virtues, and reputation of sanctity. Henriette was bestowed with the title of Venerable by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010. (Used with permission of the NBCC-® NBCC 2021.)

With prayers and love,

Fr. Bart, S.V.D

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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Monday, November 1

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

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Tuesday, November 2

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

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Wednesday, November 3

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

Adoration 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Confessions 6:00 p.m.—6:50 p.m.

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Thursday, November 4

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

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Friday, November 5

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

Adoration 8:00 a.m.—noon

Confessions 9:00 a.m.—noon

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Saturday, November 6

Live Stream Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Adoration 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Confessions 4:00 p.m.—4:50 p.m.

Mass: 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday, November 7

Live Stream Mass: 10:00 a.m.

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Weekday Confessions thirty minutes before morning Mass.

Weekly Readings

11/1—RV 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 JN 3:1-3;

MT 5:1-12a

11/2—WIS 3:1-9; ROM 6:3-9;

JN 6:37-40

11/3—ROM 13:8-10; LK 14:25-33

11/4—ROM 14:7-12; LK 15:1-10

11/5—ROM 15:14-21; LK 16:1-8

11/6—ROM 16:3-9, 16, 22-27;

LK 16:9-15

11/7—1 KGS 17:10-16;

HEB 9:24-28; MK 12:38-44 or

12:41-44

Vocation View

Love of God and love of neighbor are not mutually exclusive, but rather are mutually enriching.

Demonstrate the love you have for God by acting in service to your neighbor in Christ.

**Divine Word Vocation Office
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www.svdvocations.org

PARISH CORNER

All Saints Day

The Church celebrates all the saints: canonized or beatified, and the multitude of those who are in heaven enjoying the beatific vision that are only known to God. During the early centuries the Saints venerated by the Church were all martyrs. Later on the Popes set November 1 as the day for commemorating all the Saints.

We all have this "universal call to holiness." What must we do in order to join the company of the saints in heaven? We "must follow in His footsteps and conform ourselves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things."

"We must devote ourselves with all our being to the glory of God and the service of our neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history". (Lumen Gentium, 40).

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All Souls Day

The Church, after rejoicing on November 1st with those of her children who have entered the glory of heaven, on November 2nd prays for all those who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory await the day when they will be joined to the company of saints.

At no place in the liturgy is stated in more striking fashion the mysterious union between the Church triumphant, the Church militant and the Church suffering; at no time is there accomplished in clearer fashion the twofold duty of charity and justice deriving for every Christian from the fact of his incorporation in the mystical Body of Christ.

By virtue of the consoling doctrine of the communion of saints the merits and prayers of each one are able to help all; and the Church is able to join her prayer with that of the saints in heaven and supply what is wanting to the souls in Purgatory by means of the Mass, indulgences and the alms and sacrifices of her children.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Black Catholic History Month

In the United States the month of November is known as Black Catholic History Month. In observance of this, some of our friends originally from Rwanda and Burundi will enlighten our Liturgy during Saturday mass at 5:00 p.m. on November 6th, 2021. Black Catholic History month was designated to celebrate the contributions of Black Catholics to the Roman Catholic Tradition.

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Honoring Our Veterans

Father Bart will be giving the Veterans a blessing at the Sunday, November 7th, 10:00 a.m. mass. Besides traditional Sunday donuts we will be honoring our Veterans. Please join us for this celebration after mass in the Parish Life Center.

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We Need Your Help to Fill Thanksgiving Baskets

KPC Council 89 will sponsor their Annual Thanksgiving Basket Outreach. Your help is needed in providing items for needy families. Items needed are boxes of mac/cheese, canned yams or sweet potatoes and canned cranberry sauce. Please bring your items on the following Sundays: Nov 7, Nov 14 and Nov 21. KPC members will collect your items after mass at the KPC Hall located across from the church.

Our Church Community is also collaborating with Fortress YDC, our neighbors next door, to provide thanksgiving baskets to families that they are servicing in the 76104 zip code. Please bring non-perishable food items to the Parish Life Center during office hours, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00am-3:00pm or you may drop off items after Adoration on Wednesdays and on Saturdays after evening mass. We will begin accepting it November Nov. 3.

May God's word to love one another become observed in a practical way.

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CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

THE LIFE OF PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF THE HOUR OF JESUS

2746 When "his hour" came, Jesus prayed to the Father.⁴³ His prayer, the longest transmitted by the Gospel, embraces the whole economy of creation and salvation, as well as his death and Resurrection. The prayer of the Hour of Jesus always remains his own, just as his Passover "once for all" remains ever present in the liturgy of his Church.

2747 Christian Tradition rightly calls this prayer the "priestly" prayer of Jesus. It is the prayer of our high priest, inseparable from his sacrifice, from his passing over (Passover) to the Father to whom he is wholly "consecrated."⁴⁴

2748 In this Paschal and sacrificial prayer, everything is recapitulated in Christ:⁴⁵ God and the world; the Word and the flesh; eternal life and time; the love that hands itself over and the sin that betrays it; the disciples present and those who will believe in him by their word; humiliation and glory. It is the prayer of unity. He "prays without ceasing" who unites prayer to works and good works to prayer. Only in this way can we consider as realizable the principle of praying without ceasing.

2749 Jesus fulfilled the work of the Father completely; his prayer, like his sacrifice, extends until the end of time. the prayer of this hour fills the end-times and carries them toward their consummation. Jesus, the Son to whom the Father has given all things, has given himself wholly back to the Father, yet expresses himself with a sovereign freedom⁴⁶ by virtue of the power the Father has given him over all flesh. the Son, who made himself Servant, is Lord, the Pantocrator. Our high priest who prays for us is also the one who prays in us and the God who hears our prayer.

43 Cf. Jn 17

44 Cf. Jn 17:11, 13, 19.

45 Cf. Eph 1:10.

46 Cf. Jn 17:11, 13, 19, 24

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