

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

OPENING HYMN: 1) All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell, come we before Him, and rejoice. 2) Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid He did us make; we are His folk, He does us feed, and for His sheep He does us take. 3) O enter then His gates with praise; approach with joy His courts unto; praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly to do so.

FIRST READING: *Wisdom 6:12-16*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

SECOND READING: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

GOSPEL: *Matthew 25:1-13*

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: 1) Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too. 2) We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load. 3) I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

COMMUNION HYMN: 1) For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; Lord of all to You we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. 2) For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: Lord of all to You we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. 3) For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: Lord of all to You we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

CONCLUDING HYMN: 1) My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing; land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside let freedom ring! 2) My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills; my heart with rapture thrills, like that above. 3) Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song; let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong. 4) Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing; long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, FEAST: Monday, November 9, 2020. Church Buildings and the Church ~ We hold in honor today the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome. That building is important, as are all churches, because they are places where the Church, the People of God, gather to hear Christ speak, to pray, and to be sent to do Christian work. When you next enter the church, pray for all those who have gone before, those who enter now, and those who are yet to come.

ST. ANDREW DINNER: An opportunity for young men to meet Bishop McGovern and priests in the diocese to enjoy a meal, pray, discuss priestly vocations and whatever else is on your mind! November 15th @ 4pm at Newman Catholic Student Center in Carbondale. For more information or to RSVP, contact Rev. Nicholas Junker at 618-722-5035 or njunker08@hotmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS & CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 9 – NOVEMBER 15

Monday, November 9	NO MASS – Fr. Gene on Vacation The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tuesday, November 10	NO MASS – Fr. Gene on Vacation; St. Leo the Great
Wednesday, November 11	NO MASS – Fr. Gene on Vacation St. Martin of Tours; Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 12	NO MASS – Fr. Gene on Vacation; St. Josaphat
Friday, November 13	NO MASS – Fr. Gene on Vacation St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Saturday, November 14	5PM MASS – For All Deceased Veterans
Sunday, November 15	9AM MASS – For the Parish

TITHE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Fiscal Week: 18

Mary Help of Christians: \$6826.00; Cemetery \$338.00; Improvement \$212.00; Sister Anne Irose \$179.00	
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7000.00	YTD Budget Need: \$126,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6074.84	YTD Budget Difference: (\$16,652.80)
YTD Actual Giving: \$109,347.20	YTD Weekly: (\$925.16)

CHRISTMAS TIME IS COMING! SCRIP CARD FUNDRAISING: Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to help raise money for our school. To get started: Create an account on the [RaiseRight app](#) or at [ShopWithScrip.com](#) using our school's enrollment code: 69A199FD1LL98. Seamlessly check out by securely paying online with a linked bank account or credit card. Have questions? Contact Brandy Maes @ 618-615-7020.

DEAR FATHER GENE AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S PARISH: Greetings of deep gratitude to all of you on this beautiful time of autumn! Today as we celebrate the end of the Season of Creation, I rejoice with the people of St. James' Parish in Camata, Bolivia. Thank you for your recent check of \$630.00 for this remote Church, so beloved by God and by us. I know how grateful they are for your remembrance of them. In late September the Pastoral Team of La Paz was finally able to make a trip by jeep to Camata. They brought much needed food for them since the authorities of Camata had closed the one and only road during the Pandemic so as to prevent its spread. Fortunately no one caught the virus! But food was scarce. The national elections of Bolivia are now (were) finally scheduled for Sunday, October 18. Please pray for calm, justice and positive results. As God's beloved Vineyard, may we continue our works of love, peace and justice. Very gratefully, Sister Anne Irose, ASC.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: As the sun grows dimmer and the church calendar draws toward its close, we hear much about the final judgment. The Jews of Jesus' day expected Almighty God to declare war on evil at any moment and hold all people accountable for their deeds. Some of Jesus' apocalyptic words feel foreboding. Be ready. The end is coming. If there is "a test", will I pass it? Am I Christian enough? Might I be among the foolish, one who has messed up just too many times? On the other hand, we might identify with the smart virgins: I am pious. I say my prayers. I am Christian enough. Perhaps everyone will "pass" at the end of time, for God is merciful. Might God choose to hand everyone an "A"? Which is it? Well-both-and neither. Yes, the end is coming, whether at our own death or at the conclusion of time. But panic only paralyzes, and presumption makes us imprudent. In wisdom, how are we to approach the Blessed One at judgment? Holy fear and a bit of awestruck trembling are needed. So is the graced conviction that we are profoundly loved and radically forgiven. Awe and confidence walk together hand in hand.