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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil ————— 5:00 pm
Sunday ————— 8:00 am & 10:30 am

HOLY DAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Since times may vary, please check the weekly Mass schedule inside the bulletin.

SPIRITUAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the office when a parish member has been admitted to the hospital or has become home bound. Upon request, the Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated and Holy Communion will be brought monthly.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 4:00 - 4:45 pm. At any other time by appointment.

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THE MISSION OF ST. FRANCIS de SALES PARISH

Guided by the gentle spirit and practical teachings of St. Francis de Sales, we strive to "Live Jesus" in our daily lives. We proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the Holy Eucharist, and are nourished through prayer, worship, love, and service to others. Together we are building a community that brings joy to our faith and light to the world, which one day will become the City of God.

BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated during Mass or on Sundays after the 10:30 Mass. Parents are asked to contact the parish office to arrange a time for preparation and to schedule the baptism.

CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST: Each child must have received a full year of religious education at St. Francis prior to beginning the sacramental preparation classes.

MARRIAGE: In order that the requirements for marriage preparation may be fulfilled, couples are to contact the parish office at least six months before the desired wedding date.

NEW MEMBERS: Please register at the office, or pick up a form in the back of the church. We are delighted to welcome you.

WILLS AND DONATIONS: Please consider designating St. Francis de Sales Parish in your last will and testament so that the blessings the Lord has given you can continue to build His Kingdom here on earth.



November 22, 2020 ✕ The Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, November 21, 2020

5:00 PM Frank Materia

Sunday, November 22, 2020

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Melody Dynes

Monday, November 23, 2020 (St. Clement I)

9:00 AM Deceased Vanzin & Pesavento Family Members

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020 (St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs)

9:00 AM Helen Jean Guiles

Wednesday, November 25, 2020 (St. Catherine of Alexandria)

9:00 AM

Thursday, November 26, 2020

9:00 AM Elizabeth Bulcavage

Friday, November 27, 2020

9:00 AM John Miskie

Saturday, November 28, 2020

5:00 PM In Honor of Boulanger Family Members: Nancy, Donna & Sandra

Sunday, November 29, 2020 ~ First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Dr. Robert & M.L. Muir

10:30 AM Jose Antonio Gonzales

Lector Schedule

Saturday, November 28th ~ 5:00 PM: DiNunzio

Sunday, November 29th ~ 8:00 AM: Miller

Sunday, November 29th ~ 10:30 AM: Misterkiewicz

Parish Schedule

This Weekend: Poverty Relief Collection

Tuesday, November 24 @ 7:00 PM ~ Holy Hour

Next Weekend: St. Vincent de Paul Collection



PLEASE NOTE: This weekend, we will be live-streaming our 8 AM Sunday Mass. NEXT Sunday, we will live-stream our 10:30 AM Sunday Mass.

Pray For Our Sick

Lucille Anderson, Edward Bellina, John Binder, Jim & Joan Bross, Rosemary C., Rick & Wren Dillon, Joseph Disabella, Mary Ann Flemming, Judith Goelz, Nicholas M. Headley, Lorraine Held, Stephen Horst, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Annamarie McCormick, Walter Muir, A. Pawelski, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Bill Straw, Edwin Zeltzer

Let us pray for our priests:



November 23	Rev. Charles J. Dene
November 24	Rev. Msgr. Thomas Derzack, M.Div.
November 25	Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeSantis, M.Div.
November 26	Rev. Msgr. Edward Domin, M.A.
November 27	Rev. Bruno Dongo, A.J.
November 28	Rev. Anthony Drouncheck, M.Div.
November 29	Rev. Ladislaus Dudek

Spiritual Thought:

My yolk is easy, and my burden is light (Mt. 11:30)

To live with Christ does not mean to live without a yolk and a burden. The yolk becomes easy and the burden light in the glorious knowledge that if your love imposes a burden, love also helps to carry it. Hence, those who have been redeemed are always happy, even under the weight of the Cross. Am I among these?

My Savior, You are my whole happiness and life. I give You thanks from my heart, even though Your love for me must be manifest of the Cross.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Monday

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28

Friday

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

Our Return to the Lord

Week of November 15, 2020

Offertory ~ \$ 3,117.00

Week of November 8, 2020

Offertory ~\$ 4,039.00

Maintenance ~ \$ 1,453.00

Poverty Relief Fund

Today, our parish will have a special collection for the Poverty Relief Fund. Your donation helps support a wide range of local projects and services that alleviate and address poverty in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill counties. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to this special collection to support those less fortunate and in need.

Join us this Thursday for
Mass @ 9:00 AM

In observation of Thanksgiving,
our offices will be closed
Thursday, November 26
&
Monday, November 30

We wish you and your family a most
blessed Thanksgiving.



Once again, our parish has volunteered to help **Lifeline of Berks County** help families in need this Christmas. Starting next Sunday, simply choose a tag containing a baby item from the 'Giving Tree.' Bring the new, un-wrapped item and place it under the tree by December 20th. Your generous donation will then be delivered to Lifeline at the end of Advent.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, December 22nd
(rain date: December 23rd)

Parish Christmas Caroling on the Lawn

Details to come. . .

Judgment Day, Part 2.

Still has a sense of finality to it, doesn't it? It should.

St. Francis de Sales wrote: "Consider that last sentence passed on to the wicked: 'Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his companions.' Weigh well these heavy words. Depart, he says. It is a word of eternal abandonment that God utters to those unhappy souls and by it he banishes them forever from his face. He calls them cursed...Consider the contrary sentence passed on the good. Come, says the Judge. Ah, this is the sweet word of salvation by which God draws us to himself and receives us into the bosom of his goodness...O welcome blessing, which includes all blessings!" (Introduction to the Devout Life, Part I, Chapter 14)

The parable in today's Gospel is noticeably clear: there will be a final judgment. What is also clear is that both the good and the evil failed to recognize how the seeds of this last judgment were planted in their everyday interactions with others. Re-read the text: *both* groups asked the question, "When did we see you...when did we welcome you...when did we visit you...when did we give you...?" Right up until the last day, both groups failed to grasp the intimate relationship between God's judgment of us and our relationships to one another. Both groups failed to recognize the connection between the love of God and performing simple, ordinary acts of love for others.

This parable challenges us to recognize that the final judgment is not a one-time event: in the eyes of God – in the eyes of the God who judges justly - this judgment is an ongoing, daily event. God is extremely interested in judging how we use each moment of our lives, not simply the last one.

But while this parable speaks volumes about God's judgment, it also has a lot to say about our own judgment. In the end, the final judgment is heavily impacted by the kind of judgment we use in relating to one another, day in, day out, in the most unique, as well as the most ordinary, of life's events, circumstances, responsibilities and demands.

What do our affections, attitudes and actions toward others every day say about the final disposition of our souls? What does the way we live our lives on earth say about our lives in the hereafter?

You be the judge.



Date: 11/15/20	Chapters/Lessons Covered Theme for the Week	Homework or Out of Class Activity	Additional Notes
First Grade	Lesson 3: God is our Father	Practice Praying the Lord's Prayer.	
Second Grade	First Penance Retreat	Examination of Conscience with parents. Practice your Zacchaeus Song.	
Third Grade	Unit 1, Session 4 Jesus is with us	Discuss Questions and Answers from the crossword completed in class.	Start a new Thanksgiving tradition by having each person say what they are Thankful for.
Fourth Grade	Unit 1, Session 3 God's Plan for Salvation - Story of Adam and Eve & discussed temptation and free will.	Perform a good deed for one another in the coming week.	
Fifth Grade	Sin Abraham & Sarah Saint Rocco	Ask parents to finish reading Genesis chapters with you about Sarah, Abraham & Issac.	
Sixth Grade	Unit 1, Session 3 Sin and Salvation Trusting God	Say the Hail Mary daily.	Also learned about Saint Luke.
Seventh Grade	Session 1 What's holding you back? Rebel against the culture of pleasure and seek more happiness	Confirmation Paperwork. Practice being happy!	

Please note: Our Next Class is Sunday EVENING, December 6th FROM 6PM-7:15PM.

Please remember: Attendance is VERY important. Each grade has its own curriculum which builds upon the prior year and prepares for the next year. PREP allows children to build a strong foundation of their faith, it brings them closer to God and gives them the proper tools to lead a life that follows Jesus. Please value the importance of these classes and also Mass attendance. Classes may need repeated in the following year if there is an excess of absences. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Gospel Today

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus tells His disciples, the Son of Man will come in His glory and sit upon His throne. He will bless, from all the nations, every person who gave drink to the thirsty, something to eat to the hungry and paid a visit to the ill. The Kingdom of Heaven will be theirs.

Year A

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One Kingdom
One King

Christ the King said in reply,
"Amen, I say to you, whatever
you did for one of these least
brothers of mine, you did for
me."

Matthew 25:40

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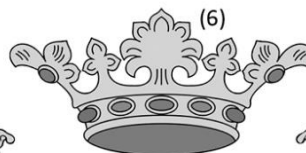
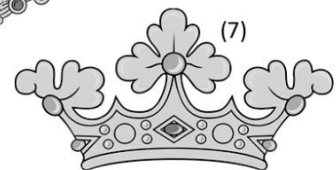
Find the underlined words in the block puzzle by coloring them all gold...
left, right, up, down or diagonally. Then color the ✧ stars ✧ all different jewel colors.

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Answer: 4 & 8

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