



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 2 - The
Commemoration of All the
Faithful Departed (All
Souls)

8:00 Faithful Departed

Tuesday, November 3 - St. Martin
de Porres

8:00 Faithful Departed

Wednesday, November 4 - St.
Charles Borromeo

5:30 Faithful Departed

Thursday, November 5

8:00 Faithful Departed

Friday, November 6 - First Friday

8:00 Faithful Departed

Saturday, November 7 - First
Saturday

9:00 Laverne Bower *by Paul and
Christine Kimmerly*

4:30 Faithful Departed

Sunday, November 8 - 32nd
Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Faithful Departed

10:15 Louis Nanni *by Don and
Keirston Tiburzi*



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday - Wisdom 3:1-9;
Good News! Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-

40; **Tuesday** - Romans 12:5-

16ab; Luke 14:15-24; **Wednesday**

- Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33;

Thursday - Romans 14:7-12; Luke

15:1-10; **Friday** - Romans 15:14-

21; Luke 16:1-8; **Saturday** -

Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke

16:9-15; **Next Sunday** - 1 Kings

17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark

12:38-44

Masses for Deceased: A Novena of 9 Masses for the Faithful Departed will be offered in our parish church starting Monday, November 2nd. Be sure to return your request envelope with the names of your loved ones so they will be included. Additional envelopes are available in the vestibule.



PASTORAL SHARINGS

The communion of saints is none other than our union with each other in Christ. We share each other's burdens and carry each other's sorrows. We aid each other. We see in each other the image of Christ and we act accordingly.

The union which we have does not cease with death. It continues. Therefore, those who have gone before us still aid us with their prayers. Those who are here on earth may invoke their prayers and their aid. Those who are detained in purgatory are aided by the prayers of those on earth and those in heaven.

The most important saint, of course, is Mary, the Mother of Christ. Because of her Immaculate Conception, she is what we should have been—if it were not for the tragedy of original sin. We celebrate Mary's festivities as signs of what God intended for us, and as pledges that even now, we can be redeemed. Mary and each of the saints share in the mediatorship of Christ, although He is our one Mediator.

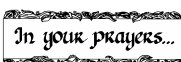
Saints as Role Models. The saints are real people. They struggled the same as we do. They encountered the same difficulties and obstacles to holiness that we do. They are not plaster-of-Paris figures who always have their halos on just right.

The liturgical calendar celebrates a variety of saints of every possible type or personality. There are priests, religious and laity; there are married, celibate and single saints; there are fat saints and austere saints. There are jolly and jovial saints and (rarely) melancholy saints.

There are saints who once were horrible sinners as well as saints who were always innocent. There were patient and serene saints as well as those who had a terrible time controlling their temper. There were smart and dumb saints, sophisticated and primitive saints. The liturgical calendar presents a variety in order that we may realize that there is hope for us! Today we celebrate all our role models, the saints who don't have a special feast day.

Msg. William Carr

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: That through our prayers and sacrifices and the intercession of the saints, members of our families lingering in purgatory will advance to the eternal happiness of heaven; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Thomas Brennan, Irene Michalak, Alexis Bruno, Jason Krear, Sara Milani, Julie Conschaffer, Loretta Varo, Julie Carlo, Dolores Totaro, William Suszka, Jr. and for the happy repose of the soul of Msgr. Paul Letourneau. Please also continue to pray for the troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.



In today's society, we find individuals who prey on children and youth. "Protecting God's Children" is a program used in Catholic schools and Religious Education programs to help children be more aware of predators. Within the context of a prayerful setting, our catechists are prepared to present age-appropriate lessons that make children aware of tricks used by sexual predators in society as well as on the internet.

Next weekend's second collection will be for Catholic University. Catholic University is unique as the national university of the Catholic Church and the only higher institution founded by the U.S. Bishops and chartered by the Vatican. Your contribution directly benefits students from all over the United States, including our own diocese, by funding scholarships for those who would not otherwise be able to attend. Please try to be generous.

Religious Items: St. Teresa's Women's Guild will have religious items available before and after all Masses next weekend, November 7-8, 2009 in the Parish Hall. Complimentary refreshments will be served. This is an opportune time to buy or order Christmas gifts or purchase something for yourself. There will be some new items, including a "Forget Me Not" rosary, an auto rosary and a 19-piece magnet Nativity scene for children. Even if you special order an item from the catalog, your order will be in by early December.



A special thank you to all the parishioners who purchased an Entertainment Book from the Nativity of Mary school children last weekend. Your generous support was greatly appreciated.

Families Living Out the Word in Everyday Routines

Provided by Office for Family Ministry - Faith Offman

Beloved, we are God's children now, what we shall be has not yet been revealed. When we first hold that wonderful, tiny, miracle—our beloved newborn—we are immediately drawn into a relationship of unconditional love and hope. This child is our beloved and what they will be has not yet been revealed—but we know that we will devote our days to love, safety, and nurturing so that they may come to know God's love and allow His Spirit to guide their days and their lives. Through our parenting, grand-parenting—we pass on our faith and our relationship with God so that our children can bloom into what God calls them to be.

Healing Mass - Friday, November 13 at 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Church, 2021 Sandridge Road, Alden. The celebrant for the liturgy will be Rev. Dennis Mancuso and music will be provided by "The Voices of Mercy" from St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. Everyone is welcome!

Job Openings: RN's/LPN's—full or part-time. PCA's—full or part-time. Day or evening shifts. Call the Villa Maria Sisters at 892-4141, ext. 414.



A Weather Report from New Mexico

Indians ask their new chief whether the winter will be cold or mild. Since the young chief never learned the ways of his ancestors, he tells them to collect firewood, then he goes off and calls the National Weather Service. "Will the winter be bad?" he asks. "Looks like it," is the answer. So the chief tells his people to gather more firewood. A week later, he calls again, "Are you positive the winter will be very cold?" "Absolutely." The chief tells his people to gather even more firewood, then calls the Weather Service again: "Are you sure?" "I'm telling you, it's going to be the coldest winter on record." "How do you know?" "Because the Indians are gathering firewood like crazy!"



- * **Sunday, November 1 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
- * **Tuesday, November 3 - Women's Guild Monthly Meeting - 7:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room**
- * **Wednesday, November 4 - Religious Education Classes - 4:00 - 5:00 pm**
- * **Saturday, November 7 - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9:00 am Mass and Confessions 8:15 - 8:45 am and 3:45 - 4:15 pm**
- * **Sunday, November 8 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**



Prayer for Vocations

Ever loving God, at times I admit that I am lost, trying to learn how to harness the energy of the gifts and talents that You have given me. I want to use that energy to serve You in this world that is desperate for Your love and peace. Light a flame of courage within my heart so that I may risk all that I have to follow You wherever You may lead me. May Your Holy Spirit, along with the prayers and support of my family and friends, graciously help me to see my potential to become the person You want me to be. Amen.

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BOTTOM LINE:

Do something for Christ today!