

# PARISH CALENDAR

Thirty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2016

Lord, when your glory appears  
my joy will be full.

Saturday, November 5	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Sunday, November 6	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... <b>10:45 a. m.</b>	<b>Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)</b>
		<b>Confirmation &amp; Youth Ministry</b>
	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Monday, November 7	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, November 8	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
		<b>ELECTION DAY</b>
Wednesday, November 9	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, November 10	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	<i>Prayer Meeting - Church</i>
Friday, November 11	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY</b>
		<b>FOOD PANTRY CLOSED</b>
Saturday, November 12	..... 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Mal:3:19-20a: Hope, despite a description of end times.**

**2 Thes: 3: 7-12: Model for dysfunctional communities.**

**Luke:21:5-19: Jesus counsels calm**

### ***Living Catholic in the 808! Voting to Bring About the Kingdom***

*"We vote because we are citizens. But we vote conscientiously because we are a people of faith. Our consciences are formed through studying Scripture and teachings of the Church, examination of the facts and prayerful reflection."*

*"While there are many moral issues before us, every issue is not equal. Issues that directly affect human lives demand serious consideration.*

*The growing disparity between the rich and the poor. The federal budget is a moral document and must prioritize the poorest and most vulnerable among us.*

*Our Constitution heralds religious liberty, yet increasingly people of faith are having to fight to retain basic right.*

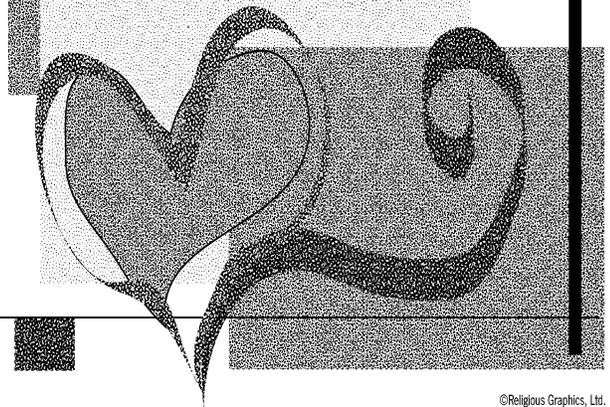
*The millions of undocumented persons living in the United States deserve our compassion.*

*The marriage of a man and a woman is the foundation of the family and an essential core element of a flourishing society.*

*We must work for just solutions to conflict in the Holy Land, throughout the Middle East, and beyond."*

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May our  
**LORD JESUS CHRIST**  
himself  
and **GOD our FATHER**  
encourage your hearts  
and strengthen them  
in every good deed and word.



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**CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOVEMBER MONTH OF ALL SOULS:** The month of November is set aside to reflect and remember those who have gone before us. During November, all Masses said at St. Rita will be said for the deceased members of our parish families and friends. **NO OTHER MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

## **ST. RITA COMMUNICATION WORKSHOPS FOR**

**ADVENT:** Want to learn skills to better your communication as couples, parents, and in general? These workshops are for any adult open to learning and improving these important skill. We begin with **Focusing on Feelings/Intimacy, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 10:45 to 11:45 in the church; What Constitutes a Healthy Relationship? - Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Fighting Fair and Forgiveness - Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Open Forum - Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.** For more information, see Cathy Agor or Linda Korejko

## **COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA:**

This week we will support our parishioners and their families who serve or have served this nation with distinction as members of the U.S. military. The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA will provide the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces wherever they serve and to veterans who are in VA medical centers. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to this special triennial collection approved by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2012 and last taken in 2013.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Suicidal individuals— with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out." —**Every Suicide is Tragic,** [www.goo.gl/KEXpR9](http://www.goo.gl/KEXpR9) USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

## **WEEKLY READINGS**

**Nov 6 Sun: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2 Macc:7:1-2 9-147; Ps 17; 2 Thess:2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38

**Nov 7 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

Ti: 1:1-9; Ps 24: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6

**Nov 8 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

Ti: 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps:37:3-4, 18 & 23, 27 & 29; Lk 17:7-10

**Nov 9 Wed: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

Ez:47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps:46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

**Nov 10 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**

Phlm 7-20; Ps 146: 7, 8-9a, 9c-10; Lk 17:20-25

**Nov 11 Fri: Martin of Tours, bishop**

2 Jn:4-9; Ps:119: 1, 2, 10, 17, 18; Lk 17:26-37

**Nov 12 Sat: Josaphat, bishop, martyr**

Jn: 5-8; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 18:1-8

## **NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP**

In today's second reading, Saint Paul offers encouragement to the Christian community and prays that the Lord instill encouragement in their hearts. There is nothing worse than discouragement to drain people spiritually and emotionally. Yet, at times, it is much easier to lose patience with others and offer critical and discouraging words. We are "our brothers' (sisters') keepers." We are stewards of our relationships with others. Offering encouragement is essential to the exercise of that stewardship. Saint Paul understood that God worked through him just as God works through us to encourage others. How often do we ask the Lord for encouragement? How often do we look for opportunities to affirm, strengthen and encourage others in our daily lives? (**International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin**)

## **CHILDREN OF THE RESURRECTION**

The possibility or certitude of life after the death of our earthly bodies has fascinated religions throughout the world and across the centuries. It certainly is the topic uppermost on the minds of the Sadducees today. They did not believe in a life after this life or a world where angels or other bodiless spirits dwelled. This constricted their ability, then, to imagine such a world or such a life, and made them imagine or construct it according to the life they knew as mortal creatures. Indeed, such a tendency can be seen—even among Christians—today, when we speak of being rejoined or reunited with the faithful departed in a continued, if improved, version of the relationship we had with them. But God is a living God, Jesus points out, and those who believe in this God are made children of the resurrection to life everlasting. This is important, as today's Gospel dispute concludes Jesus' journey to Jerusalem to face his ultimate confrontation, culminating in his resurrection. His forthrightness foretells what the apostle Paul will write to the Thessalonians: "[T]he Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one" (2 Thessalonians 3:3).

## **EQUAL IN DIGNITY TO THE ANGELS**

Television, greeting cards, and some church ornamentation have done a disservice to the biblical notion of angels. Popular imagination perceives them as gentle, safe, and fluffy. Their job description is cast mostly in human, egocentric terms: to keep danger from us, to console us, to restore a sense of wonder or the miraculous to our narrow-mindedness. Some of this has its basis in the biblical traditions. But, above all else, the biblical angels were direct messengers of God. Their voice was God's voice, their presence was the presence of the celestial throne of the Almighty. People were often startled or outright scared at their arrival, and had to be told not to fear; their messages were often difficult to hear, leading mortals into thorny situations. The children of the Resurrection—all of us, born of the living God—are equal in dignity to these angels. But in Christ we already have the power of resurrected life to be strong herald messengers of God. This is the call of all Christian disciples. For this, Paul tells us, we are made strong in God who is not only a living God, but a faithful and loving God as well. Through God we will be given the endurance in Christ necessary to live out the vocation of our baptism.

