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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021

*Jerusalem, my happy home, / When shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end, / Thy joys when shall I see?  
O happy harbour of the saints, / O sweet and pleasant soil,  
In thee no sorrow may be found, / No grief, no care, no toil.  
(Anonymous poem of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century)*

November is the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Let us spend this month in reflection on the Four Last Things: **Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell.**

### Death

I remember the tears in the eyes of Fr. John, a Salesian priest from Chennai, India, who had just arrived as pastor in the parish of the Annunciation where I resided in Edmonton. He had just come from meeting with the children of a very involved senior parishioner who had died. The children no longer practiced their faith and no matter what he said they were not interested in anything but a quick graveside interment of her ashes. "What kind of a country have I come to where they do not honour their dead?", he asked. I ask myself this question often – especially when I read the obituaries tell me "there will be no funeral".

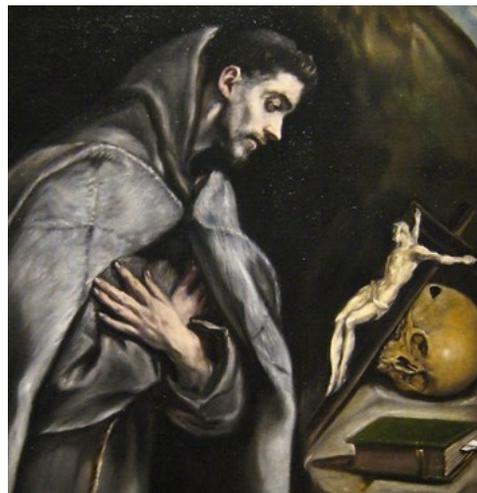
For a culture that at the moment is transfixed by death – for what else are facing in this pandemic but our mortality – we are particularly adept at avoiding it. We hide it with *euphemisms* (nice comforting words that blur reality) like 'he passed' or 'she lost her battle' or 'she passed away'. Teddy bears and ribbons replace the blunt image of the Cross. And just like the first shot which paralyzes the body given to someone about to be euthanized– the onlookers are spared the pain of other's pain at the seeming finality of it all.

As a priest, I met death early and often. As a man, I have met the deaths of loved family and friends. Violent death, peaceful death, the death of youth, despairing death, faith-filled death, bitter death, welcome death, sudden death. Perhaps nothing has shaped me more as a person and as a priest than being present with Christ with the dying. Life is more meaningful, more joyous, more precious, and more adventurous having met death. As a young student, I learned from Socrates that philosophy was an *ars moriendi* – an "art of dying". I have since learned that a *life of loving* is a process of dying to self and that we die as we have lived. Indeed, the last gift a parent or elder leaves to their children is showing them how to die – that is what Jesus and His Saints show me.

I am not a romantic about death. It is the consequence of brokenness. When we die, the persons I love, the person that I am, are no more as we have been. Death does not destroy the soul, but it ends its pilgrimage as a person on earth. We love this magnificent earth from which God made us – and the rupture that death brings to us is fearsome. Who can look into this abyss? The 9/11 Memorial in New York is a gaping black hole ... and nothing comes out. If that is all there is – why bother with a funeral?

But as you and I stand before this abyss. Something wonderful comes out. The voices of a "cloud of witnesses" comes to us – the Saints! And above all, the Voice of the Word that called us into existence. The Voice of Jesus. The Face of Jesus. The Holy Trinity. The Eternal Jerusalem.

Courage! This is Who meets us if we honour the Dead and do not run away.



**MONDAY, November 1, 2021**  
**All Saints Day**

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
 12:10 pm - Mass - All Saints  
 6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group  
 7:00 pm - Illness Support Group

**TUESDAY, November 2, 2021**  
**All Souls Day**

8:00 am - Mass (Latin)  
 11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
 12:10 pm - Mass († **Deceased Clergy**)  
 7:00 pm - Marriage Preparation  
 7:30 pm - Mass († **Deceased of the Parish**)

**WEDNESDAY, November 3, 2021**

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
 12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Brent Fraser**)  
 5:30 pm - Children's Choir Practice  
 6:30 pm - Sacramental Prep  
 7:30 pm - Choir Practice for 8:00 and 10:00 am  
 8:30 pm - Choir practice for 8:00 pm

**THURSDAY, November 4, 2021**

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
 12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Florence Detilleaux**)  
 7:00 pm - RCIA  
 8:30 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

**FRIDAY, November 5, 2021**

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
 12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Maurice Têtû**)

**SATURDAY, November 6, 2021**

10:00 am - Baptism  
 11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
 12:10 pm - Mass († **Souls in Purgatory**)

**SUNDAY, November 7, 2021**  
**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am - Mass  
 10:00 am - Mass  
 7:15 pm - Divine Office - Vespers

**Communion for the Homebound**

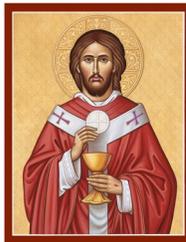
Deacon Donat will be coordinating and providing communion for the homebound.

Please contact us at 306-652-0033 if interested.

**LITTLE SISTER PARISH**



For the week of **Nov 7 - 14** we are asking for **CANNED MEAT AND BEANS**. Guadalupe Parish always needs Ziplock storage bags. Drop-off bin is in the welcome area.



Mass for the Deceased Bishops and Priests of Saskatoon

Tues, November 2, 12:10 pm.

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**Illness Support Group:** Do you have an acute illness or living with a chronic illness or know someone who is? Come & share or come and just listen to inspiring stories that show that there is always hope! Drop in on Monday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7pm at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral. (Zoom available.) Contact Angela at 652-0033 for more information.

Bishop Mark has invited each of us to participate in the **Bishop's Annual Appeal**. Please submit a completed gift form to the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation using the postage paid envelope included with your personalized letter. There are several ways you can make your gift and participation count. You can:

- **Make a one-time gift**
- **Make a monthly recurring gift that is renewed year after year**
- **Pledge your gift and spread out payments over ten to twelve months**
- **Have your donation matched by your company with a Corporate Matching Gift**
- **Give a gift of publicly traded shares**

Consider making a Legacy Gift through your Estate. No matter which way you choose, we thank you. Every gift is appreciated, and *every gift has value!*



**OFFERING FOR October 24, 2021**

Loose	\$	982.05
Envelopes	\$	1717.00
Renovations	\$	180.00
Evangelization of the Nations	\$	525.00