



*St. Mary's Catholic Church
Windthorst, TX*

**St. Mary's / St.
Boniface
Vision Statement**

*To serve Christ and
promote
His teachings
through Worship,
Education,
Training, Service,
and
Community
Involvement*



*St. Boniface Catholic Church
Scotland, TX*

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Donald Brown, Deacon**

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General Information

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

on the **3rd Sunday** of the month at 8:45 A.M.
contact the office for dates and to register for classes

Marriage Preparation

contact the office at least **six to nine months prior** to
wedding date

RCIA

contact Florence Anderle @ 423-6310 or 423-6271

Funerals

in the case of a death in the family, please contact the
office as soon as possible.

Ministry to the Sick

contact the office immediately if you know of anyone
who is sick, hospitalized or home-bound

Reconciliation

St. Boniface – **First Saturday** from 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.
or by appointment

St. Mary's-Wednesday after evening Mass, or by appointment

Hispanic Ministry

Tuesday & Thursday in Convent
Call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183

Mass Schedule for the Week

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| Monday
<u>8:15 am</u> | † | November 16 - <u>St. Boniface</u>
Helen Martinka by Bob Baumers |
| Tuesday | | November 17
NO MASS |
| Wednesday
<u>7:00 pm</u> | † | November 18 – <u>St. Mary's</u>
Deceased Members of C. D. A. #296 |
| Thursday
<u>7:25 am</u> | † | November 19 – <u>St. Mary's</u>
Lawrence & Rose Mary Schroeder by
Donnie Frerichs |
| Friday
<u>7:25 am</u> | † | November 20 - <u>St. Mary's</u>
Harold Schreiber by Tom Berends |
| Saturday
<u>5:00 pm</u> | | November 21 – <u>St. Mary's</u>
Wedding Mass Intentions of
Josh Wolf & Brittany Spradling
Parishioners (SPANISH MASS) |
| <u>7:00 pm</u> | | |
| Sunday
<u>8:15 am</u> | † | November 22 - <u>St. Boniface</u>
Jim Hoffman by Kenny Berends |
| Sunday
<u>10:00 am</u> | † | November 22 - <u>St. Mary's</u>
August & Veronica Vieth by Charles Vieths |

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS
November 16, 2015 – November 22, 2015

HOSPITALITY

Sat. 5:00 pm Wedding
Sun. 10:00 am Donald & Laurie Veitenheimer

LECTORS

Wed. 7:00 pm Mark Veitenheimer
Thur. 7:25 am Florence Anderle
Fri. 7:25 am Gloria Schroeder
Sat. 5:00 pm Wedding
Sun. 10:00 am Weston & Tommy Schlumpf III

SERVERS

Wed. 7:00 pm Madelyn Anderle, Kason Berend
Thur. 7:25 am Thomas McCann, Brayden Armstrong
Fri. 7:25 am Colby Wolf, Larson Vieth
Sat. 5:00 pm Wedding
Sun. 10:00 am Hannah & Madelyn Anderle, Marissa Frazier

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Sat. 5:00 pm Wedding
Sun. 10:00 am Mark Veitenheimer/Hosts, Kristi Veitenheimer/Hosts, Mike Schreiber, Sherry Berend, Kaitlyn Veitenheimer, Trissa Berend, Sandra Gresham/Hosts Choir, Sis Green/Choir

USHERS

Sat. 5:00 pm Wedding
Sun. 10:00 am Terry Schroeder, Trey Berend, Adam Wolf, Joey Veitenheimer

GIFT BEARERS

Sat. 5:00 pm Wedding
Sun. 10:00 am Brad Hoffman Family

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

November 22nd JoAnn Wolf & Diane Hubbard
November 29th Mary Wolf & Marsha Anderle

COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE SICK

November 22nd Maria Carcaño

MONEY COUNTERS

Mon. Nov. 16th Arthur Litteken, Pat Zotz, Alfred Berend
SUPPORT-Sunday Envelopes \$6052.00, Loose \$355.00, Children \$29.25, Building Fund \$60.00, All Saints \$60.00, Catholic Campaign for Human Development \$322.00.
 Father Michael thanks all for your incredible generosity.

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS,
November 16, 2015– November 22, 2015

HOSPITALITY

Sun. 8:15 am Kim Hemmi & Kayla Styles

LECTOR

Sun. 8:15 am Rita Schreiber

SERVERS

Sun. 8:15 am Gus Schenk, Landon & Abby Brown

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Sun. 8:15 am Robert & Debbie Krahl, Keith & Cindy Teichman

USHERS

Sun. 8:15 am Joe Hoff & Lyndon Teichman

GIFT BEARERS

Sun. 8:15 am Harold Stallcup Family

MONEY COUNTERS

Sun. Nov. 22nd Pat Hemmi, Debbie Krahl, Vivian Rice

SUPPORT – Sunday Envelopes \$1209.00, Loose \$90.00, Children \$1.00, All Saints \$45.00, Catholic Campaign for Human Development \$70.56.

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT will burn this week for Gayle Vieth & Trent Tipton Family as requested by M. J. & Beth Geis.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS: Garry Syrus Family will receive the Chalice on **November 22nd** at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. They, as well as all of us, are asked to pray for vocations.

11-28 Lillie Rife 5:00 pm Mass

12-5 Gary Wolf Family 5:00 pm Mass

CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 18 - Adoration at 6:00 p.m. Benediction 6:50 p.m. Mass at 7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY'S FINANCE COUNCIL meet **Monday, November 16th**, at 6:30 p.m.

WINDTHORST SENIOR CITIZENS meet **Tuesday, November 17th** in the K. C. Hall at 11:30 for lunch and 1:00 p.m. for games.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA #296 will meet on **Wednesday, November 18th** after Mass and novena service. Memorial Service will be held, everyone is invited. New members always welcome.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1824 will be frying and smoking Turkeys for the Thanksgiving Holiday on **November 25th** at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Order forms were in the last issue of the Kettler Council Comment, with additional forms in locations around town. Please allow us to help with your Thanksgiving feast. If you have any questions, please call Doug Berend at 782-4126. Deadline for orders will be November 21st.

MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED: After many years of service, Alfred Berend Jr. has given notice that he wishes to be relieved of his duties as maintenance person at St. Mary's Cemetery. We regret this deeply as Alfred, along with his wife Cordella, has worked diligently to keep the cemetery looking good at all times. But, we do understand, Alfred & Cordella. If anyone is interested in becoming the new maintenance person for St. Mary's Cemetery, and for more information please call Kenny Wolf, Chairman of the Cemetery Board at 423-6341.

LOURDES & ITALY PILGRIMAGE To celebrate the Holy Jubilee Year of Mercy for 11 days: April 18-26, 2016. The Pilgrimage will be visiting Lourdes, Carcassonne, Avignon, Nice, Genoa, Florence, Assisi and Rome. Hosted by Rev. Khoi V. Tran & Fr. Michael Moloney. Price \$3599.00 from Dallas. We are seeking 16 Pilgrims along with Father Michael to go on this trip. We need to have at least this amount to sign up and attend. For more information contact Father Michael at the Church Office.

****MISSING** – Towels that belong in the Parish Hall are missing. If you have used and laundered them, please return the towels to the Hall. Thanks.

ST. MARY'S/ST. BONIFACE YOUTH MINISTRY – Many thanks to Fern Schreiber for her generous donation to the Youth Ministry. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY will celebrate the **Rite of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church** with Candidates Cindy Hoff, Tessa Berend, Savannah Hembree and Brad Hembree on **Sunday, November 22** at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. They have already been Baptized and will celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist and become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. They have been in the RCIA Process a sufficient time and now are in a period of more intense spiritual preparation to celebrate this Rite. This period parallels the Lenten Purification and Enlightenment Period of the process for the catechumens (the unbaptized). Please continue to pray for these candidates, their sponsors, family and friends as they continue these next few weeks with their final spiritual preparations to celebrate the Rite of Reception.

ST. BONIFACE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT—will burn this week for continued health improvement for Keller Wolf and Cassey Schenk as requested by Jerry & Margaret Smith

CHALICE FOR VOCATION: Robert & Debbie Krahl Family will receive the Chalice on **November 22nd** at the **8:15 a.m.** Mass. They, as well as all of us, are asked to pray for vocations.

11-29 Kenneth Veitenheimer Family
12-6 Grady & Rhoda Schenk Family

ST. BONIFACE 7-DAY LIGHTS: Special Intention by Donor; For Peace, Our Members by St. Boniface Christian Mothers' Society; Living & Deceased Members & Relatives of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #36.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

APPOINTMENTS WITH FATHER MICHAEL – If you have a concern and wish to visit with Fr. Michael, please call the office for an appointment. Or you may e-mail Father at mmoloney@comcell.net.

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE will be in the home of **Floyd & Mildred Hilbers** the week of **November 15th**. They are asked to pray for world peace, military, and vocations.

11-29 Leroy & Caroline Anderle
12-6 Bill Wolf Family

CONFESSIONS: Confessions after Wednesday evening Mass. Confessions are always available by appointment. St. Boniface Confessions are on the First Saturday afternoon from 3:15 – 3:45 p.m. and St. Mary's Confessions are also on the First Saturday afternoon from 4:00 – 4:40 p.m. Please call the office at 423-6687 or e-mail Father Michael at mmoloney@comcell.net for a time convenient for both you and Fr. Michael.

FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETING for Parents and Children **Sunday, November 15th** at 6:30 p.m.

LECTORS – The workbooks for the new church year have arrived. Please pick up your copy from the sacristy in your respective Church. Thank you.

J.C.D.A. JUNIorettes will have their next meeting on **Monday, November 16th**, after school in the convent till 5:00 p.m.

THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL DENTAL GUILD OF WICHITA FALLS invites you to An Evening with Bishop Michael Olson on **Saturday, November 21**, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. 6:00 p.m. Mass followed by Dinner, Music and Address by Bishop Olson. Please call the Sacred Heart Office at 723-5288 for reservations as soon as possible. Hope to see you there. See attached flyer for more information. Fr. Michael is the Chaplain for the local C. M. D. G.

NOTE TO PARENTS: If you haven't paid for your child's Religion Book, please do so soon. KN - \$14.00, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grades \$20.00. Send with your child to the Religion teacher or put it in the Rectory Office Door. Thank you.

ST. MARY'S/ST BONIFACE

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Parents and Guardians please encourage your children to attend class Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday with Mass on Thursday and Friday.

Let us pass on our faith to our children as Jesus wants us to. 8th grade religion classes will continue in the first Section of the Parish Hall on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information call Dusty Sternadel at 224-6483 or Brandon Sternadel at 224-6181.

C.C.D. classes are held on **Wednesday evenings**. Freshmen meet at 5:45 p.m. and Confirmation class meet at 6:00 p.m. at in the Parish Hall.

SAVE THE DATE- Children's Christmas Program is scheduled for **Sunday, December 6, 2015** at 6:30 pm. in St. Mary's Church. If you would like to help, call 423-6402. More information later.

SPECIAL NOTE CONCERNING THANKSGIVING: Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th at St. Mary's. Parishioners from both parishes are encouraged to attend Mass to give thanks for all the blessings that God has given us. **At that time, we will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items for our local food bank. Also, a collection will be taken up for the needy. There will be a special blessing for bread and wine at this Mass.** If anybody would like to bring bread and/or wine that will be used at their meals please do so. A special table will be set up for this purpose in the front of church. You may pick up your bread and wine after the Mass.

Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. also on Friday, November 27th. Please make note of this.

NOTE: Bulletin notices for Thanksgiving week are due by noon on **Monday, November 23rd** because of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Ruth Jean Anderson, Zack Andrus, Mous Badad, Andy Berend, Cordella Berend, Jerome Berend, Nellie Berend, Don Bilbrey, Patience Blake, John Brenneis, Deacon Don Brown, Helen Brown, J.C. Birkenfield, Diane Borgman, Jose Cabrera, Chris Carcaño, Jesús Colchado, Jeff Conrady, Sue Conrady, Freida Day, **Brad Dennis**, Karen Edge, Marlene Ermis Marshall, Jeanne Fischer, Father Nicholas Fuhrmann, Kimberly Fulford, Sister Marie Green, Jerry Gibson, **Artie Hallenbeck**, Floyd Hilbers, Stephen Hilbers, Margie Himmels, Billie Hoff, Cathy Hoff, Ernie Hoff, Frosty Hoff, Marvin Hoff Sr., Wilfred A. Hoff, Bill Hoffman, Chris Hogue, Beth Holovak, Carol Hudak, Libby Ingram, Casey Jeter, Patricia Schroeder Kainer, Dale Keen, Joe Lindeman, Jim Lowe, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, , Jess Meurer, Loretta Meurer, Kathleen Moer, Anna Moloney, Clyde Morbitzer, Mary Morbitzer, Skylar Mueller, Steve Munchrath, Leesa Schroeder Nelson, Kim Nelson, Travis Nelson, Greg Oliver, Lena Ostermann, Tracie Pace, Rita Pearson, Troy Pennartz, Gina Phillips, John Rife, Jeff Scheffe, Terry Shefflett, Cassey Schenk, Roch Schenk, Rosalie Schenk, Gerald Schreiber, Nelda Schreiber, Pauline Schreiber, John (Hans) Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Margaret Schroeder, Debbie Skipper, Caroline Stallcup, Kate Talley, Marie Teichman, Margaret Green Tift, Trent Tipton, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, Frances Veitenheimer, Paul Wachsmann, Richard Wachsmann, Diana Walker, Mary Williams, Don Windham, Sarah Witten, Dorthy Dell Wolf, Dorothy V. Wolf, Kellar Wolf, Kenny Wolf, Larry Wolf, Lorine Wolf, Martha Wolf, Pauline Wolf, Ronnie Wolf, Alphonse Zotz Jr., Chuck Zotz, Missy Zotz. If you wish your name removed or there are any changes, please call the office. **Prayer of the Faithful:** Lord Jesus, we lift those on our weekly list to you; You are the healer of the sick and we keep praying and hoping for those who are ill. May we continue to pray for all who are sick and hurting and may your peace come to each and every one of us. Amen.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST – Taylor Anderson (Air Force), Charles Berend, Jr. (Navy), Jarrod Canada (Army), Fermin Estrada Jr., (Army), Sgt. Bill Foster, Capt. Sean Fuhrmann (Marines), Lt. Colonel Tony Garcia (Navy), Luke Grotelueschen (Army), Tracey Hoff (Navy), Sgt. Damian Hoffman, Ethan Hoffman (Air Force), Sgt. Whitney Jeter (Marine), Sgt. Nicholas Klein (Army), Staff Sgt. Chad Koetter (Air Force), Jess Martinez (Army), Blake Newby (Army), Kenneth (K.J.) Nichols (Army), Major David Ogura (Army), Kyle Page (Marine), Frank Prokop, (Colorado Air National Guard), Sgt. Robert Rhinehart, Hank Schenk (Air National Guard), Isaac Schenk (Army), Rock Schenk (Army), Colonel Tony Schenk (Air Force), 1st Class Craig Slaten (Air Force), Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith (Air Force), Judy Solorio (Navy), Staff Sgt. Matthew Tubbs, Sgt. Ann Schreiber Turner (Air Force), Sgt. Matt Turner (Air Force), Ben Veitenheimer (Navy), Josh Winter (Army), Major Audrey Wolf (Army). (If there are any changes or additions please call the office.) Dear Heavenly Father, please protect our troops as they protect us. Bless them and their families for all that they are doing for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT: Sign-up for the next retreat has begun! The retreat will be held **February 18-21, 2016** at Bridgeport Camp and Conference Center. We will leave from St. Mary's Parish Hall around 5:30 Thursday evening and return for the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Please carefully pray about attending this amazing retreat. You would be giving yourself a priceless gift! For more information or to request a registration form, contact Laverne Lindemann at 940-237-2472 or laverne.lindemann@windthorstisd.net. Registration forms may also be found on one of the tables in the back of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Space is limited, so don't wait. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU NOTE: "PRAISING AND THANKING GOD for all of you! Your prayers, seven-day lights, cards, and acts of kindness during my recent surgery and follow-up treatments are deeply appreciated. You are all in my prayers as well! GOD BLESS YOU!" from Margie Humpert Frazier

KRISTY KRAHL CENTER – We are looking for an able-bodied senior to help at the Center. It is one day a month. The first Thursday of each month to help sort out the items donated to us. We are open from 8:30 to 10:30. Please call 541-2239 or talk to Lillie Rife or Mildred Lindemann.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – While we await Jesus' coming let us continue to live for Him and live in His love in all we do, especially in our marriage relationship. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on January 22-24, 2016. To apply, visit our website at <http://www.dfwme.org/apply>. For more information e-mail apply@dfwme.org or call 469-444-0904. Para masinformacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, <http://www.seccuib15.org/> escriba a emmdfw@gmail.com

DIVORCED AND RE-MARRIED? If you are divorced and remarried outside of the Catholic Church without a Decree of Nullity/Invalidity, or if you are a Catholic and are married outside of the Catholic Church, you may not partake of the Sacraments, including the reception of Holy Communion. Until it is shown otherwise through the ministry of the Tribunal, no person is free to enter into another marriage without the appearance or occasion of serious sin. However, a divorce alone does not affect or hinder in any way, your participation in the Sacraments. A divorced Catholic is free to receive the sacraments. However, if you are divorced and have remarried, or if you are divorced and in a new relationship, or if you are living with someone without a Decree of Nullity/Invalidity (and your former spouse is still living) you may not partake of the sacraments, including the reception of Holy Communion). Consider seeking a Decree of Nullity/Invalidity which will enable you to return to a full participation in the sacramental life of the Church. For more information please Contact Father Michael at mmoloney@comcell.net. Thanks.

ST. MARY'S 7-DAY LIGHTS: Very Special Intention by Donor; In Thanksgiving for favor received, Marlene Marshall by Floyd & Mildred; **YEARLY LIGHTS:** For the safety of all our military, especially for Staff Sgt. Damian Hoffman (Army), Ethan Hoffman (Air Force), and Maj. David Ogura (Army) by Grandmommy; Robert and my family by Lorine Wolf; The Holy Spirit's Daily Guidance in Endeavors for each member of my family by Donor; For the Living & Deceased Members of the Charles & Mary Lindeman family by Benny Lindeman; Safety of Ben Wolf, Gina Loran and Brett Hoff by Benny Lindeman; For my family by Elmer Schroeder; For Students of W.I.S.D. & C.D.A. #296 Members by C. D. A. #296; Joe Schreiber & Joseph Schreiber, Jr. by Agnes Schreiber; Mom by Johnnie & Alice; For our Family by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; For our Family by Henry & Mildred; Our Family by Alfred & Cordella; My Family by Ann Veitenheimer; For our family by Joe & Lugenia Zotz; For our Military Personnel by V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary; In loving memory of Rusty & Shannon and all dear departed of Lindemann & Green families; For my children & grandchildren to always stay faithful to the Church and its teachings, don't fall away and to keep God in their lives; For peace, Our beloved country and all the brave military; For the sick & elderly of our parishes and for all my dear friends who are so kind and helpful to me; For all the faithful Priests & Religious and for more vocations by Geraldine Lindemann; Thomas & Leona Schlumpf by Danny Schlumpf Family; Arnold & Lillian Lindeman by the Family; Janice, Ed & Catherine and Lois Luig and Geraldine's health by Eddie Luig; For my Family by Lena Ostermann; Ben's Safety by Mom & Dad; Floyd Humpert by Betty; For our family by Marvin & Elsie Hoff; For my family and for Bruce by Anna Mae Veitenheimer; For my Family by Margaret Beaman; Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #30; For the safety and welfare of Blake Newby (Army) by Grandma Dorothy V. Wolf.

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PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men
To pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels
Of poverty, chastity, and obedience.
During this Year of Consecrated Life,
We give you thanks for these courageous witnesses
Of Faith and models of inspiration.
Their pursuit of holy lives
Teaches us to make a more perfect offering
Of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church
By calling forth sons and daughters who,
Having found the pearl of great price,
Treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God forever and ever. Amen

CATECHISM IN A YEAR

Why are there so many signs and symbols in the liturgies?

God knows that we men are not only spiritual but also bodily creatures: we need signs and symbols in order to perceive and describe spiritual or interior realities.

Whether it is red roses, a wedding ring, black clothing, graffiti, or AIDS armbands- we always express our interior realities through signs and are understood immediately. The incarnate Son of God gives us human signs in which he is living and active among us: bread and wine, the water of Baptism, the anointing with the Holy Spirit. Our response to God's sacred signs instituted by Christ consists in signs of reverence: genuflecting, standing while listening to the Gospel, bowing, folding our hands. And as though for a wedding we decorate the place of God's presence with the most beautiful things we have: flowers, candles and music. In any case, signs also require words to interpret them.

Why do the sacred signs of the liturgy need words too?

Celebrating the Liturgy means encountering God: allowing him to act, listening to him, responding to him. Such dialogues are always expressed in gestures and words.

Jesus spoke to men through signs and words. So it is in the Church, also when the priests offers the gifts and says, "This is my Body...this is my Blood..." Only these interpreting words of Jesus cause the signs to become sacraments: signs that bring about what they signify.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Proceed with caution

In a bygone era you might hear religion teachers tell their students that every sin we commit is another nail in Jesus' side. Although today we might phrase things differently, in truth, Christians believe that Jesus suffers for our sins, and our failures to act with love have consequences far beyond our human understanding for which we will be held accountable. That is why scripture tells us to stay alert, and Christian philosophers advise caution. As French philosopher Blaise Pascal says in *Pensées*: "In each action we must look beyond the action at our past, present, and future state, and at others whom it affects, and see the relations of all those things."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32 (158)*. "As to the exact day and hour, no one knows it . . ."

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

FEAST OF MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

Positive peer pressure

One of the best ways to teach kids how to behave is simply to model good behavior yourself. Although maybe not to the same degree, adults can be similarly influenced for the better. That's what Saint Margaret of Scotland did. She was a granddaughter, niece, wife, and mother to kings, but had no real political power herself. She prayed diligently, served the poor daily, raised eight children with Christian values (one of them became a saint), and basically lived a virtuous life. By doing these things, she made her country a better place and its rulers better people.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43 (497)*. "Jesus told him, 'Have sight; your faith has saved you.'"

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 FEAST OF ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

Picture this!
If you described your life of Christian service using images, what would they be? For Saint Elizabeth, the images of bread and roses are often used. Where did those come from? Elizabeth was born in 1207 into a royal family of wealth. She undertook many works to help people who suffered hunger, cold, and illness. So great were her works that some questioned how they were possible. There were rumors of theft from the royal resources. Once, as she was taking bread hidden under her cloak to feed the hungry, noblemen stopped her, demanding to know what she was hiding. But what they saw was not bread but roses!

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10 (498)*. "So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way."



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

FEAST OF ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE, VIRGIN

Fidelity in little things

Many folks find an inner hero in critical times that evaporates in daily affairs. Our habits are pitted with endless failures in generosity and welcome, gentle speech and simple kindness. Philippine Duchesne traveled from France in hopes of living the life of a courageous missionary. Instead she spent her years on a series of small and failing schools, dealing with trying bishops, traitorous spiritual directors, and rebellious sisters. This disappointing life of sandpaper polished her to the brilliance of sainthood. Be a hero in tiny tasks.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28 (499)* or for the Memorial of the Dedication, *Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Matthew 14:22-33 (679)*. "Well done, good servant! You have been faithful in this very small matter; take charge of ten cities."

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Ask for direction

The journal *Christianity Today* says, "Spiritual direction is a voluntary relationship between a person who seeks to grow in the Christian life and a director." It has been defined as the practice of being with people as they attempt to deepen their relationship with the divine and to learn and grow in their own personal spirituality. Those in religious life and ministry are encouraged to have spiritual direction, but it is not just for "professionals." All of us have a spirituality of life, but sometimes we lose sight of our priorities. Spiritual Directors International (sdiworld.org) offers resources and a listing of spiritual directors by geographic area. Perhaps it is time to stop for directions!

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44 (500)*. "As Jesus drew near Jerusalem, he saw the city and wept over it."

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Reach out

Sometimes the greatest transformation comes when you can open yourself up to another. That presence is at the heart of prayer. "Praying is no easy matter," Henri Nouwen wrote. "It demands a relationship in which you allow someone other than yourself to enter into the very center of your person, to see there what you would rather leave in darkness, and to touch there what you would rather leave untouched." God is waiting to enter into the heart of your being. Dare to reach out and be touched.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48 (501)*. "My house shall be a house of prayer."

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Move beyond the temple walls

According to legend, Anne and Joachim presented their daughter Mary, age 3, to temple authorities as a fulfillment of the promises made before Mary's having been born without sin, which we know as the Immaculate Conception. Blessed among women, Mary grew in age, wisdom, and grace throughout her life. The feast of her presentation marks a distinctive moment in her young life, a moment of sanctification. Given to God, she would go on to become a temple even greater than the one in which she was blessed. From her would come forth Christ. Today, we celebrate her sanctity and strive to be temples of the Holy Spirit ourselves.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40 (502)*. "He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2015

MONDAY 11-16 1Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63; Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158; Lk 18:35-43; TUESDAY 11-17 2 Mc6:18-31m Ps 3:2-3,4-5,6-7, Lk 19:1-10; WEDNESDAY 11-18 2 Mc 7:1,20-31, Ps 17:1,5-6,8,15, Lk 19:11-28; THURSDAY 11-19 1Mc 2:15-29, Ps 50:1-2,5-6,14-15;; Lk 19:41-44; FRIDAY 11-20 1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59, 1 Chr 29:10,11,11-12,12, Lk 19:45-48; SATURDAY 11-21 1 Mc 6::1-13,Ps 9:2-3,4,6,16,19 Lk 20:27-40.

SUNDAY 11-22-15- The Solemnity Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Lectionary :16

Reading 1 DN 7:13-14 As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm PS 93:1, 1-2, 5 R/ The LORD is king: he is robed in majesty The LORD is king, in splendor robed; robed is the LORD and girt about with strength. R/ The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty. And he has made the world firm, not to be moved. Your throne stands firm from of old; from everlasting you are, O LORD. R/ The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty. Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed; holiness befits your house, O LORD, for length of days. R/ The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty

Reading ZRV 1:5-8 Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the first born of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priest for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, "says the lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty!"

Alleluia MK 11:9, 10 R/ alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! R/Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel JN 18:33B-37 Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?!" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Your own nation and the chief priest handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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