

November 10, 2019

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE KING OF THE WORLD
WILL RAISE US UP
TO LIVE AGAIN FOREVER.

~ 2 MACCABEES 7:9 ~



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In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducees were a party of Judaism active in Jesus' time, descended from the priestly family of Zadok. They were literal interpreters of the written Law of Moses, which means that they were in disagreement with the position of the Pharisees, who offered an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses.

The Sadducees are described in this Gospel as opponents to the belief in resurrection. In the dialogue presented here, we see an example of the means of disputation that was common in first century Judaism. The Sadducees use the example of Levirate marriage, found in the Law of Moses, to disprove belief in the resurrection. According to Deuteronomy 25:5-10, if a man died without producing an heir, the man's brother should marry his wife and the offspring of this union would inherit the property and carry on the name of the man who had died. The Sadducees use this as an example to challenge belief in the resurrection.

Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection. Using the texts from the Book of Exodus (Chapter 3) that describe Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, Jesus shows that God is the God of the living, not the dead. Here Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to counter them. As the Gospel text suggests, he beat them at their own game!

More importantly, in this discourse Jesus shows the limits of our imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because of the

limits of earthly existence. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations. Jesus' conclusion suggests something else as well: To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, ". . . for to him all are alive."

The stories in today's liturgy present human situations which cry out to teach us the resurrection of the dead. Innocent suffering on behalf of truth, as depicted in the Maccabees, demands that the just God give a final rationale for human suffering. The human situation behind the Gospel story — that is, the attempt to have one's name remembered and passed on to the future — recognizes a basic human yearning to give life a sense of purpose. All of us have a desire for immortality, which some seek in various surrogate ways. There is the immortality of fame, like that of movie stars whose names live on after death. There is an immortality of influence, like that of rich people who might donate art, politicians who might have a lengthy obituary, and statesmen who have monuments erected in their honor. And there is an immortality of power, usually accomplished through the establishment of foundations or charitable institutions.

Christian belief in immortality, on the other hand, is unique and special. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the Good News of fullness of life in this age, and of resurrection in the age to come. For us death is a door, not a

wall — not a wall that ends growth and action like the Berlin wall, but a door into a Christmas—tree room full of surprises. Someone has compared death to standing on the seashore. A ship spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the open sea. She fades on the horizon, and someone says, "She's gone." Just at the moment when someone says, "She's gone," other voices who are watching her coming on another shore happily shout, "Here she comes." Or to use another metaphor, what the caterpillar calls "the end", the butterfly calls, "the beginning".

When in a moment we say the last line of the Creed, "We believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting," we are asserting our belief that, in a way that no one fully understands, at our resurrection our body joins with our spirit to continue our existence in eternal life. So our body as well as our spirit is holy, and for both of them this life is not all there is.

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www.sundayhomily.net



The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won't you join in?
The intention for the month of November is for Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East.

**That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East,
where diverse religious communities share their lives together.**

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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 am—7:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am—12:00 pm

Schedule of Masses

Sunday
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am
Saturday Evening Mass
5:00 pm

Weekdays: 8:00 am
Monday through Saturday
Holy Days:
7:30am, 9:30 am and
7:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance

Monday - Saturday
after the 8am Mass

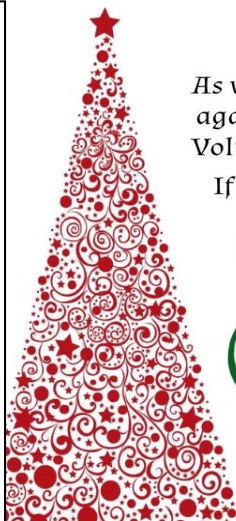
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As we prepare for this year's Advent Giving Tree Project, we are once again seeking volunteers to assist in putting together ornaments. Volunteers are asked to attach a ribbon and a label to the ornaments.

If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact the Parish Office at 773.767.1523 or Mary Lou Kolasinski at kolasinski@aol.com. The packet of supplies will be available for pick up in the Rectory on Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

Giving Tree

All completed ornaments should be returned to the Rectory by Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

Thank you in advance for your help!



Grateful ☀ Thankful ☀ Blessed

Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 6:30-11:00pm
Sharp Center (21+ event)

Back by popular demand:
DARIO RADIO DUELING PIANOS

Student Art Auction, Amazing Raffle Baskets, 50/50
Advance tickets are \$35 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$40. Tickets include dinner, dessert, beer, wine, pop & water.

Call the School Office (773.585.6888) of the Parish Office (773.767.1523) for more information and tickets!

All proceeds raised from this event benefit St. Symphorosa School.



St. Symphorosa Parish is seeking Vendors/Crafters for our
6th Annual

Holiday Extravaganza

Luncheon, Craft and Vendor Fair

Sunday, November 24, 2019

10:30am – 2:30pm

Sharp Center

5940 West 62nd Street
Chicago, IL 60638

For more information, contact our

Parish Office at 773.767.1523

or via email at

holidayext2019@gmail.com.

www.stsymphorosa.org



OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Help us support those who are serving our country in harm's way!!

During the weekends of Saturday, November 9 through Sunday November 17, after all Masses, two members of our St. Symphorosa parish community will be accepting donations for this cause. A list of some of the needed items can be found below. You can also visit their website at, <http://www.osotamerica.org/get-involved/itemsneeded/>, to see the full list of items. Monetary donations will also be accepted and are used towards mailing the packages to our troops. Cost of sending one package is about \$25.

Thank you for supporting our troops and please pray that they may be kept from harm's way and return to their families quickly and safely!

-Individual Wet One wipes	-Individual Cold Drink Mix (Gatorade, Lemonade, Propel)	-White Athletic Socks
-Tums/Roloids/Antacids	-Individual Packets of Instant Oatmeal	-Snack Crackers/Cookies
-Eye Drops/Saline Solution (2oz or less)	-Dental Floss	-Deodorant
-Travel Size Mouthwash	-Chapstick	-Single Toothbrushes
-Ibuprofen (100 count or less)	-Fruit Snacks	-Body Wash and Lotion (16 oz or less)
-Individual Packets of Hot Chocolate	-Gum	-Crossword/Sudoku/Puzzle Books
-Individual Packets of Coffee	-Mints	And so much more. . .

Renew My Church Prayer



Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church.

Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us to hear you clearly to listen to each other attentively to imagine our future boldly to discern your direction wisely to persevere in your holy will courageously to stay together in charity to surrender our own plans readily to embrace the greater good to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Parish Community "Thankful" Tree

As the Thanksgiving holiday rapidly approaches in just a few short weeks, we reflect on the many wonderful blessings that Almighty God has bestowed on us.

This year, we invite all members of our Faith Community to participate in our Parish "Thankful" Tree by taking a moment to visit the table in the gathering space on the weekends of November 9/10 or November 16/17 to write one thing you are grateful for this Thanksgiving. Members of our Transformation and Liturgy Teams will have colorful paper autumn leaves where your word of thanks may be recorded.

This Thanksgiving, all of our words of thanks will be incorporated in our church's Art & Environment on a special Thankful Tree for Thanksgiving morning mass. What a beautiful sight it will be to see such a colorful representation and remembrance of all the wonderful gifts our loving God has given us. This special symbol will incorporate words of thanks from our parish family as well as our parish school and religious education children.

May this visible symbol be a reminder that our St. Symphorosa Parish Faith Community is truly a Family Celebrating Faith!

May God continue to bless each of us this holiday season!

St. Symphorosa Senior Club Christmas Party

Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Time: 11:00am to 3:30pm

Location: Mayfield Banquet
6072 S. Archer Ave

Cost: \$28.00 per person
Includes dinner, dessert,
open bar and entertainment

Payment must be received by
November 14, 2019.

Please make all checks payable to the
St. Symphorosa Senior Club.

Bring your dancing shoes and
Come Join Us for a Merry Christmas!!

Questions should be directed to
Alberta Kwiatkowski at 708.354.1608

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

As is our tradition here at St. Symphorosa, we will once again host a Thanksgiving Food Drive. Food donations received this year will benefit the St. Blase Food Pantry in Summit, IL.

Donations of non-perishable food items may be placed in the designated boxes in the gathering space of our church from **Saturday, November 16, 2019 – Sunday, December 1, 2019.**

Thank you for your generosity and have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT**

The Altar & Rosary Society would like to extend a gracious thank you to all those who supported their recently held bake sale. Whether you brought in items or bought items, your support helped the Altar & Rosary Society raise **\$1,010** for St. Symphorosa Church.

VETERAN'S DAY

Monday, November 11, 2019

On Veteran's Day, November 11th, we pay tribute to all those who have served our country. We express our gratitude not only to those among us today, but also to those of generations past for their courage and selflessness. Please keep all veteran's in your thoughts and prayers on this day and everyday for their service to our country.

Compassionate God, source of all mercy, we ask for Your blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces. May we never let down those who served in defense of this country by upholding the values of freedom and by the kindness and tolerance we show each other.

We ask for healing for all veteran's who have been wounded, in body and soul. We ask that peace can be brought to their hearts and the regions they fought in. We ask also for blessings for all those who served their country in noncombative posts. May their calling to serve continue in their lives in many positive ways.

May we lead the world by example, with a creative vision that allows us to see a world in which we grow weary with fighting. A world that moves to affirming the importance of the life of every human being, from conception to death.

May we become, in the words of Isaiah, "a light for the nations" (Isa 42:6).

We ask of this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Split the Pot

November 3, 2019

Received this week:
\$345

Winning envelope: #2901

Reminder: A minimum of \$5.00 is required to participate.



**Offerings for the weekend of
November 3, 2019**

**Weekly Budget (Est.):
\$9,000.00**

**Contributions: \$6,873.50
Envelopes: 269**

Thank you for your support & generosity!

Altar and Rosary Society Christmas Banquet

When: Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Where: New Warsaw Restaurant
6250 W 63rd St.

Time: 11am-2pm

Donation: \$20 per ticket

Cash or checks may be dropped in the collection basket, brought to the rectory, or you can contact Pat Soltis (773.350.6929) or Arlene Scaletta (773.230.6059) for more information.



Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of November is offered for the following intentions:

For the repose of the soul of Tom Bogumil given by Dorothy Bogumil & Family

For the repose of the soul of Marie Novak given by the Novak Family

For all members of the Valdepenas & Svastisalee Families, Living and deceased, prayers for health and all the Lord's blessings for Chalida Svastisalee, and birthday blessings for all family members celebrating a November birthday, given by Svastisalee Family

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into His eternal presence.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 9, 2019

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- 5:00pm †Colette "Cookie" Findysz (Mary Kruzell)
 †Esther Margetes (Arlene Scaletta)
 †Nancy Catizone (Angie & son Andrew Sorice)

Sunday, November 10, 2019

- 7:30am In Thanksgiving for Blessings received for the Wolniak Family (Family)
 Health & Birthday blessings for Dominick Battung (Rosario Battung)
 †Frank F. Pidal (Arlene Scaletta)
 9:30am Health & all the Lord's blessings for Patrick Carmody (Fr. Idzi)
 †James Thorpe (Family)
 †George "Al" Heinz (Pat Perepechko)
 †Ray Oracki (Ray & Mary Lou Kolasinski)
 †Nancy Catizone (Carmella Sorice)
 11:30am †Tony Pecelunas (Jim & Tricia Ramazinski)
 †Carmen Ramirez (Chris Doherty)
 1:00pm Baptisms

Monday, November 11, 2019

**Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
 Veteran's Day**

- 8:00am †Filomena Plewa (Barbara Rendak)
 †Joseph Slowinski (Daughters & Families)
 †Mary Suchy (Family)
 †Elizabeth Marcello (Family)

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Saint Josephat, Bishop

- 8:00am †Robert Soltis (Trybek Family)

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini

- 8:00am †Stanley Michalec (Soltis Family)
 †Albina Strzelec (Barbara Rendak)
 †Marilyn Stygar (Family)
 †Geri Norbut (Family)
 †Gerald Sullivan (Family)

Thursday, November 14, 2019

- 8:00am †John & Irene Simonelic (John Simonelic Family)
 †John Kolimas (Mary Kolimas)

Friday, November 15, 2019

Saint Albert the Great, Bishop

- 8:00am †Chuck DeLauriea (Diane & John Hisson)
 †June "Sis" McBride (Nancy Markham)
 †Carmen Ramirez (Barb Grzenia)

Saturday, November 16, 2019

**Saint Margaret of Scotland
 Saint Gertrude**

- 8:00am Matz Schmidt (Pat Soltis)
 5:00pm †Rose Karpinski-25th Anniversary of her passing (Mary Trendle)
 †Loretta Pozniak (Art & Katie Carpenter)
 †Charles DeLauriea (Art & Katie Carpenter)
 †Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family)

Sunday, November 17, 2019

- 7:30am †Ann Kopyszka (Soltis Family)
 †Daniel O'Keefe (Nancy Markham & Joanne Tishka)
 †Frances Dolan (Arlene Scaletta)
 †Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family)
 9:30am †John Dragosetti, George, Maria, & Dominic Velcich
 (Rosario Dragosetti)
 †James Thorpe (Family)
 †James Koch (Nancy Markham)
 †George "Al" Heinz (Paul & Chris Lauricella)
 †Lawrence J. Stec (Silva Family)
 11:30am For all parishioners, Living & Deceased (43)



*There are in the end three things that last:
 Faith, Hope, and Love, and the greatest of
 these is LOVE.*

Ignatius Battiato
 Mary Bieser
 Dorothy Bogumil
 Fr. Ted Bojczuk
 Pat Carmody
 Michael Clifford
 Florence Comiso
 Norma De Stefano
 Chris Doherty
 Juan Figueroa
 Carol Golab
 Carol Gress
 Suzann Gunter
 Kathy Haars
 Megan High
 Dawn Hoyt
 Heather Hradek
 Denise M. Jandura
 Rich S. Jandura
 Joan Juris
 Lee Karpinski
 Dennis Kline
 Antoinette Kloppman
 Walter Kokoszka, Sr.
 Claudia Kwilosz
 Norman Kwilosz
 James Lapsansky

Donna Lauritzen
 Domenico Lepore
 Debbie Lipien
 John Martini
 Lou Mackey
 Kathleen McAuliffe
 Thomas Minnich
 Christine Mosqueda
 Genevieve Nagle
 Florence Panzarella
 Baby Alexander J Pentz
 Gi Gi Picciolini
 Marie Pratt
 Ann Robertson
 Edward Robertson
 Fr. John Rudnik
 Joseph Rudnik
 Gloria Schillings
 Collyn Schmidt
 Kristyn Schmidt
 Joseph Serpico
 Chalida Svatisalee
 Terry Styka
 Mary Thorpe
 George Trendle
 Barb Ziegler
 Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family.
 Please let us know when to remove a name.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Sgt. Jaime A. Acosta, USMC
 Sgt. Ted Bartelmey
 CS-1 Joel Battung
 1st Sgt. Chas. Berglund, USMC
 Sgt. Naveen Bobba, USMC

Sgt. Arthur A. Boruch, National Guard
 Hospitalman Blythe A. Cisneros, USN
 Airman Carlos Cisneros, USAF
 Sgt. Frank Cisneros, USMC
 Corpsman Nicholas J. Cundari-USN
 Captain Kevin Dobbyn, US Army
 Sgt. John Flores, IL National Guard
 Staff Sgt. Andrew Gaca, USAF

Sgt. Michael Hough, US Army
 Anthony Johaniewicz, US Navy
 Corporal Noah M. Konie, USMC
 Lance Corp. Tim Lisenko, USMC
 Trevor Lutz, US Army

Corporal Zachary Maderak, USMC
 Private Joseph M. Mikutis, USMC
 Pvt 1st Class Daniel Morales, US Army
 SPC Alex Ramos
 Staff Sgt. Abel Sandoval, USMC
 WO-1 Richard Sabeske, US Army
 Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher
 1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG



**The monthly CAPS Beat 812 Meeting
 will be held this Wednesday,
 November 13, 2019 at 7pm in the
 Social Hall of the Sharp Center.**



In today's Gospel we find that God is a God of the living, and this is indeed the core of our hope. Jesus has risen and is with us, therefore, at no time should we be without hope for the future.

When you give furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you give hope to your neighbors who have nothing.

St. Vincent de Paul phone number: (773) 682-3342

Let us pray...
 Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
 Francis Mistretta