



OCTOBER 25, 2020
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Pope Francis on Ethical Voting

When it comes to evaluating candidates and deciding how to vote, Pope Francis places particular emphasis on respect for human life and dignity. “Our defense of the innocent unborn,” he wrote in *Gaudete et Exsultate* (March 2018), “needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life.” But *more* than that defense is needed, the Pope insists in his next sentence. “Equally important, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery...” (Paragraphs 101-102) And there’s *still more*. Pope Francis calls attention to “the situation of migrants” and, in another statement, urges that “we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.” (General Audience, June 3, 2020)

That’s quite a list of moral issues that the Pope identifies as “equally important” for voters considering how to cast their ballots. His emphasis is on the dignity and sacredness of human life, and he is calling us to the recognition that all the issues he names – and others – uphold or debase that dignity and sacredness.

That’s a tough truth. It undercuts the validity of one-issue voting, whether the one issue is racism or abortion or immigration or poverty. So, what is a conscientious voter to do? A few suggestions from Pope Francis and other religious leaders may help.

Take responsibility; that’s a first response. Learn about candidates’ positions across the broad spectrum of social issues confronting the city or state or nation. As a whole, how do those positions foster or frustrate human life and dignity?

Realize that voting is always imperfect. No candidate or party platform meets all the moral or ethical criteria of Catholic social teaching or of the critical interplay between justice and compassion.

Consider what authority a particular position carries. Talk is easy, but effective action may or may not be possible in the office a candidate is seeking. Every public official has a limited range of authority that might or might not include the ability to actually address issues of concern to a particular voter.

Assess candidates’ character. Is their manner of dealing with people likely to draw others into collaborative action? What do past and present actions suggest about candidates’ ethics and integrity? How do various candidates evince concern for the common good and respect for others – as Pope Francis puts it for the “unborn” and the “already born”?

Voting is a privilege and responsibility for citizens of a democracy. Across centuries in the U.S., men and women have struggled to achieve the vote and have died to preserve that right. Mustn’t we honor such sacrifices by taking seriously the need to study and reflect on the issues and the candidates before us? Must not each of us not only cast our ballot but also do so on the basis of thought and prayer? As Pope Francis urges, mustn’t substance rather than slogans ground our choices in the voting booth?

Peace,
Sister Joy, RSM

The Feast of All Saints

Sunday, November 1st, is the Feast of All Saints. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be held at 9 and 11am. On all Saints Day, we celebrate those who have made the long journey to the holy city, to the feast of heaven. Please join us!



FAITH FORMATION (R.E.) 2020-2021

October 28th: Grades 5th & 6th
Drop off and pick-up materials in
RE Center between 1-7:00pm

November 2nd: Grades 7 & 8
In Church Session with Parent
6:00pm-7:00pm

When picking up and dropping off, keep in mind all social distancing guidelines remain in effect and masks **must** be worn. We are more than happy to accommodate families to gather all childrens materials from different grades in one day, but **YOU MUST CALL AHEAD** so we can have it prepared. We appreciate all of the hard work our families are putting in, and we will be here to support you in any way we can. Please call the Faith Formation office with any questions (708) 597-0754. It was so wonderful to see everyone for our in Church sessions, over the last few weeks! Stay safe and healthy!



*In Need
of Your
Prayers*

UPDATE ON THE MINISTRY OF PRAISE

We have great news! Sister Joy will be taking over the St. Terrence Ministry of Praise. Due to the Pandemic, we have not been able to keep the sign-up sheet in the back of Church for those parishioners who wish to have prayers said for the sick, hospitalized, homebound, etc.

Please note the new changes:

In order to add someone to the sick list, please call the Rectory at (708) 597-0970 or email us at stterrence@comcast.net by the 3rd Monday of every month in order to be placed on the following month. *There will be no sign-up sheet in Church.* Any questions, please call the Rectory at (708) 597-0970. Stay safe and healthy, and God Bless.



Remembering Our Beloved Dead

Our family and friends who have died are always in our thoughts and prayers, but during the month of November we remember them in a special way. ***We will remember them Sunday, November 1st, 2020 at 11:00am.*** At that mass, the names of all those buried from St. Terrence Church between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020 will be read out loud.

All who lost someone this past year, or any year, are invited to join us for the Mass of Remembrance. You are invited to bring a picture of your loved one, no larger than 4X6, that will be part of a Remembering Shrine in the entry way of the Church. The pictures will remain there through the weekend of November 30th-December 1st. You are also invited to bring a flowering plant to remember your loved one, and decorate this shrine in the entry way.

The pictures will be taken down the weekend of November 30-December 1, 2020, and placed in the Usher's Room at the back of Church for you to pick-up.

Sincerely,

The St. Terrence Bereavement Committee



The Book of the Names of the Dead

During the month of November as we remember all those who have died, a special remembrance area is set up in the front of the Church near the Baptismal fountain. In that area we have placed the book with names of all those who have died in the past year and were buried from St. Terrence. ***Due to the Pandemic this year, we are asking that you do not approach the altar to view the names. Instead, this year the names of those deceased will be displayed on the tv screens in the front of Church before weekend masses in November.*** We invite you to say a prayer for all those listed.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



Masses for the Week

Sunday October 25, 2020

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm John O. Carlson (Anniv.) †
Greg Seeber †

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:00 am Mary Burgess & Burgess Family

Monday October 26, 2020

8:45 am Sherri & Sydney Schergen
Jack Olson †

Tuesday October 27, 2020

8:45 am Cristeta Tominez

Wednesday October 28, 2020

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

8:45 am Margie McDermott †

Thursday October 29, 2020

8:45 am People of the Parish

Friday October 30, 2020

8:45 am The Doody Family
Purgatorial Society

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

5:00 pm Frank Macikas Sr. & Jr. †
Pat Zawada †

Sunday November 1, 2020

All Saints Day

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:00 am People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144; Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef;
Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a

Next Week's Liturgical Ministers

Time	Presider	Music
5:00 pm	Fr. Tomy	Cantors
9:00 am	Fr. Tomy	Cantors
11:00 am	Fr. Tomy	Cantors

Collection Report

September	2019	2020
1st Sunday	\$5,752.97	\$4,694.00
2nd Sunday	\$5,663.85	\$5,316.00
3rd Sunday	\$6,923.85	\$5,489.00
4th Sunday	\$4,785.77	\$3,866.00
October	2019	2020
1st Sunday	\$5,961.19	\$5,220.00
2nd Sunday	\$5,139.25	\$4,854.00
3rd Sunday	\$5,131.13	Will be posted next week

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL REPORT

2019-2020

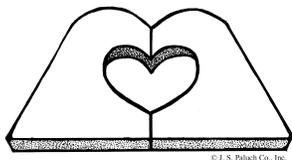
Goal: \$22,930.00
 Amount Pledged: \$51,572.00
 Amount Paid: \$49,957.00

2020-2021

Goal: \$25,872.00
 Amount Pledged: \$53,168.00
 Amount Paid: \$48,608.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to Parish! Your sacrifices and offerings make it possible for us to be here. I am grateful.

~Fr Tomy Abraham



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“You shall love the Lord,
 your God,
 with all your heart,
 with all your soul,
 and with all your mind.”
 — Matthew 22:37