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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, November 9**

**Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Psalm 46  
1-2,4-5,7-8 John 2 13-22**  
5:30 pm All Souls Novena

**Tuesday, November 10**

**Titus 2:1-8,11-14 Psalm 37:2-  
4,18,23,27,29 Luke 17:7-10**  
5:30 pm All Souls Novena

**Wednesday, November 11**

**Titus 3:1-7 Psalm 23:1-6  
Luke 17:11-19**  
5:30 pm Carmelo & Jessie Galea+

**Thursday, November 12**

**Philemon 7-20 Psalm 146:6-10  
Luke 17:20-25**  
5:30 pm Mrs. Ramsey +

**Friday, November 13**

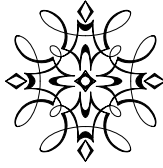
**2 John 4-9 Psalm 119:1-2,10-  
11,17-18 Luke 17:26-37**  
5:30 pm Kathryn McMullen +

**Saturday, November 14**

**3 John 5-8 Psalm 112:1-6  
Luke 18:1-8**  
5:30 pm Tony Florian +

**Sunday, November 15**

**Proverbs 31:10-13, 16-18, 20, 26,  
28-31 Psalm 128 1-5, 1Thes. 5:1-6  
Matthew 25: 14-15, 19-21**  
10:00 am Michael Kovalik +

*The Friar's Nook*

As I write this, I am aware of the uncertainty that is going on to the south of us. The elections are over but there is still no decision. The only thing we can say for sure is that at least the political ads have stopped! It can be easy to point the finger and say, "What's wrong with them?" but maybe we should use the example to look at ourselves and try to be the best that we can be.

I have seen people on both sides argue that God is on their side! Maybe that's the problem – God needs to be in the middle but has been pushed off to the side. As we have all been going through challenges, personal, local, and global, we need to remember to pull God into the center of our lives. Otherwise we end up divided, certain of our righteousness, and alone.

Christ came to us so that we would never be alone, after all he is Emmanuel – God with us. We need to recognize his presence and follow his lead which brings us reconciliation, with God AND each other. Remember that Jesus chastised the pharisees for relying on their own self-righteousness and not on the righteousness of God.

I have encountered this in people's attitudes that they should be able to do as they want in church and not follow anyone's rules. I have had to explain that these rules are not in place to personally attack them but rather to protect each other! If we can't care for each other then we might as well not call ourselves Christians. Christ cared for us to his death. I'm sure that none of us are being crucified for wearing masks, social distancing, or following rules. Remember that even on the cross Jesus was socially distanced from those who hung on either side of him!

Maybe the problem is with the term "social distancing". Perhaps "physical distancing" would be better because we should not be socially distant from one another but rather physically distant. As Cardinal Collins reminds us "We are an incarnational Church", God took flesh in Jesus to be infinitely close to us so it's difficult to be separate. We need to be careful not to retreat into individual silos as we physically isolate from each other. In fact, we need to find new ways to nourish our social interactions in these times because remember "whenever two or three gather in my name, I am present". We need to find ways of being with and for each other to be Christ in the world.

As a Friar of the Atonement, I am especially sensitive to the call to unity, to be At-one. In today's world it is even more necessary to find ways to come together, spiritually if not physically, laying aside our wants and desires to take up the desire of God. We need to support each other not tear them down. We may not agree with each other, but we can't let that continue to divide us. There is just one heaven and we might be surprised at who we encounter there. We are not in charge; God is, and if we don't like who else is in heaven God will give us permission to leave! But remember, there is only one other place to go.

Jesus came to establish the kingdom of God among us. We can either choose to build the kingdom of God or our own kingdom, it is our choice.

*Choose God!*  
*Fr. Bob*

**Please Pray for:**

**The Sick:**

**The Deceased:** Emil Zawerbny and Pat O'Conner

**ShareLife Sunday: Last weekend to contribute to our Parish Campaign**

People with addictions are among the many marginalized groups supported by your gift to ShareLife.

“These uncertain times are especially difficult for our addiction clients who already face isolation, food and housing insecurities, and struggle with mental wellness,” reports St. Michael’s Homes, a ShareLife-funded agency. “We suspect the need will continue to increase throughout the pandemic and into a post-Covid-19 environment.” Your gift to ShareLife ensures St. Michael’s Homes can continue to help people overcome addiction, as demand for their programs grows. This weekend is ShareLife Sunday and the final day to make your donation to our parish campaign. If you give by the end of the weekend, you can double the impact of your donation. A generous donor is matching gifts up to \$500,000.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Joan of Arc Conference**

We will be holding a Bundle Weekend November 14 /15,2020. The truck will be in the parking lot to accept your gently used items. We do not accept appliances, baby or regular furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction material or video tapes. See poster at entrance of the church.

**Church Bulletin Advertising**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertising for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin December 2020 supporting our bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

**A Reminder from the Office.**

When the office receives two or more envelopes from a parishioner they are added up and entered as one entry. Please use one envelope, the extras can be thrown away!

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**November 14 -15**

**SVDP Bundle Weekend**

**Shepherd’s Trust**

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, there will not be a fundraising campaign this year for the Shepherd’s Trust. Instead they encourage parishioners who can give during these difficult times to focus on supporting their parish. If you wish to support your parish and our retired priests, The Shepherd’s trust would welcome your gift via the Shepherd’s trust envelopes.

**For your information:**

The 10:00 am Sunday Liturgy has been broadcast and recorded for retransmission on the internet. This allows those who are not able to join in person to have access to our services. The camera may capture anyone in the front rows and anyone who approaches the altar. By attending this mass, you consent to your image and those of your children or others in your care, being recorded and broadcast on the internet if you do not consent to this please attend the 5:30 pm mass on Saturday.

*Remembrance Day  
November 11*





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