

OCTOBER 29, 2023

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**30TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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

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COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

OCT 21 & 22, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	531.00	1031.50
MISSION SUNDAY	121.00	328.00
OTHER	1025.00	185.00

PARISH TOTAL **1556.00** **1216.50**
OTHER- E-GIVING, VIA USPS, VOTIVES



Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Oct 28 (SH)	Chris Caffrey Theresa Kovian	Nov 4 (SH)	Katherine Downing Cathy Parry
Oct 29 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Bill Quinn	Nov 5 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Dave Marcais

Counters Schedule

Oct 30 (SH)	Katherine Downing Barb Bilins	Nov 6 (SH)	Noreen Brownell Deb Swarczewski
Oct 30 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton	Nov 6 (SC)	Bette Papa Sandy Hayes

Food Pantry

 Nov 1 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro	
Nov 22 (SC)	Andrea Moran Louise Carville Michele Furnare	

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Oct. 28, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) †In loving memory of Dennis Swarczewski, requested by his wife Deborah.

2.) †In loving memory of Virginia Szyjkowski, requested by Joanie Murray.

Sun. Oct. 29, 8:30 am (SC) - †In memory of Rev. Thomas Connery, requested by the Moran and Nelsen families.

Mon. Oct. 30 thru Sun. Nov. 5, 2023

Mon. Oct 30, 8:00 am (SC) - No Mass

Tue. Oct 31, 6:00 pm (SH) - All Saints Day- In thanks to God for the lives of the saints and for their example of faith, hope, and love.

Wed. Nov 1, 8:00 am (SC) All Saints Day- 1.) †For the repose of the soul of Garrett Hadcock, requested by Ann & John Mahon.
2.) †For the repose of the soul of Garrett Hadcock, requested by Pat & George Galeazza.

Thurs. Nov 2, 8:00 am (SH) All Souls Day- For the souls of all the faithful departed.

Thurs. Nov 2, 12:15 pm (SH) All Souls Day- For the souls of all the faithful departed.

Fri. Nov 3, 8:00 am (SC) - 1.) †For the repose of the soul of Gayle Russell, requested by Ann & John Mahon.

2.) Health and well wishes for Eileen Show

Sat. Nov 4, 4:00 pm (SH) - †In loving memory of Virginia Szyjkowski, requested by John & Rosemary Rajter.

Sun. Nov 5, 8:30 am (SC) - †For the repose of the soul of Gale Habla Russell, requested by Michele Furnare.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 29, 2023 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our secularized culture, we all struggle with belief in God, at least to some degree. An atheist man named Robert Bridges once wrote to his friend, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, asking how he could possibly learn to believe in God. Hopkins pithily responded: "Give alms." Would that help someone tempted by atheism today, like you and me?

I think so, and here's why. This week Jesus speaks of love for God and neighbor. These dual commands were nothing new when Jesus used them to sum up the Jewish law. What is new is the way he links them together in mutual dependency. In Jesus, God and man have become one. Human-love and God-love are now inseparably married forever.

The newness of the God-man means that there is now a permanently counter-intuitive way into the knowledge and love of God: love of our neighbor. To experience charity is to know God. That's what Hopkins was getting at for his friend. How we treat our fellow human beings is inseparable from faith in God. Do you want to have a stronger sense of God's loving presence and goodness? Commit to serving someone today and this week. Love him or her. Don't wait for love for God to appear in your heart before loving others. Jesus has united divine and human love. If you want to believe more in God, give alms.

~Father John Muir

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HOW THE APOSTLES DIED

Matthew. Suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia, killed by a sword wound.

Mark. Died in Alexandria, Egypt, after being dragged by horses through the streets until he was dead.

Luke. Was hanged in Greece as a result of his tremendous preaching to the lost.

John. Faced martyrdom when he was boiled in a huge basin of boiling oil during a war of persecution in Rome. However, he was miraculously delivered from death. John was then sentenced to the mines on the prison island of Patmos. He wrote his prophetic Book of Revelation on Patmos. The apostle John was later freed and returned to serve as Bishop of Edessa in modern Turkey. He died as an old man, the only apostle to die peacefully.

Peter. He was crucified upside down on an x shaped cross. According to the church tradition it was because he told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die in the same way that Jesus Christ had died.

James. The leader of the church in Jerusalem was thrown over a hundred feet down from the southeast pinnacle of the Temple when refused to deny his faith in Christ. When they discovered that he survived the fall, his enemies beat James to death with a fuller's club. This was the same pinnacle where Satan had taken Jesus during the Temptation.

James. The Son of Zebedee was a fisherman by trade when Jesus called him to a lifetime of ministry. As a strong leader of the church, James was beheaded at Jerusalem. The Roman officer who guarded James watched amazed as James defended his faith at his trial. Later, the officer walked beside James to the place of execution. Overcome by conviction, he declared his new faith to the judge and knelt beside James to accept beheading as a Christian.

Bartholomew. Also known as Nathaniel. He was a missionary to Asia. He witnessed for our Lord in present day Turkey. Bartholomew was martyred for his preaching in Armenia where he was flayed to death by a whip.

Andrew. He was crucified on an x-shaped cross in Patras, Greece. After being whipped severely by seven soldiers, they tied his body to the cross with cords to prolong his agony. His followers reported that, when he was led toward the cross, Andrew saluted it in these words, "I have long desired and expected this happy hour. The cross has been consecrated by the body of Christ hanging on it". He continued to preach to his tormentors for two days before he expired.

Thomas. He was stabbed with a spear in India during one of his missionary trips to establish the Church in the Subcontinent.

Jude. He was killed with arrows when he refused to deny his faith in Christ.

Mathias. The apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot. He was stoned then beheaded.

Paul. He was tortured and then beheaded by the evil Emperor Nero at Rome in A.D.67. Paul endured a lengthy imprisonment, which allowed him to write his many epistles to the churches he had formed throughout the Roman Empire. These letters, which taught many of the foundational Doctrines of Christianity, form a large portion of the New Testament.

Perhaps this is a reminder to us that our sufferings here are indeed minor to compare to the intense persecution and cold cruelty faced by the apostles and disciples during their times for the sake of Faith.

And ye shall be hated of all men for my Name's sake: But he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Catechist and Students: Please join us this Sunday October 29th at St Cecilia to welcome our new group of Volunteer Catechist and our Registered Religious Education students for 2023-2024. Let us specially join them at our Holy Mass gathering and a Pot-Luck Breakfast to follow in the hall.

All Saints- Holy Day of Obligation: There will be a Vigil Mass at 6pm on Tues Oct 31 at *Sacred Heart* (there is no 8am Mass on this day). Mass at *St Cecilia* will be Wed Nov 1 at 8am.

All Souls Day: On this day we celebrate a "Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed". We honor them for their fidelity in life, as well as pray for them throughout the month of November. Please submit their complete names by using the **ALL SOULS** envelope with a monetary donation as a Mass Stipend as soon as possible. **Envelopes are available in the vestibule.** Offering & lighting of votives (*provided*) on Nov 2 and in all of the Vigil & Sunday Holy Masses of Nov 2023. We also encourage you to bring a picture of your Beloved Departed, a special space will be prepared where you they will be displayed for our community's commemoration and viewing devotion.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: To acknowledge the need for the future as a network of parishes in the Amsterdam area, beginning Saturday, October 28, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated each Saturday at St. Mary's Church in Amsterdam with Fr. Juanito, Fr. Nate and Fr. Bob available to hear confessions. Confessions will be heard from 3:00pm to 3:30pm each Saturday and all the parishioners are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity. The network includes St. Cecilia's from Fonda, Sacred Heart from Tribes Hill, St. Stephen's from Hagaman and St. Mary's, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and St. Stanislaus' from Amsterdam. If you have any questions, please call your parish office for more information.



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