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November 22, 2020 | Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Unbridled Hope

ovember 22, 1963. Every year on this day, I remember those "Four Days that Shocked the World." Our young President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963, at 12:30 PM. President Kennedy represented the spirit of unbridled hope, that we, as Americans, could tackle the social injustices of racism to build a kinder, gentler world of love and possibilities.

Even though I was a young child, I felt immense sadness and cried with my older sisters as we watched the news on TV about President John F. Kennedy's death and funeral. Whatever it was that touched my heart that day, I now understand that day the Holy Spirit entered my soul to guide me in my life's work. My yearning for a compassionate world of equal rights and justice for all people has not wavered and God continues to lead me on the road to go out in love and serve for the greater good of humankind.



John Fitzgerald Kennedy followed the call of Jesus by beginning the fight for civil rights and to help stamp out the hate that seeped for too long into American culture. Actually, he was putting his "enemies" under his feet to stamp out racism. Like Jesus, he was counter-cultural...and that made him dangerous to those who opposed rights of social justice for women, African Americans, Native Americans, and immigrants from all nations. Today in 2020, we continue to tackle civil rights and social justice reform passionately as too many racially motivated events have taken place.

When we speak out, we are launched out of our comfort zone to confront obstacles that potentially may cause unrest. It is not an easy road to travel, yet, following the call of Jesus to go out in love and serve brings us closer to

him. When we show our neighbor love and care, we show God the love Jesus taught us. Our love, compassion, and service to others will not be stamped out, because this is the message for the kingdom of God. God's kingdom compromises all nations. When the Son of Man was born, he brought justice to the earthly realm.

Matthew 25:31-46 clearly reminds us that we are called to engage in the corporal works of mercy. Feeding and clothing our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, visiting the ill and imprisoned are some of the ways to carry out the teachings Jesus taught us. When we ignore the strangers at the border who are seeking asylum or ignore the homeless on our city streets... we ignore Jesus. As Christians, we are called to participate in social justice reform and as Catholics, Pope Francis invites us to look closer at Social Justice and Climate Justice issues that have been elevated to a global crisis.

However, we enact God's justice on a small scale whenever we compassionately engage in activities that help relieve suffering. Recently, the Ignatian Social Justice committee planted a butterfly bush in the front garden of the Parish House. This bush will help to store carbon dioxide and emit pure oxygen. In this small way by planting trees and bushes, we can help lessen our carbon footprint. During Covid-19, we have had to adapt to new ways in order to continue to feed and clothe our neighbors and welcome the stranger.

As we journey on, let us remember how a heart that loves justice, mercy, and compassion will propel us forward despite any obstacles. Let us strive to carry out the unbridled hope of possibilities that will extinguish racism and forge new paths to welcome the stranger and to care for our Common Home.



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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Social Distancing Socials.

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays.

6 PM. Zoom.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd

Sunday Morning Sing-In. 9:45 AM. Zoom.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th

Tuesday Night Book Group | Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. 7:00 PM. Zoom.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

Thanksgiving Day Mass. 9:00 AM. Church.

This will be the only Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving Day. The Parish House will be closed.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27th

One Daily Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 8:30 AM.
The Parish House will be closed.

Weekday Masses (Monday to Friday)

8:30 AM (Church), 12:10 PM (Church) & 5:30 PM (Livestream only) **Saturday:** 8:30 AM (Church)

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Hallinan
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Bergen
9:30 AM Fr. Yesalonia
Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Hilbert
Livestream 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan
7:30 PM Fr. Hilbert



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass Reservations

Phone and online registration for our *Thursday, December 24th* Christmas Eve Masses and *Friday, December 25th* Christmas Day Masses will open **Monday, November 23rd.**

Christmas Eve Masses: 2 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM, and 8 PM Christmas Day Masses: 8 AM, 10 AM, and 12 Noon.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, November 23rd

(34th Monday in Ordinary Time)

Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5 Psalm 24 Luke 21:1-4

8:30 MEM Tony D'Angelis

12:10 MEM Sose & Mark Prekelezaj

5:30 MEM James Grady

Tuesday, November 24th

(St. Andrew Dung-Lac & comps.)

Revelation 14:14–19 Psalm 96 Luke 21:5–11

8:30 MEM John & Nora Reilly

12:10 MEM Tantillo & Fudge Families

5:30 MEM Francis Mazurkiewicz

Wednesday, November 25th

(34th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Revelation 15:1-4 Psalm 98 Luke 21:12-19

8:30 MEM Louise & James Iseman

12:10 MEM Frances Brennan

5:30 MEM John Figge

Thursday, November 26th

(St. John Berchmans)

Revelation 18:1–2, 21–23; 19:1–3, 9a Psalm 100

Luke 21:20-28

Friday, November 27th

(34th Friday in Ordinary Time)

Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2 Psalm 84 Luke 21:29-33

8:30 MEM Craig Jacko

Saturday, November 28th

(34th Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Revelation 22:1-7 Psalm 95 Luke 21:34-36

8:30 MEM Toni Brown

Sunday, November 29th

(First Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7 Psalm 80

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33–37



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