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Masses

- Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
- Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass: 8:00am (Chapel)
 (Monday-Friday, Rosary after)
- First Tuesday: Anointing of the Sick
 (of the Month) Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 (after 8am Mass)
- Fridays: Devotion To Sacred Heart (8:00am)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm
 (Before Sunday Masses and by Appointment)

Adoration
 Tuesday: 8:00am - 6:00pm
 Friday: 8:30am - 9:30am

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 Mon-Friday: 8:30am - 12:30pm
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The Dedication of Lateran Basilica
November 11

TODAY'S READING'S

Reading 1Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 -A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations. And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not listen, if you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse. You have turned aside from the way and have caused many to falter by your instruction; you have made void the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts. I, therefore, have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions. Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?

Responsorial Psalm Ps 131:1, 2, 3

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty; I busy not myself with great things, nor with things too sublime for me.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child. Like a weaned child on its mother's lap, so is my soul within me.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Israel, hope in the LORD, both now and forever.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Reading 2 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 - Brothers and sisters: We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

Gospel Mt 23:1-12 - Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Reflection:- Jesus criticizes the scribes and the pharisees, the two prominent religious authorities of his time because for them religious authority was a means to win admiration and honor and an instrument to gain power and status. The first criticism of Jesus against pharisees and Scribes is that they reduce the relationship with God to mere observance of the law by replacing the prophecy with codes of law. Jesus uses hard words against these people like “Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees!”

The second one is their inconsistency. The Pharisee is anyone who says but does not do. they present themselves as devout persons, speak acceptable words of love, peace, respect for others, but cleverly avoid getting involved in the principles they put forward.

The third criticism against Pharisees and Scribes is that they are loading of unbearable burdens on the shoulders of the people. They have imposed these laws on the ordinary poor people but they do not move even a finger to help them. So, Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest” (Mt 11:28).

The fourth one is their exhibitionism. Jesus called them hypocrites because they practice good deeds before people to be seen and they pray standing in the synagogues. They attempt to gain honor at banquets and important seats in the synagogues. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. But coming to the conclusion, Jesus presents an image of the authentic Christian community where there is no superiority and inferiority or any kind of inequality. At the last supper Jesus taught us what we have to be. “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as ‘Benefactors’; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant.” (Lu 22:24-26)

The feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran is celebrated by the entire Church. It marks the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I in 324. This church is the cathedra (or chair) of the bishop of Rome, who is the Pope. A Latin inscription in the Church reads: “omnium ecclesiarum Urbis et Orbis mater et caput.” Translated, this means, “The mother and head of all churches of the city and of the world.” The basilica was originally named the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior. However, it is called St. John Lateran because it was built on property donated to the Church by the Laterani family, and because the monks from the monastery of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Divine served it. (<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com>)

Saint Leo the Great, also known as Pope Saint Leo I, was born into a Roman aristocratic family. His response to the call of the Lord transformed him into one of the greatest popes of Christian history. In fact, he was the first pope to be given the title "the Great." Details pertaining to Leo's place of birth are not known, but it is believed his ancestors come from Tuscany.

St. Leo the Great became a very well-known deacon of the Church by 431, serving the church under the pontificate of Pope Celestine I. Leo was widely respected for his love for the Lord, intelligence and persuasive nature. He was also gifted in bringing reconciliation between disputing groups of Christians.

That is why he was often sent out to settle disputes, both secular and theological. Following the pontificate of Pope Celestine, the next Pope was Pope Sixtus III.



Pope Sixtus III passed away while Leo was visiting Gaul at the request of Emperor Valentinian III. His task was to bring peace between one of Gaul's chief military commanders and the chief magistrate. Leo was then unanimously elected as the next pope to succeed Pope Sixtus III in 440. His swift election reflected the respect he had garnered among the people from his service to the Lord and the affection the faithful had this pastoral and wise servant of the Lord.

Pope Leo was deeply dedicated to his service as pope. He saw himself as privileged to sit in the Chair of St Peter, as the servant of the servants of God. He worked diligently as "Peter's successor." Over time, Leo became known as one of the best administrative popes of the ancient Church. But, he was so much more.

During his reign, he tirelessly fought to preserve the unity of the Church and its faith; and to ensure the safety of his people against invasions from armies which sought to destroy the Church and the Christian influence on culture which she brought to bear.

Pope Leo I was renowned for his profoundly spiritual sermons. With his words, Leo could reach the everyday needs and interests of his people. It was his reputation as an "instrument of the call to holiness, well-versed in Scripture and ecclesiastical awareness" that helped him become one of the greatest popes in the history of the Church.

Leo died on November 10, 461. He wished to be buried as close as possible to St. Peter's tomb. His body was first laid in the entrance of St. Peter's basilica but was later moved inside the basilica in 688. (<https://www.catholic.org/saints>)

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4pm-	All Souls	Diocesan Support	\$14,414.44	Emilee Battaglia	Patsy Ladner
Sunday	November 5	School Supplement	\$17,165.63	John Battaglia	Carol Moragas & fly
8:00am-	All Souls	Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$137,482.04	Brandon Boudreaux	Wilmah Ncaise
10:30am-	All Souls	Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$234,045.90	Debbie Byrnes	Janet Palmer
Monday	November 6	Amount needed each Week	\$4,500.89	Kay Cerisier	Joy Patin
8:00am-	All Souls	Last Sunday Collection	\$4,263.66	Michel Giardina	Abby Rolison
Tuesday	November 7	YTD Needed	\$193,537.91	Jennie Hoda	Brooke Rolison
8:00am-	All Souls	YTD Collected	\$166,386.62	Carla Santiago	Timothy Odom
Wednesday	November 8	YTD Shortfall	\$27,151.29	Konnor Peterson	Gayle Duet
8:00am-	All Souls			Trudy Pecoul	Ami Moran
Thursday	November 9			Steven Blaisdell	Dean Taylor
8:00am-	All Souls			Elaine Meyer	Jean Dohn
Friday	November 10			Judy Thornton	Catherine Blaisdell
	All Souls				