

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY November 22, 2020
 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
 KING OF THE UNIVERSE

9:00 am Joan Rogers (d)
11:00 am Mary Tieves (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, November 23, 2020

*St. Clement, I Pope; St. Columban, Abbott;
 Blessed Miguel Agustiin Pro, Priest*

7:15 am
8:30 am William Weidner (d)

TUESDAY, November 24, 2020

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest

7:15 am
8:30 am Weinheimer/Martini Families

WEDNESDAY, November 25, 2020

St. Catherine of Alexandria

8:30 am Tran Family (d)

THURSDAY, November 26, 2020

Thanksgiving Day

8:30 am Joseph Schultz (d)

FRIDAY, November 27, 2020

8:30 am Dennis Bedel (d)

SATURDAY, November 28, 2020

BVM

8:30 am Charles Iles (d)
4:30 pm Patty Mistler (d) Bob Voss (d)
 Donna Fitzgerald (d) Denny Martin
 (d) The Martin cousins

SUNDAY, November 29, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am Joan Rogers (d)
11:00 am Beth Whittle (I)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

SERVERS

November 28/29
 No Servers scheduled.

LECTORS

November 28/29
 No Lectors scheduled.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

November 28/29
 No Eucharistic Ministers scheduled.

OFFERING

November 15, 2020 **\$8,110.74**

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View: "He will separate the sheep from the goats." To be a shepherd is to tend the flock of the Lord, teaching them to hear His voice. Have courage to follow wherever He leads. (Matthew 25:31-33) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org..

Sister Helen Julia's Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday collection of monetary donations for poor families is going very well. The collection will continue through December 4th. Sister's Ministry envelopes are in the back of church. Please make checks payable to Sister Helen Julia or St. Lawrence Church. Thank you your generosity helping Sister assist those in need.

PLEASE NOTIFY US AT THE RECTORY

when a family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Penance.

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St. Lawrence Bulletin Advertisements:

Jim Mazza represents the Diocesan (our Bulletin Publisher). He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office. Or you may contact Jim directly at 748-3007 or jmazza@diocesan.com. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. Thanks to you and Diocesan, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

St. Lawrence in Loving Memory:

Starting January 2021, a section of the back of the bulletin will be available to list a deceased loved one's name. The cost is \$55.00 per name and all names will remain in the bulletin for one year. This helps defray the cost of printing our bulletin for the entire year. If interested, please clip and fill out the slip below and put it in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office, 3680 Warsaw Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205.

Loved One's Name

Your
Name

Billing Address

Phone Number

Email Address

(Enclose check payable to Diocesan)

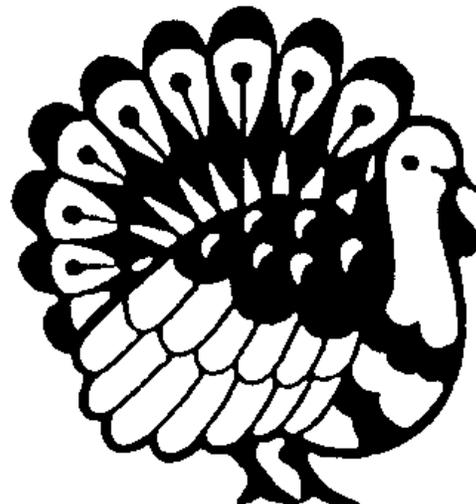


**HAPPY AND BLESSED
THANKSGIVING TO ALL OF YOU!**

Eucharistic Adoration: Will be canceled on Thanksgiving Day, November 26. Eucharistic Adoration will resume on the following Thursday, December 3, from 3:00-5:00pm. During Eucharistic Adoration, I hear confessions from about 3:15pm-3:45pm. By the Way, an excellent help in preparation for Christmas is to make a good confession and spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration.

2021 Church Calendars are in the back of church this weekend. Please take one per family.

A Thank You from the Mission Office: On behalf of our sisters and brothers in the 1,100 mission dioceses, the archdiocesan Mission Office is very grateful for the sacrifices you made for the World Mission Sunday annual appeal to the Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Society. Your support this year is especially appreciated as the Covid pandemic is causing dioceses to struggle for medical supplies, facilities and workers. If you wish further information and would like to donate regularly or through your will, contact Dr. Mike Gable at: mgable@catholiccincinnati.org, or (513) 263-6680. God bless you Father Watkins and your parishioners.



Here is George Washington's Proclamation Which established the Thanksgiving Holiday.

A PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor-and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all good that was, that is, or that will be-That we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks-for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation-for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of His Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war-for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed-for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the nation One now lately instituted-for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which He hath been pleased to conquer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions-to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative

duties properly and punctually-to render our national Government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed-to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shown kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord-To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us-and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

George Washington

Mental Prayer

Without mental prayer the soul will find it almost impossible to remain a long time in the grace of God. The Holy Spirit says: *In all thy works remember thy last end, and thou shalt never sin.* He who often meditates on the Four Last Things, namely, death, judgment, and the eternity of hell and paradise will not fall into sin. These truths are not to be seen with the (natural) eyes, but only with the eyes of the mind: if they are not meditated on, they vanish from the mind and then the pleasures of the senses present themselves, and those who do not keep before themselves the eternal truths are easily taken up by them; and this is the reason why so many abandon themselves to vice, and are damned. All Christians know and believe that all must die, and that we shall all be judged; but because they do not think about this, they live far from God. Without mental prayer there is no light; we walk in the dark; and walking in the dark, we do not see the danger which we are in, we do not make sense of the means we ought, not pray to God to help us, and so we are lost. Without prayer we have neither light nor strength to advance in the ways of God; because without prayer we do not ask God to give us his grace, and without praying we shall certainly fall. It was for this reason that Cardinal Bellarmine declared it to

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be morally impossible for a Christian who does not meditate to persevere in the grace of God. Whereas he who makes his meditation every day can scarcely fall into sin; and if unhappily he should fall on some occasion, by continuing his prayer he will return immediately to God. It was said by a servant of God, that “mental prayer and mortal sin cannot exist together.” Resolve, then, to make every day, either in the morning or in the evening, but it is best in the morning, half an hour’s meditation. In the following chapter you will see briefly explained an easy method for making this prayer. For the rest, it is sufficient that during that time you should recollect yourself by reading by reading some book of meditation – either this one or one of the many others. And from time to time excite some good affection or some aspiration. Above all, I beg you never to leave off this prayer, which you should practice at least once a day, although you may be in great aridity, and should feel great weariness in performing it. If you do not discontinue it, you will certainly be saved.

Together with prayer, it is of great use to make a spiritual reading, in private, out of some book which treats of the life of a saint or of the Christian virtues, during half, or at least a quarter of an hour. How many by reading a pious book have changed their way of living and become saints! Like St. John Colombino, St. Ignatius Loyola, and many others. It would also be a most useful thing if you were every year to make a retreat in some religious house. But at least do not omit your daily meditation.

From Preparation for Death
by St. Alphonsus De Liguori

Method of Making Mental Prayer

Mental prayer consists of three parts; the *preparation*, and *meditation*, and the *conclusion*. The *preparation* consists of three acts: one of *faith* in the presence of God; of *humility*, with a short act of contrition; and of *prayer to be enlightened*: saying as follows, for the first: *My God, I believe that Thou art present with me, and I adore Thee with all the affection of my soul*. For the second: *O*

Lord, by my sins I deserve to be now in hell; I repent, O Infinite Goodness with my whole heart, of having offended Thee. For the third: *My God, for the love of Jesus and Mary, give me light in this prayer, that I may profit by it*. Then say a *Hail Mary* to the Most Blessed Virgin, that she may obtain a light for us; and a *Glory be to the Father*, to St. Joseph, to your guardian angel, and to your patron saint, for the same end. These acts should be made with attention, but briefly; and then you go on directly to the meditation.

In the *meditation* you can always make use of some book, at least at the beginning, and stop where you find yourself mostly touched. St. Francis de Sales says that in this we should do as the bees, which settle on a flower as long as they find any honey in it, and then pass on to another. It should also be observed, that the fruits to be gained by meditation are three in number: *to make affections, to pray, and to make resolutions*; and in these consists the profit to be derived from mental prayer. After you have meditated on some eternal truth, and God has spoken to your heart, you must also speak to God; and first by forming *affections*, be they acts of faith, of thanksgiving, of humility, or of hope; but above all, repeat the acts of love and contrition. St. Thomas says, that act of love merits for us the grace of God and paradise: “Every act of love merits eternal life.” Acts of love are such as these: *My God, I love thee above all things! I love thee with all my heart! I desire to do thy will in all things!*

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