

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME      OCTOBER 30, 2022**

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, October 30, 2022**

- 9:00 am Barb Prater (d)  
11:00 am Paul Conrad (d)  
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

**MONDAY, October 31, 2022**

- 8:30 am Rose Littner (d)  
3:00 pm Helen Kramer (d)

**TUESDAY, November 1, 2022**

ALL SAINTS (*Holy Day of Obligation*)

- 8:30 am Richard Ruhstaller (d)  
11:00 am Lee Ann Yates (d)  
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

**WEDNESDAY, November 2, 2022**

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOUL'S DAY)

- 8:30 am Faithful Departed

**THURSDAY, November 3, 2022**

SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS

- 8:30 am Debbie Voss (d)

3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**FRIDAY, November 4, 2022**

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEEO, BISHOP

- 8:30 am Donald Wenstrup (d)

**SATURDAY, November 5, 2022**

*BVM on Saturday*

- 8:30 am Norma Erhart (d)

3:00–4:00 pm Confession

- 4:30 pm Charlotte Sanzere (d) (d)

**SUNDAY, November 6, 2022**

- 9:00 am James Laughlin (d)  
11:00 am Frank & Ruth Wenstrup (d)  
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

**Brogan  
Hesketh  
Formal Wear  
244-2800**

No Servers Scheduled

**LECTORS**

**October 29/30**

No Lectors Scheduled

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**October 29/30**

To Be Determined

October 23, 2022

\$6,956.00

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

**Vocation View:** Pray persistently and God will respond. Ask God to bless the Church with faith-filled ministers. (Luke 18:1-8) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at [dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org).

**Thought for the Day:** Form the habit of offering yourself frequently to God by saying, "My God, behold me in Thy presence; do with me and all that I have as thou pleasest." This was the constant practice of St. Teresa. At least fifty times a day she offered herself to God, placing herself at His entire disposition and good pleasure.

*By Saint Alphonsus de Liguori*

**Cincinnati Catholic Alumni Club**

Come join us for an enjoyable dinner! Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at The Greyhound Tavern, 2500 Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell, KY. To confirm your desire to attend, please call Larry 513-520-1323 or Don 513-574-8573

**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.

**SERVERS**

**October 29/30**

## The Laurentian

### Fr. Watkins' Desk

**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS- Holy Day of Obligation** Tuesday, November 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Holy Day are Monday afternoon at 3pm (Vigil Mass), Tuesday morning at 8:30am and 11:00am and Tuesday evening at 7pm.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Eucharistic Adoration is every Thursday afternoon from 3 – 5 p.m. Part of the time, during the first hour, I hear Confessions. Remember, you can gain a plenary indulgence by spending at least one half hour in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The requirements for gaining a plenary or partial indulgence are the performance of the indulgenced work and the fulfillment of three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, prayer for the pope's intentions. A further requirement for a plenary is the exclusion of all attachment to sin, even venial sin.

**Thanksgiving/Christmas Collection for the needy:** The Thanksgiving/Christmas Holiday Collection of monetary donations for families has begun. I very much appreciate your generosity which will help all those families that are in need. The collection will continue until December 5. The donation envelopes are in the back of church. Thank you for helping us help the needy and thanks to Sister Helen Julia.

**RCIA:** Although we know that RCIA is for those going through the process to become Catholic, have you ever thought of it as an opportunity for **continuing education**. In 24 Sessions Fr. Scott and guest presenters will cover 4 main topics: Beliefs of the Catholic Church, Liturgy, Sacraments, and Morality. Classes are held on Thursday evenings at St. Teresa of Avila from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please see the attached flyer and list of class dates and subjects and mark the ones that interest you and specific aspects of your faith. The RCIA program is open to all in our Family of Parishes so please let your family and friends know as well as those interested in becoming Catholic! To learn more for yourself or for someone else, please contact Fr. Scott Morgan at 513-921-9200 x105 or email him directly at [smorgan@stteresa-avila.org](mailto:smorgan@stteresa-avila.org)



*From a letter to Proba by Saint Augustine, Bishop*

Let us always desire the happy life from the Lord God and always pray for it. But for this very reason we turn our mind to the task of prayer at appointed hours, since that desire grows lukewarm, so to speak, from our involvement in other concerns and occupations. We remind ourselves through the words of prayer to focus our attention on the object of our desire; otherwise, the desire that began to grow lukewarm may grow chill altogether and may be totally extinguished unless it is repeatedly stirred into flame.

Therefore, when the Apostle says: Let your petitions become known before God, this should not be taken in the sense that they are in fact becoming known to God who certainly knew them even before they were made, but that they are becoming known before men through boasting.

Since this is the case, it is not wrong or useless to pray even for a long time when there is the opportunity. I mean when it does not keep us from performing the other good and necessary actions we are obliged to do. But even in these actions, as I have said, we must always pray with that desire. To pray for a longer time is not the same as to pray by multiplying words, as some people suppose. Lengthy talk is one thing, a prayerful disposition which lasts a long time is another. For it is even written in reference to the Lord himself that he spent the night in prayer and that he prayed at great length. Was he not giving us an example by this? In time, he prays when it is appropriate; and in eternity, he hears our prayers with the Father.

The monks in Egypt are said to offer frequent prayers, but these are very short and hurled like swift javelins. Otherwise their watchful attention, a very necessary quality for anyone at prayer, could be dulled and could disappear through protracted delays. They also clearly demonstrate through this practice that a person must not quickly divert such attention if it lasts, just as one must not allow it to be blunted if it cannot last.

Excessive talking should be kept out of prayer but that does not mean that one should not spend much time in prayer so long as fervent attitude continues to

accompany his prayer. To talk at length in prayer is to perform a necessary action with an excess of words. To spend much time in prayer is to knock with a persistent and holy fervor at the door of the one whom we beseech. This task is generally accomplished more through sighs than words, more through weeping than speech. He places our tears in his sight, and our sighs are not hidden from him, for he has established all things through his Word and does not seek human words.



## The Laurentian

*From a sermon by Saint Bernard, abbot*

Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feast day mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honors when their heavenly Father honors them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honor from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning.

Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of patriarchs, the ranks of the prophets, the council of apostles, the great host of martyrs, the noble company of confessors and the choir of virgins. In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them.

Come, brothers, let us at length spur ourselves on. We must rise again with Christ, we must seek the world which is above and set our mind on the things of heaven. Let us long for those who are longing for us, hasten to those who are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to intercede for us. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnestly seek to share in their glory. Do not imagine that there is anything harmful in such an ambition as this; there is no danger in setting our hearts on such glory.

When we commemorate the saints we are inflamed with another yearning: that Christ our life may also appear to us as he appeared to them and that we may one day share in -2- his glory. Until then we see him, not as he is, but as he became for our sake. He is our head, crowned, not with glory, but with the thorns of our sins. As members of that head, crowned with thorns, we should be ashamed to live in luxury;

his purple robes are a mockery rather than an honor. When Christ comes again, his death shall no longer be proclaimed, and we shall know that we also have died, and that our life is hidden with him. The glorious head of the Church will appear and his glorified members will shine in splendor with him, when he forms this lowly body anew into such glory as belongs to himself, its head.

Therefore, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession.

