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NOVEMBER 19, 2023

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

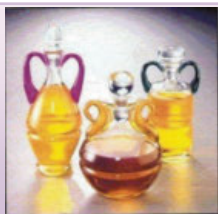
“Well done, my good
and faithful servant.”
– Mt 25:21

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Our Parish Mission

Founded in 1833, Old St. Mary's Parish is the first Catholic parish in the Chicago area. Guided for more than a century by the vision of the Paulist Fathers, we are a diverse and welcoming community dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of the Loop, South Loop and the greater Chicago area. As a unified Church and School community, Old St. Mary's Parish promotes the mission of the Paulist Fathers to welcome those who have been away from the church, to build bridges of respect and collaboration with people of diverse backgrounds and religions, and to promote justice and healing in our society.



*There will be a communal Sacramental Anointing of the Sick
at the 5 pm Mass, on Saturday, November 25.*

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COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE! COME!

You may recognize the title of today's article from a hymn that came out in the 19th century. If you do, you'll remember the rest of the piece is set in imagery of harvest and what God provides. It is the "God provides" piece of the song that is the heart of my reflection today.

We are days before the celebration of our national holiday of Thanksgiving. I think it is still a celebration that touches many hearts. But you may have noticed how the décor for it gets scrunched between Halloween and Christmas? Or, you may have noticed that major football game coverage, advertising for black Friday, and the q-lines for Thanksgiving Day itself add major blocking filters to observance of the day.

For Christians, especially Christians who celebrate Eucharist/Communion, Thanksgiving should have much more prominence. That fancy Greek word, *Eucharist*, actually means thanksgiving. The meal that Jesus did at the last supper and the meal he does for us at every Mass, is his giving thanks to God (his Father) for the grace to be one of us. It is also his giving thanks to us for bringing our lives (just as they are) to him and allowing us to be transformed.

It is that transformation, in the Eucharist, where we are given the ability to offer thanks ourselves. To see ourselves, each other, the world around us with God's loving eyes – because he is creator, directly or through the pathways of science – is to see spectacle and miracle. At a time when our world is topsy-turvy, we need to be more deliberate in noticing what is beneath the surface, the blessings that are there and everything that gives us life and hope.

A good exercise for this week: take an objective step backward, look around, appreciate all the diversity and wonder we all share. That should call us to better care for one another and put aside what can divide us, and what makes us distrust each other. Pilgrims and Native Americans came together to survive, back in the day. How did they learn to trust? And beyond trust, how did they come to appreciate the other and then work together to discover the deliciousness of a banquet of being together.

The other step, after coming together for the meal – there is another guy in our faith history that brought people to a meal – is what it means afterward, when we have time to reflect on what happened. Jesus brought them into a meal where they were clueless about what would happen the next day. But they were so glad, so thankful to be with him then. And they would be even more thankful they had that Thursday when they would get to Easter Sunday and beyond.

So, come, you thankful people, come! Celebrate with gusto this Thanksgiving. Realize how blessed you are, and the blessings that are magnified when we share in acts of thanksgiving.

Thank You!
Fr. Brad



*The Paulist Fathers and Staff of Old St. Mary's wish everyone a
Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends.*



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. (Prv 31:12-13)

Psalms: Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

Second Reading: But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

Gospel: "Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy." (Mt 25:21)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31;
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a); 1 Thes 5:1-6;
Mt 25:14-30

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6,
8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6,
14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6,
16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2,
2-3, 5-6 (1); 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28;
Mt 25:31-46

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 18 - 5:00 pm
+ Andre Handoyo

Sunday, November 19

8:00 am + Merv Sims

11:00 am + Thomas I. Sheerin

4:00 pm People of the Parish

Monday, November 20 - 8:30 am
+ Thomas W. McKeown

Tuesday, November 21 - 8:30 am
+ Danilo Jose

Wednesday, November 22 - 8:30 am
+ Matt Schoeberle

Thursday, November 23 - 10:00 am
People of the Parish

Friday, November 24 - 8:30 am
Medy Manuel



**THIS THURSDAY—
THANKSGIVING DAY—MASS
WILL BE CELEBRATED
HERE IN THE CHURCH AT 10 AM.**

You are invited to make this a part of your Thanksgiving Day celebrations. As is our tradition, the collection on Thanksgiving Day will go to support the charitable work of the Social Justice and Service committee.



GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is now up in the Commons! Each ornament on the tree has a gift that may be purchased for an adult or child at one of the parishes, or agencies, being helped by Old St. Mary's. Over the next few weeks we will be highlighting these charitable partners so you can learn a

little more about how your generous gift is making a difference.

This week we are focusing on **Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly** which has been dedicated to relieving isolation and loneliness among Chicago's elders since 1959. Women and men 70 and older who are aging alone have a family in Little Brothers. For 60 years now, they've been providing steadfast friendship to thousands of elders who no longer have friends and family to rely upon. All of their programs and services are always offered at no cost, and they do not receive any government assistance. Little Brothers depends on the generosity of donors to bring conversation, companionship, celebration and connection to the elders they serve.

If you would like to participate in The Giving Tree, please take an ornament from the tree, and purchase the gift shown on the ornament. Then please **follow the wrapping instructions on the ornament, attach the ornament to the outside of the gift, and return on or before Monday, December 11th.**

Alternatively, you can also donate using our online giving platform Pushpay. The following link will allow you to make a one-time donation to the Giving Tree.

<https://ppay.co/dasz0OrgKsY>

Or you can scan the QR code to the right.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



BUDGET SCORECARD - FY 2024

thru Oct 31

Weekly Budget Amount		\$ 19,158.00
Fiscal YTD Budget		\$ 306,528.00
	Receipts	
Sunday Collection	\$ 98,115.00	
Online Giving	\$ 132,046.29	
Faith Formation Tuition	\$ 16,604.00	
Bank Acct Interest	\$ 174.28	
Candle boxes, Mass		
Intentions, Baptism, Wedding, etc	\$ 8,671.18	
Total Received		\$ 255,610.75
Surplus/Deficit		\$ (50,917.25)

Through Oct, our parish took in \$50,917.25 less than we needed to break even.

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When you donate appreciated securities or mutual funds to our parish, you can reduce or even eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer. For more information about donating stock or securities, please contact your financial advisor.

To make a stock donation to Old St. Mary's Parish, please visit archchicago.org/stockgiftform and complete the electronic Letter of Intention form. Once you have submitted the form, you will receive a confirmation email with detailed instructions for you to complete your gift. If you have any questions, please contact

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ADVENT FAMILY WREATH MAKING!

Saturday, Dec. 2nd
2-4:30pm - Parish Commons

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE 5 PM MASS TO HAVE YOUR WREATH BLESSED.



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LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God entrusts special gifts to each of us, but they are not gifts to be hoarded and hidden. Let's work each and every day to multiply those gifts in the world.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: Of the apostles, who was the first to be martyred?

Answer: Saint James .

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Santa's Workshop on December 9th from 12:00 - 2:00 pm in the Old St. Mary's Gym.

Come kick off the Christmas Season with a fun afternoon of crafts, games, snacks, and Santa. Our annual tradition continues with fun and festive activities to celebrate the holidays. If you'd like to volunteer for the event (set up, clean up, or support an activity station), please contact [Maria LaGiglio](#).



The Chosen Watch Party
Wednesday's
9:30am–11:30am
Now to Dec. 6th

You do not have to see episodes in order.
Join us as often as your schedule allows.

MASS TIMES

MASSSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

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5:00 pm

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8:30 am

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AND BY APPOINTMENT



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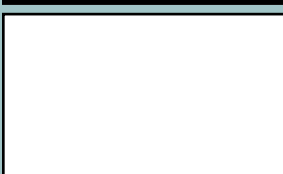
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