

# 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2023

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
[www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org](http://www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org)  
**Rectory Office Hours:**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
**Parish Office:** 814-942-0371  
or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

**Parish Secretary**  
Paula Hall

**Director of Music Ministry**  
Cathy McFee

**Eucharist: Sunday: 11:30 AM**

**Holy Days: 5:30 PM**

Holy Communion for the home bound - weekly:  
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open  
Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM  
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at  
Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be  
held at the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick  
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.

**Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603**

**One Cathedral Square**

**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop**

**Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator**

**Paula Clemens, Secretary**

**PH: 814-944-4603**

**Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603**

**Catholics returning Home: 944-4603**

**Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick and Grieving - 944-4603**

## HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)**

**Holy Trinity Eldorado (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-942-7835**

**Holy Trinity Fairview (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-381-7011**

**Director of Religious Education:**

**Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317**

**Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424**

**Director of Music Ministry**

**Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO**

**Music Ministry Office - 944-2044**

**E-Mail: [lthayer@dioceseaj.org](mailto:lthayer@dioceseaj.org)**

**Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday**  
**12:30 PM Saturday**

**Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11**

**Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation**  
**First Communion**  
**Confirmation**

**Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep**  
**Marriage Prep**  
**Christian Initiation**

**Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603**

**Cathedral Eucharist:**

**Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 12:00 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**8:00 AM**

**Saturday: 12:00 PM**

**10:00 AM**

**12:00 Noon**

**5:00 PM**

THE FATIMA TOWERS

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS**

**11:30 A.M.**

**Today, November 5, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Helen Hamberger (Estate)

**Next Sunday, November 12, 32nd, Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Thomas Byrne, Birth. (wife, Pat)

**Cathedral Mass Intentions**

**November 5, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +Fred Allman, Birth. (Shamba Elijah)

10:00 AM +Jim Weaver (Wife)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**November 6, Monday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

**November 7, Tuesday, Weekday**

12:00 PM +Jane Davidson (Maureen Hallerz)

**November 8, Wednesday, Weekday**

12:00 PM Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life  
(Anonymous)

**November 9, Thursday, The Dedication of the Lateran  
Basilica**

12:00 PM +Barbara Shoemaker (Judy Hatch)

**November 10, Friday, St. Leo the Great, Pope and Dr.**

12:00 PM Special Intention of Phillip Petrunak (Family)

**November 11, Saturday, St. Martin of Tours, Bp.**

12:00 PM +Edward Matosziuk, III (Family)

**Vigil: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM +Skip Cowan (Mary Boslet)

**November 12, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Special Intentions of Annie & Ethan Adams  
(Mom & Dad)

10:00 AM +Paul & Ruth Eckenrode (Mary Ann & Jack)

5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For the People

There is Mass at 11:30 A.M. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.



**TABERNACLE  
CANDLE**

During November, the candle is being lit in memory of the Poor Souls requested by Karen Querry. Thank you.



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**"The greatest among you must be your servant."  
- Mt 23:11**

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**Readings for the week of November 5, 2023**

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2,  
3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34,  
36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk  
14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk  
14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-  
9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-  
5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
(2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

**Thank You Very Much**

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated.

The contributions for Sunday, October 29, were \$1,025. Thank you.



**"Say the Rosary every  
day to obtain peace for  
the world."**

**-Our Lady of Fatima**



### **Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes & Discovery of Barcelona**

Msgr. Carson will be leading a pilgrimage from September 15-24, 2024.

A slide show and more information will be presented on Thursday, November 9, from 6:00-7:30 P.M. in the Cathedral’s hall. Pilgrimage information is also available at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1213040> and at the Cathedral’s Face-



### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Meetings/sessions will be held for parents with children preparing for their First Reconciliation on Tuesdays, October 3 and November 7, from 6:30-8:00 P.M. in the Cathedral basement. A parent must accompany your child to the meetings. A copy of your child’s baptism certificate is required. First Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday, December 20, at 6 P.M. Please contact Chris Laraia (814-312-7317 or [claraia@dioceseaj.org](mailto:claraia@dioceseaj.org)) if you are unable to attend so that make up work can be assigned.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**November 5, 2023**  
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Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: “Why do we call priests ‘father’ if Jesus says, ‘**Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven?**’” Thinking myself clever, I asked, “Do you think it’s okay to call someone your ‘teacher’ or ‘mister’ or ‘dad’?” She said, “Yes, I do.” I responded, “Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it’s obviously hyperbole that he’s using.” She thought for a moment and declared, “Then I will stop using those words, too!” And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn’t be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression “father” for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest’s fatherhood doesn’t begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title “father” indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God’s Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God’s awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I’m a priest, the more I’m comfortable with people not using the title “father” and just calling me “John.” After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title “father.” Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father’s love. It’s good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

— *Father John Muir*

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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### A Heavy Burden, Hard to Carry

“Mommy, you haven’t been making any sacrifices.”

My daughter was peering through the little opening in the plastic cover of the “sacrifice jar” we made for Lent this year. The repurposed oatmeal container, jazzed up with glitter glue and pictures of St. Therese of Lisieux, was more than half-filled with little slips of paper bearing descriptions of the various sacrifices family members had made for one another.

But she was right: every piece of paper bore the childlike scrawl of herself and her brother. I had not added anything to the sacrifice jar.

“If I wrote down every sacrifice I made for you in just a single day, the jar would explode,” I retorted, and even though my daughter giggled, I instantly regretted the comment, sighing as I realized I did it again. I let a snide, self-pitying thought form on my lips and make its way into the world because for a brief moment I thought someone didn’t appreciate my (imagine me sniffing injuredly here) hard work.

We sneer at the scribes and the Pharisees as Jesus describes them in the Gospel, lengthening their phylacteries and coveting the places of honor. But then I remember: nobody starts out meaning to be a jerk.

We want to do good things. We try to be holy. But it’s hard, that burden weighs heavy on our back.

So, we murmur about it here and there. We stop to catch our breath. We glimpse other people looking at our burden with approval and admiration, and we breathe a little harder, groan a little deeper. And somewhere along the way the burden becomes an idol and our labor a performance. We dare not ask for help bearing it, for we prize too greatly the sweat of our own brow.

“The greatest among you must be your servant.” — Matthew 23:11