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We are a Catholic parish where people experience Jesus Christ in a way that changes how they live.

## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’”  
- Mt 25:11-12

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## 32° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



“Señor, señor, ábrenos’.  
Pero él les respondió:  
‘Yo les aseguro que  
no las conozco’.”  
- Mt 25, 11-12

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### Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday no live-stream.....	4:30 PM
Sunday: Masses in English.....	8:00 & 10:00 AM
.....live-stream at 8:00 AM	
Misa en español/Mass in Spanish.....	6:30 PM
Monday, Wednesday, Friday with live-stream.....	8:30 AM
Tuesday with live-stream.....	5:30 PM
Thursday with live-stream.....	7:30 AM

### Confession

Saturdays, 3:15–4:10 PM  
Sundays, 9:00–9:50 AM

### Prayer, Devotion, and Adoration

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Monday after Mass  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Wednesday after Mass  
**Morning Prayer:** Thursday after Mass  
**Rosario en español:** Thursday, 6:00–7:00 PM  
**Rosary in English:** Friday, 8:05 AM  
**Adoration:** Monday, 2:00–4:00 PM  
Tuesday, 4:15–5:15 PM  
Friday, 9:00–10:00 AM

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Trigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario  
November 8, 2020 | 8 de Noviembre de 2020



## Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

### Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

For a reflection on this Sunday's Scripture readings, please read Dcn. Jerome's article on page 3.

### 2020 Election

I am writing this bulletin article before the final election results are known. By the time this is printed and distributed, I hope we will know who won the election. Regardless of how the election went and who you voted for, let us all pray for unity and harmony among the people of our Country.

According to Bishop Burbidge of Arlington, Virginia, it is not politicians but ultimately God who is in control. During a prayer for unity recently in his diocese he pointed out, "That's why we do not fear. No matter the results of the election next week, one thing is unchangeable: the Lord remains king and ruler of our nation. No matter what positions elected officials hold, those positions are only theirs for a moment in time. But our nation is always and forever under the protection and guidance of God, in whom we trust."

He asked Catholics to reflect on oneness. "Like others, I fear that there's a possibility after the election of growing unrest in our nation. And that's why we have to do our part to be instruments of the Lord's peace and unity," he said. "Show compassion and kindness to one another. Forgive those who have offended you. Live the truth proudly and boldly but always in love. Respect one another, even those who disagree with our firmly held convictions and beliefs."

During the holy hour, Kathy Farrell, a parishioner of St. Philip Church in Falls Church, prayed that "all people will come together and grow closer to God and each other."

### Happy Veterans Day Wednesday, November 11

On behalf of myself and our STA parish staff, we would like to thank and honor our Veterans for the sacrifices they have made in their service to our country and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for the freedoms we enjoy. On behalf of our entire parish family, THANK YOU! Let us continue to pray for all of our Veterans and our active Service Men and Women.

### STA St. Vincent De Paul Conference

We are so grateful for the wonderful parishioners who make up our STA Conference of St. Vincent De Paul (SVdP). They give of themselves to perform excellent ministry in our community by helping and serving people in need. Our STA Conference's only source of income comes from the donations of our own parishioners. There are several ways we can financially support our STA SVdP Conference:

- The envelope in the November envelope packet that is marked for SVdP. Please consider what you can do financially for this ministry by making a donation and putting the envelope in our Sunday collection.
- The offertory collection taken up at our 9:00 AM. Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 28, is set aside each year to go towards our SVdP Conference.
- Due to the pandemic and lower Mass attendance, we are participating in Giving Tuesday this year as a way of offering people another way to support our SVdP Conference. We are in the process now of securing Matching Funds for this endeavor. Please see page 4 for more information.

Thanks for your continued generosity!

Please check out the St. Vincent De Paul YouTube Channel for inspiring stories of the great work they are doing. There is an episode highlighting our SVdP Youth Conference Madison from August, 2018:

*Fr. Bart's article is continued on the next page*

## Prayer for Life

For all public officials, especially those newly elected: May they strive to govern with the wisdom of God, and protect life from conception to natural death; We pray to the Lord:



## Prayer for Justice

For all faithful citizens: May we accept the results of the election, challenge policies that are contrary to Catholic Social Teachings and advocate for laws that overcome systemic racism and protect the poor, the disenfranchised, the immigrant, the prisoner and all who suffer from inequities; We pray to the Lord:



### A Prayer for Veterans Day

Father, we could never thank our military men and women enough for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people. Yet today we lift up our voices to express gratitude and honor to these military troops both from the past and present. Show us ways in our communities, churches and families to thank and love them better. Keep and protect these heroes and their families, in the powerful name of Jesus.

## Scrip Sales for St. Ambrose

### November 15

St. Ambrose Academy will be selling Scrip gift cards to benefit their tuition assistance program again this school year. You can support St. Ambrose by buying gift cards from your favorite establishments...they have over 55 vendors you can buy from on the spot and many more available for order! They will be selling after the 8 and 10 AM Masses on November 15 and can accept checks and cash. Thank you!

## MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generous support.

As of October 28:

Campaign Goal .....	\$3,500,000
Amount Pledged to Date.....	\$3,051,098
Received to Date .....	\$1,320,740
Number of Households Participating.....	461



## Bishop Hying on “Go Make Disciples”



Sunday is the Day of the Lord, for it was on Easter that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and changed human destiny forever. Saturday, as the seventh day of the week for the Jews, serves as the Sabbath or day of rest, when God rested from the work of creation in Genesis. Because of the resurrection, Christians moved the Sabbath to Sunday, either the first day of the week or the eighth day, eight being the Scriptural number symbolizing eternity.

Do you honor Sunday as a day of rest? Do you allow space for God to restore you, body and soul? Pray for a great sense of God’s presence on Sunday, so that you may carry that with you throughout the week.

*From Bishop Hying, in Go Make Disciples Newsletter, September 2020, No.5*



## Gospel Reflection By Dcn. Jerome Buhman

The End. It’s odd seeing those words at the beginning of an article or story, isn’t it? But the truth of the matter is that we never know when The End might occur, whether it’s the end of the world as we know it at the Second Coming, or the end of our earthly life. For

the most part, we probably don’t think a lot about either one. Our day-to-day activities tend to occupy most of our time, and, frankly, neither topic is one we probably care to dwell upon. But with All Souls earlier this week, and this parable today about the second coming of Christ, it is a good time to ask ourselves: are we ready for either? As we approach the end of the Church year, and the beginning of Advent, these topics will appear more often in the readings, nudging us to pay attention; perhaps jolting us out of our comfortable drowsing. It is a perfect time to take stock of our lives and determine if we are indeed prepared to joyfully meet the bridegroom.

## Baptism Prep. Sessions and Baptism Ritual

If you are looking to baptize your first child, please contact Dcn. Jerome at [dcn.jerome@stamadison.org](mailto:dcn.jerome@stamadison.org) to learn how to attend an online Baptism Preparation session.



Regarding the Baptisms: although public celebrations of Masses are still very small, Father Bart can celebrate the ritual of Baptism without a Mass. There are specific guidelines to follow if you choose to baptize your child during these moments of the pandemic. Please contact Dcn. Jerome to start the conversation. Praying for all our young families!

*Fr. Bart’s article is continued from the previous page*

[youtube.com/watch?v=sqDclxg2T5M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqDclxg2T5M).

If you would like to become a member of our SVdP Conference, please email Steve Middleton at [stasvdp@gmail.com](mailto:stasvdp@gmail.com).

## Renewing Our Ecumenical Spirit

Authentic ecumenism is a vital mission of the Church and needs to be understood more fully and correctly and is essential for Christian unity. Authentic ecumenism is building unity between Catholics and other Christians of other denominations in a way that does not deny what we believe as Catholics or ignore the differences between religions, but enters into dialogue, acknowledging the beliefs that divide us and finding areas that we agree on and that unite us. Authentic Ecumenism does not require Catholics to compromise our faith and beliefs, like giving up our Marian devotions. Authentic Ecumenism calls us to join hands with other Christians and people of good will to bring our culture and society to God, while at the same time acknowledging our obvious differences.

Each year we participate in one official ecumenical event as a parish family—our Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service. Due to the pandemic, we have decided to cancel the live Prayer Service this year and offer a recorded prayer and message from the three neighborhood pastors instead. We will send out the recorded prayer on our social media and in our weekly email. Coming together and building unity and goodwill between our parish and our neighbors at Advent Lutheran Church, ELCA, and Community of Hope, U.C.C., is essential to the mission of our Church.

## Gifts from the Heart

### November 7 - November 22

Once again St Thomas Aquinas parishioners will have the opportunity to help make Christmas brighter for our neighbors in need. However, due to the pandemic, our program will look a little different this year. There will be two ways to offer your support:

- Take an ornament from the Gifts from the Heart display wall. These ornaments contain gift requests;
- Purchase a \$30 gift card from one of the following stores: Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon or Burlington.

Please return unwrapped gifts with the ornament attached on the outside to the alcove to the left of the fireplace in the Gathering Space by **November 23**. Gift cards may be returned to the main office document slot next to the Gifts From the Heart gift tag pick up area.

If you intend to purchase a gift card, please visit [tinyurl.com/svdpgiftsfromtheheart](https://www.tinyurl.com/svdpgiftsfromtheheart) to let us know your intentions. Please bring purchased gift cards to the main office mail slot in the Gathering Space by **November 23**, or send them by email to [stasvdp@gmail.com](mailto:stasvdp@gmail.com).

There will be fewer gift ornaments this year as more emphasis will be placed on the distribution of gift cards.

Gifts and gift cards will be sorted and sent out on November 23, so bringing them in by the due date is essential. All gifts will go to someone, but late gifts may not make it to the people who requested them. Thank you for your promptness and, especially, for your generosity!

## Christmas Food Basket Time Is Right Around The Corner!

During the Christmas season, you can make a difference by sharing food with our neighbors in need. This year's Christmas Food Baskets are even more important than past year's as many of our neighbors are struggling due to the pandemic. Food donations to fill 125 baskets will be collected starting the weekend of November 27 and will continue through December 17.



We understand that this year is like no other, but we would still like to include as many parishioners as possible while taking extra precautions to keep volunteers safe.

If you are coming to the STA campus, you can bring your food donations and put them in the brown bins as usual.

We understand that some members of our parish family want to donate food but are unable to come to the church due to health or other restrictions. Therefore, we will be holding a Donation Drive Through Event on Sunday, December 13 from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM. Just drive up to the main entrance of the church and volunteers will be present to empty your trunk of groceries!

In the Gathering Area we will have empty boxes that you can "check out," fill, and return. Each box will have an attached list of groceries with which to fill it. Filled boxes should be brought back to church by December 17.

Financial donations are also most welcome. Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, with the notation "Christmas Food Baskets" in the memo line.

In order to allow us to practice social distancing, we intend to sort and pack donations in three smaller shifts of volunteers, starting on the evening of Thursday, December 17 and continuing with two shifts (afternoon and evening) on Friday, December 18.

The delivery of the baskets will take place Saturday, December 19. As in years past, we need many delivery volunteers. Baskets will be set outside the doors of recipients' homes.

Volunteer Sign-ups will be available soon!

Thank you for your generous donation of these non-perishable food items:

canned fruits	laundry detergent
canned vegetables	toothpaste
cereal	shampoo
peanut butter	canned juice
soup	macaroni and cheese
pasta/rice	canned meals/spaghetti/ravioli

## Why Giving Tuesday?

The pandemic has touched all of us. It has increased the level of need in the surrounding community, and at the same time, it has made the ways we would usually try to address this need risky or even impossible. For example, the need for our Christmas Food Baskets is greater than ever, but we cannot hold a bake sale to raise money to purchase gift cards for the baskets. Also, since the start of the pandemic, requests to our parish conference of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) have jumped, but lower Mass attendance and the financial hardships so many families are enduring this year mean that directing the collection from our Thanksgiving Mass to them, as we normally do, is not likely to provide enough resources for them to respond to the current level of need.

Now St. Vincent de Paul needs our support more than ever. Holly spoke recently with Mike Meehan from our parish conference about their recent work. Currently they average about 2 home visits a week. Families can receive free furniture or vouchers for clothing from the SVdP Dig and Save Outlet or food from the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry. Most recently the conference has made payments to landlords when families are behind on rent or to utility companies when families face shutoff. The conference also helps with childcare expenses, car repairs, security deposits, gas cards or bus passes. These are all vital to the families that our Conference visits.

This is why we are excited to share with you that St. Thomas Aquinas is going to participate in Giving Tuesday this year! Our goal is to raise \$30,000 to help purchase gift cards for food baskets and allow the St. Vincent de Paul Conference to continue caring for others! Gifts will be matched up to \$5,000 each. Your gift of \$10 becomes \$20, your gift of \$100 becomes \$200, and so on!

We are still looking for three families to match gifts. If you feel passionate about helping others and can match donations up to \$5,000.00, please contact Holly at [holly@stamadison.org](mailto:holly@stamadison.org) or 608-833-2600.



**Christmas Basket packing will be different than last year's event (above), but with your help, and Giving Tuesday, we can still provide vital assistance to our neighbors.**



El artículo del Padre Bart empieza en la página 6.

- El sobre en el paquete de sobres de noviembre que está marcado para St.VdP. Por favor considere lo que puede hacer financieramente por este ministerio haciendo una donación y poniendo el sobre en nuestra colecta dominical.
- La colecta de ofrendas que se realiza en nuestra Misa del Día de Acción de Gracias de las 9:00 a.m. el jueves, 26 de noviembre se reserva cada año para nuestra Conferencia de St.VdP.
- Debido a la pandemia y la menor asistencia a misa, este año participaremos en Giving Tuesday como una forma de ofrecer a las personas otra forma de apoyar nuestra Conferencia St. VdP. Ahora estamos en el proceso de obtener fondos de contrapartida para este esfuerzo. Consulte la página 4 para obtener más información.

¡Gracias por su continua generosidad!

Consulte el canal de YouTube de St. Vincent De Paul para ver historias inspiradoras del gran trabajo que están haciendo. Hay un episodio que destaca nuestra Conferencia de Jóvenes de St.VdP de Madison: [youtube.com/watch?v=sqDclxg2T5M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqDclxg2T5M). Si desea ser miembro de nuestra Conferencia St.VdP, envíe un correo electrónico a Steve Middleton: [stasvdp@gmail.com](mailto:stasvdp@gmail.com).

## Reflexión del Evangelio

### Diácono Jerome Buhman

El fin. Es extraño ver esas palabras al comienzo de un artículo o una historia, ¿no es así? Pero la verdad es que nunca sabemos cuándo podría ocurrir El Fin, si es el fin del mundo tal como lo conocemos en la Segunda Venida, o el fin de nuestra vida terrenal. En su mayor parte, probablemente no pensamos mucho en ninguno de los dos. Nuestras actividades del día a día tienden a ocupar la mayor parte de nuestro tiempo y, francamente, ninguno de los temas es uno en el que probablemente nos interese demasiado. Pero con el Día de los Fieles Difuntos a principios de esta semana, y esta parábola de hoy sobre la segunda venida de Cristo, es un buen momento para preguntarnos: ¿estamos listos para cualquiera de las dos? A medida que nos acercamos al final del año de la Iglesia y al comienzo del Adviento, estos temas aparecerán con más frecuencia en las lecturas, lo que nos incitará a prestar atención; quizás sacándonos de nuestro cómodo adormecimiento. Es un momento perfecto para hacer un balance de nuestras vidas y determinar si realmente estamos preparados para encontrarnos con el novio con mucha alegría.



## Las lecturas de la semana del 8 de noviembre

**Domingo:** Sab 6, 12-16/Sal 63, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8/1 Tes 4, 13-18 o 4, 13-14/  
Mt 25, 1-13

**Lunes:** Ez 47, 1-2. 8-9. 12/Sal 46, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/1 Cor 3, 9-11. 16-17/  
Jn 2, 13-22

**Martes:** Tit 2, 1-8. 11-14/Sal 37, 3-4. 18 y 23. 27 y 29/Lc 17, 7-10

**Miércoles:** Tit 3, 1-7/Sal 23, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6/Lc 17, 11-19

**Jueves:** Flm 7-20/Sal 146, 7. 8-9. 9-10/Lc 17, 20-25

**Viernes:** 2 Jn 4-9/Sal 119, 1. 2. 10. 11. 17. 18/Lc 17, 26-37

**Sábado:** 3 Jn 5-8/Sal 112, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 18, 1-8

**Domingo siguiente:** Prov 31, 10-13. 19-20. 30-31/Sal 128, 1-2. 3. 4-5/  
1 Tes 5, 1-6/Mt 25, 14-30 o 25, 14-15. 19-21 ©LPI

## Mass Intentions for This Week

### Saturday, November 7

4:30 PM Cora and Angelo Tuccinardi ☩

### Sunday, November 8: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM Gratitude for Donors to Priests for Our Future

6:30 PM Roberto Vergara and Roberto Chávez ☩

### Monday, November 9: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:30 AM Familia Valle Pescador ☩

### Tuesday, November 10: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

5:30 PM Dale Schmitt ☩

### Wednesday, November 11: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day

8:30 AM Christopher Andrews ☩

### Thursday, November 12: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

7:30 AM Tom Gombar ☩

### Friday, November 13: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:30 AM Bradley Family Living and Deceased ☩

### Saturday, November 14

4:30 PM Christopher Andrews ☩

### Sunday, November 15: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM John Kreul ☩

6:30 PM Alex Martin ☩

## Readings for the Week of November 8

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

**Monday:** 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

**Tuesday:** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:** Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

**Next Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/  
1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

## Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

### October 31/November 1

Offertory / Envelopes ..... \$10,513

### Counters Schedule

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Monday, November 16: Rosemary Neu

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**Padre Bart Timmerman, Párroco**  
**Trigésimo segundo domingo del tiempo ordinario**  
 Para una reflexión sobre las lecturas bíblicas de este domingo, lea el artículo del Diácono Jerome en la página 5.



**Elecciones 2020**

Estoy escribiendo este artículo del boletín antes de que se conozcan los resultados finales de las elecciones. Para cuando esto esté impreso y distribuido, espero que sepamos quién ganó las elecciones. Independientemente de cómo fueron las elecciones y por quién votaron, oremos todos por la unidad y la armonía entre la gente de nuestro país.

Según el obispo Burbidge de Arlington, Virginia, no son los políticos sino Dios quien tiene el control. Durante una oración por la unidad recientemente en su diócesis, señaló: “Por eso no tememos. Independientemente de los resultados de las elecciones de la próxima semana, una cosa es inmutable: el Señor sigue siendo rey y gobernante de nuestra nación. Independientemente de los cargos que ocupen los funcionarios electos, esos cargos son solo suyos por un momento. Pero nuestra nación está siempre y para siempre bajo la protección y la guía de Dios, en quien confiamos.”

Pidió a los católicos que reflexionaran sobre la unidad. “Como otros, me temo que existe la posibilidad después de la elección de un creciente malestar en nuestra nación. Y es por eso por lo que tenemos que hacer nuestra parte para ser instrumentos de la paz y la unidad del Señor,” dijo. “Muestran compasión y bondad unos a otros. Perdona a los que te han ofendido. Viva la verdad con orgullo y valentía, pero siempre con amor. Respetarnos unos a otros, incluso a aquellos que no están de acuerdo con nuestras convicciones y creencias firmemente arraigadas.”

Durante la hora santa, Kathy Farrell, feligresa de la Iglesia St. Philip en Falls Church, oró para que “todas las personas se unan y se acerquen más a Dios y a los demás.”

**Feliz día de los veteranos miércoles, 11 de noviembre**

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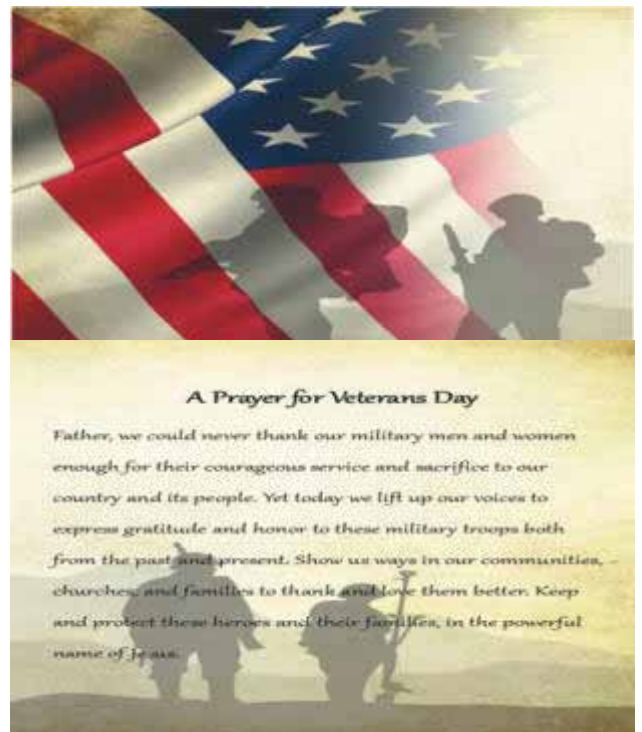
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*La carta del Padre Bart continúa en la página 5*