

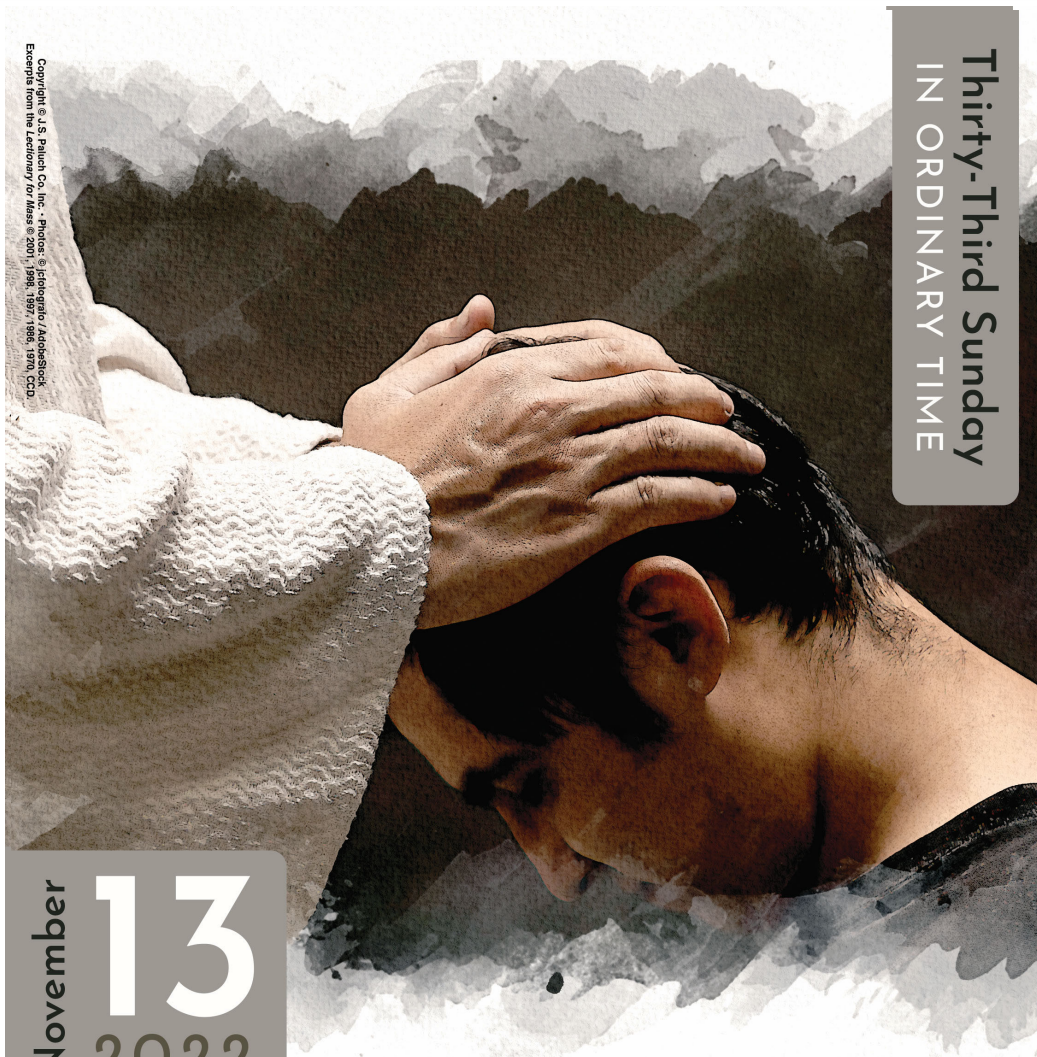


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Thirty-Third Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

November **13**
2022

“YOU WILL BE HATED BY ALL BECAUSE OF MY NAME, BUT NOT A HAIR ON YOUR HEAD WILL BE DESTROYED.”

Luke 21:17-18

Rev. Miroslaw Stachurski, Pastor

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00AM.
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, November 14

7:00 AM† Deceased Relatives & Friends of
St. Thomas Parishioners
5:30 PM Intentions of Luke Sweeney

Tuesday, November 15

7:00 AM Intentions of Patrick O'Shaughnessy
5:30 PM† Marino Diaz

Wednesday, November 16

7:00 AM Intention of Christopher Webb
5:30 PM† Elaine Sheehan (1st Anniversary)

Thursday, November 17

7:00 AM† Reginald Festa
5:30 PM Intention of Silvana Alarcon & Carlos Ocampo

Friday, November 18

7:00 AM† All Souls
5:30 PM† Annette Festa

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, November 19

5:15 PM† James DeMare

Sunday, November 20

7:30 AM†	Fred Hill (3 rd Anniversary)	Fr. Ralph
9:00 AM†	John Dominick	Fr. Ralph
11:30 AM†	David Webster	Fr. Mirek
5:00 PM†	For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased	Fr. Mirek

Celebrant

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	2022	2021
November 6		
Collection	\$4,057.50	\$4,593.00
On-Line	\$2,270.00	\$2,539.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,567.00)	(\$1,636.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,760.50</u>	<u>\$5,496.00</u>
Votives	\$ 195.72	\$ 223.00
Monthly Maintenance		
Collection	\$1,448.00	\$1,318.00
On-Line	<u>\$1,356.00</u>	<u>\$1,306.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,804.00</u>	<u>\$2,624.00</u>
All Saints Day		
Collection	\$ 579.00	\$ 386.00
On-Line	\$ 413.00	\$ 427.00
Total	<u>\$ 992.00</u>	<u>\$ 813.00</u>

Diocesan Assessment

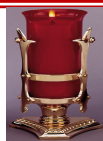
The assessment is used to cover the cost of Diocesan operations and schools. The formula is based on all gross receipts. For our 2023 fiscal year, the annual Cathedral Assessment is \$81,472. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,567. This represents an annual decrease of \$3,600.00 from the prior year.

We welcome the newly Baptized into the Parish Family of St. Thomas the Apostle.
Cooper David Cavanagh
Congratulations to his parents, family, & friends!

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and
let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
Please remember in your prayers:

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Paul Jarboe

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.



The Sanctuary Candle burns
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for Elaine Sheehan.

Banns of Marriage

I
Melissa O'Rourke & Joseph Pollard



The 2023 MASS BOOK is now open without restrictions. Please call, email or stop in the office to book your masses.

Confessions in Church
Every Saturday
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REFLECTION FROM FR. RALPH

Quo Vadis (Latin for "Where are you going?") is a 1951 American epic film set in ancient Rome during the final years of Emperor Nero's reign, based on the 1896 novel of the same title by Polish Nobel Laureate author Henryk Sienkiewicz. Produced by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and filmed in Technicolor, it was directed by Mervyn LeRoy from a screenplay by S. N. Behrman, Sonya Levien, and John Lee Mahin. It is the fourth screen adaptation of Sienkiewicz's novel. The film stars Robert Taylor, Deborah Kerr, Leo Genn, and Peter Ustinov, who played the Emperor Nero.

The film presents a contracted account of basic events that took place over a longer period of time. So, in this way, the film is not necessarily historically accurate. But the film does present the lavish, hedonistic aspect of the Roman Empire, and its brutality towards the enemies of the state, especially in regard to the disciples of Jesus Christ.

We can see in the Gospel for this weekend what the first Christians experienced in the ancient church, which continued throughout the centuries, and even to our time today. Yet, we know, according to the scriptures, both from the Old and New Testaments, that the promise of the age to come will be fulfilled in Jesus Christ according to the will of the Father. Let us be perfectly clear, no human being knows which day the world as we know it will end. Jesus said this Himself: *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away. No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father (Mt 24:35-36, Mk 13:31-32)."* Recall too, what Jesus says to us in the Gospel for this weekend: *"See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! (Lk 21:8)."*

Now, at the same time, as we see in the second reading in St. Paul's second Letter to the Thessalonians, that we need only live justly and morally, fulfilling our basic duties in our work and worship, defending the faith, witnessing the truth of the Gospel, as well as the hope and promise for which Our Lord suffered, died, and ultimately rose from the dead. So, as it is for now, until the end of days, may we always strive to live in this world as we should with its temporal realities and demands, but in the order of grace and faith as well, keeping in mind what Jesus says immediately following the quote above regarding the consummation of all things: *"Be on your guard and stay alert! For you do not know when the appointed time will come (Mk 13:33)."* *Fr. Ralph*

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Prayer Requests!

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Please call the Rectory anytime.

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Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:30 PM Weekdays: By appointment



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