



## 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: 2 Maccabees 7:1 - 2, 9 - 14

• Even their torturers marveled at the heroism of the seven Maccabee brothers who trusted in God and faced death with courage. They believed in the resurrection to life.

#### SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5

• Paul prayed that God the Father, who consoled him, also comfort and strengthen the saints of the Thessalonian church. He asked for their prayer and gave them God's blessing.

#### GOSPEL READING: Luke 20:27 - 38

• When some Sadducees tried to trap Jesus with some legal questions, he showed them God's power over life and the Lord's love for the living: God "is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

• Death takes center stage in today's readings, beginning with a family being tortured and killed in a scene of terrible horror. Yet, each reading is full of hope. Each brother in the first reading is willing to die, trusting in the resurrection. Paul asks for prayers that he be delivered from those who would do him harm. Jesus assures his questioners that to God, even those who have died are alive. Let us look for that hope as we listen to scripture today.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God's blessings for Omar Bedminster rb Mona Bedminster.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Viola John rb Paula and Bernadette.

10:00 AM: The souls in purgatory rb Lola Warrington.

12:00 NOON: God's continued healing and blessings for Gabrelle Durand rb Victoria Greenaway.

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Fr. Kerly Francois rb Angie Lundy.

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Nov. 11, 7:00 AM: *St. Martin of Tours*  
Idelta Abraham (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

Tues. Nov. 12, 7:00 AM: *St. Josaphat*  
Birthday blessings for Fr. Kerly Francois rb Maureen Petersen.

Wed. Nov. 13, 7:00 AM: *St. Francis Xavier Cabrini*  
Maria Nguyen (*deceased*) rb Her father, Binh Nguyen.

Thurs. Nov. 14, 7:00 AM: *St. Lawrence O'Toole*  
Unborn son (*deceased*) rb His father, Binh Nguyen.

Fri. Nov. 15, 7:00 AM: *St. Albert the Great*  
Kathleen Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Elroy and Violet Holder (*deceased*) rb Kathleen Thompson.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards the *Bishop's Appeal*. Next week's second collection will be for *Catholic Education*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *God's continued guidance and protection for Omar Bedminster, requested by Mona Bedminster*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend the altar flowers were paid for by Viola John in thanksgiving and celebration of her birthday. Thank you for beautifying the church and we pray God's continued blessing on you. Once again, thank you.

**RETIREMENT:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois and Deacon Peter Laurencin, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere congratulations to *Valerie Doute* on her retirement. We pray God's continued blessings to you and wish you all the very best in your future endeavor. Once again, congratulations and thank you for all you did for Holy Family Church and the Diocese of St. Thomas.

**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE:** Congratulations to the people of Dominica and Dominica Association of St. Thomas, Inc. as they celebrate their 41st Independence. We pray God's continued blessings on the island and the people of Dominica. Once again, congratulations.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Please note that the Church office will be closed ALL day on Monday, November 11, 2019, in observance of Veterans Day. Please be guided accordingly. Thanks to all Veterans and their families for serving our country.

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois and Deacon Peter Laurencin, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere sympathy to Joycelyn Harley Peters and family on the passing of her brother, *Alphonse Olanzo Steele*, who died on Sunday, November 3, 2019. The funeral service for the late *Alphonse Olanzo Steele*, will take place on Friday, November 15, 2019, at Holy Family Church at 10:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE:** The St. Thomas/St. John Catholic Charismatic Renewal Presents their 2019 Conference. The Theme is "*Pray Unceasingly*" **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**. The Conference will be held in Upper Columban Hall Friday November 15 to Sunday November 17, 2019. Our Guest Speakers are Fr. Louis Merosne from Haiti and Brother Kent Vincent from Guyana. Registration fees are: Adult \$35.00, Ages 0-12 Free and Ages 13-18 \$10.00. Polo Shirts are \$25.00. We have a Conference Package of \$100.00 which includes: Registration, a Polo Shirt and ALL Meals. Please register and pay by October 25, 2019. Registration Forms & Fees can be dropped off at your Church Office. Any questions feel free to contact our Director Fr. Anthony Abraham at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church 340-776-6339 or our Chairwoman Mrs. Michelle Rivera-Stout at Holy Family Parish 340-643-6986.

**STS. PETER & PAUL HOLIDAY BAZAAR:** The Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School Association cordially invites your business to participate in our first "Holiday Bazaar", on Saturday, November 23, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Want to be a vendor? Please call 340-774-2199 or 340-774-5622. Price \$25.00 per space. Food, drinks, games and much more will be included. This event is being sponsored by Island Oasis and promises to afford you a great opportunity to make a head start on your holiday sales. Be sure to come out to have a great time.

### LITURGY AND WORD

#### **1ST READING:** *THE MACCABEES PREFER MARTYRDOM*

The Wisdom of Solomon is an exhortatory discourse that extols Wisdom. It has been written by a learned Jew of Alexandria, after the city's conquest by Rome in 30 B.C. Today's reading says mother who are compelled by the king to eat swine's flesh which is unlawful for the Jews. However much the king tortures them, they will not go against their customs. It is their faith in the resurrection that gives them courage to face their ordeal. When the fourth son is being tortured he says, "One cannot but choose to die at the hands of men and to cherish the hope that God gives of being raised again by him."

#### **2ND READING:** *PAUL'S REQUEST FOR PRAYER*

In this passage Paul writes that the future of the Thessalonian Christians depends as much on the work of God as also on the prayers of the Thessalonians. Paul backs up his exhortation with a prayer. It conveys that Jesus and the Father are the joint source of spiritual blessings. It reminds the readers that God loves them and so has given them encouragement and hope for the future. Paul also asks the Thessalonians to pray for him and also mentions the intentions for which they should pray, namely, he wishes the rapid spread of the gospel, and deliverance from wicked and evil men. He may be thinking of the Jewish opposition that he faces. He also says that not everyone has faith. This indicates why there is opposition to the gospel but the strength to cope with the problems will come from the Lord himself.

#### **GOSPEL:** *SADDUCEES VS JESUS*

The Sadducees want to know what Jesus thinks about the resurrection of the dead and pose a question to him about the levirate marriage. This is the first time we meet Sadducees in the Third Gospel. Jesus solves the problem posed by them in an unusual way that even the Scribes commend him for his answer. The Sadducees who question Jesus about the resurrection are Jewish aristocrats holding strong influence in the Holy City. Unlike the Pharisees, the Sadducees do not believe in the resurrection of the dead. Their intention is to test Jesus and see if they can

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Every week the report on stewardship will include our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. In gratitude to God, we give of our first fruits to help fulfill God's mission of love here on earth.

Attendance: Last Weekend: **391**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$3,369.75**

Youth Ministry: **\$908.20**

*Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2019 amounted to \$36,488.00, 91% of our goal of \$40,000.00. As always we thank you for your continuous contribution towards our Bishop's Appeal. Once again, thank you.*

### LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

defeat him with their arguments. They come with the custom of the levirate marriage.

The custom of the levirate marriages was widespread in the ancient Near East. According to Deuteronomy 25:5, a woman whose husband died childless was required to be married by one of the deceased man's brothers. The purpose of the levirate marriage ordinance was to continue the name of deceased, to give him, in a sense, an afterlife. Their point is that the afterlife is a continuation of the life lived on earth.

Jesus tells the Sadducees that the problem lies in the fact that they do not know God nor the Scriptures, nor experienced his power in their lives. The Scriptures recount how Abraham, Isaac, and the children of Jacob have a meeting with God and experience his power to save, to heal and give life. This God is revealed in the New Testament as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has raised him from the dead, as the guarantee and foretaste of the resurrection awaiting us.

In his answer Jesus rejects the Sadduceean understanding of afterlife. The life of the resurrection is something totally new. Marriage and procreation have no place in it. The resurrected do not have sexual union or procreation. Though Jesus says that we will be like angels, it does not mean that the nature of man will be changed into that of angels or that man will be dehumanized.