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November at a Glance

Activity Calendar of November



Week All Saints day.

1

Read (Mt. 5. 1-12)



Week All Souls day

2

Pray for all the faithful departed.
Plant a flower to a grave.



Week Saint Catherine of

3

Alexandria.

Read about this saint.



Week Repeat daily

4

"May they Rest in peace"

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Matthew 5 :5

Tuesday November 1

ALL SAINTS

Meek is the opposite of proud people. Pride brings disaster because it makes us lose our friendship with God and our fellow human beings. The proud like to put themselves at the center of everything. On the contrary, the humble gain themselves friendships with God and humans because they think about others before themselves. That is why they are loved by people. Humble life should be our guideline as Christians.

May God implant
the seed of
humility in us.



Revelation 7:2-4,9-14 / Psalms (23)
24:1-2,3-4ab,5-6 / 1 John 3:1-3 /

Matthew 5:1-12a

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven...

Matthew 5 :12

Wednesday November 2

ALL SOULS' DAY

There is no reward without hard work. So, heaven is for us all through the grace of God and the work of our hands. We do not expect to make heaven only by praying; our life must express God's love. When we live an exemplary life surely by God's grace, we have a reward in heaven. So, heaven is a place where God rewards all our good deeds and not just our prayers.

Help us Lord to
inherit heaven.



There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Luke 15 :10

Thursday

November 3

THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sin leads to eternal condemnation. When we sin we decide on our own to separate from God and hand ourselves to Satan's power. When we leave God, who created us, and choose demons, God our creator is not happy. To choose a demon over God is to sin against God. But as soon as we decide to let go of our sins, God becomes happy with us because He knows we shall no longer be condemned.

Help us Lord
never to go
away from you.



Phillipians 3:3-8a / Psalms (104) 105:2-3. 4-5. 6-7 / **Luke 15:1-10**

Join together in following my example.

Philippians 3 :17

Friday

November 4

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO

To follow another person's example is to model our lives according to the life of that person.

The apostles followed the example of Jesus Christ, and the Pope, bishops, and priests follow the example of the apostles. We are to follow the example of our fathers in the faith. If we have not read the story of our patron Saint, we need to do

so to imitate him or her. While imitating the life of our patron Saint, we should know that Jesus is the ultimate example to follow in all we do.

Help us Lord to imitate you in all.

Philippians 3:17-4: 1/ Psalm (121)

122:1-2. 3-4ab. 4cd-5 / Luke 16:1-8



Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely.

Psalm 111(112) :5

Saturday

November 5

THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Generosity attracts God's blessings. When we are generous, we are making our way to heaven. But to be generous is to give with a good intention. When we give or do something for others because we know that they will pay us back in one way or the other, it is not generosity. Generosity is what we do for people who do not have the means of rewarding us. When we get rewards from the beneficiaries of our generosity then we are letting go of God's reward.

May God help us have a good sense of Charity.



Philippians 4:10-19 / Psalm (111) 112:1b-2. 5-6. 8a and 9 / Luke 16:9-15

He is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

Luke 20 :38

Sunday

November 6



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our God is ever dynamic, ever ready to answer our prayers and assist us. Some people believe in gods that are made out of human hands while others believe in animals as their God. All those gods are nothing but fake gods. The only God is

the God who created the heaven and the earth, who looks after us as his creatures. He cares for us the living because He Himself

is a living God. Oh God, touch the heart of the unbelievers to

turn back and see the light in You.

2 Maccabees 7:1-2.9-14 / Psalms (16) 17:1. 5-6. 8. 15 / 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 /

Luke 20:27-38

Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them.

Luke 17:4

Monday November 7

THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Often, we get tired of forgiving people because they repeat the same mistake all the time. We would wish our offenders never repeat the same offence to us. However, our offenders are human beings and they have human weaknesses like us too. We could think of several times we have committed the same sin and the several times God has forgiven us. In the same way that God is never tired of forgiving us, we too should not be tired of forgiving others.

May God help us to always be prompt in forgiving others.



Titus 1:1-9 / Psalms (23) 24:1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6 / Luke 17:1-6

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 36 (37):4

Tuesday

November 8

THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

No human being can table down his/her needs. It is either he or she writes some and forgets others or ignores some thinking they are not important. The innermost desires of people who believe in God are often taken care of before they realise it. God is the only one who knows our necessary needs more than ourselves. This is why we should always rely on Him for everything. Our prayers should start with words of thanks for what God does for us without us knowing.

Thank you, Jesus.



Stop turning my Father's house into a market!

John 2:16

Wednesday November 9

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

In many of our Churches today, accommodations have been offered to people who sell foodstuffs. Buying things like biscuits, sweets, bananas, etc. in the Church is turning the worship place into a marketplace. Whenever we buy them in the Church we contribute to the sins of the sellers. Moreover, if money is given to us for offering, it should be strictly used for offering otherwise, we are taking the things of God for granted.

May God help us to be mindful of the things we do in his presence.

Ezekiel 47:1-2.8-9.12 / Psalms (45) 46:2-3.5-6.8-9/1 Corinthians 3:9c-11.16-17



Your love has given me great joy and encouragement.

Philemon 7 :20

Thursday

November 10

SAINT LEO THE GREAT

We, children of God, do not realise often the level of love God has for us. For example, at home, our parents love us very much and they do not want us to suffer from the lack of anything. God loves us more than our parents. There are things God does for us that our parents cannot do, for example, life. Jesus is the owner of our lives; He can take them whenever He wishes. That is why we should always thank Him; for many people wanted to remain alive like us but they could not.

Lord, help us
acknowledge your
unfailing love.



Philemon 7-20 / Psalms (145) 146:6c. 7-8a. 9a.9bc-10 / Luke 17:20-25

Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it,
and whoever loses their life will preserve it.

Luke 17:33

Friday

November 11

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

To live is to risk. Most of the people who are wealthy today are those who take risks in life. Success comes from taking some risks. But the most significant risk one can ever take is to serve God with one's life. To serve God is to abandon all the bad things we take pleasure in doing. Therefore, the service of God involves several self-sacrifices. However, such service surely gains us eternal life.

O Lord, help us not
to think much about
our comfort when
we have decided to
serve you.



2 John 4-9 / Psalms (118) 119:1.2.10.11.17.18 / Luke 17:26-37

And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night?

Luke 18 :7

Saturday November 12

SAINT JOSAPHAT

We find ourselves in a situation where we consistently pray, and yet God does not seem to listen to our prayers. Often, we get discouraged easily and even sometimes curse God. It is essential to have in mind that God never abandons His creatures. If we are passing through a hard time, we only need patience and faith, for most of the time, our prayers are not said with faith and confidence.

May God give us a strong faith to
unceasingly
believe in
his saving
power.

3 John 5-8 / Psalms (111)
112:1b-2. 3-4. 5-6 /
Luke 18:1-8



Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy

Psalm 97 (98):8

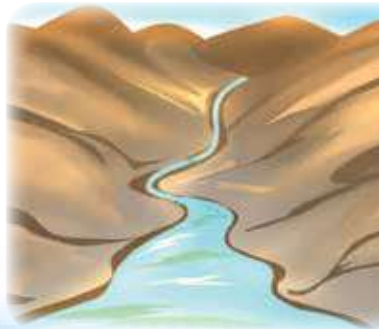
Sunday

November 13



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When we look at the world keenly, we see that God created it with perfect harmony: rain has its time, the sunshine has its time; the day has its time, and night has its time; rivers, mountains, lands, animals, and human beings are all well positioned. We do not know how plants and trees grow nor how the living things get their daily bread. It is the mighty work of God. God provides for everything he has created and all give Him thanks in their languages. Isn't He a wonderful God? Thank you, Lord, for the joy you are giving us daily.



Malachi 4 :1-2a/**Psalm (97) 98:5-6. 7-8. 9/2** Thessalonians 3:7-12/ Luke 21:5-19

He called out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!

Luke 18 :38

Monday

November 14

THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

We are often so weak in praying that we tend to put God aside when we are in difficulties. We tend to seek solutions by ourselves. Yet, if God does not approve of our solutions, we would never make it. That is why it is necessary to seek Christ first in all our difficulties both small and big. In the Bible, the blind man called on Him and



he answered. He is still the same Jesus who answers people who call on Him.

Lord, help us to bear in mind that

cut from you, we can do nothing.

Revelation 1:1-4; 2: 1-5a/ Psalms 1:1-2. 3. 4 and 6/Luke 18:35-43

I must stay at your house today.

Luke 19:5c.

Tuesday

November 15

THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus told Zacchaeus that he must stay in his house because Zacchaeus made an extraordinary effort by climbing the tree to see Jesus. What efforts do we make today to remain close to Jesus? Jesus lives in the hearts of all who make daily efforts to remain connected with Him. We can stay connected with him by committing our day to his hands in the morning and thanking Him before we sleep at night. By doing so, we have made Christ our best friend.



Revelation 3:1-6.14-22/ Psalms (14) 15:2-3a. 3bc-4ab. 5/ **Luke 19:1-10**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.

Revelation 4:8

Wednesday November 16

THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



You might be familiar with this threefold repletion of holiness. If you are careful, in a song called Sanctus at every Holy Eucharist

celebration, with the same following words "God Almighty who was, and is and is to come". These words are intended to extol the holiness of each of the three persons of the Trinity. They refer to the Father, the Son, and to the Spirit as holy. Is the song of angels to praise and exalts God as eternal? We, too, ought to praise God for His absolute holiness and eternal existence.

Praise to you O Lord, now and forever!

Revelation 4:1-11/ Psalms (149) 150:1b-2. 3-4. 5-6/Luke 19:11-28

The Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.

Psalm 149:4

Thursday

November 17

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

Let us first ask some questions to meditate on this verse: who are these people in whom the Lord takes delight? And why does he take delight in them? Do you see yourself as part of the people of the Lord? You are certainly part of that people, whenever you are at peace as a faithful worshipper of the Lord! Whenever you strive to live humility in faith and obedience to God through your parents; you too can rejoice that the Lord takes delight in you as his son, or as a member of his people!

Lord, grant me never to part from you!



My house will be a house of prayer.

Luke 19:46c

Friday

November 18

THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Prayer is intimately connected with God's presence. Wherever we worship God and recognize His presence, whether in church, in a small group, in a family or alone in our small corner of prayer, we ought to see ourselves as operating in God's house of prayer. As Apostle Paul would say, "You are the temple of God" (1 Corinthians 3:16), all who have accepted the invitation of Christ and entered into a relationship with Him are living

in a house of prayer. Since prayer and fellowship with God is worship, the house of God is a place of prayer and worship.

Lord, I offer you my heart as a house of prayer.

Revelation 10:8-11/ Psalms (118) 119:14. 24. 72. 103. 111. 131/ **Luke 19:45-48**

He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.

Luke 20:38

Saturday November 19

THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

You may have learned at school or from your parents that life and death are the natural cycles of human functioning. We are born, we live, we grow up (sometimes not, one can also die young) and we die. For God, there is only life, but at one condition, if one has lived a life that pleases the Lord, then even if you die you will still live but in another form of life, that is eternal, with God. All human beings want to live, and so do you!

Lord, give me to always choose life in everything I do!



Revelation 11:4-12/ Psalms (143) 144:1b. 2. 9-10/Luke 20:27-40

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.

Colossians 1:13

Sunday

November 20



THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You may understand that to rescue someone is to save him from danger, from something which can be harmful to his life. In this verse, Paul is referring to God's rescue of Christians from the power of sin and death. God has transformed us from sinners bound by sin, into new creations meant for heaven. As you may have experienced, darkness is something frightening, especially

when sometimes you have to walk alone on a street where there is no light. But on the contrary, light is life, it is joy and it is reassuring.

*Lord, thank you for saving me,
always grant me your light!*



2 Samuel 5:1-3/ Psalms (121) 122:1-2. 3-4. 4-5/**Colossians 1:12-20**/ Luke 23:35-43

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.

Psalm 24:1

Monday

November 21

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Children usually are curious about nature.

They ask sometimes surprising questions which show that they are not indifferent to space and time and their changes. A child for instance can ask his father questions like: why is the sky so far and so blue? I want to get there! Or why is the sea so vast? They come to be amazed by an animal, a bird, etc. They are sensitive to beauty. That may be your case! If you love nature, learn to take care of it! *Lord Jesus, firstborn before any creature, awaken our senses to the beauty of your work!*

Revelation 14:1-3. 4b-5/ **Psalm (23)**
24:1bc-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ Luke 21:1-4



Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them.

Luke 21:8

Tuesday

November 22

SAINT CECILIA

Today's verse invites us to be steady, at peace, and faithful in worshipping the Lord. It may also allow us to think about current events in our sub-region of West Africa. The different forms of attack, some involving deceptions and tricks, if you lack vigilance and lucidity, you find yourself trapped. You may have been warned by your parents about this. There are other forms of aggression which are kidnappings, malicious people who can trick you on your way to school for instance, by offering you a toy, a candy, something very attractive, do not follow them! Be vigilant!

Lord, protect us, Lord graciously protect us!

Revelation 14:14-19/ Psalm (95) 96:10. 11-12. 13/

Luke 21:5-11



Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.

Revelation 15:3

Wednesday November 23

THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

How do you know something is right, just, true, or not? If you listen carefully to yourself, you may feel it. Psychologically, that is to say, when you are in tune with your emotions, when you are at peace, you do not blame yourself for anything. For example, when you take a few coins put on the table without asking, you know fundamentally by yourself that is not right, even more, when dad comes to ask who took the coins and you say nothing, it is because you know by yourself you have done something wrong, and you are internally disturbed.

Lord, teach me your ways!

Revelation 15:1-4/ Psalm (97) 98:1.2-3ab. 7-8. 9/
Luke 21:12-19

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

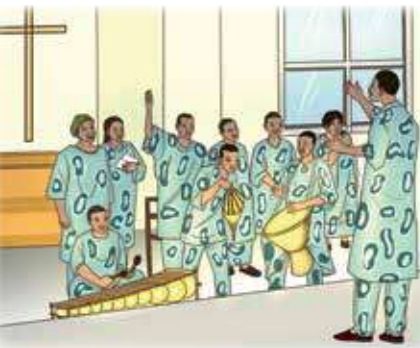
Psalm 100:2

Thursday November 24

ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

How do you feel about worship time, when it is time to go for the Holy Eucharist, or for liturgical assembly, prayer time for instance? You may not always feel happy! Some days you may feel like you do not want to go to church, or you do not want to pray. This can happen, it is

okay! But you need to know that there is a real joy in worshipping the Lord, depending on how you dedicate yourself as one of God, the place you give to the Lord in your life, even as a child!



Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19: 1-3. 9a/Psalms (99) 100:1-2. 3. 4. 5/

Luke 21:20-28

Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.”

Luke 21:32

Friday

November 25

THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

This generation...meaning people of the same class age somehow with almost similar characters are of the same generation. The discourse of Jesus is a reproach toward people resisting his Word. He meant, *“these guys have heard what I said will happen, but they will not move a finger until it happens”*

Jesus as the son of God is omniscient, He knows our bad characters, our ill will, our disguised laziness.

Lord, give me to listen to you through your holy Word!



Revelation 20:1-4.11 - 21:2/ Psalms (83) 84: 3.4. 5-6a and 8a/ **Luke 21:29-33**

“Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap.”

Luke 21:34

Saturday November 26

THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

You are too young to think of carousing, drunkenness, and anxieties of life! Certainly, your parents will not let this happen, they take care of you, thank God for that! However, there are other things that can weigh down your heart: bad habits like procrastination in doing your homework or revision of your lessons; spending too much time in front of the TV, on video games on your phone or iPad; gluttony for sweets, etc... You may know better what burdens you to the point that you are taken far from essentials of your life as a real son of God who takes his education seriously.



Revelation 22:1-7/ Psalms (94) 95:1-2. 3-5. 6-7ab/Luke 21:34-36

The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

Romans 13:11

Sunday

November 27



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Would you be able to say something about salvation? Try then come back to the reading...

The word salvation derives from the verb “to save”, which means to prevent someone, or something from harm, from danger. Jesus has saved us from sin and eternal death; The New Testament often describes salvation as something that has happened, is happening, and will happen. In this case, Paul is referring to salvation in the sense that all who are in Christ, who strive day by day, and who watch to keep faith in Jesus Christ will reach eternity.



Isaiah 12:1-5/ Psalms (121) 122:1-2. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ **Romans 13:11-14a**/
Matthew 24:37-44

Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

Matthew 8:8

Monday November 28

ADVENT WEEKDAY

If you have received your first communion, you must have said this word several times, which is a very beautiful prayer we recite just before going to receive communion; do you realise this? This word echoes an act of faith and humility. We all are wounded somewhere, sick from something, and Jesus looks at us with this gaze of love; we deserve nothing, no one has merit before the Lord, it is He who freely gives his mercy. Throughout this day let us interiorize this prayer, paying attention to each word, let ourselves be touched, and experience the tenderness and mercy of the Lord.



Isaiah 4:2-6/ Psalm (121) 122:1-2.
3-4ab. 4cd-5. 6-7. 8-9/

Matthew 8:5-11

“I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.”

Luke 10:21

Tuesday

November 29

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Good News for you! You are part of the ones to whom Jesus has revealed things of the Kingdom of God. But why is Jesus saying this? Because children have confidence, they believe easily, they welcome the truth, and they are not arrogant. God does not reveal his marvels to the arrogant or those who boast themselves as they know everything they do not need to be taught. Humility is a key to knowledge and wisdom. Jesus believes that you are a humble, good listener. Are you really this kind of person?

Then Ask him to
strengthen you!



“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:13

Wednesday November 30

SAINT ANDREW

Children usually cry out to their parents to rescue them when they face danger, and the first person they usually call is their mother. You may recall an experience you had! Calling on the name of the Lord expresses familiarity and connection, as in knowing God by name. This also signifies identification as a member of the family of God. As children, calling on the name of the Lord involves admitting our own powerlessness and the need for God, believing in His power to save us, and desperately crying out to God from the heart for His salvation.



Lord, Holly is your name!

Romans 10:9-18 / Psalm 19:2-3,4-5/
Matthew 4:18-22

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“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.”

Luke 1:68



“A child among elders converses with its ears.”

Nigeria