The Good Knight

"In Service to One,
In Service to All"



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Greetings! November is a time of recalling the heavenly harvest at the end of time, of celebrating the saints and remembering the dead. It is also a time to consider the mystery of death, even to make preparations for it by writing or revisiting wills. Even the daily readings this month fit with this theme of the 'end times'. (See the Word of the Month.)

The month begins with two feast days in remembrance of those who have died: All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2). We pray that, at the end of our time, we will share the glory of the saints. This time spent reflecting on death need not be a sad or depressing time. Our faith reminds us that death is merely a transition from this life into eternal life with a loving God in heaven.

Thank you for reading *The Good Knight.*

Louis Kloster, Editor

Word of the Month

In order to communicate our faith to others, we need to develop a certain vocabulary … a faith vocabulary. Each month we dissect and investigate one faith-related word.

eschatology

This word comes from a Latin form of the Greek word *eskhatos*, meaning 'last', furthest', or 'most remote'. Pronounced es-kəˈtä-lə-jē, it refers to the branch of theology that studies the last or final things, such as death, immortality, judgment, the resurrection of the dead, and our existence after death. Sometimes referred to as the 'end times', eschatology includes our doctrines on heaven, hell, and purgatory.

Important Dates



November 2026

1 All Saints Day
Cor gathering at 7 p.m.

2 All Souls Day

11 Remembrance Day
Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting by Zoom

12 Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights @ 7 p.m.

15 Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast

18 Knights of Columbus General Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

28 Feast of St. Catherine Labouré (Saint of the Month)

30 Feast of Christ the King

Clips from the Catechism

This year, we will study the Catechism of the Catholic Church using the youth version called YouCat. It follows a question and answer format.

Can we help the departed who are in the condition of purgatory?

Yes, since all those who are baptized into Christ form one communion and are united with one another, the living can also help the souls of the faithful departed in purgatory.

When a man is dead, he can do nothing more for himself. The time of active probation is past. But we can do something for the faithful departed in purgatory. Our love extends into the afterlife. Through our fasting, prayers, and good works, but especially through the celebration of Holy Eucharist, we can obtain grace for the departed.

If God is love, how can there be a hell?

God does not damn men. Man himself is the one who refuses God's merciful love and voluntarily deprives himself of eternal life by excluding himself from communion with God.

God yearns for communion even with the worst sinner; he wants everyone to convert and be saved. Yet God created man to be free and respects his decisions. Even God cannot compel love. As a lover he is 'powerless' when someone chooses hell instead of heaven.

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Saint of the Month: Saint Catherine Labouré



In 1806, on a farm in France, a saint was born. Catherine Labouré was the ninth of eleven children. Her mother died when this saint was only eight years old, and was needed to help take care of the house. Therefore, Catherine never learned to read or write. However, she walked miles each day just to go to daily Mass. From an early age Catherine was interested in religious life. She loved the Lord so much that she became a Sister of the Daughters of Charity. She spent her days taking care of the sick and poor.

From her early childhood, this saint could feel God's presence whenever she prayed. Three times the Virgin Mary appeared to her, telling her to have a medal made with the image of the Virgin Mary - the Immaculate Conception - stamped on it. This saint was obedient to Mary and, ever since, people are wearing this medal, which is known as the Miraculous Medal. On one side of the medal are the words: "*O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us.*" On the other side of the medal are the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.



In 1947, Catherine was canonized, that is, the Church recognized her as a saint in heaven. People still wear her medal today. Her feast day is November 28. She is the patron saint of the elderly, the infirm, and pigeon fanciers … people who keep and breed pigeons. St. Catherine Labouré … pray for us.

The Good of the Order

Every month the Knights pray for the sick or recently deceased in the parish as well as relatives and friends who are in need of God's help. We call this the Good of the Order.

• Fr. Sebastian Amato	Leukemia
• Hilda Bannack	Dementia
• Phil Bérubé	Deceased
• Fr. Nilo's mother	Deceased
• Jean Boucher	Bladder cancer
• Wilbur Collin	Heart condition
• Florent Duguay	Cancer
• Jene Gobeil	Deceased
• Stanley Lantz	Deceased
• Robert Lavallée	Kidney/prostate concerns
• Rémi LeBlanc	Ill, Kidney dialysis
• Roland Leblanc	Dementia
• Jean-Pierre Lefebvre	Detached retina; blindness
• Julien Plamondon	Cancer
• Pope Leo XIV	Cancer
• Francis Stack	Cancer
• Larry Rowan	Prostate cancer, dementia
• Joanne Scherger	Multiple myeloma
• Laura Stack	Deceased
• Dean Weans	Cancer
• Robert Weisenberger	Stroke and heart attack
• Fr. Nilo's mother	Deceased

The Beatitudes

In The Good Knight this year we will examine more closely the attitudes by which Jesus calls us – his disciples – to live our lives. Each month, we will look at one of the nine Beatitudes. This month we study the second beatitude:

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matt. 5:4)

- There are many reasons for us to mourn. We might mourn the loss of a loved one. But we also mourn for ourselves, for the times we failed to love others, for missed opportunities, for our own selfishness and pride, for the times we relied on our own resources instead of divine providence.
- We also mourn for others including those grieving a loss, the hungry, the materially poor, the war-torn and the sick, and those who have walked away from God.



- When we embrace our grief rather than ignore it, when we place our trust in God even in the midst of suffering, when we help others endure their suffering, when we journey with someone with terminal illness, then we will be comforted.
- In Isaiah 61:2, we are urged "to comfort all those who mourn and to give them for ashes a garland."
- The mournful are those who are comforted by the knowledge that God is with them through it all. Being poor in spirit – reliant on God, they turn to Him for comfort. Those who mourn in this way become witnesses to others.
- November offers a number of occasions to live this beatitude. We mourn the dead on November 1 (All Saints Day) and November 2 (All Souls Day). We celebrate those who gave their lives for our freedom on Remembrance Day. We record the names of deceased loved ones in our Book of Remembrances. We might make a special effort to visit the graves of loved ones.

Birthdays in November

We send our greetings to the following Knights who are celebrating birthdays this month:



• November 4	Tim Morris
• November 10	Leo Andrew Danta
• November 13	Russell Bilodeau
• November 13	Austin Lunde
• November 15	Roland Leblanc
• November 25	Ajit Fernandes

Anniversaries in November

• November 21	Fr. Nilo Macapinlac Anniversary of his ordination

Answers to Church Furnishings Quiz

1. (f)	2. (a)	3. (i)	4. (b)	5. (k)	6. (j)
7. (h)	8. (l)	9. (e)	10. (d)	11. (g)	12. (c)

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Test Your Knowledge

Church Furniture and Furnishings

Match the furniture with its description. Choose from the following and check your answers at the bottom of page 2.

a. altar b. ambo c. tabernacle d. presider's chair
e. lectionary f. processional cross g. Roman missal
h. Stations of the Cross i. crucifix j. statues
k. paschal candle l. pews

1. ___ leads the way in any procession
2. ___ represents Christ; where the Liturgy of the Eucharist takes place
3. ___ cross with the body or corpus of Jesus
4. ___ another name for 'lectern'; where the Liturgy of the Word takes place
5. ___ lit only during the Easter season and for special occasions such as baptisms and funerals
6. ___ are not idols that we worship, but reminders of important saints
7. ___ mark Jesus' journey to Calvary
8. ___ long benches for congregation to sit
9. ___ book of readings for Mass
10. ___ the chair reserved for the priest or the leader of the liturgy
11. ___ book of prayers used at Mass
12. ___ a gold box where consecrated hosts are kept, ready for Eucharistic adoration and communion for the sick

Knight of the Month



The Knight of the Month for October is Bro. Justus deRuiter. Justus is now serving as the Deputy Grand Knight of our council. He is willing to help whenever there is a need and as long as he is available. He has helped with fundraisers with the Beaumont and District Agricultural Society (BADAS). In the past Justus has helped with pancake breakfasts, the presentation of a Knights of Columbus award at Mother d'Youville School, the collection at the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the preparation and serving of food at the parish picnic. He will be volunteering with the delivery of poppy campaign boxes to various Beaumont businesses at the end of October.

Outside of the parish, Bro. Justus is involved with prison ministry at the Edmonton Remand Centre, preparing inmates for the weekend Mass. Thank you, Bro. Justus, for the many ways you contribute to our council, our parish, and the broader community.

Family of the Month



Although they live in Leduc, Joe and Karen Dubreuil and their two teenage children, Benjamin and Cathy, have made St. Vital their home parish. In the last month, Joe has dedicated countless hours to the upgrading of our parish's sound system, purchasing new equipment where necessary and making adjustments so that our sound system is working optimally. He has attended weekend Masses and even weddings so as to measure sound levels and make further adjustments. In the past, Karen, a homeschooling mom, operated the projection of Faith Loops at Mass. The whole family supports our parish dances.

Benjamin is a faithful altar server at the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass and is training to be an MC. Cathy is a proclaimer at Mass. Both have been involved in our parish youth group, The Rock, for several years. Thanks to the Dubreuils for their faithful participation in both liturgy and parish life.

Have You Heard This One?

A man arrives at the gates of heaven.
St. Peter asks, "Religion?"
The man says, "Muslim."
St. Peter looks down his list, and says, "Go to room 24, but be very quiet as you pass room 8."

Another man arrives at the gates of heaven. "Religion?"
"Episcopal, Sir."
"Go to room 18, but be very quiet as you pass room 8."

A third man arrives at the gates. "Religion?"
"Buddhist."
"Go to room 11, but be very quiet as you pass room 8."
The man says, "I can understand there being different rooms for different religions, but why must I be quiet when I pass room 8?"
St. Peter tells him, "Well the Catholics are in room 8, and they think they're the only ones here."

Chalice Child



Let us introduce you to the child that our council sponsors through Chalice Canada. Eight year-old Nidharsan (Nidhar) Sivasakthivel was born in India on February 9, 2018 and is in Grade 3. His favorite subject is literature, but also enjoys drawing and playing football and cricket. He recently participated in a cultural dance competition at school and won third prize! At this time Nidhar hopes to one day be a policeman. We are privileged to support Nidhar and his family through Chalice.

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Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights

November is a month of remembrance. As a council, we organize a memorial mass to pray for our deceased Knights and their families. This year, this mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 12 at St. Vital Church. All parishioners are invited, with a special invitation being extended to the families of these beloved Knights. It has become a tradition to invite a family member of each of the deceased to come forward and light a vigil candle. We also display the plaques that have been made for each of the twenty-one men, such as this one for Réal Bérubé.



Poppy Campaign



For several years Our Lady of the Hill Council has assisted the Legion in Leduc with the distribution of poppy boxes to Beaumont businesses and stores. Poppy boxes are distributed at the end of October and collected shortly after Remembrance Day. Thanks to Bro. Paul Weisenberger, who once again is spearheading this project, as well as to his many volunteers.



Did You Know …?

The halo that is typically drawn around the head of a saint's image was borrowed from the Greeks and Romans who used it to symbolize the divinity of their gods and goddesses. It was also found on Roman coins to distinguish the emperors. Only in the 4th century did Christians begin using the halo to depict the holiness of Jesus and the saints in sacred art. Above, St. Cecilia is depicted with a halo.

Parish Family Dance

On Saturday evening, November 28, a family dance is planned by our K of C family program director, Gerard McLarney, in conjunction with The Rock. This is a great opportunity for families to socialize and, for the young people in particular, to learn and practice various dance steps.

You Were Wondering …

What is 'limbo'?

This term was used by some Catholic theologians until the mid 1960's. The word derives from a Latin word that means 'border' or 'fringe'. It referred to the destiny of infants and children who died before they were baptized. Some religious scholars theorized that there was a 'happy' place or state, not in heaven but on the 'edge' or 'fringe' of it, for these innocent children.

As Catholics we believe that Baptism is necessary for salvation. Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit" (John 3: 5). However, the Church also teaches that Jesus died for the salvation of all, including those who are unbaptized and those who do not know the Gospel. In fact, salvation is there for anyone who seeks God and truth.

God, in his mercy, would never deprive an unbaptized child from experiencing heaven. The fact that the Church celebrates the Feast of Holy Innocents shortly after Christmas each year would support this hope. After finding and worshipping Jesus, the Magi were warned in a dream not to inform Herod of Jesus' whereabouts. Herod realized he had been tricked and, in his anger, ordered the killing of "all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under (Matt. 2:16). It is these innocent children that we remember on December 28. We believe they are now saints in heaven.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs" (Mark 10: 14). This passage gives us the hope that all children, even those unbaptized, will be saved.

Prior to Vatican II, there was no Christian funeral rite for unbaptized infants, and such infants were buried in unconsecrated ground. Since then, there have been liturgical reforms. Now, in the funeral rites for an unbaptized child, we entrust the child to God's mercy and pray that God will "grant him/her a place in your kingdom of peace."

In fact, the concept of *limbo* was never officially part of the Church's Tradition and is a term that is rarely used today. It is not mentioned in the bible nor in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Let Us Pray … for the Dead

Lord Jesus, our Redeemer,
you willingly gave yourself up to death so that all people might be saved and pass from death to new life.

Listen to our prayers, look with love on your people who mourn and pray for our deceased brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, holy and compassionate: forgive their sins.
By dying you unlocked the gates of life
for those who believe in you:
do not let our brothers and sisters be parted from you,
but by your glorious power give them light, joy and peace in heaven where you live and reign forever and ever.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

from *The Glenstal Prayerbook: A Benedictine Book of Prayer*