

Have a Blessed Birthday!

For a list of everyone celebrating a birthday this week please pick up the printed bulletin.



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Loving Us for God

They take pride in our accomplishments, feel joy in our happiness, are saddened during our times of pain, encourage us in all that we strive for and when we feel we can go no further and they are the hand that grabs us and guides us on our way. They are the priests of Catholic University.

Up until the time we enter college our family is entrusted with the responsibility of providing for us so that we may develop into healthy and successful adults. As we grow our family guides us into faith and by example they show us how to love with all that we have and most importantly how to love God in this same way. Our parents are the watchful eye that makes certain we are leading good lives and they instill in us the fundamental values to do so. When we leave home for college, all that our family can do is hope the tools they have given us will continue to guide us. They can find comfort in the knowledge that our trust and love in The Lord will always be there to help us when we are faced with the challenges of college life. Fortunately for the families of the students of CUA their tensions of sending their children off into the real world and our own of being away from our family are eased greatly by the new family we are graciously welcomed into.

We are welcomed into a new family here at CUA and fortunately for us there are more than a few fathers on this campus who are willing and capable of taking on this immense job. They truly love us wholeheartedly just as our parents do. Whether it be the comforting words they spoke to you when you were in need of their guidance, a homily that inspired you, a joke they told you that was so bad it made you laugh, or something as simple as a quick hello and a smile, these holy men have an impact on our lives that we sometimes are unaware of.

We are blessed to have them and though we may not always show it we are enormously grateful to have them in our lives, for every single thing they do as grand or as small as it may be is done for their love of the Lord and the blessings we receive from them are innumerable.

Truly, through their love for God we know first hand what it means to keep Him first, and to love others in His Name. Today is Priest Appreciation Day. We thank God for the gift of the priesthood!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

This Sun	Ex 22:20-26, 1 Thes 1:5c-10, Mt 22:34-40
M	Eph 4:32-5:8, Lk 13:10-17
T	Eph 2:19-22, Lk 6:12-16
W	Eph 6:1-9, Lk 13:22-30
TH	Eph 6:10-20, Lk 13:31-35
F	Phil 1:1-11, Lk 14:1-6
S	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14, 1 Jn 3:1-3, Mt 5:1-12a
Sun	Wis 3:1-9, Rom 5:5-11, Jn 6:37-40

Weekly University Liturgies

Sunday Masses:	11:00 a.m. St. Vincent's Chapel 4:00 p.m. Crypt Church, Basilica 9:00 p.m. St. Vincent's Chapel
Daily Masses (M-F)	12:10 Law School Chapel 12:15 Caldwell Chapel
House Mass	8:00 p.m. every Tuesday
Praise & Worship Adoration	9:00 p.m. Wednesday Caldwell Chapel
Confessions	10:00 p.m. Confessions-Caldwell Chapel
Solemn Adoration	9:00 p.m. Thursday Caldwell Chapel

Announcements



After 8 years of ministry and service at Catholic University, Fr. Brad Heckathorne has been called to serve the people of Jamaica. Please join us in celebration for Fr. Brad's ministry and service to CUA at the **9pm Mass, Sunday October 26th** Cake and hot cocoa immediately following Mass. If it rains, come to Mill South Lounge.

All Souls Day

University Commemoration of the Faithful Departed will take place on Monday, Nov. 3, at 12:15 p.m. with a Memorial Mass in Caldwell Chapel. Remembrance cards can be found online at ministry.cua.edu. Please fill out a remembrance card for your loved ones who you would like to be remembered in Masses in November. For more information, call Campus Ministry at 202-319-5575.

The Catholic Vote: Rights and Responsibilities

The Social Justice Committee

The free exercise of religion is a right that we are fortunate to have; it is a right supported by the Catholic Church and given to us by our status as US citizens. We, as faithful Catholics, have the responsibility to vote with our well-formed conscience. It is up to us as Catholic voters to choose candidates that recognize that politics and social justice have the same ultimate goal: the common good. As Catholics we have a specific view of the common good which takes into consideration all tenants of Catholic Social Teaching. The dignity of the human person is from conception until *natural death* and every moment in between. The preferential option for the poor includes people whose homes have become the streets and families losing their homes due to unjust mortgages. The care for God's creation calls for us to vote for a green future where the sun shines bright on the generations to come. The dignity of work asks us to fight for a living wage for all, which allows us to fulfill the call to participation in family and community. Finally, the tenant of solidarity calls for us to vote for the candidate who will strive for justice on a global scale as well. There is no perfect candidate, specifically one that fulfills the requirements for a truly Catholic vote. It is through our well-formed conscience that we are responsible for deciding how we expect the candidates to act based upon the views that they highlight as their priorities. It may not be easy, but as US Catholics eligible to vote we must take this challenge and give it our full attention.

Help make a Child's Halloween Fun and Safe!

Trick or Treating at the Trailers needs Halloween candy for the Brookland Area Children! Candy or Cash donations are greatly appreciated! Donations can be dropped off in the Campus Ministry office. Any questions contact Wesley at UCAHalloween08@yahoo.com

Looking for something to do Halloween Friday?

Join Centennial Village and The House for a Halloween party in McMahan parking lot and The House. Fall festivities, scary movies, costume contests, and the legend of the Caldwell exorcist room will be exposed and happen this Friday Oct. 31. Questions or concerns contact 43jerome@cua.edu.

Pax Christi Corner - A Student's Perspective

By Chase Nordengren, Treasurer

Chosen people though they were, God demands much of the Israelites in today's first reading: respect for the immigrant, care for the widow and orphan, fairness to the poor. To be chosen is to accept not only God's infinite love but a responsibility towards one another. To fulfill these responsibilities is to love God, to acknowledge that it is but for His grace that we are not orphaned or widowed, that we are not the alien, that we are comfortable. This is the essence of the greatest commandment Christ teaches in today's Gospel: Love the Lord your God with all you have and, in so doing, love your neighbor as yourself.

Catholic social teaching conceptualizes this notion in the Dignity of the Human Person, the belief that our status as children of God and sojourners on the path to salvation gives each of us an inherent worth. "[E]very human being is a person," John XXIII says, "that is, his nature is endowed with intelligence and free will. Indeed, precisely because he is a person he has rights and obligations flowing directly and simultaneously from his very nature." As we gather soon not only to vote but to carry out the many noble acts which make us a Church, may we always see the essential dignity in each person: the unborn, the immigrant, the enemy, the poor.

Pax Christi meets each Thursday at 8:30 in Pryz 342. We share conversation, food and fellowship together and would love for you to join us.