

## Doctrinal Section by Fr. Voelker

At times, to reach a state of perfect integrity a person's intercession or mediation is needed. For example, Moses obtains pardon for the people with a prayer in which he recalls the saving work done by God in the past, and prays for God's fidelity to the oath made to his ancestors (cf. *Ex* 32:30, 11-13). The figure of the Servant of the Lord, outlined in the Book of Isaiah, is also portrayed by his role of intercession and expiation for many; at the end of his suffering he 'will see the light' and 'will justify many', bearing their iniquities (cf. *Is* 52:13-53, 12, especially vv. 53:11).

Psalms 51 can be considered, according to the perspective of the Old Testament, as a synthesis of the process of reintegration: the sinner confesses and recognizes his guilt (v. 3), asking insistently to be purified or 'cleansed' (vv. 2, 9, 10, 17) so as to proclaim the divine praise (v. 15).

In the New Testament Christ is presented as the intercessor who assumes the functions of high priest on the day of expiation (cf. *Heb* 5:7; 7:25). But in him the priesthood is presented in a new and definitive form. He enters the heavenly shrine once and for all, to intercede with God on our behalf (cf. *Heb* 9:23-26, especially, v. 24). He is both priest and 'victim of expiation' for the sins of the whole world (cf. 1 *Jn* 2:2).

Jesus, as the great intercessor who atones for us, will fully reveal himself at the end of our life when he will express himself with the offer of mercy, but also with the inevitable judgement for those who refuse the Father's love and forgiveness.

This offer of mercy does not exclude the duty to present ourselves to God, pure and whole, rich in that love which Paul calls a '[bond] of perfect harmony' (Col 3:14).

In following the Gospel exhortation to be perfect like the heavenly Father (cf. *Mt* 5:48) during our earthly life, we are called to grow in love, to be sound and flawless before God the Father 'at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints' (1 *Thes* 3:12f.). Moreover, we are invited to 'cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit' (2 *Cor* 7:1; cf. 1 *Jn* 3:3), because the encounter with God requires absolute purity.

Every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. Purification must be complete, and indeed this is precisely what is meant by the Church's teaching on *purgatory*. The term does not indicate a place, but a condition of existence. Those who, after death, exist in a state of purification, are already in the love of Christ who removes from them the remnants of imperfection (cf. Ecumenical Council of Florence, *Decretum pro Graecis*: DS 1304; Ecumenical Council of Trent, *Decretum de iustificatione*: DS 1580; *Decretum de purgatorio*: DS 1820).

~St. John Paul II on Purgatory

### What is "Value Them Both?"

**VALUE THEM BOTH** is the proposed state constitutional amendment for life supported by the Catholic Bishops of Kansas. The amendment is crucial because the Kansas Supreme Court recently created a nearly unlimited "right" to abortion, including taxpayer-funded abortion, teens seeking an abortion without parental knowledge or consent and late-term abortions. Once passed, the **VALUE THEM BOTH** will help protect mothers and their unborn babies from the abortion industry. Please pray for passage of **VALUE THEM BOTH**.

### Neighbors News

We have an opportunity to offer a thanksgiving meal for those in our community who are struggling. Here is a list of items Neighbors will need.

Turkey or Turkey Breast  
Boxed Potato  
Stuffing  
Canned Fruit and vegetables  
Money for fresh produce  
Pie

Please have items at Neighbors by Nov. 18th

### Church of the Holy Spirit

Due to COVID, the 16th Annual Spirit Bazaar will be held online this weekend, November 14th and 15th. We have some wonderful vendors lined up to help you start your Christmas shopping and find the perfect gift! They are selling everything from home decor, apparel, jewelry, delicious foods, arts and crafts. <https://bit.ly/spiritbazaar>.

### Save the Date

The 29th Italian Dinner is scheduled for Feb. 13th, 2021. Things will be a little different this year so watch the bulletin for more information. See flyer for lasagna sales information.

### Address

Here is the address for Janice McVicar. Janice will turn 90 on Dec. 15th.

Janice McVicar #131 AL  
Via Christi Village  
3636 N. Ridge Road  
Wichita, KS 67205

### Flocknote

The office is currently setting up "Flocknote". This is a communication app that will make sending emails and texts to parish members a lot simpler. Keep watching for more details!

## Mass Volunteer Schedule, November 2020

7 & 8	Lector	Cantor	Collection Counters
5:30 PM	Marvin Neises		
8:30 AM	Jean Anne Gleason	Liz Wasson	
11:00 AM	David Wendling		Mike Armendariz & David Wendling
14 & 15	Lector	Cantor	Collection Counters
5:30 PM	Carol Denno		
8:30 AM	Ruthe Spexarth	Liz Wasson	
11:00 AM	Tessa Wendling		Elaine Robinson & Pat Howard
21 & 22	Lector	Cantor	Collection Counters
5:30 PM	William Wendling		
8:30 AM	Kirk Bridges	Carrie Bridges	
11:00 AM	Joe Gerber		JonAnn Duffek & Greg Weninger
31 & 1	Lector	Cantor	Collection Counters
5:30 PM	Marvin Neises		
8:30 AM	Jean Anne Gleason	Carrie Bridges	
11:00 AM	CYM	CYM	Barb Ward & Elaine Robinson
If you cannot be there on your given day, please find your replacement. Thank you for your stewardship.			

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

**No Mass**

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

**5:30pm +Catherine Gonzales** by SH Grief Ministry

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**8:00am +Shaun Corcoran** by Joe & Joann Bergkamp

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**8:00am +Butch Spexarth** by Josh & Vivian Talbott

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**8:00am +Bill & Mary Kellnhofer** by William & Judy Laflin

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

**5:30pm +Martina Chavez** by Larry & Carol Denno

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

**8:30am +Michael Duron** by Joe & Joann Bergkamp

**11:00am People of the Parish**

## Dates to Remember:

**Altar Society:** 2nd Wed, 7pm, Parish Center

**Anointing of the Sick:** 1st Tue. during 5:30pm Mass

**Confirmation:** Wed. May 5th, 2021 6:30pm SHCC

**CYM:** Postponed till further notice

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Mon 8am till Wed 7am

(Rachel Gomez Coordinator - 316-830-6262)

**Finance Council:** TBD

**First Communion:** May 2nd, 2021 11am Mass

**Italian Dinner:** Sat. Feb. 13th, 2021

**Italian Dinner Comm:** Jan 13, 6:30pm Parish Center

**K of C:** 4th Mon, 7:30pm, Hensley House

**Ladies Breakfast:** 1st Thur, Golden Harvest 8:30am

**Pastoral Council Mtg:** TBD

**PSR:** Sun, 9:45am -10:45am,

**Stewardship Mtg:** TBD

## Sick and Homebound

Carolyn Armendariz	Lynndell King
Larry Ayala	Ronda Meyer
Margaret Bergkamp	Bentley Sanchez
Kirk Bridges	John Spexarth
Pat Breckunitch	Irene Stone
Mary Ann Bumm	Jim Vaughn
Shelly Drake	Mary Walters
Charlene DesCoteaux	Kenny Weber
Anthony Gomez	Christine Wright
Marsha Grattan	
Katherina Gripp	All of our Care Home Residents

## Souls of the Faithful Departed

Martina Chavez 10/2020  
Shaun Corcoran 4/2020  
Michael Duron 3/2020  
Catherine Gonzales 9/2020  
Francis Landwehr 5/2020  
John Redinger 8/2020  
Butch Spexarth  
Mary Alice Takacs  
Alec Tillman 7/2020  
Norma Wendling 5/2020



**Please Pray for our  
Service Personnel**



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**November 15, 2020 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Mass Schedule

**Daily Mass:** See Schedule on back under Mass Intentions

**Weekend Mass Schedule:** Saturday 5:30pm & Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am

**Confessions:** Saturday 4pm - 5pm

## Weekday Mass Schedule

See Schedule on back under MASS INTENTIONS

## COLLECTION COUNTERS

**Nov 15:** Elaine Robinson & Barb Ward

**Nov 22:** JonAnn Duffek & Greg Weninger

Counters, please note the collection counting room has moved to the small classroom.

**Collection for November 8th:** \$6,702 **Online Oct.** \$1,900.00  
Please place Sunday offerings in the offertory box as you enter the church for Mass.

## Cleaning Schedule (Nov 16 - 21)

**Front Entrance of Parish Center:** Jean Anne Gleason

**Main Church Cleaning:** Barb Ward

**Church Basement Cleaning:** Mark & Erica Denno

**Wendling House:** Ruth Smith

**Hensley House:** Elaine Robinson

**Parish Hall:** Mike Hull & Nina Wendling

**Mow Parish Center & Leaf Removal:** Marvin Neises, Cory Harrington

## Pray Together Missal

There are missals in the back of church for you to take home & bring with you to Mass.