

## “For God So Loved the World...”

**W**hen we hear this phrase from John 3:16, we think of God’s love for human beings—and rightly so. However, today’s first reading reminds us that God’s love is much broader. This reading offers us a glimpse into God’s love of all natural creation. The Greek word translated “world,” the word found in the passage from John as well as today’s reading, is *kósmos*, a word we think of today as “universe.” So we could say: “God so loved the cosmos.”

The author of the Book of Wisdom insists that God loves whatever God has made; that the power of the Creator is matched by the Creator’s love; and that this love is manifested through mercy to all. We are accustomed to hearing how God cares for us with holy abandon. This reading expands that love to include a tiny grain of sand or the morning dew. An even more daring statement claims that God’s imperishable spirit is in all things. How else could anything exist? This fact is the basis of what is referred to as “the intrinsic value of the entire natural world,” which means that everything has unique value simply because it was created by God—not because we can use it to enhance ourselves.

This kind of thinking might be new to many. However, it calls us to revere elements of nature like trees, flowers, wolves, and even mosquitos, because they are creatures of God. Our faith insists that “God so loved the cosmos.” —*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- \* *Read the first reading slowly and thoughtfully. What new thinking does it suggest for you?*
- \* *Think of how dependent you are on earth, water, air, and plants, for example, and give thanks.*

*For you [the Lord] love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made;  
for you would not fashion what you hate.*

WISDOM 11:24





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9:30 am — 10:30 am at Cherry Church Hall  
Sunday, October 30th — K thru 4th grades  
Sunday, November 6th — 5th thru 8th grades

**Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of October 31, 2022**

Monday	10/31			+ No Mass
Tuesday	11/1	8:00 am	STM — All Saints	+ For the Parishioners
Tuesday	11/1	5:30 pm	HT — All Saints	+ Alan Hahn
Wednesday	11/2	8:00 am	STM	+ Dominic & Dorothy Orlandi
Wednesday	11/2	10:00 am	SP	+ Laurence Fonderoli
Wednesday	11/2	5:30 pm	HT (Rosary before mass)	+ All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	11/3	9:00 am	HT	+ Nellie Cattani
Friday	11/4	8:00 am	STM	+ Liz Olivero

**Mass Intentions for the weekend of November 5-6, 2022**

Saturday	11/5	4:00 pm	St. Thomas More	+ Julie Taliani
Sunday	11/6	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ Joyce Hoscheid
		10:30 am	St. Patrick	+ Barb Hild
		5:00 pm	St. Thomas More	+ For the Parishioners

# Saint Martin de Porres ~ Feast Day November 3rd

On Nov. 3, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of St. Martin de Porres, a Peruvian Dominican brother who lived a life of humble service and charity and became the first black saint of the Americas.

Here are 7 fascinating facts about this inspiring saint.

1. His father refused to acknowledge him (father Spanish nobleman/mother black slave)
2. He started practicing medicine before he was 13
3. He faced discrimination as a Dominican (because of his mixed race)
4. He levitated and bilocated
5. He refused to eat meat (Martin loved animals/ran a vet hospital)
6. He is the patron saint of multiple manual labor occupations (barbers, the sick, and street cleaners)
7. He was canonized more than 300 years after his death (died 11-3-1639 at age 60/canonized 5-16-1962)



## November - Month of Holy Souls in Purgatory

Catholics should pray for the dead throughout the year, especially on the anniversary of their death. In this Month of the Holy Souls, daily prayers should be said for the dead. Those that wish to participate should start with those closest to them—like their mother and father, for instance—but they should also offer prayers for all the souls, and especially for those most forsaken.

Christians believe that the Holy Souls for whom they pray will continue to pray for them after they have been released from Purgatory. Followers of the faith believe that they, too, will likely find themselves in Purgatory someday and that their acts of charity toward the Holy Souls there now will ensure that they remember them before the throne of God when they are most in need of prayers. It's a comforting thought for many, and one that encourages many Catholics, especially during the month of November, to offer their prayers for the Holy Souls.

### *Elisha, Shepherdess*

Meet Emanuele Fontanini of the world-renowned House of Fontanini – makers of Italian nativities for more than 110 years. This exclusive figure is only available at stores hosting a tour stop and can be signed at the event.



Fri, Nov 25, 2022 | 12 pm — 2 pm  
4517 N Sterling ~ Peoria IL



Diocesan Wide Ultreya Saturday Nov 5th beginning at 5 pm, Cathedral of St. Mary, 607 NE Madison Ave, Peoria. Theme is "In God's Time". Speaker-Deacon Rick Miller. Celebrant- Bishop Lou Tylka. Guests and families are welcome. Contact person- Ray Aubry, phone- 815 433-4733, email- [rraubry@yahoo.com](mailto:rraubry@yahoo.com)

The next Ultreya for Illinois Valley Cursillo is Saturday Nov. 12th. Potluck begins at 6 pm followed by Mass in the church at 7:30 pm. Kim Santman will speak on the topic of "Communion of Saints" at the Nov 12th Ultreya.

## LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND OCT 23RD

HT – \$953.00  
SP – \$389.00  
STM – \$739.00

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



## CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS WILL BE SAT. NOV 5TH 10:30 – 11:15 AM AT ST THOMAS MORE IN THE HALL

# Dear Padre,

**My aunt has terminal cancer. Her doctors have advised her to stop chemotherapy and begin palliative care, but she says that's equivalent to assisted suicide. Is that what the Church thinks?**

**P**alliative care doesn't prolong life, but neither does it cause life to end. The bishops are quite clear that palliative care is neither euthanasia nor assisted suicide, both of which are always sinful.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says treating or not treating a patient in a way that will cause death is always murder (CCC 2277). However, a patient's choice to discontinue "burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary" treatment "can be legitimate" when it's done not to cause death, but in recognition of "one's inability to impede it" (CCC 2278). But even when death seems to be close, "ordinary care" that would be given to any sick person cannot be interrupted (CCC 2279).

Palliative care does not cause death. It gives terminally ill people spiritual support and relief from their physical symptoms. An excellent resource on this topic, "Killing the Pain, Not the Patient: Palliative Care vs. Assisted Suicide," is available at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

The *Catechism* says palliative care "should be encouraged" (CCC 2279). It helps the dying person and the family focus on the gift of life and the blessing each person is. The patient who legitimately chooses palliative care is not waiting to die but rather living those last moments to the fullest and as comfortably as possible.

*Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR*  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Even if we know that we cannot always guarantee healing or a cure, we can and must always care for the living, without ourselves shortening their life, but also without futilely resisting their death. This approach is reflected in palliative care, which...opposes what makes death most terrifying and unwelcome—pain and loneliness.*

MESSAGE TO WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, NOVEMBER 7, 2017



## Calendar

**Monday**  
OCTOBER 31  
Weekday  
Phil 2:1–4  
Lk 14:12–14

**Tuesday**  
NOVEMBER 1  
All Saints  
Rv 7:2–4, 9–14  
1 Jn 3:1–3  
Mt 5:1–12a

**Wednesday**  
NOVEMBER 2  
Commemoration of  
All the Faithful Departed  
(All Souls' Day)  
Any readings from  
no. 668 or from the  
Masses for the Dead

**Thursday**  
NOVEMBER 3  
Weekday  
Phil 3:3–8a  
Lk 15:1–10

**Friday**  
NOVEMBER 4  
St. Charles Borromeo,  
Bishop  
Phil 3:17–4:1  
Lk 16:1–8

**Saturday**  
NOVEMBER 5  
Weekday  
Phil 4:10–19  
Lk 16:9–15

**Sunday**  
NOVEMBER 6  
Thirty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
2 Mc 7:1–2, 9–14  
2 Thes 2:16–3:5  
Lk 20:27–38  
or 20:27, 34–38