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BLAZING LIKE AN OVEN,
WHEN ALL THE PROUD
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MALACHI 3:19

**THIRTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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We are committed to "building up the Body of Christ" through Word, Worship, Evangelization, Leadership, Service, Stewardship, and Fellowship. Dedicated to deepening our love of Christ and one another, together we strive to become a living reflection of Christ for our region.

We willingly accept our obligation to be the "Light of the World" for others and in that spirit we promise to use our resources to practice gospel justice, to heal divisive wounds among God's people and to join with all people of good will in addressing the spiritual and physical needs of all.

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All bulletin submissions must be and turned into the parish office by Monday, 12:00 noon.

Mass Times**Monday**

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

Tuesday

8:30AM.....Christ the King

Wednesday

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

Thursday

8:30 AM.....Christ the King
Second Thursday of the month (Anointing Mass)
12:10 PM.....Christ the King

Friday

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude
9:00 AM – 10: 00AM (Holy Hour)

Saturday

8:30 AM.....Christ the King
9:00 AM – 10: 00AM (Holy Hour)
4:00 PM.....St. Gertrude
5:30 PM.....Christ the King

Sunday

8:00 AM.....St. Gertrude
9:30 AM.....Christ the King
10:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:15 PM-3:45 PM.....St. Gertrude
Saturday, 9:00 AM.....Christ the King
(or by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the anticipated date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Preparation Class
Second Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM at Christ the King. Must be scheduled in advance.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS OF OUR PARISHES.

**MATTERS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT INFORMATION**

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, November 14

8:30 AM Susan Molinaro

Wednesday, November 16

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

8:30 AM Poor Souls

Friday, November 18

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

8:30 AM Poor Souls

**OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

Saturday, November 19

4:00 PM Fedele, Eliza and Bill Mendicino

Sunday, November 20

8:00 AM Lenny Calderone

10:30 AM For the Parish

WE NEED YOUR HELP

St Gertrude Church has an active conference of the St Vincent dePaul Society. SVDP assists approximately 15 families per month in Vandergrift and Allegheny Twp. The organization provides food, clothing, utility and rental assistance, to needy families. The organization's primary source of funding is a monthly stipend from the SVDP Thrift Store located in Apollo. With the stressors of the present economy, SVDP is experiencing a critical need for additional funding. IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY, A DONATION CAN BE PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE, MARKED SVDP, AND DROPPED IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET, OR PLACED IN THE POOR BOXES, WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE vestibule and side entrances of St Gertrude Church. One hundred percent of the donations received will be used to aid needy children and adults in our community. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to this organization.

CD of CANDY BARS

The Catholic Daughters of America (CDA) will be selling Sarris candy bars (\$1 each) after 4 PM Masses and 10:30 AM Masses the month of November. Thank you to our parishioners who have been generously supporting our fundraiser.

Also if there are women over the age of 18 interested in joining the CDA, please call Kathy Policicchio at (724) 777-1220 or Adele Ameno at (724) 388-6500.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 19 & 20	(EM)	(L)	(AS)
Saturday 4:00 PM	Gerri Michela	Sue Iagnemma	Maria Safranyos
Sunday 8:00 AM	Patty Kiebler	Fran Milie	Art Ambrose
Sunday 10:30 AM	Fran Milie	Crystal Dellemonache	Dom/Rachael

Weekly Collections

November 5 & November 6

Weekly Offertory	\$ 7,086.50
Loose	\$ 417.50
Restoration	\$ 216.00
Accent	\$ 20.00
All Saints	\$ 615.00
All Souls	\$ 289.00
Retired Religious	\$1,235.00
Votives	\$ 165.00

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of the recently deceased

Ernest Pomatto

May the consolation of the Lord be with his family

MERCY LUNCH COMMITTEE REVIVAL

In 2006 a group of St. Gertrude's women started the Mercy Lunch Committee. It was initiated to provide our parishioners with the opportunity of having their funeral luncheon in their home parish social hall. The family would hire a caterer to prepare the food and the Committee would arrange the guest tables, with tablecloths and center pieces. Also, setting individual tables for food, beverages, and desserts. The Committee would assist the caterer to make the funeral luncheon as nice as possible for the bereaved family.

Due to COVID restrictions and regulations, the last Mercy Luncheon was held in 2020.

We would like to revive this Committee and begin offering our parishioners the opportunity to have their funeral luncheon once again in their home parish hall. Anyone interested in joining this Committee can do so by calling Ida Lucas 724-882-6439. Thank you for your consideration.

Christ the King Parish

Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, November 15

St. Albert the Great

8:30 AM All Souls

Thursday, November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:30 AM Aldo and Rose Pacchioni
by Family

**OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

Saturday, November 19

8:30 AM For the Parish

5:30 PM John Zanolli
by Wife Woodine

Sunday, November 20

9:30 AM All Souls

Rest In Peace

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased
Mary Ann Letterio and Constance Defrances
May the consolation of the Lord be with their families.*

CRESCENT ROLLS

\$6.50 a dozen

PICK UP: November 15th

NOON - 4:30 PM

AFTER MASS SOCIALS ASSUMPTION HALL

Saturday, Nov. 19th
Pizza



Sunday, Nov. 20th
Coffee and Donuts



CD OF A CANDY BAR SALE at CTK

The Catholic Daughters of America (CDA) will be selling Sarris candy bars (\$1 each) after 9:30 am Mass on November 20th. Please help to support this fundraiser.

Also if there are women over the age of 18 interested in joining the CDA, please call Kathy Policicchio at (724) 777-1220 or Adele Ameno at (724) 388-6500. We would love to have CTK women parishioners join our group.



Christ the King Parish will again be sponsoring a Giving Tree for children this Christmas season. Please watch for details in upcoming bulletins. Thank you!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 19 & 20	GREETERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINSTER
Saturday 5:30 PM		Margie Stull	Pam Pastiva
Sunday 9:30 AM	John Lucjak	Valarie Zanolli	Carol Ferretti

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED

The Hospitality Ministry offers a unique opportunity to serve God through participation in Holy Mass, as well as service to others. There are many functions performed by Hospitality Ministers - among these are the following:

- Greeting parishioners before Mass and distributing bulletins after mass.
- Preparing the collection baskets for the offertory, taking up the collection and securing the offertory.
- Coordinating a family to bring the gifts to the altar.
- Ushering parishioners to receive the Eucharist and assisting parishioners who request assistance to receive the Eucharist.
- Maintaining a respectful and orderly environment during Mass and assisting with unplanned incidents that may occur.

We welcome (men, women and mature youth) and encourage you to prayerfully consider serving. Call or email Sharon at the church office if you are interested or have any questions.

Weekly Collections

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November 5 & November 6

Adult	\$ 3,779.50
Monthly	\$ 700.00
Loose	\$ 146.00
Votives	\$ 102.00
Cemetery	\$ 10.00
All Saints	\$ 559.00
All Souls	\$ 716.00
World Mission	\$ 5.00
Retired Religious	\$ 845.00

**Sincere thanks for your financial stewardship.
✱ Please remember your parish in your will. ✱**

Fall 2022 Calendar

Please note that this is an updated calendar

Session Dates

Faith Formation:

November—20th

December—1st (Advent Walk Practice), 4th (Advent Walk), 18th

*****Parents are expected to work with their child(ren) on assigned homework during the Parent-led week.***

First Reconciliation—Attention Parents of 2nd graders: For those registered in our Immediate Preparation program there is a First Reconciliation Parent meeting/workshop at the Divine Redeemer School and Christ Prince of Peace for the Christ the King/St. Gertrude/Christ Prince of Peace/St. Lawrence second graders and their parents on Saturday, December 10th, 2022 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Please arrive at the Divine Redeemer School by 10:00 AM to check in. First Reconciliation will take place at the Regional Penance Service on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 PM.

Youth Ministry:

Every week until December 18th

Save the date: Confirmation parent/teen meeting for those registered in the Confirmation program. Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 PM at St. Gertrude Hall.

***We are looking for volunteers for our annual Advent Walk; an intergenerational Advent meditative prayer service which will be held on Sunday, December 4th at Christ the King at 5:30 PM. Please contact the Faith Formation Office to register to help. The practice is scheduled for Thursday, December 1st at Christ the King at 6:00 PM.



“ THE PAJAMA & BOOK PROJECT”

The Rotary Club of Leechburg and the Leechburg HS Interact Club is sponsoring “ The Pajama & Book Drive” from November 15th thru December 14th in the Leechburg Area. We are asking for donations of New Pajamas and/or a New Child’s Book. The Pajamas can be All Sizes-, Infants’, Children’s, Womens and Men’s sleep pants. Donations may be placed in collection boxes located in several Leechburg businesses and local churches. Monetary donations may be sent to “The Rotary Club of Leechburg”, PO Box 163, Leechburg, PA 15656”. Pajamas and books will be sent to HAVIN, CYFS of Armstrong County, Life Choices, and The Mechling/Shakely Veteran’s Center in time for Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



VETERANS DAY CONCERT

The Kiski Valley Community Band will present a free Veterans Day concert at 3 PM on Sunday, Nov. 13 at the Leechburg Elks, 228 Market St., Leechburg. Please use the side entrance.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

Beginning December 1, 2022 Mass intentions may be scheduled ONE MONTH PRIOR to the month in which you would like a Mass said. For example: if you would like a Mass scheduled for any day in January 2023, the earliest you may do so is December 1 (one month prior to January).

Additionally, due to the limited number of weekend Masses, only ONE weekend Mass a YEAR for a deceased family member or special intention may be scheduled.

SVC BENEDICTINE SCHOLARSHIP (ST. GERTRUDE AND CHRIST THE KING PARISHES)

Saint Vincent College is again offering a Benedictine Scholarship of \$2,000 per year for four years to students from our parishes. This award will be in addition to other scholarship/grant aid from the College. The deadline to apply is January 1, 2023 with a letter of recommendation for the pastor. www.st.vincent.edu/apply



ADVENT WALK

12/04/2022

Christ the King Parish

125 Park Road, Leechburg, 15656

The Advent walk is a youth-led meditative and interactive evening that helps us to prepare our hearts for the birth of our Lord. The youth are members at Christ the King, Christ Prince of Peace, St. Gertrude and St. Lawrence Parishes. The walk will be indoors except for a few minutes where we will be standing underneath a portico. There will be minimal walking involved. This counts as our Faith Formation/Youth Ministry session. The practice is 12/1 at 6:00 PM.

5:30 UNTIL ABOUT 7:00 PM

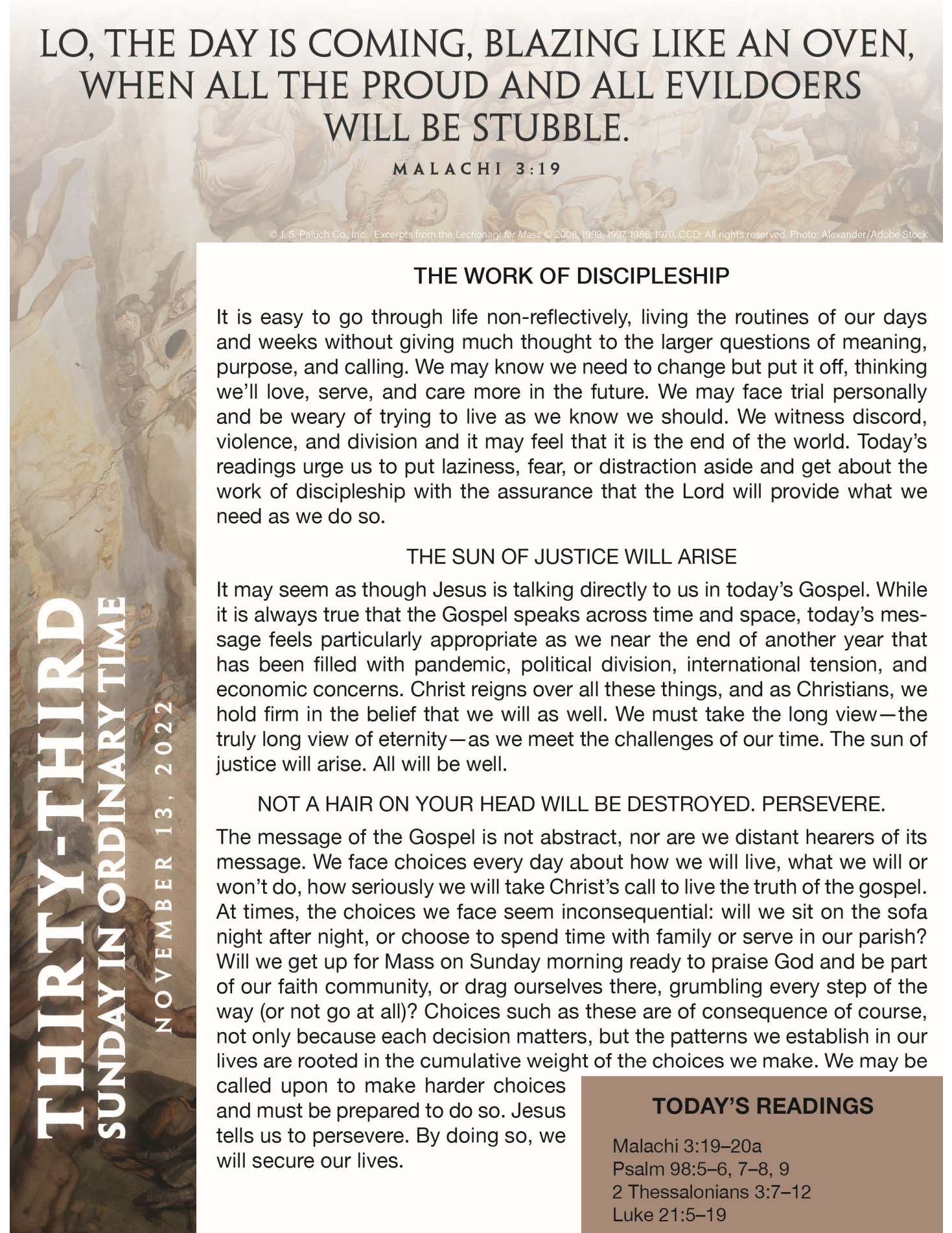
WITH A SOCIAL TO FOLLOW

Questions? Want to volunteer?

Contact Katie Tylinski

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(mobile)

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THE WORK OF DISCIPLESHIP

It is easy to go through life non-reflectively, living the routines of our days and weeks without giving much thought to the larger questions of meaning, purpose, and calling. We may know we need to change but put it off, thinking we'll love, serve, and care more in the future. We may face trial personally and be weary of trying to live as we know we should. We witness discord, violence, and division and it may feel that it is the end of the world. Today's readings urge us to put laziness, fear, or distraction aside and get about the work of discipleship with the assurance that the Lord will provide what we need as we do so.

THE SUN OF JUSTICE WILL ARISE

It may seem as though Jesus is talking directly to us in today's Gospel. While it is always true that the Gospel speaks across time and space, today's message feels particularly appropriate as we near the end of another year that has been filled with pandemic, political division, international tension, and economic concerns. Christ reigns over all these things, and as Christians, we hold firm in the belief that we will as well. We must take the long view—the truly long view of eternity—as we meet the challenges of our time. The sun of justice will arise. All will be well.

NOT A HAIR ON YOUR HEAD WILL BE DESTROYED. PERSEVERE.

The message of the Gospel is not abstract, nor are we distant hearers of its message. We face choices every day about how we will live, what we will or won't do, how seriously we will take Christ's call to live the truth of the gospel. At times, the choices we face seem inconsequential: will we sit on the sofa night after night, or choose to spend time with family or serve in our parish? Will we get up for Mass on Sunday morning ready to praise God and be part of our faith community, or drag ourselves there, grumbling every step of the way (or not go at all)? Choices such as these are of consequence of course, not only because each decision matters, but the patterns we establish in our lives are rooted in the cumulative weight of the choices we make. We may be called upon to make harder choices and must be prepared to do so. Jesus tells us to persevere. By doing so, we will secure our lives.

TODAY'S READINGS

Malachi 3:19–20a
Psalm 98:5–6, 7–8, 9
2 Thessalonians 3:7–12
Luke 21:5–19

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