



Preparatory Sunday Homilies

To be incorporated into the homily on any (or at least one) of these upcoming Sundays; could also be adapted as an announcement at the end of Mass made by the pastor or other parish leader.

Oct 13, 2024 (28th Sunday of Ordinary Time B)

- On November 24th, our parish will join other parishes throughout the archdiocese in celebrating Together Sunday. This is an opportunity to welcome back those Catholics who – for whatever reason - may have been away from the Church in recent years.
- It's up to each of us to invite someone to join us at Mass on November 24th; perhaps a neighbor, an adult child, a close friend...anyone we've missed at Sunday Mass recently, even perhaps since the pandemic.
- In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that anything is possible with God. God can give us the courage to invite someone to join us at Mass, even if it's not something we're comfortable doing on our own.
- Jesus teaches that those who make sacrifices will receive more than they can imagine; asking a friend, a neighbor, a family member who's been away from the Church to make a small sacrifice of about an hour one Sunday could yield spiritual benefits beyond their wildest dreams.
- I hope you'll find a way to contribute to our parish's efforts to welcome everyone on November 24th. There's information about how to take a special role in the bulletin/on the website/in the weekly email/etc. Even just something simple like helping to greet people at the door, or serve food at the reception after Mass, etc. would be wonderful!

October 27, 2024 (30th Sunday of Ordinary Time B)

- As I've mentioned earlier, on November 24th, our parish will join other parishes throughout the archdiocese in celebrating Together Sunday. This is an opportunity to welcome back those Catholics who – for whatever reason - may have been away from the Church in recent years.
- It's up to each of us to invite someone to join us at Mass on November 24th; perhaps a neighbor, an adult child, a close friend...anyone we've missed at Sunday Mass recently, even perhaps since the pandemic.
- In today's Gospel, the blind man wants to see Jesus...to know Him...and Jesus meets him and heals him...without judgment, without questioning. Christ can do the same for all of us if we come to Him.

- As you invite someone to join us on that day, follow the lead of those who went out of their way to find the blind man and bring him to Jesus. Can we summon the courage to invite just one person to join us for Mass on November 24th?
- I hope you'll find a way to contribute to our parish's efforts to welcome everyone on November 24th. There's information about how to take a special role in the bulletin/on the website/in the weekly email/etc. Even just something simple like helping to greet people at the door, or serve food at the reception after Mass, etc. would be wonderful!

November 10, 2024 (32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time B)

- As I've mentioned earlier, on November 24th, our parish will join other parishes throughout the archdiocese in celebrating Together Sunday. This is an opportunity to welcome back those Catholics who – for whatever reason - may have been away from the Church in recent years.
- It's up to each of us to invite someone to join us at Mass on November 24th; perhaps a neighbor, an adult child, a close friend...anyone we've missed at Sunday Mass recently, even perhaps since the pandemic.
- The psalmist proclaims the many wonders that God does for us: none are more wondrous than the miracle of His gift of self that we receive at Mass...in the Word proclaimed in His Body and Blood we share.
- As you invite someone to join us on that day, be like the poor woman who makes even a small sacrifice and make just a small sacrifice of your time and energy. Think about someone who you miss at Church and take a moment to genuinely invite them to join you.
- I hope you'll find a way to contribute to our parish's efforts to welcome everyone on November 24th. There's information about how to take a special role in the bulletin/on the website/in the weekly email/etc. Even just something simple like helping to greet people at the door, or serve food at the reception after Mass, etc. would be wonderful!