

## Thank You

Thank You to all who have participated in the 2019 Box of Joy project. Our parish has turned in 60 Boxes of Joy this year. I pray that you had a wonderful & inspiring experience as you packed each box.

May God bless each one of you abundantly.

With much appreciation,

Ruby



**Save – the – Date  
December 15, 2019**

Following the 11am Mass on 12/15/19 we will have a Church Christmas Luncheon. Please bring a side dish or dessert and the church will supply the meats and drinks. This will be a happy time to celebrate the birth of Christ.



## Lawn Party Leader Needed

The traditional date for the lawn party is the 4th Sunday in April. This year that date is April 26th. Much planning is required for this event so a leader needs to be named soon. Please speak to Fr. Marcin or contact the church office to fill this position.

Final Bake Sale Fundraiser for Benefit Night 2019 will be next weekend Nov 23rd and 24th after each of the Latin Masses (excluding the Latin Mass). This bake sale will coincide perfectly with Thanksgiving! Please bring your goodies and your cash and help us with this last effort to cover some of the costs of Benefit Night 2019. Contact Sallie Washington

**Our Lady of Lourdes  
Parish Hall**

**Tuesday  
at 6PM**



Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish

Liturgy  
Committee



Altar  
Society

*Pray the Rosary and read the Bible daily.*

**MOBILE TASKMASTERS**

**Pressure Washing- Pet Services  
Odd Jobs**

**251-382-0508**

*A Night  
To Remember*

Results from Benefit Night 2019 will be published in the bulletin no later than December 15th.

*If you would like to have a red votive for a prayer candle in your home, please contact the church office and one can be ordered for you. The red votives in the church should not be taken from the stands.*

*Thank you*

## Marriage Banns



*This is the third of three banns announcing the upcoming nuptials between:*

James Ollinger  
(Our Lady of Lourdes)  
and  
Elizabeth Grayson  
McDermott  
(St. Ignatius)

## Pray For Our Active Military

Austin Booth  
Army

Dominic French  
Army

Jordan Guidry  
Marines

Austin M. Goodin  
Marines

Fr. Paul A. Halladay  
Major US Army

Matthew Ladnier  
Coast Guard

Kenneth L. McAlman  
1st Lt. US Army

Captain Alex Mileszko  
Army

Corie Demetri Mitchell  
Army

Kevin O'Rourke  
Coast Guard

Sam Schoolfield Jr.  
Marine Reserves

Sam Schoolfield Sr.  
Marines

Jerrick Thompson  
Army Reserves

## 2019 Collections

### Regular & Holy Days Collection

11/10/19 \$2,336.00

**2019 Total Regular Collection  
\$172,193.94**

### Parish Projects

11/10/19 \$90.00

**2019 Total Parish Project Collection  
\$41,230.00**

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish



**NOVEMBER 17  
2019  
33RD SUNDAY  
ORDINARY TIME**

## Keeping the End in Mind

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the readings prepare us for the conclusion of our earthly pilgrimage. In this Sistine Chapel fresco, Moses is punishing the rebellious Israelites who were acting as priests without being authorized by him or called by God.

This chaotic scene seems similar to what Jesus describes of the end times in today's Gospel. He warns us not to follow false prophets who will arise and claim to come in his name. He prophesies a time of war, natural disasters, famines, and plagues. Persecution will fall upon his followers, allowing them the chance to give testimony—martyrion in Greek. Jesus' monitions for that time are simple: do not follow false prophets or prepare a defense, but persevere instead. In the section "I Believe in Life Everlasting," the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* also speaks to us about the last times. We believe in heaven, hell, and a

personal, universal judgment. These last things await us all, and Jesus doesn't keep us in the dark about these realities.

We don't know when the end times may come. But regardless, our call is to live prepared by fulfilling God's will and trusting in him. Jesus clearly wants us to be aware of the end of the world, but he doesn't want us to be overly anxious about it. If we are in Christ, we are already a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold the new has come. Be not afraid!  
—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*Do I live soberly, knowing that I am heading toward an end that is both certain and wrapped in God's mercy?*

*Is there anything I should adjust in my lifestyle to be better prepared for my definitive encounter with God?*



Piece: Punishment of the Rebels, 1480-1482  
Artist: Sandro Botticelli  
Location: Sistine Chapel

*[Jesus said,] "You will be hated by all because of my name, but...by your perseverance you will secure your lives."*

*Luke 21:17-19*

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY  
VIGIL MASS  
5:30PM**

**SUNDAY  
MASS  
8:30AM & 11:00AM**

**LATIN MASS  
6:00 PM**

**MONDAY  
COMMUNION SERVICE  
8:00AM**

**TUESDAY  
MASS  
5:30PM**

**WEDNESDAY  
MASS  
8:00AM**

**THURSDAY  
MASS  
8:00AM**

**FRIDAY  
MASS  
8:00AM**

### MONTHLY

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION  
8:30AM TO NOON**

**FIRST SATURDAY  
MASS  
8AM**

**FIRST WEEKEND  
ALL MASSES**

**LITANY TO THE SACRED  
HEART OF JESUS**

**HOLY DAYS & SOLEMNITIES  
8:00AM & 6:00PM**

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION  
SATURDAY  
4:30PM-5:15PM  
OR BY APPOINTMENT**



St. Vincent de Paul Parish invites you to join us for an afternoon of inspiration with

# KITTY CLEVELAND

Catholic singer/songwriter and inspirational speaker **Kitty Cleveland** has released 12 CDs of music and prayer over the last 15 years, including two CDs with Lighthouse Catholic Media. She has appeared numerous times on Catholic television, radio, in concert and as a keynote speaker throughout North America and in Europe, sharing her unique ministry of song and testimony with humor and grace.

Come be inspired and encouraged in your own journey as she tells how God worked a profound miracle in her life, but only after she and her family learned how to surrender to the Divine Providence of God.

*"Kitty's love for the Lord and for her Catholic faith was palpable, and she left us all uplifted and encouraged with her message and music."*

Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila,  
Archbishop of Denver



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019**  
**LUNCH AFTER 11:00 AM MASS**  
**EVENT 1:00 - 3:30 PM**

**TICKETS: \$25**  
**(CALL PARISH: (251) 661-3908)**

**Only 200 tickets available! Proceeds benefit our Life Teen Summer Camp Retreat.**

**St. Vincent Catholic Church**  
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**Church Office Hours**  
Tuesday-Friday 8:30am to 4:30 pm  
Lunch Daily at 1:00pm  
**Pastor's Office Hours**  
By Appointment

## Prayer List

Rhonda Adams, Tim Anderson, Dale Andrews, Karen Andrews, Richard Anthony, Margaret Arns, Vivian Bacot, Bob Balzli, Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Dorothy Bertagnoli, Don Bertagnoli, Chloe Beshears, Bodeem Blankenship, Blake Blackston, Bethany Ann Boltz, Clement Boney, Toni Boney, Logan Bowers, Eddie Booth Jr, Sara Bratt, Kateria Brewer, Jason Brown, Jean Brown, Paul Burch, Sr., Pat Burch, John Buhring, Lorrie Burgess, Conrad Burkhardt, David Burris, Marguerite Burris, Bea Burton, McKenzie Butterwick, Boatie Campbell, Wendi Campbell, Frankie Cayton, Ami Cheatham, Eileen Chestang, Mary Myers Clark, Rick Claxton, Theresa Coleman, Garrett Colvin, Evelyn Cooper, Helen Couch, Anita Cowart, Claudia Daniel, Patricia Davis, Susie DeWitt, Teresa Dezenburg, Lemuel Dickinson, Daniel Dorrierty, Roberta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, John Dumas, John Edwards, Josh Ellis, George Erickson, Johnny Finch, Lynne Floyes, Raymond Floyes, Ellyn Fowler, Louise Frontz, Randy Fuller, Janet Gafford, Tim Frontz, Logan Frye, Ron Garrick, Tony Golemon, Guillermo Gomez, Marilu Gomez, Joyce Goodman, Walter Grimes, Richard Guess, Greg Hampton, Irene Guess, Margaret Guess, Colleen Hill, Kate Hodge, Diana Holifield, Keith Holified, Randy Hooks, Buddy Hulgan, Alaina Hulsey, Chrissy Irby, Elyssa Jacobs, Erin Jackson, Henry Johnson, Joshua Johnson, J.S. Johnson, Kaleb Johnson, Ginny Johnston, Mary Ann Keith, Billy Kenny, Patrick Kenny, Marshall Kern, Ed Kimbrough, June King, James King Jr., Philip Larson, Polly Lartigue, Alfred Leonard, Matthew Lewis, Diane Little, Nancy Cowart Little, Beth Ellen Lloyd, John Loden, Fred Lorge, Joan Lorge, Paul Lyle, Emily McClinton, Amanda McDonald, Charles McDonald, Lisa McDonald, Shirly McDonald, Donna Magaldine, Mary Martin, John Martin, Paul Martin, Trissie Martin, Kamden McKeough, Woody McPhillips, Stephanie Melton, Helen Merchant, Dolores Merren, May Merren, Faye Methaney, Alana Voivedich Mey, Louis Meyers, Priscilla Miller, Jean Morgan, Archie Moore, Margaret Moore, Marcie Morrow, Garrett Mount, Billy Murrill, Ernestine Murrill, Blake Myers, Johnathan Myers, Michael Myles, Paul Naylor, Tiffany Neese, Wally Neese, Ella Rose Norris, Kelly North, Mike Nunnery, Darlene O'Rourke, Joanne Orlean, Agnes Parker, Summer Patterson, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Barbara Phillips, Randy Phillips, Dana Pickel, Sue Pitt, Lorraine Carol Provost, Tracey Ransom, Rennie Pitt, Jr., Glenda Pose, Elizabeth Purcell, Holley Reese, Serina Reeves, Gerald Resso, Belinda Richard, Terri Richey, Jimmy Robinson, Marlen Rodriguez, Robert Salva, Jun Santiago, Richard Santiago, Michelle Saynor, Laura Lee Seargent, Grayson Scott, Patsy Sealy, Simon Schum, Stevie Shaw, Kay Shaw, Briley Shirah, Dorothy Simon, Cindy Snow, Larry Snow, Allison Spillman, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Cheryl Stewart, Sally Stokely, Todd Stringfellow, Chuck Sullivan, Ronald Summerlin, Cecilia Taylor, Charles Taylor, Barbara Thomas, Eddie Thomas, Gwen Thomas, Rita Tillman, Robert Todd, Belinda Tomplait, Cecil Tucker, Dede Unger, Tyler Upton, Nita Van Devender, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Ida Vrazel, Frances Ward, Wayne Ward, Gary Warner, Albert Washington, Sallie Washington, Brad Wells, Mark Westbrook, Ralph Wheat, Marlene Whisenhant, Leroy Wiese, Stephen Weise, Kenny Wiggins, Buddy Wilder, Bubba Williams, Kelly Wilson, Shelly Wilson, Agnes Worley, Ashley Wypick, Carol Ziebert, Christopher Zimerman.

## MINISTER'S SCHEDULE 11/23/19 11/24/19

**Sat. 11/23 5:30pm**

### Ushers

D. O'Rourke  
L. Thompson

### Lectors

- 1) P. Dais III
- 2) G. Peloux

### Extraordinary Ministers

S. Washington  
B. Cooper  
A. Cooper  
B. Kenny  
A. Kenny  
B. Burton  
C. Peloux

**Sun. 11/24 8:30am**

### Ushers

C. Boney  
L. Loftin

### Lectors

- 1) B. Moseby
- 2) A. Kleinschrodt

### Extraordinary Ministers

M. Brierly  
J. Moore  
L. Lovvorn  
K. Kleinschrodt  
J. Dickinson  
H. Golemon

**Sun. 11/24 11:00am**

### Ushers

B. Williams  
L. Lartigue

### Lectors

- 1) L. Dowell
- 2) A. Tomas

### Extraordinary Ministers

P. Thompson  
M. Portella  
E. Lipscomb  
B. Gonzales  
MM Collier  
D. Ladnier

### Altar Servers

S. Tomas G. Tomas

*quarterly schedule available  
on the church website*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY  
NOVEMBER 18**

8:00 AM  
COMMUNION SERVICE

**TUESDAY  
NOVEMBER 19**

5:30 PM  
+LEONA TIPP

**WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 20**

8:00 AM  
ALL SOULS  
REMEMBERED ON ALTAR

**THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 21**

8:00 AM  
ALL SOULS  
REMEMBERED ON ALTAR

**FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 22**

8:00 AM  
ALL SOULS  
REMEMBERED ON ALTAR

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 23**

5:30PM VIGIL MASS  
+ LEO WATTS

**SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 24**

8:30AM  
FOR PARISHIONERS

11:00 AM  
+ LEO WATTS



*Please Contact the Church Office if you will  
be able to serve for the Thanksgiving Vigil  
Mass or Thanksgiving Day Mass*





# Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
November 17, 2019

## Our Leader through Strife

By Mary Katharine Deeley

As we come to the close of the Church year, our readings turn more and more to the end times. These words are not easy to hear. Certainly, when we think about the persecution of Christians, the civil wars that seem far too frequent, and the number of people, nations, and even religious groups who claim to have the sole answer to everyone's problems, we can find a striking resemblance to Jesus' description of the coming days.

What our world is undergoing is not new. In every age people have been persecuted, wars have been fought,

natural disasters have occurred, and many have claimed to be saviors. Jesus admits this openly and still tells us not to despair. He promises to walk with us and to give us the wisdom to speak even in the midst of great trouble. It's tempting to follow the charismatic speakers and powerful leaders who claim to have the truth or single solution to our human limitations and vulnerabilities. Jesus urges us not to do that, but to look to him alone for what we need.

Our imperfect and passing world will always have places and times of great suffering and strife. Jesus doesn't promise to take it all away; he promises to lead us through it. God will never abandon us and will provide more than a temporary fix. If we doubt that, we have only to look to Jesus' death and resurrection to see that he was willing to take the worst the world had to offer in order to offer us the very best. +

*Jesus promises to walk with us and to give us the wisdom to speak even in the midst of great trouble.*

## Sunday Readings

**Malachi 3:19–20a**

For the day is coming, blazing like an oven, / when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble.

**2 Thessalonians 3:7–12**

In toil and drudgery, night and day we worked, so as not to burden any of you.

**Luke 21:5–19**

[Jesus said,] "You will be hated by all because of my name, but... by your perseverance you will secure your lives."

## A Word from Pope Francis

We hear these children and their cries of pain... the sufferings, the experiences, and the pain of minors who were abused sexually by priests. It is a sin that shames us. Persons responsible for the protection of those children destroyed their dignity. We regret this deeply and we beg forgiveness.

—Feast of the Holy Innocents, December 28, 2016



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Do I sometimes look to charismatic leaders to solve my problems?
- Have I been disappointed by those same leaders?

## Why Do We Believe in God?

By Phyllis Zagano

If a friend asked you why he or she should believe in God, how would you answer? Catholics have a common understanding of what it means to speak of God. But in our pluralistic society where different religions meet every day, just what people mean by God is unclear. Christians,

Muslims, and Jews all believe in a single God but think about him differently.

When agnostics say they don't know about God, it is the God of these great Western religions they profess ignorance of. The same is true of atheists, who do not believe in one supreme being who created the world and sustains its existence.

For most, either you believe you are in charge—or not. If you believe you are not in charge but that the cosmos is ordered by a supreme intelligence and not by chaotic chance, then you likely believe in God.

Why is that? A French philosopher named Blaise Pascal (1623–1662) presented an interesting wager. He said we all either bet there is a God or that there is not. The possible results of Pascal's wager really argue for belief in God.

If we bet that there is a God and there is not, then we effectively lose nothing. However, if we bet that there is not a God



and there is a God, then we lose everything. And if we bet that there is a God and there truly is a God, then we win everything. This is a coldly rational way of looking at God, but for many it is a way to start thinking about his existence.

### Limits of Human Reason

Even so, we cannot really know much about God. That is because our intellects are limited and if God is God, then he is without limits. Our minds are unable to surround the enormity and complexity of God.

Before Pascal, many great thinkers such as St. Anselm (1033–1109), St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274), and René Descartes (1596–1650) presented proofs for God's existence. Even today, philosophers argue the point. But arguments and counterarguments about the existence of God are limited by the confines of human reason. In the end, whether we are a brilliant philosopher or the simplest child, the Church teaches that everyone can know and love God.

How can that be? To begin with, Christianity teaches that God came into history as Jesus Christ. The mission of Jesus was to teach us about the Father, who loved Jesus—and us—into being. The fact of that love is understood in the person of the Holy Spirit. This is how

we understand God as the Trinity. In the Church's earliest years, Christians hammered out the definition of God that remains today and which forms the first words of the Apostles' Creed: "I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary..."

### Unique Evidence

Even so, after millions of people have professed the Apostles' Creed, and after brilliant philosophers have "proved" God's existence, why should we believe?

The question is best understood in the negative. How can anyone see a sunrise or a baby and not believe in God? How can anyone watch a flower grow or see a wave upon the shore and not believe in God? How can anyone who has seen reflected in his or her own heart, the bright star in the east that continues to shine throughout eternity, not believe in God? +



*Lord, I am grateful for your command to love. Help me to persevere in loving and serving all people.*

—From *Grateful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

## WEEKDAY READINGS

November 18–23

**Monday**, Weekday: 1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43, 54–57, 62–63 / Lk 18:35–43

**Tuesday**, Weekday: 2 Mc 6:18–31 / Lk 19:1–10

**Wednesday**, Weekday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20–31 / Lk 19:11–28

**Thursday**: Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary: 1 Mc 2:15–29 / Lk 19:41–44

**Friday**, St. Cecilia: 1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59 / Lk 19:45–48

**Saturday**, Weekday: 1 Mc 6:1–13 / Lk 20:27–40

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# NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 27  Mass 8:30am and 11:00am  Benefit Night Fundraiser Bake Sale	October 28  Communion Service 8:00am	October 29  Mass 5:30pm Daughters of Mary 6:00pm Men of St. Joseph 6:00pm Divorce Support Group 6:00pm	October 30  Mass 8:00am  Benefit Night Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Parish Hall	October 31  Mass 8:00am  All Saints Vigil Mass 6:00pm	1 ALL SAINTS DAY All Saints Mass 8:00am Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament 8:30am—noon All Souls Vigil Mass 6:00pm	2 ALL SOULS DAY All Souls Mass 8:00am 1621 Drawing 9:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm-5:15pm Vigil Mass 5:30pm  Parish Projects 2nd Collection
3  Mass 8:30am and 11:00am Latin Mass 6:00pm  Parish Projects 2nd Collection	4  Communion Service 8:00am	5  Mass 5:30pm Daughters of Mary 6:00pm Men of St. Joseph 6:00pm Divorce Support Group 6:00pm	6  Mass 8:00am  Benefit Night Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Parish Hall	7  Mass 8:00am	8  Mass 8:00am  BENEFIT NIGHT 2019 Doors Open at 6:00pm	9  Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm-5:15pm Vigil Mass 5:30pm
10  Mass 8:30am and 11:00am K of C Breakfast 9:30am Latin Mass 6:00pm	11  Communion Service 8:00am	12  Mass 5:30pm Daughters of Mary 6:00pm Men of St. Joseph 6:00pm Divorce Support Group 6:00pm Pastoral Finance Council 6:00pm	13  Mass 8:00am Liturgy Committee 6:00pm	14  Mass 8:00am	15  Mass 8:00am	16  Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm-5:15pm Vigil Mass 5:30pm
17  Mass 8:30am and 11:00am K of C and Ladies Auxiliary 9:45am Latin Mass 6:00pm	18  Communion Service 8:00am	19  Mass 5:30pm Daughters of Mary 6:00pm Men of St. Joseph 6:00pm Divorce Support Group 6:00pm	20  Mass 8:00am	21  Mass 8:00am	22  Mass 8:00am	23 Liturgy Decoration Committee Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm-5:15pm Vigil Mass 5:30pm  Bake Sale After Mass Campaign for Human Development 2nd Collection
24  Mass 8:30am and 11:00am Latin Mass 6:00pm  Bake Sale After Mass  Campaign for Human Development 2nd Collection	25  Communion Service 8:00am	26  Mass 5:30pm Daughters of Mary 6:00pm Men of St. Joseph 6:00pm Divorce Support Group 6:00pm	27  Mass 8:00am St. Vincent de Paul 6:00pm Vigil Mass Thanksgiving 6:00pm	28 Thanksgiving Day– Office Closed  Mass 8:00am	29 Office Closed  Mass 8:00am	30  Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm-5:15pm Vigil Mass 5:30pm