



SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT

November 20, 2022

Inspiration for the Week

by Rev. Mark Suslenko

Our king hangs on a cross. Onlookers saw this as the final defeat of a fool who many saw as an insurrectionist. They laughed at him and challenged his kingship by looking for proof: Save yourself! Historically, earthly kings are influential figures wielding significant power over the quality of their subjects' lives. Where is Jesus' authority? Slowly fading away, he's a failure in many eyes. Brokenness and vulnerability are often seen as failures. Something went wrong and exposed us, revealing our fragile and sometimes incorrect selves to others. Yet, what appears to be shameful is a golden key to life. It is only when vulnerable that we learn how to love genuinely. Marking what seems the end of a failed mission, Jesus Christ our King hangs before us as the vulnerable, wounded key to God's infinite love and life. The kingdoms of this world pass away. Jesus hangs as our king of a world that never ends. When we are weak and broken in death, we fall into the fullness of Christ and are made one with him. This is more than any earthly king can promise and is the salvation we seek.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

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Thanksgiving Food: Collection and Distribution

As Thanksgiving approaches, SS. Isidore and Maria Parish is seeking to support those in our community who may be in need help this holiday season. If you would like to help with these efforts, please place your donation (cash or check) in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving" in the offertory kiosks. Perhaps you or someone you know is in need of our help?

Please contact the parish office as soon as possible at 860-633-9419, or by email at contact@isidoreandmaria.org.



Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. on Thurs., Nov. 24 at St. Paul Church.

There is no morning Mass on Fri., Nov. 25.

There is no Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fri., Nov. 25.

ADVENT GIVING PROGRAM

Advent Giving Program Begins this weekend (Nov. 19 & Nov. 20)

We are asking for monetary donations supporting people in need at the following agencies: St. Joseph Residence, The Herbert T. Clark House, Gilmore Manor, St. Vincent DePaul Society, The House of Bread, My Sister's Place, St. Elizabeth House and ImmaCare Homeless Shelter. Donation envelopes are available at the entrance/exit of the church. Please return your donation envelope in the offertory kiosks at the church entrance, or mail your donation to the Parish Office noting the Advent Giving Program, by **Sunday, Dec 4**, making checks payable to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish. Thank you for your generosity.

Collections and Parish Finance

We are grateful for your generous support of our Sacrificial Giving Program.



Due to the advance print deadline for the bulletin, the offertory collection for Nov. 13 will be published next week.

Annual Parish Collection: \$ 85,533.00

Annual Chancery Assessment for 2022: \$94,171.00

For a more detailed report please visit our website under the **ABOUT** tab. The monthly accountability reports can be found in the Financial Accountability folder.

Check donations should be payable to: **Saints Isidore and Maria**. For online giving, go to our website and click on the **DONATE** tab. *Thank you.*



2022 Parish Collection Continues

The 2022 Parish Annual Collection remains open for your donation. A letter from Father Mark about this collection has been sent to homes of all parishioners. Make your donation by scanning this QR code or by sending your check to SS. Isidore and Maria

Parish, 2577 Main St., Glastonbury, CT 06033. Please make checks payable to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish. Thank you for your kind consideration.



You are the special type of people who change lives, lifts people up, and makes the world a better place. Thank you for your donation to the IRISH PALLOTTINES. We

appreciate you and you help us make a difference in our mission in Kenya, Tanzania, and Colombia. I appreciate the good reception at the parish and preaching our mission to generous people. May almighty God bless and protect you.

Fr Stephen Mutie

An Important Announcement from Hartford Archbishop Leonard P. Blair

Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 26 and Nov. 27, Archbishop Blair has asked that we all say together the Prayer for Priestly Vocations during all weekend Masses. As he noted in his letter to the faithful of Nov. 19, "Some may question why we are only praying for priestly vocations. More inclusive prayers can be offered by anyone at any time, and should be, but our public and urgent plea to the Lord is for priests, without whom there can be no sacraments, especially Penance and the Holy Eucharist, the life's blood of our union with Christ." SS. Isidore and Maria Parish will be lifting up this important prayer beginning with all Masses next weekend. To read Archbishop's Blair full letter on this matter, and the Prayer for Priestly Vocations, please visit isidoreandmaria.org/vocationsprayer.



Introducing the Pastoral Council Snapshot!

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the SS. Isidore and Maria Pastoral Council Monthly Snapshot. This brief provides you with general information on items discussed

by the Pastoral Council at their monthly meetings. You'll find the Pastoral Council Snapshot in the bulletin, the e-newsletter and the parish website. Here's a snapshot of what was discussed at the October 2022 Pastoral Council meeting:

- Opportunities to improve communication about the Pastoral Council's purpose and role in the parish. As a first step, the Council will regularly publish updates from its meetings in the bulletin, in the e-newsletter, and on the parish website.
- The development of a parish needs assessment survey to discern our community's needs, and find ways our parish ministries can meet those needs.

The Pastoral Council meets regularly to consider and discuss matters pertaining to the Pastoral and Spiritual needs of our parish. If you have something you'd like to share with the Pastoral Council, send an email to them at: <https://isidoreandmaria.org/contact/ask-the-pastoral-council>



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

CCHD - Helping People Help Themselves

This week (Nov. 19 and Nov. 20), begins our special collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development: www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development

Thank You to our sponsors

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Our Sponsor Spotlight this week is:
Keser's Florist

Holiday Bulletin Announcement Deadlines

Notices for **Dec. 11, and Dec. 18** must be received by **Nov. 23, 2022**. Notices for **Dec. 25** must be received by **Dec. 9, 2022**. *Thank you for your cooperation.*



It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement, he could do so dramatically. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick, and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came off the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all returns to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko



A Coffee And will be held in the church library after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on **Sun., Nov. 27**. All are welcome! Please come to meet your fellow parishioners and to connect with old friends.



Faith Formation Sessions for the week of Nov. 20

Sunday, November 20:

Grade 1 - Small Group Sessions in the Classrooms (10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.)

Grade 3 - Large Group Session in the Library (10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.)

Year 1/Grade 9 Confirmation - South Wing (5 p.m. - 6 p.m.)

Year 2/Grade 10 Confirmation - South Wing (6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

Monday, November 21:

Grades 4 & 5 - South Wing (4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.)

Grade 6 - Library (5 p.m.- 6 p.m.)

Tuesday, November 22:

Grades 4 & 5 - South Wing (6 p.m. -7 p.m.)

Grade 6 - Library (6 p.m. -7 p.m.)

Children in grades 4-6 have the option of attending either the Monday session or the Tuesday session.



Dec. 5: Grief and the Holiday workshop

Have you recently lost a loved one? Are you wondering how you'll navigate the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's without that special someone, especially for the first time?

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish invites you to join us for a virtual workshop on "Grief and the Holidays." It is being held as a Zoom presentation on Mon., Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., featuring certified grief counselor Laura Zeppieri from Facets Counseling. In this workshop, you'll have an opportunity to consider:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for navigating social events
- And more

Participation is free. All are welcome. RSVPs are required, To RSVP, call the parish office at 860-633-9419, or contact@isidoreandmaria.org



Dec. 11: Music for Christmas with the New England Chamber Choir

On Sun., Dec. 11 at 4 p.m., SS. Isidore and Maria Parish welcomes the New

England Chamber Choir (NECC) and Instrumental Ensemble under the direction of Richard Wm. Donohue to St. Paul Church for a program of "Music for Christmas."

Masks are required. A free-will offering will be collected.

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Nov. 19 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Reconciliation (Confession) Peter and Jennie Tyczkowski <i>Live Stream at 4 p.m.</i>	Family
Sunday, Nov. 20 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	*8 a.m. *9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Barry Levy Richard Breen Paul Poulin <i>Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.</i>	Mary Lou Tanski Elaine Henry Family
Monday, Nov. 21 <i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7:30 a.m.	Donald J. Martin, Jr.	His Father
Tuesday, Nov. 22 <i>St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</i>	7:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	Terrance McKaig Rosary (St. Augustine Church)	Elaine Henry
Wednesday, Nov. 23 <i>St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot</i>	7:30 a.m.	Josephine Skierkowski	Kathy and Gerry Brooks
Thursday, Nov. 24 <i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs Thanksgiving Day</i>	9 a.m.	Edward Bona (6th Anniv.)	Family
Friday, Nov. 25 <i>St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr</i>		No Mass No Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Office Closed	
Saturday, Nov. 26 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Reconciliation (Confession) Frances and Nicholas DeGemmis <i>Live Stream at 4 p.m.</i>	Family
Sunday, Nov. 27 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	*8 a.m. *9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Dios Dada (3rd Anniv.) Danny Coyle Henry Schecher <i>Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.</i>	Family Kevin Coyle His Wife

“Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is Good”
(Ps 98)

*Rebroadcast of 4 p.m. Vigil Mass

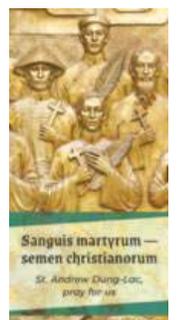


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To add a prayer intention, please contact our parish office and their name will be listed for ONE month. We cannot publish names of friends. Thank you for your understanding.





PODCAST: What Awaits Us In Heaven?

As believers in Christ Jesus, we are told in scripture that eternal life is really about two things: union with God and bodily resurrection. Beyond that, Jesus never gave us a blueprint for what to

expect when we enter into life eternal.

So how does Father Mark answer the question of what awaits us in heaven? Listen to his latest podcast to find out: isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts



I Am Here: Beth's Story

"I never again complained about going to church on Sunday." ~ Beth Allison

People like you share their personal stories of transformation by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist as part of the *National*

Eucharistic Revival. Learn more about the revival and how to share your story at: isidoreandmaria.org/eucharisticrevival.

The designs of God, the good pleasure of God, the will of God, the operation of God and the gift of His grace are all one and the same thing in the spiritual life. It is God working in the soul to make it like unto Himself. Perfection is neither more nor less than the faithful co-operation of the soul with this work of God, and is begun, grows, and is consummated in the soul unperceived and in secret.

~ Jean-Pierre de Caussade (1675-1751)



Thank you for your generosity

Many, many thanks to those who participated in ImmaCare Outreach and the Dinners this month.

A van full of food and clothing was picked up on Thurs., Nov. 3. Your generosity to the ImmaCare Outreach program is greatly appreciated. Your donations supplement the sandwiches that are given out each day to unhoused persons living on the street, in abandoned buildings or wherever shelter may be found. Our next collection date for the ImmaCare Outreach program is Thurs., Dec. 1. Those wishing to donate to the ImmaCare Outreach program may bring individually wrapped food items or bottle water to either church, or contact Marisa Howard (howarrs@cox.net) to make a monetary donation.

On Nov. 4 and Nov. 11, friends and parishioners from across the parish - including our Parish Eucharistic Ministers - provided nourishing meals to the men of ImmaCare Shelter. Our parish will again work together to provide hot meals to the men of ImmaCare on Fri., Dec. 2 (supported by the Widowed Helping Others WHO ministry) and Dec. 9. Your donations of food, provisions and money help us provide these hot meals. Please contact our dinner chairs if you'd like to volunteer or make a donation: George Jachimowski (first Fridays of the month) at shadownell@comcast.net or Marisa Howard (second Friday of the month) at howarrs@cox.net. Please consider helping in any way possible. Thank you all again for your generosity.



WEEKLY PRAYER

Scripture Readings for the Week

SUN	11/20/22	2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
MON	11/21/22	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
TUE	11/22/22	Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
WED	11/23/22	Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
THR	11/24/22	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
FRI	11/25/22	Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
SAT	11/26/22	Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36
SUN	11/27/22	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-4

Pray for Those Who Are Serving

God, keep special watch over these men and women serving in the Navy, National Guard, Army, Marine Corps., Air Force, Coast Guard and keep them safe:

Tammy Breiner	Samuel David Hovanec
Oliver Cary	Peter Kamianowski
Charles Edward	Samuel MacDonald
Celia Fajardo	Alexis Maher
Brandon Farrell	Michael Scott Mullin
Chris Gibb	John W. Murphy
Michael Hitzer	Jack M. Zaremba

Do you know someone who is currently on active duty with the U. S. Armed Forces for whom our community prayers would bring comfort, please email the person's name, rank and military branch to: contact@isidoreandmaria.org, or call the parish office at 860-633-9419.



A Gratitude Examen

Gratitude is one of the greatest spiritual practices. It opens our minds, calms our hearts, and rids bitterness of it's power. The "examen" is a spiritual practice to reflect on how we have responded to God's work in our lives. This Thanksgiving, consider your own reasons for thankfulness!

- What **G**ifts have You given me?
- How have I **R**eceived love from others?
- How is grace at work in **A**spects of my life story?
- Do I **T**rust You to continue to bless me?
- Where have I **M**issed Your movements?
- Have I used my **T**alents at the service of other?
- Do I see a purpose for my life **U**nderway?
- How can I have the **D**iscipline to thank You daily?
- Help me give **E**verything back to You!

This Day in History — Nov. 24, 2022

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, and Thanksgiving 2022 occurs on Thursday, November 24. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, individual colonies and states celebrated thanksgiving days. It wasn't until 1863, during the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.



Many folks will enjoy turkey and the fixin's. No begging at Fr. Mark's table though; all we ever see is fish, fish and veggies. We do love broccoli. . maybe he'll serve some, with lots of our treats for dessert!!!

Happy Thanksgiving to all our friends as we remember all that God has given to us.



Harry & Oliver's Corner

history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history

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Weekend Masses

St. Paul Church
Sat. Vigil: 4 p.m.
Sun.: 8 a.m.
Sun.: 9:30 a.m.
Sun.: 11:15 a.m.

Daily Mass

St. Paul Church
Mon., Tues., Wed.: 7:30 a.m.
Fri.: 12:15 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions at St. Paul Church
Sat. 2:30 p.m.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Fri. following the 12:15 p.m. daily Mass (approximately 12:45 p.m.) at St. Paul Church. It concludes at 2 p.m.

Rosary

Pray the Rosary each Tues. evening at 7 p.m. at St. Augustine Church.

Live streaming of weekend Masses

St. Paul Church
Sat. at 4 p.m. and Sun. at 11:15 a.m., with rebroadcasts of the 4 p.m. Vigil streamed at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Please visit our Facebook page, YouTube channel or the parish website to worship remotely.

How to Report an Incident of Sexual Abuse to the Archdiocese of Hartford

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
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