



Holy Family Parish

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
Sunday 10th November 2019

FIRST READING : 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the laws of our ancestors. 'With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again forever.' After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 16:1, 5-6, 8,15

℟. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Lord hear a cry that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. ℟.

I kept my feet firmly in your paths, there was no faltering in my steps. I am here & I call, you will hear me, O God, Turn your ear to me, hear my words. ℟.

Guard me as the apple of your eye, Hide me in the shadow of your wings, as for me, in my justice, I shall see your face, & be filled when I awake with the sight of your glory. ℟.

SECOND READING : 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

GOSPEL : Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?' Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

Catechism of the Catholic Church

DIVINATION AND MAGIC

#2115: God can reveal the future to his prophets or to other saints. Still, a sound Christian attitude consists in putting oneself confidently into the hands of Providence for whatever concerns the future, and giving up all unhealthy curiosity about it. Improvidence, however, can constitute a lack of responsibility.

#2116: All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to "unveil" the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honour, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone.

#2117: All practices of magic or sorcery, by which one attempts to tame occult powers, so as to place them at one's service and have a supernatural power over others - even if this were for the sake of restoring their health - are gravely contrary to the virtue of religion.

These practices are even more to be condemned when accompanied by the intention of harming someone, or when they have recourse to the intervention of demons. Wearing charms is also reprehensible. Spiritism often implies divination or magical practices; the Church for her part warns the faithful against it. Recourse to so-called traditional cures does not justify either the invocation of evil powers or the exploitation of another's credulity.

IRRELIGION

#2118: God's first commandment condemns the main sins of irreligion: tempting God, in words or deeds, sacrilege, and simony.

#2119: Tempting God consists in putting his goodness and almighty power to the test by word or deed. Thus Satan tried to induce Jesus to throw himself down from the Temple and, by this gesture, force God to act. Jesus opposed Satan with the word of God: "You shall not put the LORD your God to the test." The challenge contained in such tempting of God wounds the respect and trust we owe our Creator and Lord. It always harbours doubt about his love, his providence, and his power.

"STAND PATIENTLY AND PRAY STEADFASTLY, BRUSHING OFF THE IMPACTS OF WORLDLY CARES AND ALL THOUGHTS; FOR THEY DISTRACT AND WORRY YOU IN ORDER TO DISTURB THE IMPETUS OF YOUR PRAYER."

-ST. NILUS OF SINAI

"WE MAY BE EXCUSED FOR NOT ALWAYS BEING BRIGHT, BUT WE ARE NOT EXCUSED FOR NOT BEING GRACIOUS, YIELDING AND CONSIDERATE."

-ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

"GOD IS THE HOLY SUPPORT OF THEM THAT ARE TOSSED ON AN UNHOLY SEA."

-ST. JOHN DAMASCENE

"NEVER SAY OR DO ANYTHING UNTIL YOU HAVE ASKED YOURSELF WHETHER IT WILL BE PLEASING TO GOD, GOOD FOR YOURSELF AND EDIFYING TO YOUR NEIGHBOR."

-ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

"IN AFFLICTIONS AND SUFFERINGS, ENDURANCE AND FAITH, ARE CONCEALED THE PROMISED GLORY AND THE RECOVERY OF CELESTIAL BLESSINGS."

-ST. MACARIUS THE GREAT

"THE CHRISTIAN FASTS NOT FOR THE SAKE OF THE BODY, BUT FOR THE SAKE OF THE SOUL."

-ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN

"WE CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MUCH CONFIDENCE IN THE GOOD GOD WHO IS SO POWERFUL AND SO MERCIFUL. WE OBTAIN FROM HIM AS MUCH AS WE HOPE FOR."

-ST. THERÈSE OF LISIEUX

"ENDEAVOR TO HAVE ALWAYS IN YOUR HAND A PIOUS BOOK, THAT WITH THIS SHIELD YOU MAY DEFEND YOURSELF AGAINST BAD THOUGHTS."

-ST. JEROME

Remember that when we go to Mass, we take along all our professional work, family life, sufferings, and leisure, and all of these become spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ, during the celebration of the

Eucharist

SCOTT HAHN
The Lamb's Supper

"It has been stated that flammable material exists on the inside of every human being. For example, the righteous use of sex could be perverted into grossness; a desire for perfection could turn one into a tyrant; and the desire for property as the extension of oneself, into a miser. The stages by which one advances into compulsion are: first, the consent of the will to any temptation; next, the act which is the result of the temptation; and, finally, the habit itself. It takes many acts to make a habit, as it takes many strands of flax to make a rope."

~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen

The temptations of the saints were seen as opportunities for self-discovery. They allowed temptations to show them the breaches in the fortress of their souls, which needed to be fortified until they would become the strongest points. This explains the curious fact about many saintly people - that they often become the opposite of what they once seemed to be."

~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"THE PROBLEM IS NOT THAT *religion* IS BEING FORCED ON OTHERS, THE PROBLEM IS THAT *irreligion* IS BEING FORCED — SECULAR VALUES ARE BEING FORCED ON PEOPLE OF FAITH."

ATTORNEY GENERAL
WILLIAM BARR

"It is not hatred that is wrong, it is hating the wrong thing that is wrong. It is not anger that is wrong, it is being angry at the wrong thing that is wrong. Tell me your enemy, and I will tell you what you are. Tell me your hatred, and I will tell you your character. Do you hate religion? Then your conscience bothers you. Do you hate the wealthy? Then you are avaricious, and you want to be wealthy. Do you hate sin? Then you love God. Do you hate your hate, your selfishness, your quick temper, your wickedness? Then you are a good soul, for 'if any man come to me... and hate not his own life, he cannot be my disciple' Luke 14:26." ~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen



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All they can do to us is to kill us, nothing more.”

— Words of comfort by Blessed Mary of the Angels to her nuns before taking leave of each other

(The enemies of our Faith may be able to destroy our bodies, but never our faith and our souls.)

Blessed Mary of the Angels Ginard Martí

Between 1936 and 1939 Spain erupted into a bloody and dramatic civil war. Lost in the political struggle is that an awful lot of innocent, ordinary, defenseless priests, religious and lay people were massacred, simply because they were Christians. Here is a story of a courageous nun, one of the many victims unjustly killed during this terrible War.



Name: Angela Ginard Martí

Date of birth: April 3, 1894

Birthplace:

Llucmajor, Majorca, Spain

Died: August 26, 1936 **Age:** 42



1894

Born Angela Ginard Martí, the third of nine children.

1905

About the time of her First Holy Communion, she felt drawn to the religious life.

1914

At age 20, she sought permission from her parents to enter the convent. They did not refuse, but ask her to wait and think about it some more. She heeded their advice.

1921-35

At age 27, Angela once again asked permission to enter the convent, and this time her parents gladly consented.

In Nov, she joined the Congregation of the Zealous Sisters of Eucharistic Adoration and took the religious name, Mary of the Angels.

Her new life was centered on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



Photo of a young Angela standing in front of her sisters.

The Blessed in her youth

Two of Angela's aunts were nuns, which undoubtedly played a big part in influencing her spiritual growth.

Her family moved to Palma de Mallorca where Angela together with her two older sisters, help support the family by embroidering and making women's hats, while at the same time diligently taking care of the household duties and her younger siblings. She also served as their teacher and catechist.



She speedily rose to the office of Superior in the congregation's convent in Madrid.

1936

Spanish Civil War broke out, bringing with it religious persecution.

On July 20, Angela and her nuns were forced to flee from their convent. They managed to escape dressed as lay people.

She took refuge with a nearby family. Sadly, however, she witnessed the sacking of her convent.

On Aug 25, Communist militants finally discovered her whereabouts.

Upon entering the home, they immediately arrested the landlord's sister.

With great courage and charity, Angela told the troops: *"The woman you have taken hold of is not a Religious; I am the only Religious here"*. With these words, she saved the life of another and was destined to be a martyr.

Angela was quickly taken away, and on the following day, martyred by a firing squad.

2005

On Oct 29, Pope Benedict XVI beatified Angela.



Her mortal remains now rest in the chapel of the convent of the Zealous Sisters of Eucharistic Adoration, in Madrid.

When Christianity becomes a crime

Referred to as Spain's Red Terror, the Spanish Civil War of 1936-1939 was a time of intense persecution of the Church. It was guided by atheistic communism, which, in 1931, overthrew monarchy and took power. In order to build "a new society," churches were destroyed, clerics were murdered and imprisoned, religious property was confiscated and public worship was banned.

The tactic of "striking the shepherd so the sheep will scatter"

In the course of the Terror, **283** nuns, **13** bishops, **4,154** priests and seminarians, **2,365** monks and friars were killed.

About 4,000 laymen killed for helping or hiding nuns or priests.

Popes are still beatifying martyrs from that time

Christian martyrs have no ideological or political motivation except their faith in God and love of their neighbors.

In **Oct 28 2007**, Pope Benedict XVI beatified some 498 victims of the Spanish Civil War. Their age ranged from 15 to 78 years old.

As of **July 2008**, approximately 1,000 victims have been beatified or canonized, with an additional 2,000 still in the process toward sainthood.

On **Oct 13, 2013**, Pope Francis beatified another 522 Spanish martyrs, the single largest number of beatifications in the history of the Church.



Catholic Saints Online
catholicsaintsonline.wordpress.com

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might; thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, and singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

OFFERTORY HYMN:

The Church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is his new creation by water and the Word: From Heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed. By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, Yet saints their watch, are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

COMMUNION HYMN:

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray that all thy Church might be for ever one, grant us at every Eucharist to say with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done." O may we all one Bread, one Body be, through this blest Sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede; make thou our sad divisions soon to cease; draw us the nearer each to each, we plead, by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace; thus may we all one Bread, one Body be, through this blest Sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wand'ers from thy fold; O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,

back to the faith which saints believed of old, back to the Church which still that faith doth keep; soon may we all one Bread, one Body be, through this blest Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease, may we be one with all thy Church above, one with thy saints in one unbroken peace, one with thy saints in one unbounded love; more blessed still, in peace and love to be one with the Trinity in Unity.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia, alleluia, Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress; praise him still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless: Alleluia, alleluia, Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia, Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia, alleluia, Praise with us the God of grace.

Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received, but only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage.

- St. Francis of Assisi -

"THE HOLY SCRIPTURES WERE NOT GIVEN TO US THAT WE SHOULD ENCLOSE THEM IN BOOKS, BUT THAT WE SHOULD ENGRAVE THEM UPON OUR HEARTS."

St. John Chrysostom

NEXT SUNDAY:

17 November 2019

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)
Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: Leslie Ahio, J. Bright
Prayers of the Faithful: R. Lopez
Offertory: Stowers - Subermani Family
Special Ministers: M. Tupai

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Fakava Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Tongan Community

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

12 Nov: Agnes Kessler, Valmae Ross
13 Nov: Raymond Sharp
14 Nov: Gudren Wagner, Stephen Page, John Farry, Joyce Hodge
15 Nov: O. J. Bray Taylor
16 Nov: Patrick Newin

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$1,286.50
Priests	\$643.30
Total Cash	\$1,929.80

HOLY FAMILY NEWS**End of Year Celebration****QUIZ NIGHT!**

Saturday 30th November

7:00pm

Register either individually or a team of eight.

Register with Ellen in the Parish Office on 098346677 or email

hffparish@xtra.co.nz

Please bring a plate

Sunday Cup of Tea: Don't forget you are invited to come to the Hall after the 9:30am Mass.

Christmas Flower Raffle - Tickets are on Sale today. Tickets are \$2 each or \$5 for 3. Get your tickets now!

Legion of Mary Annual General Reunion: All Legionaries and auxiliaries are invited to attend on Sunday 24th November at 2pm, here at Holy Family.

Sacramental Programme: First Holy Communion: Please pray for our children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday 24th November at the 9:30am Mass. All Parishioners are invited to the First Holy Communion Party on the 24th November after the 9:30am Mass, *Please bring a plate.*

DIOCESAN NEWS

Advent Carol and Vespers A service of Carols and Readings for the Season of Advent at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. Saturday, 30 November at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to share this tradition as we journey through Advent. Entry FREE but there will be a retiring collection. Validated parking is available at the Wilson car parks on Hobson Street (\$4) and Durham Lane (\$2 entry from Queen St only).