



The Light of Wisdom

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The dark of night can unsettle and frighten children, but darkness can disturb adults, too. It's not so much the feeling when the lights go off that unsettles us grownups as it is the dark of uncertainty. We graduate from school and wonder what to do with our lives. Should we stay in a relationship? How do we find meaning again in the midst of grief and the loss of someone we love? And sometimes most of all, where is God when we need God? We may even wonder whether to believe. At such times, we bump and bruise our way through the obstacles that life's darkneses cause.

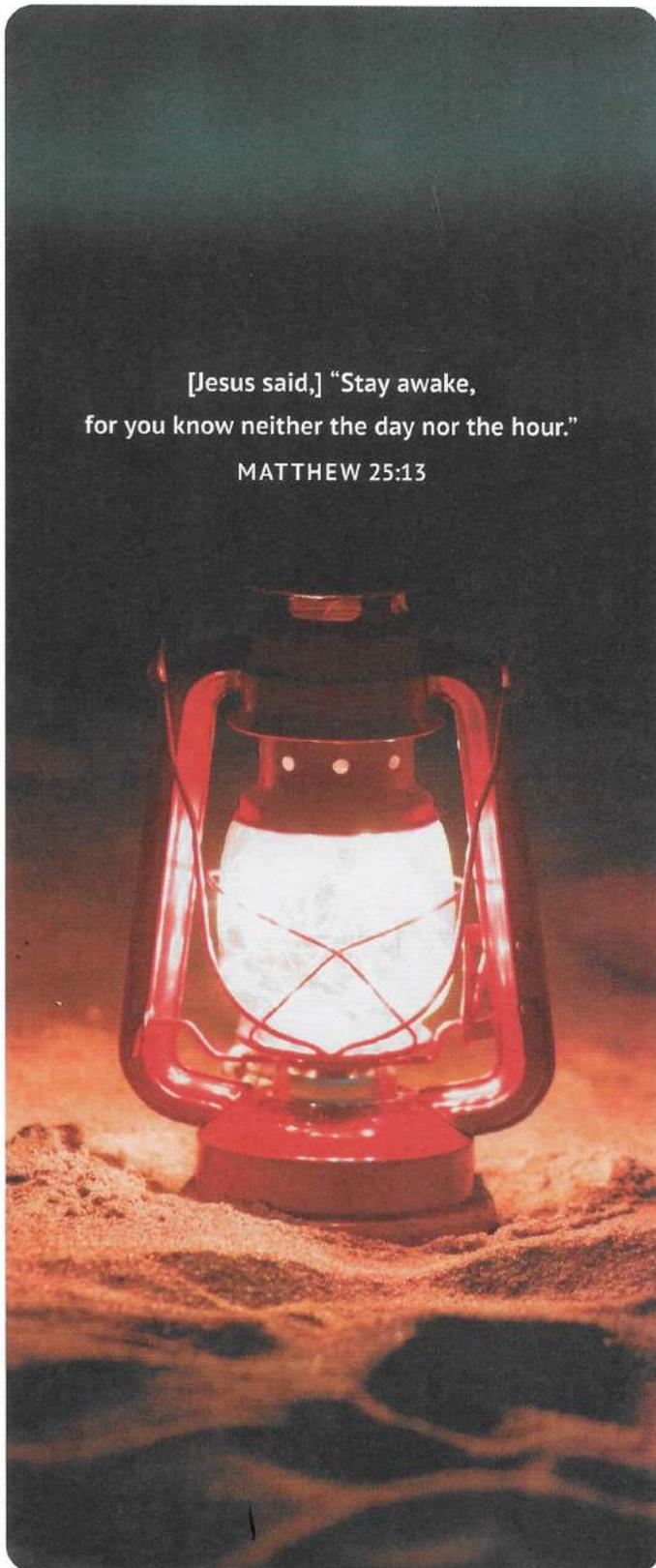
Leonard Cohen's song "Anthem" echoes a note of hope when we feel lost in the dark as he sings about how light always seems to find a way to seep in between the cracks of our everyday living. Like stars that are visible only at night, new opportunities are often most readily recognized when we find ourselves stumbling through the dark.

Long before Leonard Cohen, Jesus told the parable of ten virgins, some wise and some foolish. In the midst of that story, he tells of a bridegroom who comes to the waiting virgin attendants at midnight. In other words, it is the Lord God who comes into our lives in the darkest times, if only we are wise enough to recognize such a coming.

How then to negotiate the darkness? Stay the course. In time, wisdom reveals a path. Trust that light will come, all in God's time and not ours. Finally, wisdom always comes in the darkest of times, seldom when our lives are bright as day. ●

Reflect

***When and how has God entered into
your darkness?***



[Jesus said,] "Stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."

MATTHEW 25:13

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

NOVEMBER 11 & 12, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 11- 6:00 PM

✠ Pete Bellini

Sunday, November 12- 9:00 AM

✠ People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 14- Noon

✠ Michael Rogers by Claude and Annette Morgan

Wednesday, November 15- 9:00 AM

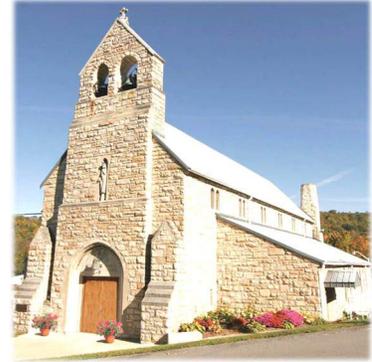
✠ Charles & Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton

Saturday, November 18 - 6:00 PM

✠ Anthony Peretti by The Peretti Family

Sunday, November 19 - 9:00 AM

✠ Aldo & Claire Lijoi by Vittoria Lijoi



Office Hours: 304-327-5623

Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Food Pantry Hours:

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11-12: St. Anne's Bake Sale

November 13: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 PM

November 14: St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting 11 AM

November 16: Dayton Class at School Building 4-6 PM

November 16: PPC Meeting in School Building 6:15 PM

November 17: Confirmation Rehearsal 4:30-5:30 pm

November 18: Mass at 6pm by Bishop Brennan

November 19: Confirmation Sunday

November 22: Vigil Thanksgiving Mass 6 PM

November 23: Thanksgiving Day

November 23-24: Parish Office Closed for Holiday

November 27: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 PM

November 30: Dayton Class in Lounge 4-6 PM

December 1: First Friday Mass 6 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Friday's from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

November 17 -Bluefield December 15 - Princeton

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR: Very Rev. Sebastian E. Devasya, Assoc. V.E., V.F.
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Eucharistic Revival Reflection

Topic This Weekend is: Institution & Consecration

This is my body

This is my blood



ARMY

NAVY

Eugene Abromitiz

Tom Behrmann

Alex Ercoline

Fred Butler

Josh Husband

Patrick Moran

John Monaco

Eric Starre

Cody Nelson

Monty Ramella

Tullio Ramella

Jay Valeyko

ARMY RESERVES

Lou Ercoline

AIR FORCE

Richard Canterbury

George McGonagle

Johnny Rasi

Raymond Shumate

Wayne Shumate

MARINE CORPS

David Whitley

Army Special Forces

Gary Rumberg

2ND COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 12TH

ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

This unique Archdiocese is faced with many challenges, including a severe shortage of Catholic priest-chaplains, a flock spread out among military installations across the world, and constant

transition. The AMS receives no funding from the military or the government and must rely solely on private donors. Catholic service members and their families, and veterans care for in a Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, deserve the same faith opportunities as Catholics here at home; their faith should not be part of the sacrifices they make.



Angel Tree will be starting in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to participate in Angel Tree this year, you may pick an Angel off the Tree in the back of the church. On the back of the angel will be an index card for you to fill out. Please drop the card in the basket on the table next to the tree.

Please take the angel home with you. It should be placed on your gift-wrapped present.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office or Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934.

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation 2023 - 2024

Theme for 2023

Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will refresh you.”

Matthew 11:28

The schedule through January 2024:

November 12 ~ Regular Session

November 19 ~ **NO** faith formation for Confirmation Sunday

November 26 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 3 ~ Regular Session

December 10 ~ Faith Formation in the parish lounge – lesson on St. Nicholas

December 17 ~ Practice for Christmas Eve Children's Mass in the Church

December 24 ~ Children to participate at 4pm Christmas Eve Mass

December 31 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday

January 7 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday

January 14, 21, 28 ~ Faith Formation Regular Sessions

Confirmation will be celebrated on November 19 at the 9am Mass. Please pray for our Confirmandi:

Rhys Aiello, Madison Rebuck, Sophia Tran, and Keagan Wills.

Krystin Austin will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation rehearsal will be Friday, November 17 from 4:30 - 5:30pm. Sponsors need to be present.

Fr. Sebastian would like the group to stay for Adoration at 6pm for 15 minutes.

Sacred Heart will have a special guest of Saint Nicholas for our youth and their parents on December 10 in the Church lounge during Faith Formation time. More information will follow next week.

RCIA



RCIA's next meeting will be November 15 at 5pm in the school.

To learn more, please contact Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office.

CRUSADERS YOUTH

Upcoming Events:

November 19th 9am Mass: Confirmation Sunday

November 23rd: Youth ministry service activity. We will be helping the Knights of Columbus serve Thanksgiving dinner to the residents of the WV manor. Time to be announced

Week of November 27-30th: Youth ministry service activity. We will be packing for Blessings in a Backpack. Time to be announced.

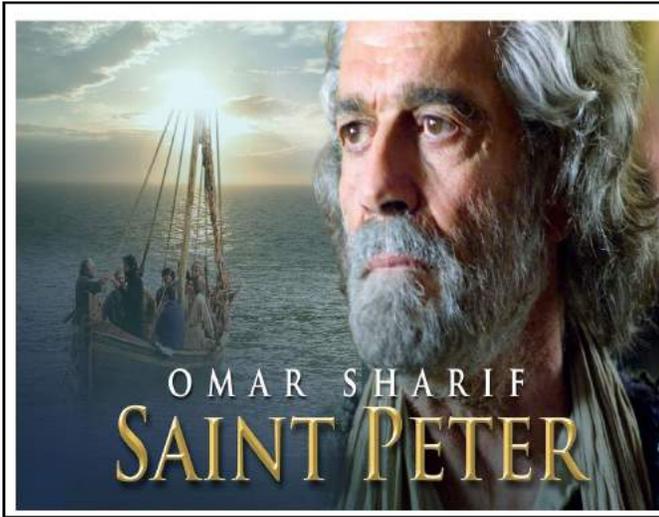
New Youth Ministry Team!

We are happy to announce that Kim Matzel Brown will be joining our youth ministry team along with Wendi Aiello and Katie Kidd. Many thanks to Wendi, Katie, and Kim for their ministry to our youth. God Bless You!

Parents

Please check your email for information regarding the MOUNT 2000 retreat. Please contact Wendi ASAP if your child is interested in attending.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED...



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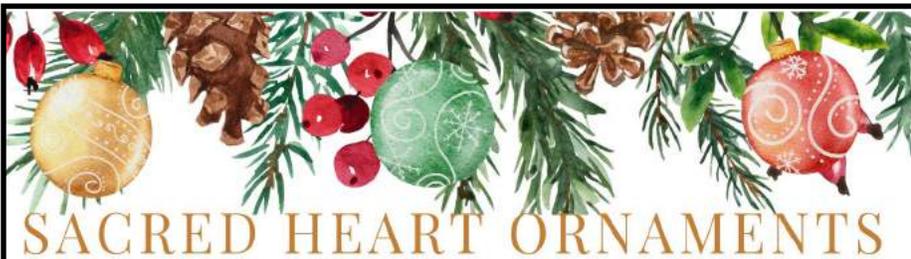
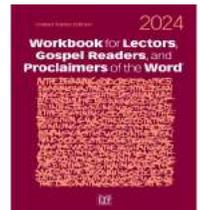
Handbell Choir

*There will be hand bell practice Sunday,
November 12th at 4pm.*

LECTORS!

The 2024 Lector Books are in! Please pick up yours when you come to mass. They are located in the back of the church.

Thank you!



Perfect for Christmas to hang on the tree! Buy one for yourself or as a gift to family members and friends! These beautiful ornaments are an exact replica of our Sanctuary Altar at Sacred Heart!



The ornaments will be selling for \$20.00 each.

There will be a sign-up sheet for orders in the back of the church. We will be selling them at Mass or you may call Ann Robinson at (304) 887-2421, Theresa Bales at (304) 920-8104, or the parish office to place your order.



Our 2024 Church Calendars are here!

Please pick one up in the back of the Church.

November Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters (Sundays)
11/11 Sat 6 pm	Patty Peretti	Theresa Lowery	Purita Buenafe	Valerie Hager	1.T. Hager 2.P. Peretti 3.L. Mariotti	John Monaco	David Duritza Rocky Malamisura
11/12 Sun 9 am	Terry Lampert	Cherie Mulkey	Hadley Wills Keagan Wills	Randy Albert Bob Buzzo	1.M. Romeo 2.S. Romeo 3.K. Kidd	Rocky Malamisura	
11/18 Sat 6 pm	Jean McCloud	Purita Buenafe	A. Peretti E. Peretti	Deborah Garton Maria Zalduondo	1.T. Berhmann 2.J. McCloud 3.P. Peretti	The Pascasio's	Delores Shumate Marilyn McCoy
11/19 Sun 9 am Confirm. Sunday	Mary Malamisura	Terry Lampert	Tristan Brown Christine Tran Aiden Zinsmeister TBA	Wendi Aiello Ashely Rebuck	1.C. Saunders 2.TBA 3.TBA	Steve Copolo	
11/22 6 pm Thanks giving Mass	Mary Malamisura	No Rosary	Mary Malamisura	Terry Lampert	1.F. Moran 2.V. Hager 3.T. Hager	Bob Buzzo	No Collection Taken
11/25 Sat 6 pm	Theresa Lowery	Valerie Hager	Stephanie Copolo Melissa Copolo	Feleesha Moran	1.V. Hager 2.T. Hager 3.L. Mariotti	John Monaco	Wendi and George Aiello
11/26 Sun 9 am	Terry Lampert	Cherie Mulkey	Mary Malamisura	Ron Ciccolini Bob Buzzo	1.M. Romeo 2.S. Romeo 3.T. Lampert	Rocky Malamisura	

PEACE IN ISRAEL & THE GAZA STRIP

Candlelight Prayer Vigil

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13th @ 6pm
Sacred Heart Church Prayer Garden
507 Harrison Street
Princeton, WV 24740



AN ECUMENICAL GATHERING
ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME
PRAY FOR PEACE

Weekly Donations	Weekend Nov 4-5	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	5,776.00	192,524.90	206,500.00
Maintenance	184.00	2,325.00	7,500.00
Loose Offertory	544.00	18,632.60	16,375.00
Holiday Flowers	120.00	1,145.00	1,000.00
Holy Day Collections	890.00	3,230.00	1,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 7,514.00	\$ 217,857.50	\$ 232,375.00
Food Pantry	509.00	32,269.35	0.00
Dioc: Catholic Charities WV	100.00	380.00	0.00
Dioc: Religious Retirement	100.00	100.00	0.00
Dioc: Arch of Military Services	125.00	125.00	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 37	9am: 97	

Please Pray For:

Parishioners: George Aiello Sr, Jeanne Ameli, Peggy Austin, John Babbitt, Mary Jo Babbitt, Stephanie Blevins, Richard Canterbury, Loretta Carrigan, Sherry Ciccolini, Ron Ciccolini, Tony Colobro, Donella Crigger, Victoria Crofcheck, Teresa Derenge, Fran Derenge, Alex and Joanne Ercoline, Debbie Ameli Froy, Angie Genovesi, Katie & Ron Goodwin, James (Tom) Hager, Mary Claire Keenan, Susan Kerr, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tracy Lyon, Harold Mabardy, Sue Mazol, Mary McGonagle, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha & Patrick Moran, Shane Neal, Jacob Nester, Patricia Nester, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Pochick, Nancy & Dr. Anthony Rasi, Jerry Rasi, Kathy Richards, Rosalie Rocchetti, Sharon Rothausen, Rodney & Jami Rust, Mariam Salaita, Virginia Shumate, Wayne Shumate, Ann Switch, Laura Zande Taylor, Stella Mae Taylor, Joe Thomas, Jason and Clay Thomason, Theresa Thomason, Larry Zande Jr., Patricia & Larry Zande Sr., Kara Zande and Analeigh Dawn, Joan Zingale

Homebound Parishioners: Linda Angelelli, Joy Formica, Patsy Malamisura, Dolores Pritchett, Mitzi Romeo, Theresa Soulis

Friends & Family: Betty Akers, Andrew Arczynski, Sandy Arczynski, Jim Archer, Jeffery Arkland, Tim Arnold, Jack Asbury, Jonathon Bays, Robert Below, Maggie Blankenship, Cara Blankenship, Amanda Bolton, Vanessa Boyer, Teddy Bradshaw, Melissa Carnett, Zac Carter, Sandy Cassidy, Michelle Coker, Chuck Comer, Harold Cutlip, Lisa Dalton, Barry Dinger, Kim Duesing, Christina Easton, Mike Farmer, Cathy Feather, Tina Fitzgerald, Phil Gesotti, Larry Gilliam, Mary and Colin Gillespie, Vincent Godfrey, Dr. James Godwin, DDS, Skip Harless, Becky Harris, Gary Haynes, Owen Hime, Claire Holt, Alpha Jean Holly, Shannon Honaker, Madilyn Humphreys, Josh Husband, Trish Johnson, Cyndi Jones, Joseph Justin, Sherry Khatib, Sandy Kegley, Melonie Koch, Charlotte Kohlmeyer, Zoe Kotsko, Eddie Lanter, Dawn Lawless, Stan Lawson, Elaine Lilly, James & Pam Linkous, John Paul Lovell, Jaysen Marshall, Jacob and Tara Matney, Andy McKoy, Brandon McKoy, Linda Meadows, Chase Miller, Kim & Doug Miller, Scott Morris, Jacob Morton, Helen Mullins, Jane Murphy, Ane Montarroyos, Bobby Neal, Shane Neal, Steven Nelcher, Jonny Phillips, Annette Pike, Barbara Polatz, Thomas Presley Sr., William Ray, Brian Richard, Roy Rogers, Keving Roland, Mayra Rolon, Charles Rose, Barbara Sadler, Rick Saunders, Brittany Scott, Courtney Shade, Devin Shamro, Raymond Shumate, Leanna Smith, Bryan Staten, Adam Stuart, Laurie Stuart, Robert Shade, Ellie Spencer, Teresa Taylor, Jim Thompson, Evelyn Turnbough, Sarah Turner, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Jane Walthall, Charlotte Woolwine



CATHOLIC SHARING
APPEAL

Church Goal: \$25,340

Amount Raised: \$66,809

264% of our Goal!

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED,

PLEASE CALL:

Parish Office (304) 327-5623

Princeton Office (304) 425-3664

In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying: {Please consider, with Fr. Sebastian out of town, it will take longer to contact a priest. Please call the church office as soon as you can} The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

In case of Illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes & Hospitals: are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the parish office.

Dear Padre,

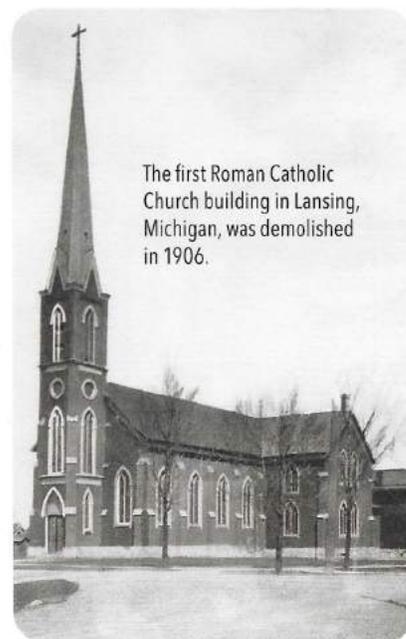
I was taught that Catholic churches are built on consecrated ground. How can a church be torn down and replaced by a shopping mall if it's sacred ground?

Church buildings are blessed and considered by the Church to be sacred places. But when they're damaged and can no longer be repaired or their repair is impractical or they no longer effectively serve their purpose for the faithful of God, the bishop can remove that blessing. By doing this, the bishop opens them for nonsacred use. Subsequently, they can be torn down or sold, as long as the new purpose is not scandalous to the people of God.

In the end, what is truly sacred is not the brick and mortar or even the soil, but the purpose for which they were built. Churches are blessed and declared sacred because we perform sacred rituals within them. When those rituals are no longer being performed in that location, there is no longer a need for them to be declared sacred.

When a church is closed, it is often a sad event. Many people carry deep emotional ties to their parish churches. But a diocese cannot always maintain all of its churches. Catholic populations shift, local needs change. Money is limited, and good stewardship demands that bishops sometimes make the difficult decision to close or merge parishes. Remember what is truly important and of ultimate and sacred value—our worship and service of God. ●

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR / DearPadre.org



The first Roman Catholic Church building in Lansing, Michigan, was demolished in 1906.

WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 13 <i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</i> Wis 1:1-7 Lk 17:1-6	November 14 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 2:23-3:9 Lk 17:7-10	November 15 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 6:1-11 Lk 17:11-19	November 16 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 7:22b-8:1 Lk 17:20-25	November 17 <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i> Wis 13:1-9 Lk 17:26-37	November 18 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Lk 18:1-8	November 19 <i>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the lamp of faith is not enough; we also need the oil of charity and good works.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 8, 2020