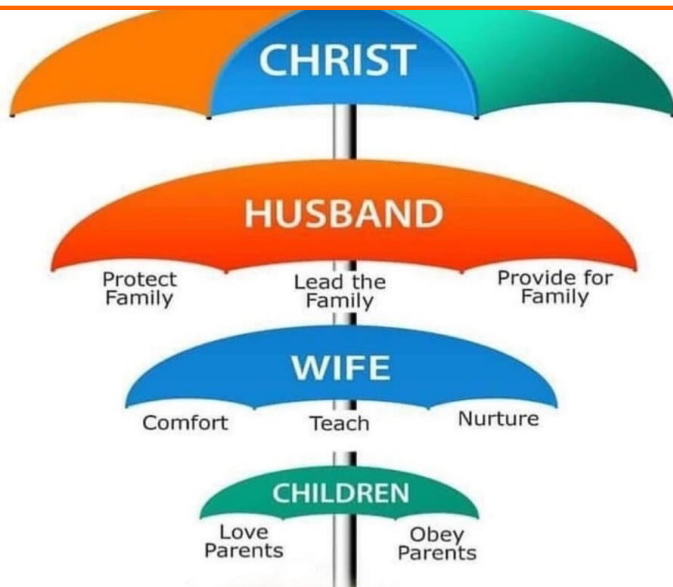


*Thirty-first Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
November 3, 2024*





## From the Gusset

“...so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything.” Eph 5:24

I once heard that we should **pray** that we would **desire** what God wants to give us. Isn't that interesting? We **pray not** asking for something we **want**, but **prayer** is to **want** the very thing that God would most **love** to give us. We **pray** so as to **desire** what God wants to give us. Now **St. Paul** has actually stumbled upon this very notion when he is speaking to the Ephesians. **Paul** says, **wives should be subordinate to their husbands.** You

see, when we are subordinate to someone – we become good **listeners**. You could almost substitute the word *‘listen’* in place of the word ‘subordinate.’ **Wives should listen to their husbands in everything.** Now, I'm going to tell you something that I tell **married persons** in the **confessional**. I tell **the married penitent**, you are the **Spiritual Director** of your spouse. So, **listen** to your spouse – find out what they are thinking, and then give them good **Catholic advice** to direct their thoughts, words, and actions in the future. If they are subordinate to you (as they should be in all things **Spiritual**), they will do what you say, and they will grow in **holiness**. Now **St. Paul** tells the Ephesians, that Jesus **loved** the **Catholic Church**, so much that He handed Himself over for her to **sanctify** her. Then it gets a little confusing, **St. Paul** says, **that Jesus might present to His Father (God) the Church in splendor without spot or wrinkle – that the Church might be holy.** Do you see what is happening here? God the Father wanted to give Jesus the **Church** as a **gift**. This is not the **gift** Jesus would have asked for; rather, it is the **gift** that God the Father wanted to give to His Son. So, the **Catholic Church** has all these **spots** and **blemishes** on her. What does Jesus do? He cleans her up! Jesus **sanctifies** the **Church** by handing Himself over for **crucifixion**, so that Jesus can bathe the **Church** in His **Blood**, and wash away the **Church's spots** and **blemishes**. Then Jesus gives the **Church** back to His Father as perfect and **holy** and **beautiful**. Do you see what Jesus just did? He got a **gift** that He did not really want, but a **gift** the Father wanted to give Him. So, Jesus accepted the **gift**, perfected it, and gave it back to His Dad. When a **married person** finally dies, they will be judged. God the Father will want them for **Heaven** and Satan will want them for **hell**. A deciding vote must be cast, and God calls on His Son to make that deciding vote. When Jesus comes into the judgment hall – the Second Person of the Trinity will look like your **spouse!!** And **the spouse** who is being judged will breathe a sigh of relief, because they were subordinate to their spouse in this life, they **listened** to their **spouse** – who was really Jesus in disguise! And they will become a **Saint**, because **they were subordinate to their spouse in everything!**



**Yours on the Path**      **Fr. Randy**





# ANOINTING MASS

**My third cousin** (who lived to be almost 104 years old) used to say, “*in the way back,*” if something had happened to her **a long time ago**.

*In the way back*, when administering the **Sacrament of Anointing** (when it was called **Extreme Unction**) **the priest** would anoint with **Holy Oil** the eyes, ears, nostrils, mouth, hands, and feet of the sick person and pray that God would forgive him **the sins** he had committed

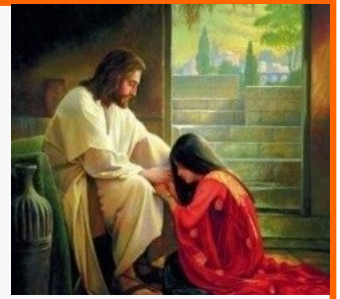
through his **senses**. Now a days, **the priest** only anoints with **Holy Oil** our **forehead** and the palms of our hands. Our **forehead** is anointed as a sign of **the great intellects** that God has given us – that we might think like God thinks! So no longer do each of our **senses** need to be anointed; but rather, just our **intellects**, which are in command of all of our **senses**. For example, I **control** what I look at with my **intellect** as does my **intellect control** what I would choose to hear, etc. A person ought to receive **the Sacrament of Reconciliation**, before he is anointed – so that in doing an **examination of conscience**: he can recall his **sins** and confess them freely. **The Sacrament of Anointing** then remits all the remaining **sins** of the sick person—that is: any sins he has forgotten or may not have been able to **enumerate properly**; and so, the sick person is **freed** from all traces of his **sins**; that is, **Anointing** frees the sick person from **qualms of conscience**, **the fear of death**, and **other imperfections still remaining in his soul**. Sick people are particularly subject to temptation either through **presumption** or **despair**. **Presumption** tends to blind us to the evil condition that our souls are in, because of our **sins**. **Despair** makes us imagine that our sins are too numerous or **too grievous for pardon**. All this being said, **Anointing of the Sick** is a direct aid to a **holy death**, because it gives us **sanctifying grace** and **the fortitude** to gladly make **a sacrifice** of our life to God – just as the Lord did on **the Cross!** On **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**, we will have an **Anointing Mass** at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** in **Sublette** at **11:00am**. **Fr. Randy** will be in **the confessional** starting at **10:00am** that same **morning** to hear **Confessions**. If you know someone, who is sick, and could benefit greatly from receiving **3 Sacraments** in one day! – please bring them to our **Lady’s Church** next Saturday.

Don’t forget to work a **Plenary Indulgence** for the poor souls in Purgatory! **Visiting a cemetery** and praying for **the happy repose** of our beloved dead during **the Octave** following **All Souls’ Day (November 2nd)** is ‘the fifth work’ of a **Plenary Indulgence**. Of course the other four are: (1) to receive **the Eucharist** in a state of grace for the deceased, (2) go to **Confession** and confess our sins, (3) pray **the Creed**, and (4) say prayers for **the Holy Father’s intentions** (typically an Our Father, a **Hail Mary**, and a **Glory Be**).





## THE MASS AND THE SAINTS



You may have noticed that in **the Liturgy of the Mass** (which represents **the Passion**), some things are said in **Greek**, such as *Kyrie, Eleison*, some things are said in **Hebrew**, such as *Alleluia, Sabaoth*, and *Amen*; and

some in **Latin**. This is done, because **the inscription** on Christ's **Cross** was written in these three languages. We say, '*Lord, have mercy, ... Christ, have mercy, ... Lord, have mercy,*' – each **invocation** is said to each of the Divine Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and finally God the Holy Spirit. But we also invoke God's mercy **three times** because of our **wretchedness**. **St. Thomas Aquinas** tells us that our lives are **dark** because of **sin, ignorance, and selfishness**. And **St. Thomas** was taught by **St. Albert the Great** that we fall into a threefold **wretchedness**. We fall first into that subjection, which is **slavery to sin**. Secondly, we fall into **poverty**, for sin robs us of **the grace** that God longs to give us. Thirdly, when we **sin**, we are **trampled** upon by the worthless demons on whom we ought rather to have **trampled**. **St. Albert** goes on to say that when **the Faithful people** hear their priest call upon the Lord to have **mercy**; they too, perceiving this threefold **misery of theirs**, cry out together with their priest, '*Lord, have mercy, ... Christ, have mercy, ... Lord, have mercy.*' And finally, **St. Albert** teaches us, that **power** does three things. **Power** avenges iniquity by **just judgment**. **Power** restrains evil by its severity. **Power** defends virtue and goodness by equitable laws. This is why **the Faithful**, who feel themselves to be **guilty of iniquity**, cry out a first time: *Lord, have mercy*. A second time **the Faithful** cry out: *Christ, have mercy*, because they know their wills to be **rebellious** and they desire the Lord to **check their rebellion** with **mercy** rather than with wrath and fury. And a third time **the Faithful** cry out: *Lord, have mercy*, for they are aware of those things within them that **agree with the Law of God**, but are not '**totally free**' to keep the Law and the Commandments; and so they say, *Lord, have mercy*, that they would be **made free**. Speaking from personal experience, I never feel more at one with my **parishioners** than when in **the Mass**, I say, "*Lord have mercy,*" and then you say, the same thing. And then I say, "*Christ, have mercy,*" and you repeat again, the same as I; and finally, **your priest** says, "*Lord, have mercy,*" and **all of you** say, "*Lord, have mercy.*" We have all **sinned**, and so we all beg God for **forgiveness – mercy**. In **the Mass**, God responds to our cry of asking for **forgiveness** – not so much by saying, "*I forgive you;*" but in **the Mass**, God rather says: I **love** you!







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**Saturday, November 2nd All Souls' Day**

(+) James & (+) Geraldine Fronek/ Fr. Randy

11:00 am, **SMA** (+) All who have passed in the Last Year from our Parishes/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH Pro Populo**/ Fr. Randy

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) James Jones/ Fr. Randy

**Sunday, November 3rd 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Mary McLaughlin/ Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Blaine

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Clement Henkel/ Family &  
(+) Mike Widolff/ Mr. & Mrs. Mike Vaessen

**Monday, November 4th St. Charles Borromeo**

(+) Mary Leffelman/ Sylvia Leffelman & (+) Charles Schauer/ Fr. Randy

**Tuesday, November 5th**

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Rita Haefner/ Betty Bohn

**Wednesday, November 6th**

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Delmer Dinges/ Mr. & Mrs. Rick Cardot &  
(+) Joan Dinges/ Mr. & Mrs. Mark Streit

**Thursday, November 7th**

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Sister Callista Ekwe & (+) Sister Petra Chukwudike/ DDL

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Thomas Berry/ Carlene Schuhler

**Friday, November 8th**

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Joann Burke/ Alice Keasler

10:45 am, **Stonecroft** (+) Mary Zapf & (+) Larry Leffelman/ Fr. Randy

**Saturday, November 9th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

(+) Sister Margaret Ann Floto & (+) Sister Angelica Hraback/ Fr. Randy

11:00 am, **OLPH Anointing Mass** All of the Sick of our Parishes/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Gene & Sue Leffelman/ Shawn Lefelman &  
(+) Jacque & (+) Dolores Setchell/ John Gorman

5:30 pm, **SMA Pro Populo**/ Fr. Randy

**Sunday, November 10th 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Thomas Sharkey/ Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Full

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Catholic Order of Foresters/ St. Mary Court #1382

**Living Mass Intentions:**

**OLPH: Dan & Donna Stephenitch, Jeff & Colleen Myers, Kevin & Julie Malach, Joan Walker**

**SMA: Butch & Mary Jones, Mike & Lisa Jones, Sister Chiemeka Aghaulo**

**St. Patrick: Leo Bushman, Howardine Stewart**



**Great Lakes Men's Conference**

**Northern Illinois University in DeKalb**

**on Saturday, November 23rd**

**Inspiring** talks on 'male spirituality,'

**confession, adoration, and Mass**

with **the Bishop.**