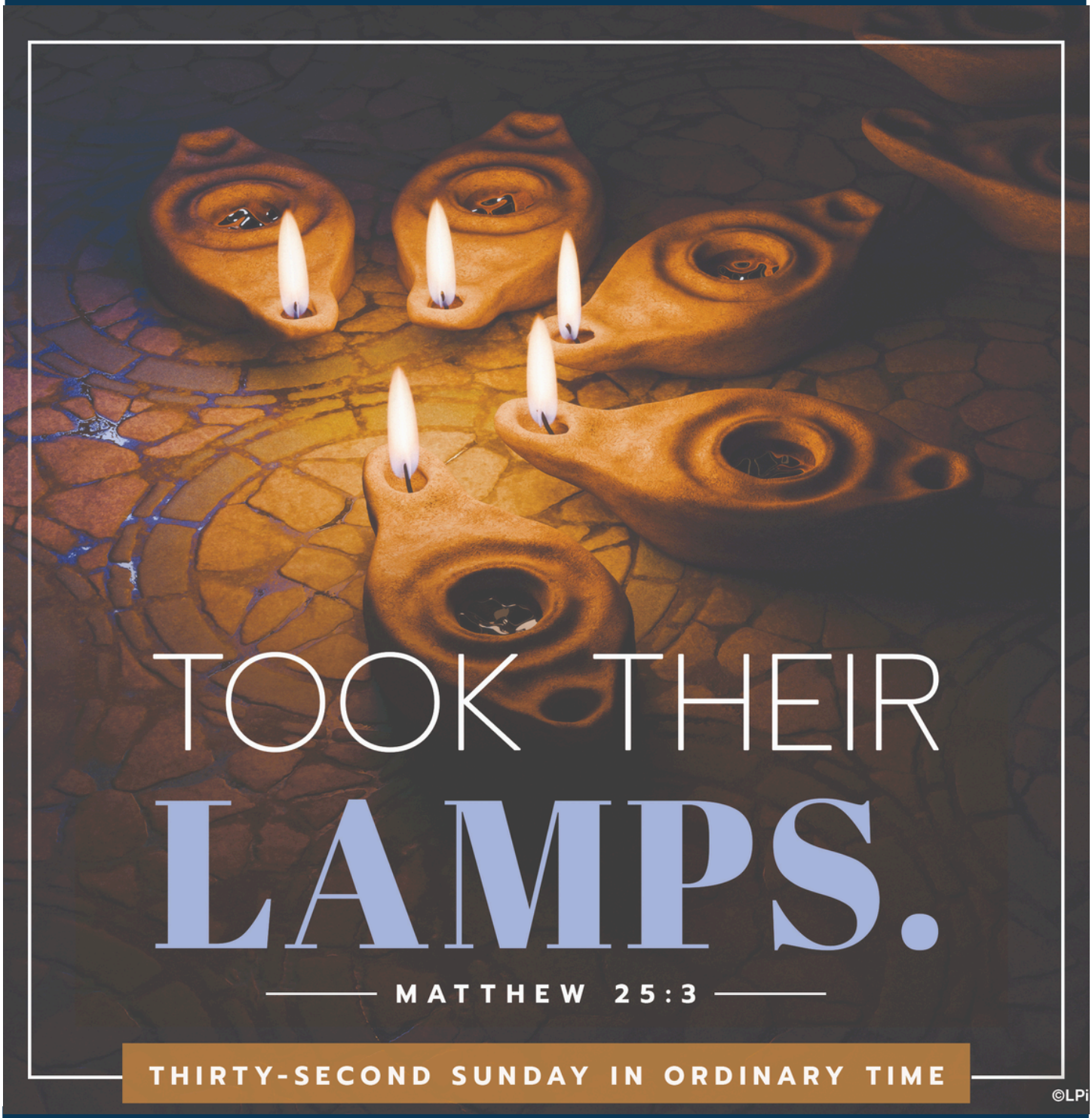
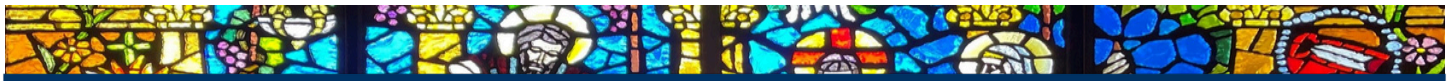
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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time! Our liturgical year is winding down – in two weeks we celebrate the last Sunday of the church year with the Solemnity of Jesus Christ the King of the Universe! The readings of these weekends encourage us to be ready, to be prepared and to reflect on how Jesus Christ is the master of your life!

The beautiful season of Advent starts in three weeks. Next weekend, we will distribute our annual parish gift to your family – the Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas: Waiting in Joyful Hope 2026–2027. This year's author is Peter Dwyer. He has devoted more than three decades to Catholic publishing and you will find his reflections inspiring, and hopefully they will enrich your prayer life during the season of Advent.

This weekend, our school athletes are competing in playoffs. Our Girls A volleyball team is in the championship game. Our A flag football team is also in a playoff game. Go Knights!!

This weekend, we thank our veterans for their service and sacrifice to our nation, especially those who have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who have fought and whose bodies and spirits are scarred by war. We also pray for those currently serving in the Armed Forces, especially for those in harm's way. God bless all of our veterans!

Throughout November, our Catholic tradition, invites us to slow down and remember the loved ones who have gone before us. It is a sacred season that naturally turns our hearts towards remembrances and memories of our loved ones who have gone before us. Be assured that during these November Masses, I am praying for your deceased relatives and friends who have gone home to meet the Lord!!

Just a reminder that our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held on Thursday, November 26 at 9:00 AM. We will continue the tradition of inviting you to bring any bread or wine that will grace your Thanksgiving table that afternoon/evening and we will have a special blessing during Mass!

May the venerable souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Blessings,

Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Scripture



Virtues, *Explained!*

In the modern lexicon, the quality of "kindness" is often equated with politeness — but real, virtuous kindness is so much more. Virtuous kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God.

God is not polite — God is kind, and His kindness is abundantly evident in all of creation. It was suspicion of this divine kindness that precipitated the fall of Adam and Eve (CCC 214), and it was this unfailing kindness that facilitated our own adoption as God's children, conformed to the image of His son (CCC 257).

Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22) and is a central theme in the famous parable of the Good Samaritan. In practicing kindness and seeking the good of another without prejudice or condition, the Samaritan reflects God's own plan of loving kindness for us.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

Psalm

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
(1 Thes 4:14)

Gospel

"Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."
(Mt 25:13)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The Christian life is a life of waiting, for the Bridegroom is long delayed. We can grow too comfortable in the waiting that we forget what it's all for. So let us look to our lamps and always remember — the waiting will not last forever.

Worship & Observances

Prayer - Blessing for Veterans

O God,
Bless the men and women who have stepped forward in the service of our country.
Protect them in Your mercy, care for their needs:
physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual.
Give them courage, strength, perseverance, and support.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of November 8, 2026

Sunday
Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday
Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday
Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

Friday
2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday
3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/
1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



Observances for the Week of November 8, 2026

Sunday
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday
St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday
St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; *Veterans Day*

Thursday
St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

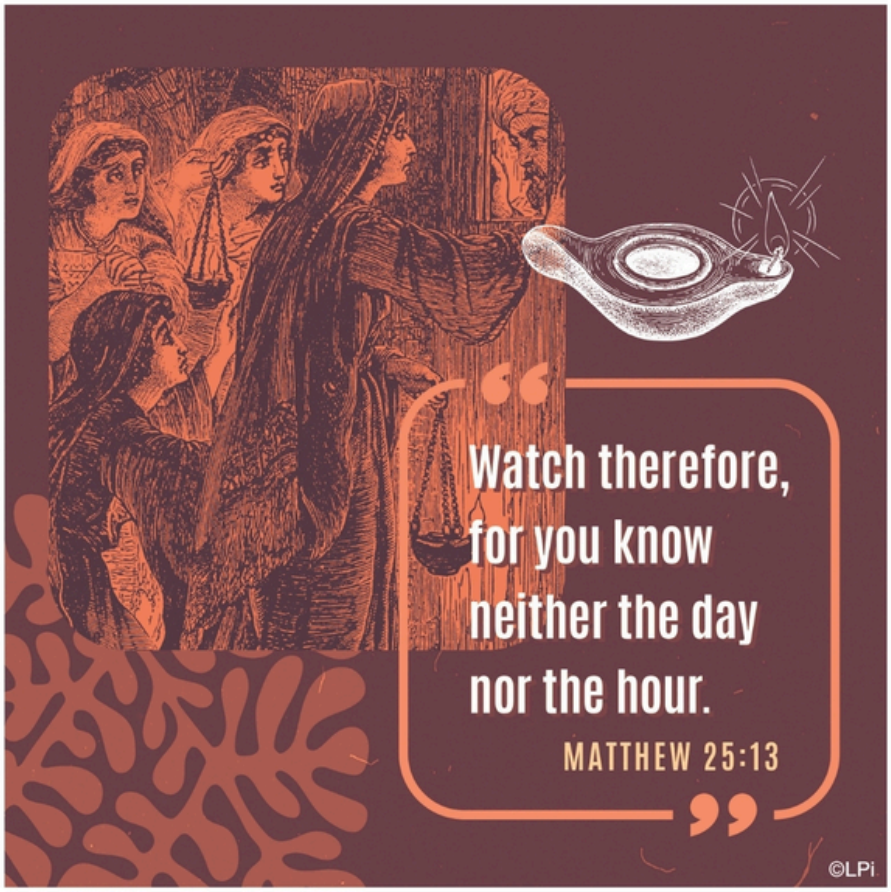
Friday
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Next Sunday
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Gospel Meditation



Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Matthew 25:1-13

My first instinct upon waking is to grab my phone and start scrolling. Sometimes I do it for 20 or 30 minutes, and it makes me feel distracted and agitated. I feel guilty, too, for wasting my first moments of the day. So recently, I committed those minutes to reading a book that would focus my mind on Jesus. I enjoy the fact that I am not scattering my attention as much. I feel more peaceful and focused on God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about attention. He contrasts wise and foolish virgins, and then sums up the teaching by saying, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). The basic currency of the human heart is attention. The foolish bridesmaids are not immoral or malicious; they are unfocused, distracted, and unprepared. They assume that borrowed oil will suffice, that someone else's readiness can make up for their own lack. But the attention which is love cannot be outsourced. A relationship with God requires personal attentiveness cultivated over time.

This Gospel leaves us with an honest question. What am I giving my attention to each day, and am I forming a heart that is awake, watchful, and ready to meet the Lord when He comes? How can I use key moments of my day to focus my attention where I need it to be?

— Father John R. Muir

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All families that attend St. Joseph are invited to apply. Families who apply will receive appropriate training in the ministry before serving, and then they will be added to an Altar Server schedule. Most families will serve at one Mass during the weekend.

We hope your family will join in this special ministry!

NEXT TRAINING:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

THE ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR:

Monica Wissuchek

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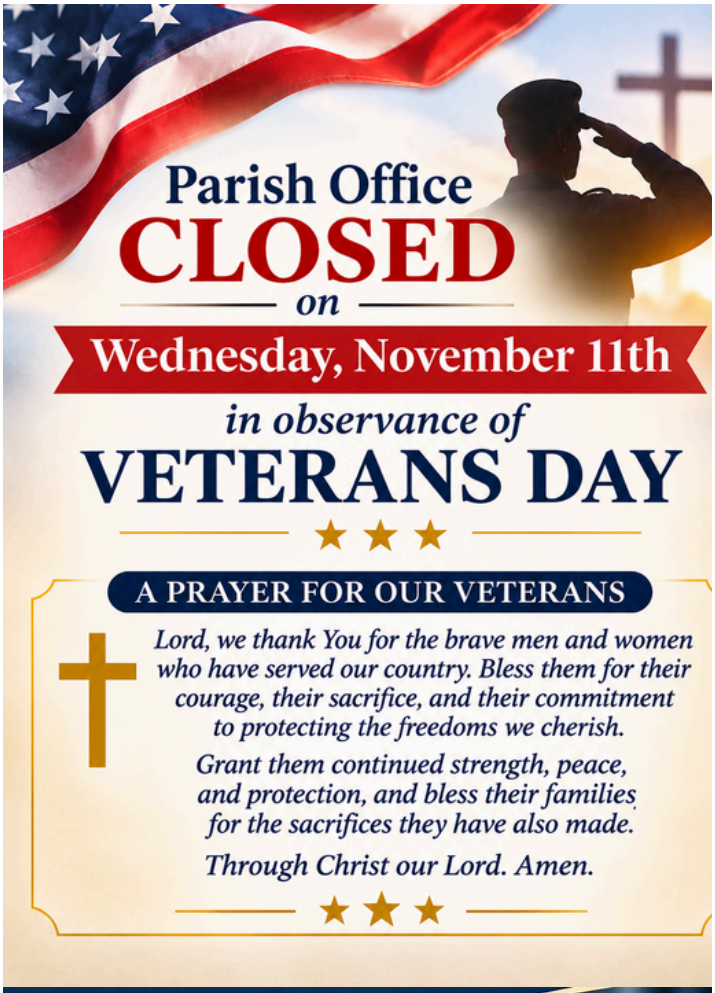
"If you want peace, work for justice."
-Pope Paul VI

Blanket Drive: Thank you for the outstanding support of last weekend's blanket drive! Over 140 blankets were donated. $525 in cash donations will provide additional blankets in support of 120 families for Thanksgiving. Some will be distributed by our Homeless Ministry Nov. 29

Nov. 21 - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: Can you help us deliver? So meaningful to kids!! Contact Jill Salinaz (562) 822-7367 or jmsalinaz@yahoo.com.

Family Adoptions: Would you like to adopt a family to support Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter? Call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Rose Bauss rhbauss@gmail.com







St. Joseph Senior Group

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, November 9 &
Monday, November 23

Thank You, Katie Kasprzyk!

Thank you to Katie Kasprzyk for her delightful talk about her new ministry, *Reaching Out to the Homebound.*

Christmas Lunch

Reservations Required

Monday, December 14

Cost: $10 per person

Reservations can be made at either the November 9 or November 23 meeting. You must have a reservation to attend.

Activities, Friendship & Fun

- Bingo
- Poker Card Games
- Mexican Train & More!
- Bring One, Take One Table of Books & Puzzles
- 50/50 Raffle Tickets Available
- Trip Information & Schedules Available

Bring Your Brown-Bag Lunch!

Coffee, tea, water & goodies provided.

We look forward to seeing all our members and welcoming new friends!

Questions? Contact Marilyn North at (562) 519-0154

St. Joseph

Care Calls Ministry

to the Homebound

Do you know a St. Joseph parishioner who is homebound or healing from surgery/illness?

Our ministry offers friendly weekly check-in calls to help our parishioners stay connected to our church community.

For more information, contact Katie Kasprzyk at
stjcarecalls@gmail.com



GriefShare

Surviving the Holidays

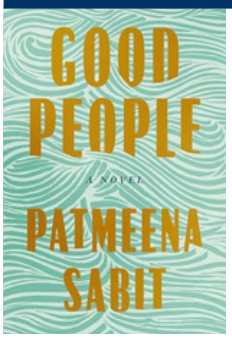
provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season.

Join us for this 2-hour seminar.

Location	Date & Time	Contact Info
6180 East Willow Street Long Beach, CA **Parish Life Center** (PLC Building)	**Tuesday,** **December 8, 2026** 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	**May Pace** 562-833-6370 maypace@gmail.com

griefshare.org/holidays

Book Club



Our next Book Club meeting is Wednesday, November 18th at 7pm on Zoom

Good People by Patmeena Sabit.

In the debut novel by Afghan American author, Good People is a literary mystery told through a kaleidoscope of perspectives, exploring family, cultural tension, and the American immigrant experience.

All are welcome. For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com

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GENERAL AUDIENCE

Saint Peter's Square
Wednesday, 4 November 2026
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Catechesis. The Documents of the Second Vatican Council. IV. Constitution Gaudium e Spes. 8. Faith and social, political, and economic life (GS, 63–76)

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

The social dimension is an integral part not only of human nature, but also of our faith in Christ Jesus, as the precious legacy we receive from the Incarnation of the Son of God. The Constitution *Gaudium et Spes* (GS) recalls this in Chapters III and IV of Part II, dedicated to economic and social life and to the life of the political community. In these areas too, the Christian faith offers criteria for discernment.

The Council Fathers highlight, first of all, the threat to world peace deriving from the imbalances linked to an economic development that is neither equitable nor respectful of creation (cf. *GS*, 63). This is a far-sighted vision, which was unfortunately borne out towards the end of the last century and which we see even more clearly today. To correct this course, the Document warns, technical progress alone is not enough: "many reforms in the socioeconomic realm and a change of mentality and attitude are required of al l" (*ibid.*).

Therefore, *Gaudium et Spes* summarizes the Christian vision of economic development, which must always be at the service of humankind and under human control (cf. *GS*, 64–65). The concept of integral development is already clearly evident here, a concept which Saint Paul VI would later place at the heart of his Encyclical *Populorum Progressio* (1967). More relevant than ever are the appeals to commit to eliminating discrimination against the most vulnerable social groups and migrants (cf. *GS*, 66).

The heart of the economy is work. Through it, one develops as a person, provides for family needs, expresses one's own talent, participates in social life and builds a better world by collaborating in God's creative work. Work must never be distorted to the detriment of people, the common good or creation. The real challenge is to offer everyone opportunities to make the most of their abilities: unemployment, exploitation and working conditions that endanger health and life itself are unacceptable (cf. *GS*, 67). Workers have the right and the duty to participate in decisions affecting their work, including through trade unions, resolving conflicts through dialogue and non-violent action (cf. *GS*, 68).

In this context, the Council recalls one of the fundamental principles of social teaching, namely the universal destination of earthly goods (cf. *GS*, 69) and applies it to the financia sphere, stating that "whoever makes decisions concerning these investments and the planning of the economy – whether they be individuals or groups of public authorities – are bound ... to recognize their serious obligation of watching, on the one hand, that provision be made for the necessities required for a decent life both of individuals and of the whole community and, on the other, of looking out for the future and of establishing a right balance between the needs of present-day consumption, both individual and collective, and the demands of investing for the generation to come" (*GS*, 70).

Gaudium et Spes then goes on to discuss the political community, noting several positive developments in the contemporary era, above all the fact that "the present keener sense of human dignity has given rise in many parts of the world to attempts to bring about a politico-juridical order which will give better protection to the rights of the person in public life" (*GS*, 73).

The political community exists for the sake of the common good, which consists of "the sum of those conditions of the social life whereby men, families and associations more adequately and readily may attain their own perfection" (*GS*, 74). The exercise of political authority must always be directed towards the common good, which must be structured and operate according to local and historical circumstances, but always with the good of the entire human family at heart (cf. *ibid.*).

Gaudium et Spes reiterates that "the Church and the political community in their own fields are autonomous and independent from each other. Yet both, under different titles, are devoted to the personal and social vocation of the same men. The more that both foster sounder cooperation between themselves with due consideration for the circumstances of time and place, the more effective will their service be exercised for the good of all" (*GS*, 76).

Dear friends, engaging in economic and political life in accordance with these criteria is a way of building peace. As Pope Francis recalled, "war is a failure of politics and of humanity, a shameful capitulation, a stinging defeat before the forces of evil" (Encyclical Letter *Fratelli tutti*, 261). On the contrary, politics that tends to the wounds of peoples and of those who suffer injustice offers grounds for hope for the future of humanity.

For this reason, I encourage young people to follow the example of those men and women who have borne faithful witness in these fields. And I renew my call to Christian communities to revive formation in the social doctrine of the Church.

I greet all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's Audience, especially those from England, Ireland, Denmark, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Nigeria, Australia, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and the United States of America. In a particular way, I welcome the members of the National Conference of Vocation Directors for England and Wales. Upon all of you and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you!

Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing catechesis on the Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*, today we reflect on the social dimension of humanity, which is integral not only to our human nature but also to our faith in Christ. Chapters III and IV of Part II are devoted to socioeconomic life and the political community, with particular emphasis on the theme of peace. From this perspective, the Council Fathers presented the Catholic vision of economic development, placing work at its center. Here, the Council recalls a fundamental principle of Catholic social doctrine, namely, the universal destination of goods. It then considers the political community, which — whatever its historical form — also exists for the sake of the common good, which must be the aim of the exercise of civil authority.

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5:00 p.m.

Sunday
Mass on the Grass
Outdoors
8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass
10:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M–W)
8:00 a.m.

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Saturdays
3:45 – 4:30 p.m.

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Third Tuesdays
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

