

We who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.
1 THESSALONIANS 4:17

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Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven, but Nobody Wants to Die

This is the title of a bluegrass song as well as a book on bioethics. It's a clever title, and there is some profound truth in it. Death, which is so natural for living things, seems so unnatural to human beings, who cling tenaciously to life. One would think that believers who hold that Christ conquered death would be comforted by that faith. However, that isn't always the case. It's not that they don't believe; it's that they don't *understand* what they believe. But that is the difference between understanding and believing.

This is the problem described in Paul's letter today. The Thessalonians believed that, through his resurrection, Christ conquered death. Then why did some among them begin to die? Did those dying lack faith? No, Paul insists. Jesus, who died and rose, embraces those who have died and who will rise with him. Did the people fully understand this? Do we? Isn't this a question of faith—and trust?

Paul thought that he and other believers could still be alive when the rising would happen, and they were not. Or were they? Doesn't our faith give us hope that we—both the living and the dead—will be embraced by God's mercy? Doesn't something wondrous occur when those who have "fallen asleep" wake up in the glory of God? Still, we might not understand all of this, but we are called to believe, and in believing we are told to "console one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *What about death frightens you?*
- ✦ *At such moments, remind yourself that God loves you and that the risen Christ will embrace you.*

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November 8, 2020

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed. 12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals



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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Nov. 01	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Nov. 08	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Nov. 15	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Nov. 22	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Nov. 29	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed

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Finding Spiritual Connection in Social Isolation



WE HAVE MANY WAYS TO REACH OUT, EVEN WHEN WE STAY INDOORS

JIM AUER

On March 27, 2020, Pope Francis delivered an unexpected address amid extraordinary circumstances. A papal *Urbi et Orbi* address ("to the city and to the world") is normally given on only three occasions: after a papal election, on Christmas, and at Easter. This was no normal March day. In response to a global pandemic that was gathering terrifying momentum, the Pope delivered a singular exception—alone, in the rain, in a deserted St. Peter's Square.

In the Pope's worthy break from tradition, he asked us to see the current chaos not as God's punishment but as our opportunity to choose what matters, to separate what's necessary from what isn't, and to get our lives back on track with God and each other.

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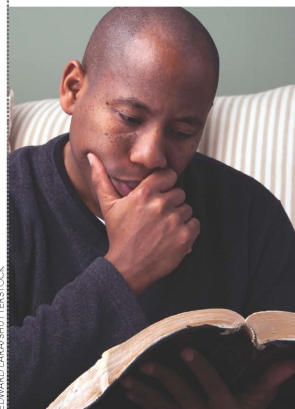
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Dear Padre,

A non-Christian friend asked if Catholics read the Bible. What can I say about Catholics and the Bible?

Yes. Catholics consider the Bible to be the inspired word of God by which he revealed to the Jewish and early Christian people who he is and how they can attain salvation. The Bible comprises many shorter works collected together. The books of the Bible were written at different times by different people. There are two parts to the Bible: the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The Old Testament talks about God's relations with the Jewish people before the coming of Jesus. The Old Testament consists of the first five books, which



are sometimes called the Pentateuch; the histories, which tell about the conquest of the Holy Land; the prophets, which record the words of those sent to Israel to call it back to the true belief in God; the writings, containing sacred songs (the Psalms), advice on everyday living, and other explorations of religious issues. In the Greek tradition, which Catholics follow, the Old Testament contains forty-six books.

The New Testament, a collection of twenty-seven shorter books, talks about Jesus and his followers. It consists of the four Gospels, which are about Jesus' life on earth, his death, and resurrection; letters, which are written to newly established Christian

communities to guide them in their faith; the Acts of the Apostles, which is a history of the activities of the early Church; and a book of prophesy, called Revelation.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis



The study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer. ...Evangelization demands familiarity with God's word, which calls for dioceses, parishes, and Catholic associations to provide for a serious, ongoing study of the Bible, while encouraging its prayerful individual and communal reading.

—EVANGELII GAUDIUM, NOVEMBER 24, 2013

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Calendar

Monday
NOVEMBER 9
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Rome)
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday
NOVEMBER 10
St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday
NOVEMBER 11
St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
Ti 3:1-7
Lk 17:11-19

Thursday
NOVEMBER 12
St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Phmn 7-20
Lk 17:20-25

Friday
NOVEMBER 13
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
2 Jn 4-9
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday
NOVEMBER 14
Weekday
3 Jn 5-8
Lk 18:1-8

Sunday
NOVEMBER 15
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30

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