



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of November 5, 2023

Monday, November 6, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Joseph & Gertrude Examitas** by Daughter, Bonnie
2-4:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
6 – 6:30 PM **Confessions at Divine Mercy**

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Rev. Charles Dene** by Divine Mercy Parish

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

6:45 AM DM **George & Elsie Rittle & Son, George** by Rittle Family
5:30-7 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday, November 9, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Stanley “Bucky” Bokuniewicz Jr.** by Colleen Moyer & Family

Friday, November 10, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Maryann Toborowsky** by Husband, Robert
2-4:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday, November 11, 2023

8:00 AM DM **Joseph P. Savakinas** by Sister

3:45 PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
4:00 PM DM **Catherine & Joe Navitsky** by Son, Joseph & Family

Sunday, November 12, 2023

7:30 AM DM **Florence Filozof** by James & Judy Spaar
9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
10:00 AM DM **Joan Rittle Smith** by Niece, Lisa Rittle
12:30 PM DM **Living & Deceased Priests – Diocese of Allentown**
En Espanol

“The clergy and religious of the Diocese of Allentown continue to stand ready to provide steadfast support and prayers during this difficult time,” said Bishop Schlert. “Just as St. Joseph protected the Holy Family, we turn to St. Joseph to protect us at this time of uncertainty and pandemic.” We invite all the faithful who are quarantined during this time and unable to receive Holy Communion, to offer their prayers for healing throughout the world. Pray the Holy Rosary, on www.EWTN.com/tv/shows/sunday-Mass-live. Pray this prayer for spiritual communion and set aside time for prayer with the Sacred Scriptures of the day – go to www.wordamongus.org.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Prayer to Your Guardian Angel

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
To whom God’s love
Commits me here,
Ever this day,
be at my side,
To light and guard,
Rule and guide.

Prayer for Our Country

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of America, please help our country. Help us to return to what is decent, right and proper. Help us to return to respect for ourselves and others, into truth in dealing with ourselves and others, to self-control and self-discipline and, especially, to a deep love for your Son and his teachings. Protect us from those who would destroy us from within. Our Lady, we place ourselves and our country under your mantel. Pray for us and help us. Amen.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

When: Every 1st Sunday of the month
Time: 3:00 PM
Where: St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Mahanoy City

Divine Mercy Collections

10/29- \$ 5,581.00

Thanksgiving Holiday Parish Office Hours

The office will be closed from noon on Wednesday, November 22nd, Thursday November 23rd, Friday November 24th and Monday, November 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, November 28th at 8:30 AM.

Patience Makes Sense

Don’t be tempted to compare yourself to others. God’s plan for each of us is unique. “Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over him who prospers in his way” (Psalm 37:7).

Divine Mercy Memorial Fund
In loving memory of Diane M. Kalyan
 \$10 Husband, Ron & family
Frances Yanonis
 \$10 Chris & Jo Ann Twardzik
Mary Jo Zuber
 \$20 Ray & Marilyn Filozof
Dr. Joseph Zienkiewicz
 \$10 Theresa Tunilla
Special intentions
 \$5 Anonymous
Good health & God's blessings for Julie Buchinsky
 \$10 Karen & Gloria

Welcome to Sophia Nicole Bastardo Reyes who was baptized on Sunday, October 29th. Sophia Nicole is the daughter of Miguel Bastardo & Samantha Reyes. May God bless her and keep her in His care.



Why do Catholics Have Two Versions of the Creed?

Both creeds summarize what Catholics believe but were written at different times for different purposes. The Apostles' Creed is the summary of the beliefs of the early Church. The Nicene Creed is the expanded form of the Apostles' Creed, stemming from two Church councils (Nicaea, AD 325; Constantinople, AD 381) to combat Arianism, which proposed Jesus was not God but a kind of super-saint. The Nicene Creed emphasizes Jesus' divinity, His divine Sonship, and the divinity of the Holy Spirit.



Devotional Candles

Divine Mercy

Sanctuary In memory of my beloved Parents & Sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
Divine Mercy In loving memory of Lucille & Donald by Wife & Mother
Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr., Albert Sr., Anna, Joseph, George & Regina Discavage by Irene
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joseph Zarcufsky Jr. by Sister, Nikki
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Rose & William Norris by Daughter, Cathy & family
Blessed Mother God's healing for Julie Buchinsky by Pat Lapatovich & Elaine Tutko
St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
St. Ann In memory of Marion Discavage by Family
OLMC Special intentions for good health by Ed & Cindi Shafransky
OLMC In loving memory of Virginia Bell – 3rd anniversary of death by Gina, Jim & family
OLMC In loving memory of Richard Masternack – 4th anniversary of death by Daughter, Denise & Charles Sincavage
OLMC In loving memory of Richard Masternack – 4th anniversary of death by Wife, Mary Rose
OLMC Good health & God's blessings for JPL by Godmother
OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family
St. Joseph In loving memory of our Dad, Leonard Tunilla – love & miss you by Tunilla Family
Sacred Heart Altar Special intentions by Mary Kufro
Altar In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Connell Family
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St. Casimir

Sanctuary Birthday blessings for Guzinski/Richardson Families by Terry & Joe Richardson
Czestochowa In loving memory of Michalik, Mentel, Zelonis, Lenkaitis & Shirvinski families by Michael & Marie Michalik
Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
Divine Mercy Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., T.S. R.G., J.B., L.B., G.M., Z.S. by M/M John Maskornick
Divine Mercy For a special intention by Jo Marie & Maria Rittle
Divine Mercy In memory of Adele Benjamin by Pat & Leo Treshock
Divine Mercy In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by Wife/Mother
Blessed Mother In memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peg
Blessed Mother In memory of Joan Majewski by Brother, Albert
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Mary & Charles Zeminski & Albina & William Tunilla by Theresa Tunilla
St. Ann In memory of Theodore, Catherine & Catherine Mary Guzinski by Barbara Guzinski
Sacred Heart In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria
Sacred Heart For God's blessings & good health for Maryann Pronio by Pat & Leo

Chapel

Sanctuary Special intentions by Msgr. B
Blessed Mother Prayers & good health for Emily Seigel by Uncle Ed & Aunt Kerri
St. Joseph Special intentions by Msgr. B

OPLATKI/CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Will be available beginning Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd before & after all the Masses at Divine Mercy or at the Parish Office, 108 West Cherry St. during office hours. **Donation for a 6 piece pack will be \$ 5.00.**

Thanksgiving Can Inspire to Gratitude in Action

St. Mother Teresa said, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." At Thanksgiving, we bask in the glow of our blessings but it's also a chance to share them with others. This is "gratitude in action."

Be generous with your time. God can't be outdone in generosity. He gives life in His image and likeness. He gave the gift of Himself in Christ's offering on the Cross. In that spirit, how can you give of yourself? Prayerfully consider where and to whom you can give your time and attention.

Be generous with your patience. Ours is the God of second chances, generous with His mercy. Decide to generously give others the benefit of the doubt, allow room for good intentions, and forgive injuries. Love as God loves by extending patience and forgiveness without limit.

Be generous with your family. Mother Teresa said, "If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family." Make your family your top priority and give your loved ones the very best of yourself.

Be generous with your joy. Holidays can be difficult for people without connections. Look for someone at church, at work, or in the neighborhood who might need a place to celebrate the holiday. Share holiday love and joy.

St. Margaret of Scotland

A Hungarian princess, St. Margaret grew up in luxury and privilege, but she never lost sight of those in need and her duty to serve them. After the Battle of Hastings, her family fled to Scotland where King Malcom III sheltered them and eventually married Margaret. Although a queen, her private life was austere, dedicated to prayer and serving the poor—even washing beggars' feet. She is remembered for her life of piety, kindness, and generosity.

*Grateful
Thankful
Blessed*



Christmas Memorial & Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes are placed in your December envelopes. You may place your Christmas Memorial & Christmas Flower Memorial in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The memorials will be published for Christmas. **The deadline will be Monday, December 11th.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE FOR 2023

Christmas Eve Schedule

Sunday, December 24th 6:00 PM Divine Mercy
Sunday, December 24th 9:00 PM Divine Mercy

Christmas Day Schedule

Monday, December 25th 7:30 AM Divine Mercy
Monday, December 25th 10:00 AM Divine Mercy
Monday, December 25th 12:30 PM Divine Mercy Spanish

Misa En Espanol

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 1st 7:30 AM Divine Mercy
Monday, January 1st 10:00 AM Divine Mercy

Upcoming Events

Dine In or Take Out Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by St. Patrick Church, Pottsville ... Sunday, November 5th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (or sell out), 313 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville. Spaghetti platter includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, a salad, and bread. Cost is \$11.00 per platter. Extra meatballs and/or sauce available for purchase.

St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour You are invited to take part in a St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour at St. Theresa Church, Hellertown on Wednesday, November 8th at 6:00pm. We will come together before the Blessed Sacrament to ask Our Lord's mercy and to invoke the powerful intercession of St. Monica for our fallen-away loved ones. Presiding will be Rev. Anthony Mongiello, pastor of St. Anne's Parish, Bethlehem. All are welcome, and no registration is required. For more information on the St. Monica Ministry, please email StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com

Fall Bazaar sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland will be held on Saturday, November 11th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the parish hall.

St. John the Baptist Church, Pottsville is sponsoring a Christmas Bazaar at the Russell Building on Saturday, November 11th from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Sunday, November 12th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Baskets, crafts, bargain table and homemade food and baked goods available. Take out only.

It's that time of year again and the ladies of St. Anne Guild are selling their home-made Christmas candy in St. Charles Borromeo Parish Center. There are three kinds of candy to choose from: Peanut Butter - One Pound \$12.00, Butter Cream—One Pound \$12.00 and Butter Cream Rolled in Peanuts—One Pound \$14.00. Orders may be placed by calling the Parish office at 875-1521. All order must in by November 15th.

St. Charles Borromeo Presents "After Dark" on Wednesday, November 22nd. Doors open at 7:00 PM and band will play from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM at Fountain Springs Country Inn. Cash Bar & food will be available for purchase. If interested, please call the parish office 875-1521 or Karen Stohn at 933-5786.

Bautismos Todos están invitados a bautizar a sus hijos. Aún si usted no está casado en la Iglesia se puede bautizar a su bebé. Sin embargo, le pedimos que seleccione una pareja que se casó en la Iglesia Católica para ser sus padrinos. Si un padrino / madrina es una persona soltera, él / ella puede convertirse en una condición de que, esa persona ha recibido el bautismo. Por favor, tenga en cuenta que una pareja, civilmente casada o una persona que vive junto a otra persona como una pareja no está calificada para ser un padrino/madrina. Si son de fuera de nuestra parroquia, por favor, díles de obtener un certificado de elegibilidad de su pastor al menos dos semanas de anticipación. Padre llevará a cabo clases de bautismo, tanto para los padres y padrinos y administrar el rito del bautismo. Por favor, visite la oficina parroquial (108 W.Cherry St., Shenandoah. Teléfono 570 (4621968) para reservar fechas y rellenar formularios. El proceso es muy fácil.

Diocesan Information

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is Poor... You are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, Johnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900 x 245.

Victim Assistance Coordinator The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Victim Assistance Coordinator—Direct Telephone Number: 1-800-791-9209.

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand- corner of the page.

Parish Dues for 2024 for Divine Mercy Parish are now payable for any registered parishioner 21 years of age and older at the parish office, 108 West Cherry St. If dues are paid by January 31, 2024, dues are \$ 50.00 per individual. If paid after January 31, 2024, dues are \$ 60.00 per individual.



Did You Request Extra Envelopes to Pay Your 2024 Dues Monthly?

If you receive collection envelopes monthly, envelopes for your dues are included in that packet of envelopes. It is the very first envelope of every month. Please use that envelope to pay your dues monthly. If you have any questions, please call the office.



2024 Mass Book for Divine Mercy Parish IS NOW OPEN.

The **Diocesan Mass Stipend is set at \$ 10.00.** When requesting a Mass for 2024, the stipend must be paid before it can be written in the Mass Book. Each parishioner will be allowed **one weekday Mass and one weekend Mass.**

Nativity Happenings

The month of November, Nativity's Green and Gold Club will be selling Gift Card Calendars. Anyone who would like to donate a \$25 gift card it would be greatly appreciated. The Club will be mailing out 5 calendars to each Nativity family to sell and additional calendars will be available in the main office. The cost of each calendar is \$10.00.

On Sunday, November 19th, Nativity will be hosting a New Student Information Night for potential students for the 2024-2025 school year beginning at 5:00 PM at the school. Nativity BVM High School administration, faculty, staff, students, parents and Board Members will be on hand to discuss specific information about academics, financial aid, guidance services and opportunities for students. This information will be particularly helpful for incoming freshmen, transfer students, new students and potential host families. We invite you and your family to join us for this event. No pre-registration is required. All are welcome! Please contact the school at 622-8110 or jldaubert@nativitybvm.net with any questions.

Assumption BVM Catholic School ~ A Faith Based Educational Experience

In October, students and staff participated in the Pottsville Halloween parade! A great time was had by all as we shared our love for our school with those in attendance watching the parade.

Did you know that enrolling at ABVM is easy? Give us a call to learn how your child could be part of our school community. Limited space is available in a few grades. We will be having a Veteran's Day prayer service at the school at 9:30 AM on November 10th. If you have a name that you would like us to share and remember at the service, please contact Mrs. Schoepflin at eschoepflin@assumptionbvmschool.net to have the name(s) added to the program. Additionally, our students are learning about veterans and supporting wounded warriors and their families through Honor Their Courage, a service-learning opportunity benefitting Wounded Warrior Project. Please join us in raising funds for this worthy organization via <https://do.nr/5phx44uy>. ABVM has partnered with the Reading Royals for a hockey game on November 18th. Tickets can be purchased via <https://fevogm.com/event/Assumptionbvm>. ABVM will receive \$5.00 for every ticket purchased through this link.

Assumption BVM will be holding a Raffle for \$500.00 worth of fuel for the winter months. This fundraiser will directly benefit the school and its students. Tickets are \$5.00 each (small games of chance license #9524). Drawing will be held on December 21st. Chances can be purchased from any ABVM family or from the school (school phone: 622-0106 or e-mail: eschoepflin@assumptionbvmschool.net). Thank you for your help in making our Fuel Raffle a success!

Attention all Safe Environment Coordinators!

Mandated reporter trainings and Protecting God’s Children Workshops will now be available virtually. If you are interested, please contact Pam Russo Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services
P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
610-871-5200 ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

Servicio de Denuncia de Abusos de Obispos Católicos

Si tiene una denuncia de abuso contra un 6bispo, comuníquese con el Servicio de Denuncias de Abuso de Obispos Católicos en www.ReportBishopAbuse.org o llamando al 800-276-1562

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WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NOV. 11TH & 12TH – ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Lombard,Gina	Toborowsky,Robert	Blank
7:30 AM	Daynorowicz,Nolan	Grochowski,Jennifer	Daynorowicz,Nolan
10:00 AM	Twardzik,Pam	Sadusky,Joseph	Rakus,Evan

Shenandoah Area Free Public Library Events

The library will be participating in Francesco’s Dine In or Take Out during the months of October, November and December. Tickets are \$35.00 each and are valid for 1 Veal, Chicken or Seafood dinner and cannoli. Expiration date for tickets: December 31, 2023. Tickets can be purchased at the library 462-9829 or DSI Office, 116 North Main St. Shenandoah.

Bulletin Deadline Dates

Below you will find a listing of when bulletin information is due. The holidays are very busy, so I ask that you please use this as a reference guide as to when bulletin information is due. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Bulletin for Sunday....	Bulletin Information is due on ...
Sunday, November 19th	Thursday, November 9th
Sunday, November 26th	Monday, November 13th
Sunday, December 3rd	Monday, November 20th
Sunday, December 10th	Monday, November 27th
Sunday, December 17th	Thursday, December 7th
Sunday, December 24th	Monday, December 11th
Sunday, January 7th	Tuesday, December 26th



Cemetery Note

Please help us to keep all of our cemeteries looking nice and well maintained throughout the fall and winter months. Please remove and take home any flowers, planters, wreaths or baskets you placed on the graves. Flowers, baskets, logs & planters left on the graves will be removed & disposed of. Decorations, statues, and stepping stones should be removed permanently and if left will be disposed of. The cemeteries close daily at sunset, the gates will be closed during the winter months to prevent vandalism & trespass. Thank you for your cooperation.

November 10 – Pope St. Leo the Great (461). A native of Rome, St. Leo was elected pope while on a mission in Gaul. As pope, he defended the faith from heresy and promoted ecclesiastical unity.
November 18 – St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1852). Born in Grenoble, France, she joined the Society of the Sacred Heart and came to America as a missionary. She opened the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi river, and the first Catholic school for Native Americans.
November 26 – Solemnity of Christ the King. God promised His people a king who would triumph over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.

Next Prayer Group will meet at the Father Ciszek Center on Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 PM.

Next Bible Group: Thursday, November 9th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

Next Franciscan Group: Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

For more information, call Sr. Marietta 590-0435 or the parish office 462-1968.

Dealing With Loss And Those Left Behind

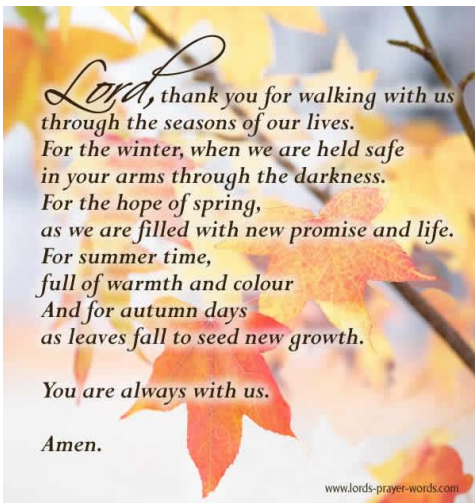
Christians know that death leads to marvelous new life, but it is still difficult to lose someone we love. We take comfort knowing that we remain connected in the Communion of Saints, the spiritual solidarity binding the faithful on Earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the saints in Heaven. Still, finding or offering comfort after a death can be challenging:

Pray. Pray that the souls who have died may find their place in Heaven. Perhaps arrange to have that prayer included in the intentions during Mass in your parish. Including them in your daily prayers also helps to keep their intentions alive.

Be present. Attend the visitation or funeral. Such customs are part of honoring and praying for the deceased person and showing compassion to the living.

Offer material support. Bring a meal to the family. Mass cards, notes and phone calls can also offer comfort.

Contribute. Consider making a donation of time or money to organizations such as a local Hospice that provide grace and dignity to those dying.



Financial Report -- September

Net September Income	\$ 22,915.47	Expenses	\$ 26,604.29
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$22,915.47	Total Expenses	\$ 38,049.29
Expenses over income	\$ 15,133.82	This shows a loss of	\$ 15,133.82



Our parish is in need of Lectors, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in any of these ministries, we ask that you please call the parish office at 462-1968.

Thanksgiving Dinner

The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus Councils will be delivering a Turkey Dinner complete with turkey, filling, yams, gravy, vegetable and dessert to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal for this Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd. If you know of a person who is in need of a meal, or if you are a person who is in need of a meal, please call either 773-0627 or 516.9514 and leave the following information if no one answers the phone (Name & Phone Number) and we will get back to you. You can also contact us at KofC431@yahoo.com. The only requirement we have for the meal is that the person be home. Closing date to order is November 17th at 5:00 PM in order for us to order the required items for the meal. Thank you. Also, anyone who can give us a hand delivering the meals is asked to come to St. Patrick's Social hall in Pottsville on Thanksgiving Day by 8:00 AM. You can sign up for an area you may know in order to deliver the meals or for any area. We are usually finished by 1:00 PM.



From Scripture:

Matthew 25:31-46, Showing Mercy to the "Least"

In this Gospel reading, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man, that is, of His glorious return on the last day. Jesus will appear at the end of time as the King of the nations and the Judge of history. Everyone who has ever lived, from the first to the last, from the greatest to the least, will stand before Christ. All of us will be judged on how we loved, especially how we treated "the least" who are suffering among us.

The specific criterion for judgment is the basis for the Corporal Works of Mercy, which are feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger, care for the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead.

In the end, we will be judged on our response to the suffering of others. Do we, like the "blessed," respond with compassion and mercy, or do we, like the others, turn a blind eye and do nothing? The goal is to see Christ in others and to minister to their needs accordingly.