

## Oscar Romero's LEADERSHIP

Oscar Romero served as the fourth archbishop of San Salvador. He became a very powerful leader in a corrupt and violent government. He spoke out against poverty, social injustice, assassinations, and torture.

During his beatification, Pope Francis stated, "His ministry was distinguished by a particular attention to the most poor and marginalized." Oscar Romero became the embodiment of the Catholic people of El Salvador. Even outside of Catholicism, Romero is honored through the Calendar of Common Worship by other Christian denominations, including the Church of England, Anglican, and Lutheran.

On March 24, 1980, Romero was assassinated while offering Mass in the Chapel of the Hospital of Divine Providence.

For many years now, I have had the following reflection of his posted in my office.

— How powerful!! —

— How profound!! —

— How true!! —

- Fr. Gerry



*It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.  
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.  
We accomplish in our lifetime only a fracture of the magnificent  
enterprise that is God's work.  
Nothing that we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the  
kingdom always lies beyond us.  
No statement says all that could be said.  
No prayer fully expresses our faith.  
No confession brings perfection, no pastoral visit brings wholeness.  
No program accomplishes the church's mission.  
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.  
This is what we are about.  
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.  
We water the seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.  
We lay foundations that will need further development.  
We provide yeast that produces the effects far beyond our capabilities.  
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation realizing that.  
This enables us to do something, and do it well.  
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an  
opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.  
We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the  
master builder and the worker.  
We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.  
We are prophets of a future not our own.*

Archbishop Oscar Romero

## Mass Intentions

Week of: Nov. 28– Dec. 4, 2016

7:30 am Mon.: Sisters in Faith

7:30 am Tues.: Nolen Hughes (RIP)

6:00 pm Wed.: Sean Hurley (RIP)

7:30 am Thurs.: People of the Parish

10:00 am Fri.: Healing Mass

5:30 pm Sat.: Liz Donahue (RIP)

8:00 am Sunday: Norman Nelson (RIP)

10:30 am Sunday: Tom Harris Sr. (RIP)

**Adoration This Week:** Monday–Thursday 8 am-12 pm;  
Friday 8 am-10 am; Wednesday 6:30 pm–7:30 pm

\* We have two openings for Fridays @ 10am– Please call the church office if you would like to be added to the schedule.



## Prayer Intentions

Bob Tilmann

Patrick Pipitone Sr.

Buddy Shotts, friend of Patrick & Louise Pipitone

Betty Smith, sister of Louise Pipitone

## Repose of the Soul

Peggy Holman

Sue Henderson, aunt of C.J. Bennett

Mittie Towne Warren, friend of Winnie & David Browman

and Teresa Davis



## New Announcements

\***Giving Tuesday, November 29th**, is coming! If you would like to participate in #GIVECATHOLIC, you can find the direct link to give to St. Paul Early Learning Center on our website at [www.saintpaullearningcenter.com](http://www.saintpaullearningcenter.com).



\***December First Friday Healing Mass** will be on **Friday, Dec. 2nd @ 10 am**. Senior Adult Bruch to follow in the Family Life Center.

\*Join the **US Armed Forces Ministry on Dec. 3rd @ 4:45pm** to pray the rosary for our US Armed Forces and our country.

\***RCIA class Tuesday, Nov. 29th**– Topic: Overview of the Sacraments. *Please note classes on The History of the Church will be held on Jan. 3rd and 10th.*

\*Let the Youth serve you breakfast on **Sunday, December 11th** after both masses. Members of the Big Deal Youth Group will host a **Pancake Breakfast** to raise funds for the Youth Ski Trip in January!



\***Altar Flowers and Blessed Mother Flowers sign-up for 2017** is now available on our website. Simply go to our website and go to the registration form tab.



*Weekly offering for November 13th: \$19,969*

**Thank You!**

\***MAKE-UP MINISTRY TRAINING** If you missed the training on October 30th, a make-up will be held next Sunday, **Dec. 4th at 2pm**– If you did not sign up for a ministry and would like to, please call the church office and plan on attending this training.

\***10:30 MASS**– We now have a **Nursery** for children ages infant to 2 years old. We also have **Children's Liturgy** during this mass for ages 2-5 years old. Thanks to all the volunteers for making these ministries happen.

\* **Visit the Carmelite Gift Shop** for your Advent and Christmas needs. Holiday Hours & Open House Weekends with Bake Sale: Nov. 18-Dec. 24 Mon– Fri 9-4, Sat 10-5, Sun Noon-5. Pick up a flyer with a 10% off coupon!

\*\***BULLETIN:** Information must be submitted in writing by note or email to the parish office **no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesdays** for the following weekend. When sending an email, please put "**BULLETIN**" in the subject line. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Reminders

### **\*\* Important Upcoming Dates:**

\*No Sunday Religion classes on Nov. 27th.

\*November 27th– First Sunday of Advent

\*December 12th– Parish Reconciliation Service– 6:00pm

\***Following Christ Registration** is now available **online** for those that have completed the Discovering Christ session. Jan. 12th-Feb. 23rd at 7pm. Retreat Day: Feb. 11th. If you are interested in a Daytime session, please email the church office and let us know. If we have enough interest, we will hold a daytime session on the same Thursdays, 10am-12pm.

\***Angel Tree is here!** Grab an ornament before or after mass. We are sponsoring the Prevention of Violence Center and families from the Forest-Morton-Brandon area.

\***Monday Nov 28th @ 11:00am The Daytime Women's Guild HAS BEEN CANCELLED**. Please join **The Women's Guild @ 7pm** for "Decking the Halls"! Join us to learn table settings, napkin folding and many other decorating ideas! *We will be collecting coffee, creamer, sugar and laundry detergent for The Opportunity Center.*

\***Dec. 4th- Annual Blood Drive** to benefit Saint Paul parish sponsored by the Knights! 7:30 am– 1:00 pm. Complimentary breakfast and a commemorative long sleeve t-shirt to all donors. Sign up in the back of church.

\***St. Dominic Lunch for families of patients in ICU**– Dec. 6th– Please sign up for sandwiches, cookies, fresh fruits, drinks, etc. Please have all items to the FLC kitchen by 10 am.

## About Best Advent Ever 2016

What would it take for you to have your best Christmas ever?

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We are very excited to announce that Matthew Kelly will be coming to our area on March 11, 2017.

We will have tickets to sell to our parish.

More information to come!!

**Church Office Hours: Tuesday — Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm /Friday 8am - 12pm**

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**First Sunday of Advent**



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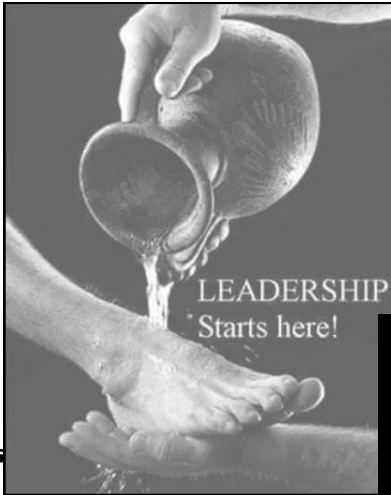
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FOR  
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But the  
**STRONGEST**  
People  
**STAND UP**  
FOR OTHERS.

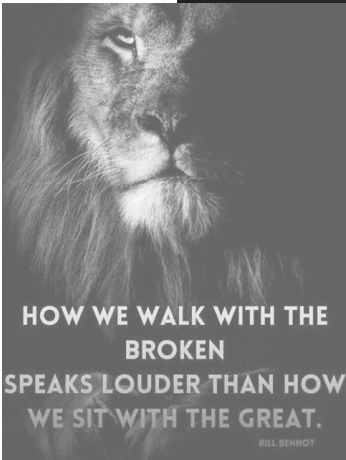
IN EVERYTHING I DO,  
MAY JESUS BE THE ONE  
WHO IS ALWAYS  
GLORIFIED.

do  
THE RIGHT  
THING...  
EVEN WHEN  
*no one*  
IS LOOKING.

"GOD DOES NOT BEGIN BY  
ASKING US ABOUT OUR  
**ABILITY**  
BUT ONLY ABOUT OUR  
**AVAILABILITY**  
AND IF WE THEN PROVE OUR  
**DEPENDABILITY**  
HE WILL INCREASE OUR  
**CAPABILITY.**"  
-NEAL A MAXWELL



THE BEST WAY  
TO LEAD OTHERS  
IS TO FOLLOW  
CHRIST



GOD HAS PLANTED  
GREATNESS IN YOU.  
LET TODAY BE THE  
BEGINNING OF A GREAT  
ADVENTURE AS YOU  
STEP INTO THE GIFTS  
HE'S GIVEN YOU.

