

# Fear the Enemy.

*Thank you for your responses to last week's inquiry about one word being missing in the above sentence. I received a number of interesting and creative responses, including the answer I had in mind from a number of people.*

*I find it interesting that the recent daily Readings, and for the Readings for the next two weeks are from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans. What a great writing on Paul's part. He deals with justification, the Law, the prophets, the Old Testament, and the experience of the introduction of the Christian.*

*Paul asks, "What was the purpose of Christ coming into the world?" – he says all of us need to ask and answer that question for ourselves. He says the people of Israel believed observance of the Law of the Lord was the greatest thing and brought justification. Paul is clear that with the advent of Christ in our world, salvation does not come through our observance of the Law, but rather through faith in Jesus Christ. Paul invites us to break with fear and receive the gift that Jesus is offering us. This is the only way we can hope to live in Christ Jesus.*

*In Romans chapter 7, Paul deals with the conflict going on within each one of us. The dichotomy in my person between the Spirit and the flesh.*

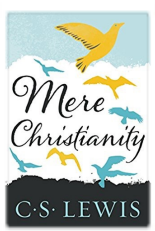
*"I know that good does not dwell in me, that is, in my flesh. The willing is ready at hand, but doing the good is not. For I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want." (Romans 7:18-19)*

*"What a wretched man I am," says Paul. "Who will rescue me from this body doomed to death?" (Romans 7:24)*

*Part of Paul's solution is we need to let go of Fear, and stake our claim with the Lord. Observing the Law does not get us there. Faith in Jesus Christ does. Paul indicates that observing the Law can sometimes be self-serving, yielding no growth/development in the human person. Rather, it makes them more critical and judgmental of others. Thus, a person in their self-serving actions can actually be deteriorating – going in the opposite direction. –Fr. Gerry*

Here is how our friend C.S. Lewis presents it in *Mere Christianity*.

*"One last point. Remember that, as I said, the right direction leads not only to peace but to knowledge. When a man is getting better he understands more and more clearly the evil that is still left in him. When a man is getting worse he understands his own badness less and less. A moderately bad man knows he is not very good: a thoroughly bad man thinks he is all right. This is common sense, really. You understand sleep when you are awake, not while you are sleeping. You can see mistakes in arithmetic when your mind is working properly: while you are making them you cannot see them. You can understand the nature of drunkenness when you are sober, not when you are drunk. Good people know about both good and evil: bad people do not know about either."*



October 29, 2017

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mass Intentions — October 30th ~ November 5th**

Monday @ 7:30 am — Norie Kent (RIP)  
Tuesday @ 7:30 am — Edna Mangialardi (RIP)  
\*Wednesday @ 7:30 am — All Saints Day  
\*Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — All Saints Day  
Thursday @ 7:30 am — Claude Tanner Jr (RIP)  
\*Friday @ 10:00 am — Healing Mass  
Saturday @ 5:30 pm — Hehir & McNamara Families (RIP)  
Sunday @ 8:00 am — Ed Shaw (RIP)  
Sunday @ 10:30 am — Josie Hege (RIP)

**Prayer Requests**

**Special Intentions:**

Michael Roberts, son of Nath & Jim Roberts  
Vincent Muffuletto, brother of Ron Muffuletto  
Peggy Cothran, mother of Melinda Cannon  
Theresa Fluhr, niece of Maxine Miller

**Repose of the Soul:**

Pat Owen     Patty Davis  
Steven Kaskie, brother of Fr. Brian Kaskie  
Florence Cerami, mother of Fred Cerami

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**Altar Flowers this week**

In Memory of: Jeff Baker and the Baker Family  
Donated by: Marilyn Baker

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**Altar Flowers this week**

In Memory of: Dorothy Galloway  
Donated by: Louise & Pat Pipitone

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** Monday — Friday, 8 am to 12 noon, in the Chapel  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturday, 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm in the room next to the Chapel, or by appointment  
**Religious Ed** Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am & Wednesdays, 6-8:30 pm, in the Family Life Center  
**RCIA/Discovering Christ** Tuesdays, 6:30-9 pm in the Family Life Center

## November Calendar of Events

**Vocations Awareness Week — November 5-11 — go to [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) for prayers & information**

**1st — Solemnity of All Saints Holy Day Mass Schedule:** 7:30am & 6:00pm

**3rd — First Friday Healing Mass:** 10:00am; Adoration 8:00 — 10:00am  
— **Memorial Service for Pat Owen:** Visitation 1:00 — 2:00pm; Memorial Service 2:00pm

**4/5th — Second Collection for Diocesan Missions**

**5th — First Reconciliation Family Retreat:** Begins with 8:00am Mass, Retreat follows in FLC through 1:00pm

**5th — Daylight Saving Time Ends:** Set clocks back one hour so you will be on time for Mass!

**10th — Memorial Service for Patty Davis:** Visitation 9:00 — 10:00am; Memorial Service 10:00am

**11th — Homebound Ministry Retreat:** 10:00am — 12:00noon in the Chapel

**11/12th — Craft Fair:** Saturday 10:00am — 7:00pm; Sunday 9:00am — 2:00pm in the Gym

**14th — First Reconciliation for Students:** 6:00pm in the Church

**16th — Mass of Remembrance:** 6:00pm all are welcome to remember our deceased loved ones (no Morning Mass)

**19th — No Religious Ed Classes:** Thanksgiving Holiday

**22nd — No Youth Group:** Thanksgiving Holiday

**23rd — Thanksgiving Day Mass:** 9:00am

**26th — No Religious Ed Classes:** Thanksgiving Holiday

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