

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14
 Ps 17:1,5-6,8,15
 2 Thess 2:16--3:5
 Luke 20:27-38

Monday November 7

Titus 1:1-9
 Ps 24:1b-6
 Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday November 8

Titus 2:1-8,11-14
 Ps 37:3-4,18,23,27,29
 Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday November 9 Lateran Basilica in Rome

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17
 John 2:13-22

Thursday November 10

St. Leo the Great

Philemon 7-20
 Ps 146:7-10
 Luke 17:20-25

Friday November 11

St. Martin of Tours

2 John 4-9
 Ps 119:1,2,10,11,17,18
 Luke 17:26-37

Saturday November 12

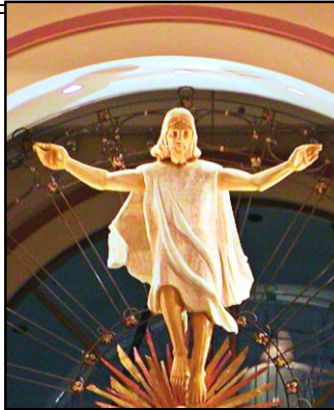
St. Josaphat

3 John 5-8
 Ps 112:1-6
 Luke 18:1-8

Do you believe in the resurrection? That's the question that Jesus indirectly poses when he challenges the Sadducees in today's Gospel reading.

As Christians, we believe that someday we will experience a resurrection like Christ's after we depart from this present earthly "age" or stage of life. All believers who follow Jesus will live as the angels do. This is why Catholic funeral Masses are Resurrection Masses and use white instead of black as the liturgical color.

But do you believe in the resurrection of love? Jesus explained the resurrection in terms of marriage. Marriage is to be a reflection of God's radical love for his people. Marriage is supposed to unite a man and a woman in an enduring love that is the very presence of God. It gives witness to the world that God's faithfulness and commitment to us is real.



again, every day, to the extent that each spouse repents and forgives. (The same is true of any friendship.)

Perfect love is God. We live as true children of God when we love our brothers and sisters the way he loves them. Marriage does not exist in heaven because it's an imperfect love: We love our spouses more than we

love others. In heaven, we will love our spouses fully (yes, even our ex-spouses!) *and* we will love everyone else just as much. And those who have loved us poorly will love us better than the best spouse could love us now.

Marriage is only an earthly foreshadowing of the divine, faithful, creative love that we will share with everyone in heaven.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Who has failed to love you enough? Who has caused you pain?
2. How would you feel if that person were to greet you at the entrance of heaven at the moment of your death? Do you have enough love for that person to get you through the door?
3. How is a marriage like God's love?
4. Describe the ways that God loves us, and relate these signs of true love to what you've experienced in good friendships. How is this a foretaste of heaven?

So why would Jesus say that marriage is not a part of the resurrection of the dead? Why won't today's marriages become perfect and continue forever after both husband and wife have entered heaven? Here on earth, love is imperfectly given and imperfectly received. Therefore, it's constantly dying and being resurrected