

November 5, 2023 | Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m.

Sat.: 8:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Sun.: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation: As Scheduled in the Bulletin

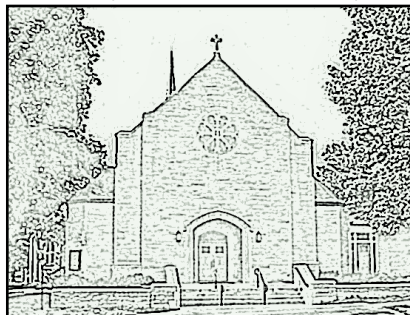
Reconciliation Schedule

15 minutes before a.m. Masses Mon. - Sat.

Saturday: 4:30-5:20 p.m., 6:30-7p.m.

Baptisms: Baptism Instruction Class are held the 1st Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the school meeting room. Call the rectory to register for the class.

Marriage Preparation: Please call the rectory for more information. You will need a minimum of 4 months to do marriage preparation, 6-12 months is preferred.



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PROGRAM - Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed

to you with a personalized Commitment Card. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to *reflect upon and renew* your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. For those who are able – there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

For those of you who would prefer to fill out your Commitment Card online, please visit the parish website at <https://blessedsacramentlincoln.org/>.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL - EXPOSITION ON SUNDAYS FROM 12:30-5:00 P.M.

“The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of His love. Let us be generous with our time. . . May our adoration never cease.” - St. Pope John Paul II

THANK YOU - for your participation in the Baby Bottle fundraiser for the Women's Care Center. Please return the Baby Bottles by this Sun., Nov. 5th. You can put in the collection basket at any of the Masses this weekend or bring them to the school on Sun, Nov. 5th as the **Pro-Life Committee will be hosting Coffee & Rolls**. There will be coffee, hot chocolate (with marshmallows), juice, donuts, rolls & bagels.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - November 4th

5:30 P.M. † Roberta Mason

Sunday - November 5th

8:30 A.M. † Ron & Lois Korinek

10:00 A.M. † Deceased Members of BSC

11:30 A.M. People of the Parish

Monday - November 6th

6:30 A.M. Special Intention, FF

8:15 A.M. Special Intention, FM

Tuesday - November 7th

6:30 A.M. † Sandy Payne

8:15 A.M. Special Intention, JW

Wednesday - November 8th

6:30 A.M. Gail Lowery

8:15 A.M. Pat Kuchta

Thursday - November 9th

6:30 A.M. † Mary Burda

8:15 A.M. † Kevin Dolan

Friday - November 10th

6:30 A.M. † Sandy Payne

8:15 A.M. † Mary Ann Burda

Saturday - November 11th

8:15 A.M. Joe Walton

5:30 P.M. Daniel Johnson

Sunday - November 12th

8:30 A.M. Paula Kort

10:00 A.M. † Deceased Members of Legion of Mary

11:30 A.M. People of the Parish

PARISH NEWS

DATES & EVENTS:

VOTIVE CANDLES - Due to increased costs, the price to light the **large votive candles** will now be **\$4.00** effective immediately. The price of the small candles will remain \$0.50. Thanks for your understanding! The PCCW.

THANKS FROM THE LDCCW - Thank you to all that donated to the Diaper Drive, it is very appreciated. God Bless

NOVEMBER 5, 2023, BAPTISM INSTRUCTION CLASS - at 6:30 p.m., in the School Meeting room. Please RSVP to Cindy at cindyuhing@bsc.church or 402-474-4249 to ensure that one of the priests will be present.

NOVEMBER 8, 2023, K OF C GENERAL MEETING - at 7 p.m. in Kraemer Hall.

NOVEMBER 12, 2023, PARISH PILGRIMAGE - In this Year of Eucharistic Revival, Blessed Sacrament Parish is taking a pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Parish in York, NE. on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 12th.

A pilgrimage is meant to be an opportunity to allow the journey one undertakes to serve as a metaphor, if you will, for one's journey in life. It brings us closer to God by way of a deeper awareness of where we come from & where we are going. With a certain penitential approach to the expedition, one strives to enter more deeply into the spiritual journey they are undertaking throughout their days on this earth. Though penitential by nature, a pilgrimage is also meant to be a good & even enjoyable experience.

We are chartering a bus. The cost is \$20 per person. The pilgrimage will include Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity to gain a plenary indulgence & to obtain a passport stamp, a dessert social hour, & a Trivia game. We plan to leave around 1 p.m. & return at approximately 5 p.m. **Spots still available on the bus, please contact the rectory if interested.**

NOVEMBER 17, 2023, TRIVIA NIGHT - at Blessed Sacrament returns Fri., Nov. 17th. Mark your calendar & gather your team of 8-10. \$20 per person. To register or for more info contact grammieholly11@gmail.com.



NOVEMBER 29, 2023, PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT - Join us Wednesday, November 29th, 7:00-8:00 p.m. for an evening of music and adoration. Whether you can stay a few minutes or the whole time, let's come together as a parish to worship our Lord.

DECEMBER 1, 2023, PTO FUND-A-WANT - At Blessed Sacrament we are blessed to have amazing teachers & staff that help our children grow in their education & faith. There is no better way to show support to our teachers than helping them get some extra resources in their classroom to help our students become the best they can be. PTO is excited to sponsor the Fund-A-Want project. On this https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/S2P21Q3JJ0E?ref=wl_share, there are additional supplies/tools our teachers are requesting for their classrooms. If you are unsure of what to buy you

are welcome to purchase a gift card & the PTO will compile them & make a purchase with them. This project will run through Fri., Dec. 1st. Items can be shipped directly to Blessed Sacrament at 1725 Lake St, Lincoln, NE 68502 or you can bring them in. Thank you for helping us support our teachers. If you have any questions, please contact Clarissa Hunt at ceceluther@yahoo.com or 402-480-2225.

ST. FRANCIS FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS - November is one of Blessed Sacrament's designated months to help stock the St. Francis Food Pantry. The most needed items are as follows: baking items (Oil, Flour, Sugar), oatmeal, canned corn or peas, condiments, cream of mushroom soup or tomato soup, dry beans (black beans) fruit cups, jelly, juice, pasta, peanut butter, instant potatoes, ramen packs. Place food donations in the box in the back of the church & money donations in the collection basket in the envelope designated "Food Pantry" in your envelope packets, or one that is in the media holder in the back of church. Make checks payable to St. Francis Food Pantry. God bless you for your generosity!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - POSSIBLE SUBS - If you are interested in subbing as a para (no degree needed), please let Mrs. Tran know. It is also a pretty quick process to get a sub license if you have a bachelor's

degree. We could always use more subs with the sub shortage the entire country is experiencing, so please email Mrs. Tran if interested. Also keep in mind that there is compensation for subbing.

FOCUS MISSION TRIP - HALEY PETERSON, lifetime parishioner of Blessed Sacrament is a Junior at UNL, she is very involved in the UNL Newman Center & in contact with FOCUS. She is spending her spring break in Mexico City to serve & work alongside locals. She will be directly ministering to their material & spiritual needs (She will be working alongside an organization called Hope of the Poor that is in Mexico City year-round) as well as simply visiting people who may feel forgotten & insignificant – honoring their dignity as sons & daughters of God. Through this mission trip she hopes to grow closer to God as she serves His people in Mexico. She writes to you today to invite you to join us on our mission in Mexico City. In order to have the ability to go serve God's people in Mexico she needs to build a team of partners, people like you, who will give to FOCUS to make this trip possible. You can join her on this mission in a couple of ways: with your prayers & with a financial gift. If you want to help support Haley here is the QR code to donate. Thank you for your consideration!



✠ ALL SOULS DAY INTENTIONS ✠

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF PEOPLE FOR WHOM THE ALL SOULS MASSES WILL BE OFFERED FOR THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, & LET YOUR PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

Remembered by Kay Hanson - Charles Hanson, Todd Hanson, Carl & Margaret Behrends;
Remembered by Patricia Hafer - Frank E & Julia Dvorak-Parents, Deceased Aunts & Uncles & Friends of Pat Hafer;
Remembered by Judith Johnston - Shirl Spidell, Mickey Johnston;
Remembered by Anton & Michelle Humlicek - Bernard Humlicek, Marcella Humlicek, Bernie Humlicek, Louis Humlicek, Leonard Humlicek, Barbara Taylor, Travis Taylor;
Remembered by Marianne Guenther - My Parents and my Brother-in-law;
Remembered by Janice Pieper - Deceased Members of Arthur Pieper family;
Remembered by Ron & Theresa Johnson - Deceased members of the Johnson, Voelker, & Wells Families;
Remembered by Kathy Weyers - Deceased Members of the Benes, Bartek, Schmidt, & Marshall Families;
Remembered by Kathy Wells - Cal Wells, Deceased Members of Whitney & Wells families;
Remember by Jean Nolte - Deceased Members of the O'Brien & Cauley families;
Remember by Cole & Riley Jedlicka - Becky Peters, Carolyn Peters, Paula Gustafson, Rhett Morianga, Adolph & Vinette Tenopir;



Remembered by Deb & Justin Leggott - Mike Leggott, Donna Sobota, Ed & Dorothy Koliha, Stanley & Loretta Sobota;
 Remembered by Jean Bussey - Gerald Pint, Mary Wadzinski, Brian Pint, Jolene Condra, Hilary Matison, Sam Hicks, Timothy Hicks;
 Remembered by Michael Kaczka - Elizabeth & Carl Kaczka, Anna Soban, Joe & Marie Rohren, Leona Kanopik, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kaczka, Kelly Reynolds;
 Remembered by Mark & Julie Main - Dean Main, Urban Koster, Paul Koster, Deceased members of the Koster & Main families;
 Remembered by Jeri Cunningham - Deceased Relatives & Friends of Mike & Jeri Cunningham;
 Remembered by Diane Glantz - Addison Glantz, Richard Pella, Jennifer Lind;
 Remembered by John & Sheri Chess - John Chess, Sr., Patricia M. Chess, Daniel M. Chess, PJ Gilligan, James Gilligan;
 Remembered by Wilmer & Linda Wilhelm - Jerome Becker, John & Dorothy Wilhelm, Loren & Bev Spiering, Judy Wilhelm;
 Remembered by Kirk & Angi McAndrew - Fr. Rudy Oborny, Fr. John Zastrow, Fr. Casey Porada, Everett McAndrew;
 Remembered by Zdzislaw & Halina Kula - Deceased Members of the Kula & Mikos Families;
 Remembered by Susan Smith - James E. Murphy;
 Remembered by Patrick & Therese Trenhaile - Stanley Fehringer, Lorelie Fehringer;
 Remembered by Erich & Janet Broer - Walter & Katharine Broer, Leonard & Mildred Bindner, Art & Marita Schuster, Richard Bindner, Levi Dybdal;
 Remembered by Robert Perkins - Cecil & Estella Perkins, Shirley Perkins, Susan Perkins, Marty Futch, Louis & Ann Budler, Bernard & Pat Budler, Wayne & Mary Budler, Clarence & Mildred Budler, Wilfred & Ruby Budler;
 Remembered by Richard Williams - Irene & Walter Williams, Minnie Williams;
 Remembered by Susan Sand - Deceased Members of the Sand & Bischof Families;
 Remembered by James & Aleta Buckles - Jamie Buckles; Willie, Betty & Aaron Bernt;
 Remembered by Joel & Ann Kirby - David Kopetzky, Irene Kopetzky, Jim Kirby, Irene Kirby, Evelyn Wellman, Ralph Kopetzky;
 Remembered by Jeneice Waggoner - Joan Waggoner, Gene Waggoner, Linda Davis, Bill Ashenfelter;
 Remembered by Donna Ashenfelter - Bill Ashenfelter, Joan Waggoner, Gene Waggoner, Linda Davis;
 Remembered by Carl Kopischke - Nancy & John Kopischke;
 Remembered by Ginger Woodring - Deceased Member of the Woodring & Rutten Families;
 Remembered by Ron & Lois Korinek - Frank & Rose Harter family, Emil & Olga Korinek family, Richard Woods, Margaret & Richard Trojan, Mary Jane Henning, Jeanne Gordon, Walterscheid & Neu Families, Fred & Pat Vondra
 Remembered by Mary & Ron Ryan - Deceased Members of the Ryan & Traffas Families;

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

PERPETUAL ADORATION

"Be assured that the time you will spend with devotion before the Most Blessed Sacrament will mean the most to you in life and the source of your greatest consolation at death and in eternity." - St. Alphonsus Liguori

Adorers are needed for these open hours: **Sun.:** 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m., 4 a.m., 5 a.m., 12 Mid.; **Mon.:** 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m., 4 a.m.; **Tues.:** 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m. (three x a month); **Wed.:** 2 a.m., 12 mid; **Thurs.:**

2 a.m., 4 a.m.; **Fri.:** 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m. (twice a month), 4 a.m. (twice a month).; **Sat.:** 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 4 a.m., 11 p.m., 12 Mid;

If interested in becoming an adorer or a sub, or for more info, contact one of the coordinators listed below: Lois Korinek-402-423-1949 - Katie Kudron - 402-314-2222 - Kathy Wells - 402-840-7732.



SISTERS & SEMINARIANS VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR FOR 2023 - Each Religious Sister, Postulant, & Seminarian is given a specific week during which we are encouraged as a parish to pray for that specific religious person preparing for a religious vocation. The following is a list of the religious

women & men to pray for during the months of Nov.

Nov. 5th-11th: Sr. Gemma of St. Mary Magdalene (Sisters of the Carmel of JMJ); David Tines (Mt. St. Mary)

Nov. 12th-18th: Sr. Mary Elizabeth of the Trinity (Sisters of the Carmel of JMJ); Cody Hein (St. Charles Borromeo)

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE – Check out some upcoming retreats at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. **"Growing in the Spirit"** Retreat with Magnificat & Fr. Voithofer (women's retreat) on **Nov. 17th-19th**. Read more & register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

NOVEMBER 14, 2023, MARIAN MANTLE SILENT STRENGTH PRAYER GROUP - All are welcome to join us in prayer for the return of our prodigal children to the Faith. We will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Nov. 14th at Cathedral of the Risen Christ; 35th & Sheridan Blvd. We meet in Rectors Hall in the lower level of the Cathedral. The Divine Mercy Chaplet & a Rosary will be said as well as petition prayers for our prodigals & members. Mass is at 5:00 p.m. for those who wish to attend. Contact kneugeba@gmail.com for more info.



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW
PARISHIONERS: THERESA &
WESLEY FUHRER, & MARY RILEY**

ADDITIONAL NEWS

NOVEMBER 11, 2023, CULTURE CHANGERS BREAKFAST - Hear inspiring stories about students who've become pro-life because of Abortion Dialogue Academy programs. Senator Albrecht will be Emcee of the breakfast at St. Roberts Mainelli Center, in Omaha, NE. Please RSVP to connie.boesch@abortiondialogueacademy.org. Table captain Mark Tate can be reached at 402-416-1277 or 1micha.6.6@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 18, 2023, ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR - is on Sat., Nov. 18th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This is a perfect event for you to get a head start on your Christmas shopping. There will be a variety of unique gifts & items to add to your holiday activities. Take a break while shopping & enjoy lunch or coffee & a dessert. Lunch is served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The menu includes our delicious Sloppy Joes, chips, & a soft drink. A variety of delicious desserts will also be available. Bring friends, socialize, & shop!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP Sunday Collections (October 22 & 29, 2023)

Envelopes	\$28,893.26
Plate	1,480.50
Online Giving	16,405.25
Total:	\$ 46,779.01

Mass Time	November Acolytes	November Readers / Lectors	Novembers Ushers	
5:30 PM	Lou Gasper	Brady Bredehoft	Larry Tate	2 Volunteers Needed
	Jason Danner		Marriann Tate	
8:30 AM	Chris Beardslee	Mary Beardslee	Dennis McCaugherty	2 Volunteer Needed
	Mike Montanez		Clem Pella	
10:00 AM	Ben Mattern	Jan Broer	Jason Danner	Adam Schwasinger
	Doug Torson		Terry Danner	Samantha Schwasinger
11:30 AM	James Rokke	Matt Richardson	Jim Paap	Tom Safranek
	Mitchell Lowery		Mike Kelly	1 Volunteer Needed



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LORD TEACH US TO PRAY

“Could You Not Watch One Hour with Me?”

Why Make a Holy Hour?

by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Here are ten reasons.

1. **It is time spent in the presence of Our Lord Himself.** If faith is alive, no further reason is needed.
2. **In our busy lives, it takes considerable time to shake off the “noontday devils,” the worldly cares, that cling to our souls like dust.** An hour with Our Lord follows the experience of the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35). We begin by walking with Our Lord, but our eyes are “held fast” so that we do not “recognize him.” Next, He converses with our soul, as we read the Scriptures. The third stage is one of sweet intimacy, as when “he sat down at table with them.” The fourth stage is the full dawning of the mystery of the Eucharist. Our eyes are “opened,” and we recognize Him. Finally, we reach the point where we do not want to leave. The hour seemed so short. As we arise, we ask: “Were not our hearts burning within us when he spoke to us on the road, and when he made the Scriptures plain to us?” (Luke 24:32).
3. **Our Lord asked for it.** “Had you no strength, then, to watch with me even for an hour?” (see Matt. 26:40). The word was addressed to Peter, but he is referred to as Simon. It is our Simon nature that needs the hour. If the hour seems hard, it is because “the spirit is willing enough, but the flesh is weak” (Mark 14:38).
4. **The Holy Hour keeps a balance between the spiritual and the practical.** Western philosophies tend to an activism in which God does nothing, and man everything; the Eastern philosophies tend to a quietism in which God does everything, and man nothing. The golden mean is in the words of St. Thomas: “action following rest,” Martha walking with Mary. The Holy Hour unites the contemplative to the active life of the person. Thanks to the hour with Our Lord, our meditations and resolutions pass from the conscious to the subconscious and then become motives of action. A new spirit begins to pervade our work. The change is effected by Our Lord, who fills our heart and works through our hands. A person can give only what he possesses. To give Christ to others, one must possess Him.
5. **The Holy Hour will make us practice what we preach.** “Here is an image,” he said, “of the kingdom of heaven: there was once a king, who held a marriage feast for his son and sent out his servants with a summons to all those whom he had invited to the wedding; but they would not come” (Matt. 22:2–3). It was written of Our Lord that He “began to do and to teach” (Acts 1:1). The person who practices the Holy Hour will find that when he teaches, the people will say of him as of the Lord: “All ... were astonished at the gracious words which came from his mouth” (Luke 4:22).
6. **The Holy Hour helps us make reparation for the sins of the world and for our own sins.** When the Sacred Heart appeared to St. Margaret Mary, it was His Heart, and not His head, that was crowned with thorns. It was Love that was hurt. Black Masses, sacrilegious communions, scandals, militant atheism—who will make up for them? Who will be an Abraham for Sodom, a Mary for those who have no wine? The sins of the world are our sins as if we had committed them. If they caused Our Lord a bloody sweat, to the point that He upbraided His disciples for failing to stay with Him an hour, shall we with Cain ask: “Is it for me to watch over my brother?” (Gen. 4:9).
7. **It reduces our liability to temptation and weakness.** Presenting ourselves before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is like putting a tubercular patient in good air and sunlight. The virus of our sins cannot long exist in the face of the Light of the world. “Always I can keep the Lord within sight; always he is at my right hand,

to make me stand firm” (Ps. 15:8). Our sinful impulses are prevented from arising through the barrier erected each day by the Holy Hour. Our will becomes disposed to goodness with little conscious effort on our part. Satan, the roaring lion, was not permitted to put forth his hand to touch righteous Job until he received permission (Job 1:12). Certainly, then, will the Lord withhold serious fall from him who watches (1 Cor. 10:13). With full confidence in his Eucharistic Lord, the person will have a spiritual resiliency. He will bounce back quickly after a falling: “Fall I, it is but to rise again, sit I in darkness, the Lord will be my light. The Lord’s displeasure I must bear, I that have sinned against him, till at last, he admits my plea, and grants redress” (Micah 7:8–9). The Lord will be favorable even to the weakest of us, if He finds us at His feet in adoration, disposing ourselves to receive divine favors. No sooner had Saul of Tarsus, the persecutor, humbled himself before his Maker than God sent a special messenger to his relief, telling him that “even now he is at his prayers” (Acts 9:11). Even the person who has fallen can expect reassurance if he watches and prays. “They shall increase, that hitherto had dwindled, be exalted, that once were brought low” (Jer. 30:19).

8. The Holy Hour is a personal prayer. The person who limits himself strictly to his official obligation is like the union man who downs tools the moment the whistle blows. Love begins when duty finishes. It is a giving of the cloak when the coat is taken. It is walking the extra mile. “Answer shall come ere cry for help is uttered; prayer find audience while it is yet on their lips” (Isa. 65:24). Of course, we do not have to make a Holy Hour—and that is just the point. Love is never compelled, except in hell. There love has to submit to justice. To be forced to love would be a kind of hell. No man who loves a woman is obligated to give her an engagement ring, and no person who loves the Sacred Heart ever has to give an engagement Hour. “Would you, too, go away?” (John 6:68) is weak love; “Art thou sleeping?” (Mark 14:37) is irresponsible love; “He had great possessions” (Matt. 19:22; Mark 10:22) is selfish love. But does the person who loves His Lord have time for other activities before he performs acts of love “above and beyond the call of duty”? Does the patient love the physician who charges for every call, or does he begin to love when the physician says: “I just dropped by to see how you were”?

9. Meditation keeps us from seeking an external escape from our worries and miseries. When difficulties arise, when nerves are made taut by false accusations, there is always a danger that we may look outwards, as the Israelites did, for release... From the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, word was given you: “Come back and keep still, and all shall be well with you; in quietness and in confidence lies your strength. But you would have none of it; To horse! you cried, We must flee! and flee you shall; We must ride swiftly, you said, but swifter still ride your pursuers” (Isa. 30:15–16). No outward escape, neither pleasure, drink, friends, or keeping busy, is an answer. The soul cannot “fly upon a horse”; he must take “wings” to a place where his “life is hidden away ... with Christ in God” (Col. 3:3).

10. Finally, the Holy Hour is necessary for the Church. No one can read the Old Testament without becoming conscious of the presence of God in history. How often did God use other nations to punish Israel for her sins! He made Assyria the “rod that executes my vengeance” (Isa. 10:5). The history of the world since the Incarnation is the Way of the Cross. The rise of nations and their fall remain related to the kingdom of God. We cannot understand the mystery of God’s government, for it is the “sealed book” of Revelation. John wept when he saw it (Rev. 5:4). He could not understand why this moment of prosperity and that hour of adversity. The sole requirement is the venture of faith, and the reward is the depths of intimacy for those who cultivate His friendship. To abide with Christ is spiritual fellowship, as He insisted on the solemn and sacred night of the Last Supper, the moment He chose to give us the Eucharist: “You have only to live on in me, and I will live on in you” (John 15:4). He wants us in His dwelling: “That you, too, may be where I am” (John 14:3).



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