



TECH CATHOLIC

November 19, 2017
Thirty-Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time / A
see hymnal # 1188

Mass Schedule

(in MIT Chapel)

Sunday 9:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM

Monday & Wednesday 7:30 PM**

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 12:05 PM**

Confession after Mass – except Mon. (7 PM)

**When classes are in session

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Joining TCC

TCC registration by email
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TCCM is a moderated announcement
list for the Tech Catholic Community.

To subscribe or unsubscribe, go to
http://mailman.mit.edu
/mailman/listinfo/tccm

To post a message in the bulletin or
on the TCCM list, send an email to:
tcc-updates@mit.edu

Receive emails about all our activities
by signing up for our other lists at
http://tcc.mit.edu/www
/getinvolved.html#email

Memorial Mass: On Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 12:05 PM a Memorial Mass will held for all deceased members of the TCC and their families. If you would like someone to be remembered at that Mass, send us the names to: catholic@mit.edu.

NO Masses on Thursday, 11/23 and Friday, 11/24 due to Thanksgiving/Vacation.

TCC Thanksgiving Luncheon: Come enjoy the company of fellow Catholics on Thanksgiving. If you are staying in town for the Thanksgiving break, you are invited to join us for a traditional Thanksgiving meal - courtesy of Deacon Hwang - at the MacGregor Dining Hall (450 Memorial Drive) on Thursday, 11/23 from 2 to 5 PM. Please RSVP to Kyle James (kbcj2711@mit.edu) so we can cater accordingly.

Tech Catholic Talk: Join us Monday, Nov. 20 at 8:15 for our talk, Ask the Priest! In an office hours-style discussion, Father Moloney will be answering all your questions about obscure theology, canon law, and anything else you can think of! Questions can be sent either through the following link: <http://bit.ly/2AOsgNE> or to mmullen@mit.edu, or, you can bring them (and yourself) to the talk! Pizza will be served.

Elections: On Sunday, December 10 at 11:30am in the Small Dining Room in W11, we'll have our semester elections for positions on the TCC Council. Every position will be up for re-election this semester. If you're interested in getting more involved, volunteering, or taking on a leadership role in the TCC, please contact the Ben Myers (bmyers@mit.edu) and plan to be at the meeting on December 10.

Register for FORMED.ORG: The TCC has received a grant to provide access to **FORMED.org** — the Augustine Institute's online gateway to a whole bunch of Catholic formational content, including podcasts, videos (many pitched at children), and e-books. (Think of it as a Catholic version of Amazon Prime). To register for free, go to <http://formed.org/home?code=J8VGDK> and enter your email.

Melchizedek Group for Priestly Vocations

- Fr. Moloney will lead a reading and discussion group about the nature of the priestly vocation and how to discern if God is calling us to the “ancient order of Melchizedek” (Heb. 5:6, 7:17).
- Meeting times Mondays at 3:45pm in W20-450
- To attend doesn't mean that you are thinking about entering the seminary, or even that you're not dating. It can simply mean that you're interested in supporting others think about the priesthood.
- If interested, contact Ricardo J. Rodriguez Garcia (ricardor@mit.edu).
- Books “To Save a Thousand Souls” are available in the office/W11

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Course in the Fundamentals of the Catholic Faith: Fr. Moloney will be offering a class in the fundamentals of the Catholic faith that will cover everything from the Trinity to Church history to the Sacraments, prayer, and the moral life. It is meant to be both a high-level introduction to the faith appropriate for interested non-Catholics, and a serious review of the faith for those who are Catholics. It is required for those who want to enter the Church. Classes will be held at 2:45pm on Sundays in W11/Small Dining Room. For more info contact (dmoloney@mit.edu).

FOCUS Bible Study: Interested in forming deep friendships and getting to know the mind and heart of Jesus Christ through His Word? Sign up for a weekly Bible study! Contact the FOCUS missionaries at lisa.driscoll@focus.org or 720-938-7692.

Spaghetti Suppers: *Not happening on 11/24 due to Thanksgiving closing.*

BBMSK (Back Bay Mobile Soup Kitchen): 6:00 PM on Tuesdays at W11 or 6:00 PM on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays in front of St. Clement's Shrine. For more info, visit bbmsk.org!

Fiat: A discernment group for single women considering a vocation to religious life in the Catholic Church. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 29 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, 1105 Boylston St., Boston. Sister Patricia Boyle, CSJ will speak on “Prayer: Our Relationship with God.” If interested please respond to Sister Marian Batho, Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org or call 617-746-5637.

November						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19 Masses: 9:30AM, 1 PM, 5 PM Donuts in W11 following Mass	20 5 PM: Adoration 7:30 PM: Mass 8:15 PM: MND	21 12:05 PM: Mass 5 PM: Adoration	22 7:30 PM: Mass 8 PM: Adoration and Confession	23 Thanksgiving	24 Vacation	25
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“Called to Greatness: The Virtue of Magnanimity” by Edward P. Sri

"The ways of the Lord are not comfortable. But we were created not for comfort, but for greatness." - Pope Benedict XVI

When faced with choices in life, do you tend to pursue what is most noble — what will form you in excellence and benefit others most? Or do you tend to shy away from things that may push you out of your comfort zone — even if they are good for you — either because you fear failure or because you tend to avoid doing what is difficult and challenging?

Striving for greatness is at the heart of a virtue called "magnanimity," which means "greatness of soul." This is the virtue by which man pursues what is great and honorable in his life, even if it is difficult. St. Thomas Aquinas describes it as a "stretching forth of the mind to great things." The magnanimous person seeks to do great acts, "things as are deserving of honor." This is not opposed to humility. The magnanimous person pursues greatness in proportion to his ability. He humbly takes stock of all the gifts that God has given him and seeks to use them as best he can. As Aquinas explains, "Magnanimity makes a man deem himself worthy of great things in consideration of the gifts he holds from God."

While magnanimity is certainly exhibited among the famous saints who evangelized whole cultures, started new religious orders, or defended the Church against widespread heresies, it is also found in simple, small, ordinary people whose sincere desire to give the best of themselves is used by God to do extraordinary things... We live in a time of crisis when the Catholic faith is being attacked ... by what Pope Benedict has called "a dictatorship of relativism": a cultural environment that does not tolerate Christian religious and moral convictions and undermines the Catholic way of life. Many cultural forces today work against our efforts to build strong Christian marriages, raise godly children, and live in imitation of Christ... We may not have much training in theology, but we have been given the faith in a period when many people do not know Christ or His Church. What will we do with this gift God has entrusted to us? Will we bury our talent in the ground or magnanimously use it to the best of our abilities?

This does not mean every good Catholic must start a good organization or lead a parish activity. The person who daily endeavors to be a better spouse, parent, friend, or child of God is truly seeking "greatness of soul." *Indeed, the magnanimous person continuously strives to perfect the virtues in all areas of his life. He is not content with simply being good. He reaches out toward excellence.* For example, magnanimity may impel a good man to go beyond his daily obligations and make more sacrifices in his daily life for the sake of others. He may be driven to defer to others' preferences, to endure criticism with patience, to respond gently to his child's temper tantrum, or to avoid defending his opinion in non-essential matters. These are small ways of living "greatness of soul" ...

Yet what is it that prevents a person from pursuing greatness and causes him to settle for mediocrity in his life? *The man lacking in magnanimity suffers from a vice called "pusillanimity," which means "smallness of soul."* Whereas the magnanimous man seeks what is best, even if it is difficult; the pusillanimous man shies away from noble, arduous tasks because they will demand a lot out of him. He instead pursues the path of least resistance, opting for whatever is easier.

According to Aquinas, one reason the pusillanimous man shrinks from great things is ignorance of one's own qualification. *Many people do not think they are capable of great things. They do not know the high call God has for every one of His children: a call to perfection.* Even more, they are not aware of the grace Jesus offers us to help us achieve this perfection that we could never arrive at on our own. So instead of striving for greatness, which they view as impossible to achieve, they merely seek to avoid doing bad things.

A second reason people shrink from doing great things is *fear of failure*. Someone, for example, might sense God is calling them to share their faith more, pray more, or serve the poor, but they are afraid to take a step forward because they are too worried that they will not be good at these works. *They are afraid they will not be successful, and their fear of failure keeps them from striving after the great desires God has placed on their hearts.* Something Mother Teresa once said might be helpful here: *"We are called to be faithful, not successful."* Many of the great heroes in the Church... did not know when they began to answer God's call in their lives how successful their efforts would be. But they did have the magnanimity to be faithful and put the rest in God's hands.