

# LIVING FAITH

NOVEMBER 10, 2019

32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY



REMEMBRANCE DAY

*Let Us Forget*

THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

## Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

## TAKING THE GOSPEL HOME

In today's Gospel, some people try to trick Jesus, but he proves himself too smart for them, and gets straight to the point. The point of this story is that Jesus came to offer life, here on earth and in eternity. It is a life that transcends the grave. It is eternal. As the Roman Catholic funeral rite proclaims, with death, life is changed, not ended. Our God "is God not of the dead, but of the living." This message that Jesus proclaims loudly and clearly in today's Gospel is the source of Christian hope.

## PONDER AND DISCUSS

- If somebody asked you why you have hope, how would you answer them?
- Why do you choose to follow Jesus?

# Jesus and the Sadducees



And they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. Luke 20:36 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- \_\_\_ 1. The act of rising from the dead or returning to life  
A. children B. widow C. resurrection D. marriage
- \_\_\_ 2. A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried  
A. brother B. wife C. marry D. widow
- \_\_\_ 3. A male who has the same parents as another person  
A. wife B. brother C. woman D. widow
- \_\_\_ 4. Sons or daughters; offspring  
A. widow B. wife C. brother D. children
- \_\_\_ 5. The number equal to  $6 + 1$   
A. eight B. seven C. five D. nine
- \_\_\_ 6. An adult female human  
A. brother B. widow C. woman D. children
- \_\_\_ 7. To become husband or wife  
A. widow B. resurrection C. marry D. brother
- \_\_\_ 8. The opposite of dead  
A. marriage B. widow C. living D. brother



## THE CHURCH TEACHES

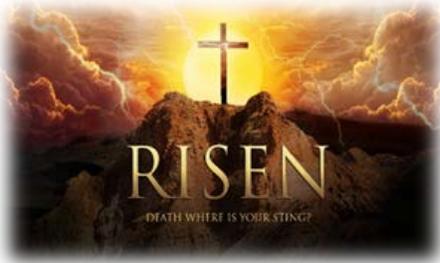
### LIFE AFTER DEATH



The Christian who unites his own death to that of Jesus views it as a step towards him and an entrance into everlasting life. When the Church for the last time speaks Christ's words of pardon and absolution over the dying Christian, seals him for the last time with a strengthening anointing, and gives him Christ in viaticum as nourishment for the journey, she speaks with gentle assurance:

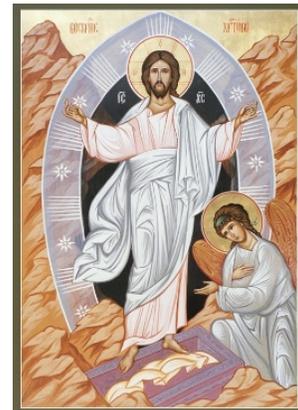


Go forth, Christian soul, from this world  
in the name of God the almighty Father,  
who created you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living  
God,  
who suffered for you,  
in the name of the Holy Spirit,  
who was poured out upon you.  
Go forth, faithful Christian!



May you live in peace this day,  
may your home be with God in Zion,  
with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,  
with Joseph, and all the angels and saints. . . .

May you return to [your Creator]  
who formed you from the dust of the earth.  
May holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints  
come to meet you as you go forth from this life. . . .  
May you see your Redeemer face to face.



*Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1020, citing the Prayer of Commendation from the Order of Christian Funerals*

By his death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has "opened" heaven to us. The life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ. He makes partners in his heavenly glorification those who have believed in him and remained faithful to his will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ. CCC 1026

This mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description. Scripture speaks of it in images: life, light, peace, wedding feast, wine of the kingdom, the Father's house, the heavenly Jerusalem, paradise: "no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." CCC 1027



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## REMEMBRANCE DAY 2018

Every year, on November 11<sup>th</sup>, we stop to remember with grateful hearts those who gave their lives that we might have the freedom we enjoy today. This Remembrance Day is a very special one: today, we commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War I. We pray for an end to all wars, that people may live in peace.

Remembrance Day is a memorial day observed throughout the Commonwealth since the end of the First World War. On this day, we remember the members of our armed forces who have died in the line of duty. Following a tradition inaugurated by King George V in 1919, Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November in most countries to recall the end of hostilities of World War I on that date in 1918. Hostilities formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month", in accordance with the armistice signed by representatives of Germany and the Entente between 5:12 and 5:20 that morning. ("At the 11th hour" refers to the *passing* of the 11th hour, or 11:00 am.) The First World War officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on 28 June 1919. The first official Armistice Day was subsequently held on the grounds of Buckingham Palace the following morning.



### In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

- Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

The red remembrance poppy has become a familiar emblem of Remembrance Day due to the poem "In Flanders Fields" written by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae.

Poppies were first worn in 1921.

In Newfoundland and Labrador, the first commemorative flower was the forget-me-not, which is traditionally worn on July 1, the day on which we remember the fateful battle of Beaumont-Hamel in 1916.