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St John the Evangelist Parish / St. Mary Parish

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Mission Statement : Inspired by the Holy Spirit and our Lord Jesus Christ,
we strive to grow in faith, love and service to God and our neighbors.

THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 18TH, 2026

St John Church (SJ) - 415 37th St, Bellaire, OH 43906
St. Mary Church (SM) - 240 E 40th St, Shadyside, OH 43947

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM - SM Saturday 5:30 PM - SJ
Sunday 11:00 AM - SM Sunday 9:30 AM - SJ

WEEKDAY MASS

5:15 p.m. (Mon.) SJ 8:00 a.m. (Wed. & Fri.) – SJ 8:00 a.m. (Tues. & Thurs.) - SM 8:00 a.m.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - SM
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - SJ
Monday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00p.m. - SJ
Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 -7:45a.m. - SM
Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45a.m. - SJ

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar and to
God what belongs to God."
- Mt 22:21

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Collect of The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*More Than
Sunday*

WHAT IF MASS IS ABOUT
MORE THAN GOING TO CHURCH?
A 4-Week Journey into the Mystery of the Mass



MESSAGE SERIES

What if Mass is more than simply going to church on Sunday? This four-week series invites you to discover the

Catholic Mass as our spiritual worship, where we encounter Christ, hear God's Word, unite our lives with Christ's sacrifice, receive His life, and are sent to live our faith in the World. We'll discover that the Mass isn't something we simply watch or attend. It is something we enter—and something that changes the way we live.

Week Three — There's More Going On

Scripture: Matthew 22:15–21

Christ's sacrifice on the Cross is complete and perfect. At Mass, that one sacrifice is made present sacramentally. The priest offers the Eucharistic sacrifice in the person of Christ, and we are invited to unite our own lives with Christ's self-offering. In the Gospel reading Jesus answers a trap about paying taxes by distinguishing what belongs to Caesar from what belongs to God. We may owe certain things to earthly authorities, but our deepest allegiance belongs to God. Because we are created in His image, we are called to give Him more than a portion of our possessions or an hour of our Sunday. We are called to give Him our very selves. What are you bringing to the altar at Mass this weekend? Name one joy, one struggle, one relationship, or one responsibility you want to offer to God and unite it with Christ's self-offering.

Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 17th, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. (SM) + Larry Phillips (Wife ~Paula & Sons)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Steve & Verna Kiss Sr. & Steve Kiss Jr. (Mary Ann)

Sunday, October 18th, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Jolene A. Hodorowski (Husband ~ Joe)

11:00 a.m. (SM) For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's

Monday, October 19th, St. John Brébeuf/St. Isaac Jogues

5:15p.m.(SJ) + Ferdinand Klinec ~ 39th Anniversary Deceased (Mike & Janie Klinec)

Tuesday, October 20th, St. Paul of the Cross

8:00a.m. (SM) + Tiffany O'Donnell (Mom & Dad)

Wednesday, October 21st

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Mike & Helen Gorshe (Mike, Tom Gorshe & Family)

Thursday, October 22nd St. John Paul II

8:00a.m. (SM) + Lottie Gottschall (Elizabeth Shultz)

Friday, October 23rd, St. John of Capistrano

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Benedetta Family (Anthony & Mary Ann)

Saturday, October 24th, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. (SM) + Dorothy Prince (Paula & Sons)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Jon ~ Birthday Deceased (Mom & Dad)

Sunday, October 25th, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Joe, Mal, Ray & Isaac De Genova (Joe & Mary)

11:00a.m.(SM) For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's



Lord, bless and protect those serving our country, especially: Lt. Col. Brian Zeno, Airmen 1st Class Curtis McElfresh, Sgt. Christopher Wetzell, Lance Corporal Zachary Knowlton, SSG Kayne Melko, Sgt. Joshua Hall, SSG Aaron Loeffler, Tech Sgt. Craig

DeBeni, Lt. Col. Trey Vasey, Capt. SSG Josh Pempek, Mitchell Rataiczak, MSG Chris Dipold, Sgt. Ryan James, Sgt. Dylan Frizzi, Sgt. Jake Foster, Pvt William Clegg , Petty Officer Alex Rader, SFC Shawn Selmon, SSG Colton Selmon, Seaman Brooke Selmon, 1st Lt. DJ Olexa, SSG Kelsey (Ryncarz) Turner, Senior Airman Cameron Opic, Petty Officer Brody P. Halenar, Major Alex Beveridge, Lance Cpl. Keenan Cook, Petty Officer 1st Class Meleah (Tiber) Hernik, Seaman Joshya D. Nelson, E -4 Specialist Luke G. Bell, SSG John Workman, Corporal Dane Miscovich, E-4 Specialist Wyatt L. Robertson

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



The Knights of Columbus are once again teaming up with PREVAIL having their Annual Baby Bottle Campaign at our parishes. Your spare change can benefit the PREVAIL Pregnancy Resource Center in Bethesda, Ohio. Simply pick up a bottle and fill it with your change and donations for one month. In four weeks bring back your bottle full. It is a fun and easy way for the whole family to get involved and make a difference in the life of a mother and child! Please spiritually adopt a child and mother and pray for them each day. Please take a flyer from the PREVAIL Center home with your baby bottle!

Offertory Collection

For the Weekend of October 10/11

St. John's: Adult (103env) \$3,433, Loose \$410, Imm. Heart Fund (1env) \$25, Religious Retirement (1env) \$50, Grade School (3env) \$70, Building Fund (4env) \$145, Candles \$12

St. Mary's: Adult (49env) \$1,264, Loose \$209, World Missions (2env)\$35 \$Imm. Heart Fund (1env) \$20, Grade School (1env) \$20, Building Fund (3env) \$50, Food Pantry (6 env) \$97, Candles \$98



Please Note: *This prayer list is an important part of our love for our brothers and sisters in need. Names will be included on this list for four weeks at a time. After four weeks a person's name*

will be removed but can be added again the next week simply by calling the office. Please pray for the following: Lindy & Don Freed, Jax McCort, Jeremy Chirpas, Tyce Hughes, Dominic Alexander, Lou Ann Kinder, Mgsr. Gene Mullett, Fr. Tom Petronek, Quentin Scott Coyne, Baby Everett Sommers, Joe Boston Jr., Bob, & Tom, Mary Kay Hanasky, John Hanasky, Beverly Kolenich , Sandy Bass , Anthony De Genova ,Magan Nichole Sechrest, Monroe DeLuca, Albert DeBlasis, Mary Jo Garner, Camden Thomas, Ainsley Oliniski, Beth Baker Phillips, Tom Kucera, Brian B., Joanne Dantrassy, Rita Kovallo, Susan Gray, Danielle Watt, Mary Stegman, John, Mary & Heidi Patt, Raisa Rodsky, Tom Waligura, Shari Taylor, Gerald Paolucci, Mark Barker, Ernest Kiss, Rose Reeher, Lou "Weegee" Bennington, Jean Morgan , Bill Shepherd, Peggy Byles, Janet (Rose) Green, Carol Zemba, Donna Richards, Jack Selmon, Jamie Ellis, Tom & Margie Merryman, Beau Boston, Emily LeMasters, Dalisay Donato, Adrianne Forbes, Stacey Gilli, Max Townsend, Julie, Brian, Patricia, Diana McCulley, Janet Green, Darla Schau, Ella Karst, Peggy Gress, Kyle Beaver, Eileen Penyak, JoAnn Rankin, Sandina Leonard, Dick Johnson , Connor Hanasky, Brode Brown, Xander Wilson, James (Cracker) Graham, Gary DeVendra, Liz M., David Arnold ,Tom Lengyel, Bill West, Johnny Rushman, Patty Smith, Martha Rollandini, Marty Strussion , Waneta Janosik, Jarrett Burga, Joseph Weyrick, Cathy Cilles, Henry Boston, Bubba Kapral, Jan West, Marlene Workman, Cathy Wright, Brady Boyd, Shirley Tollett, The Lloyd Family, Bev's Family, Jodi (Narcisi) Adams, Charles Lytton, Fr. Timothy McGuire, Mary Bresiger, Brenda Lucas, Debbie Blinco

Chemo Survival Kits



The Caring Crafters are once again supplying Chemotherapy Survival Kits to the local cancer centers. I'm sure cancer has touched each of us in some way. The effects of chemo can be devastating. These bags contain items to help soothe the side effects, even if just a little. Any donation is greatly appreciated! We will have forms at the church entrances. You can also write a note to the recipient. We will include it in the bag. Thank You!

TOGETHER WE ARE TOUCHING LIVES!



Congratulations to our K of C Council # 1246 on achieving "Star Council" Award

We welcome our Steubenville diocese K of C State Council Representative, Tony Offenburger to the 9:30am Mass this weekend to present the "Star Council"

Plaque to our local council #1246 of St. John's and St. Mary's parishes. The Star Council Award is the highest honor for local councils in the Knights of Columbus. It recognizes overall excellence in membership growth, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, service program activities and administrative compliance. We congratulate the men of our council and encourage all the men of the our parishes to become Knights. It's easy to sign up online. Go to www.kofc.org/who-we-are/about-membership!



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question: Cyrus, king of the Persian Empire, learns that God plans to use him to rescue his people, Israel. *Have you ever felt God has used you to help someone else?*

2nd Reading Question: Paul speaks in gratitude for the faith of the Thessalonians and the presence of the Holy Spirit in their midst. *What are you thankful for this week?*

Gospel Question: The Pharisees and the Herodians are unable to trap Jesus in his words. *Do you feel equipped to defend the Faith from others who may challenge you?* ©LPi

CWC LUMINARY FUNDRAISER



The Catholic Women's Club and our Wholehearted Youth Group will be selling Memorial/Prayer Request Luminaries during the month of October to raise money for retreats and conferences to benefit our women and youth. The luminaries are \$5 each. They can be purchased in the church (see order forms in bulletin and at entrances) and at the parish office. Each luminary will include a white luminary bag, flameless tea light candle and sticker on the bag "In Loving Memory Of" or "Special Prayer Intention For". You can purchase these bags in honor of either deceased and/or living family or friends.

Our fundraiser will conclude with Mass on Monday, November 2nd at 5:15pm in St. John Church. We will also line the church aisles and altar areas of both churches with the luminaries. Please indicate at which church, St. John's or St. Mary's, you would like your luminary to be displayed. You will be able to take these luminaries home after the Sunday November 8th mass. We appreciate your support of this luminary fundraiser. We look forward to sharing in a celebration of prayer with you and your family. Thank you!!!



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: **"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"** (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears *His* image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because *everything* in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

— Father John Muir

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR OCTOBER 24/25

St. John's

October 24th EM: A. Hathaway Lector D. Respole

October 25th EM: B. Wallner Lector: A. Snedeker

St. Mary's

October 24th EM: Volunteer Lector: J. Amato

October 25th EM: I. Louda Lector: I. Louda

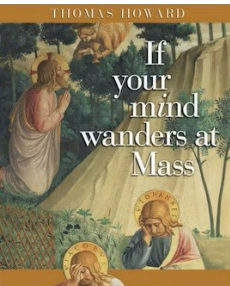
Lectors please remember to recite the rosary before mass in October.



SHADYSIDE FOOD PANTRY



St. Mary's will be teaming up with the Food Pantry and will be collecting **gravy** and **chicken broth** for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please place your donations on the table/bin in the back of the church.



This book will help you get more out of the Mass!

Distractions, fatigue, boredom at Sunday worship—maybe we experience these because we don't fully appreciate what's going on at Mass. Copies are available to purchase in the back of our churches weekend for a donation of \$12.



This Week on Formed

Week of October 18, 2026



St. Luke | Catholic Saints

Known as the beloved physician and faithful friend of St. Paul, St. Luke is a crucial figure for the Church's knowledge of Christ's earthly ministry and the early Church. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore the life and legacy of the author of the Gospel according to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.



Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.



Slaves and Kings

Following the life of St. Anthony Mary Clare—Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain—this film tells the compelling story of one of Spain's most popular preachers and founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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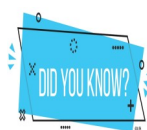
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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: True or false: priests must say preparatory prayers called "access prayers" before beginning to celebrate Mass?

Answer: False. These prayers are discretionary. ©LPi



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Dan back a bulletin!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS AND THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time / October 25, 2026

First Reading: "You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans." (Ex 22:21-23)

Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading: For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven. (1 Thes 1:9-10)

Gospel: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Mt 22:37)

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CCC 2052-2074: the Ten Commandments interpreted through twofold love

CCC 2061-2063: moral life a response to the Lord's initiative of love

If you correspond to the designs of God, He will make a saint of you.

— St. Paul of the Cross



Virtues, Explained!

Perseverance, Explained!

"It is not easy for man, wounded by sin, to maintain moral balance," we read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1811). "Christ's gift of salvation offers us the grace necessary to persevere in the pursuit of the virtues."

Perseverance is unique because without it, we cannot grow in any of the other virtues. If we cannot persevere, we cannot carry the cross. Faith, hope, love, mercy, justice, temperance — these virtues are the fruits of a Christian life, and perseverance is the soil in which they take root.

Like the soil in any garden, it has to be nourished. Perseverance is fed by trials, difficulties, and temptations. "We rejoice in our sufferings," writes St. Paul, "knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us" (Romans 5:4-5). ©LPi

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Whose Image We Bear

In writing this column, I spent a lot of time mulling over a strange question: if I had a coin with Caesar's face on it, could I use it to pay for my morning coffee?

Ancient Roman artifacts are worth a lot of money, but I have no idea how to appraise the artifacts and convert that worth to cash. I doubt my local barista does, either.

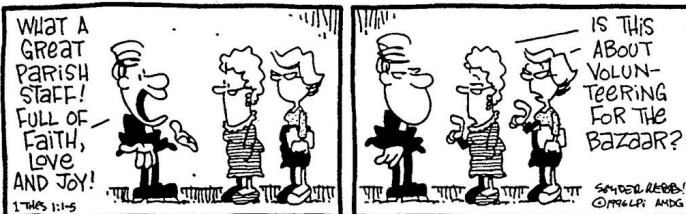
Out of curiosity, I Googled it. Apparently, the value depends a lot on the emperor. If we're talking about a marquee name like Julius Caesar, a coin will go for thousands of dollars. But let's say it's a shekel from Emperor Geta, some third-century failure who got murdered by his brother. You can get his coin for less than \$200.

It matters, apparently, whose face you're stamped with. We are all only as good as the image we bear.

When Christ said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God," he was talking about faithful citizenship and faithful discipleship. He was talking about the omnipotence of God over any political movement or historical era.

But he was also talking about our worth. Where it comes from, what it means, how long it will last. He was talking about whose image *we* bear. ©LPi

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY****Blessing for World Mission Sunday**

O God, You never cease to call us to Yourself, bless the

mission fields where we sow, tend, and reap.

Give us your grace and strength as we share Your love with families and friends, strangers and sojourners.

Give us the right words, the right inspirations, the right invitations, the right love. Your love, shared.

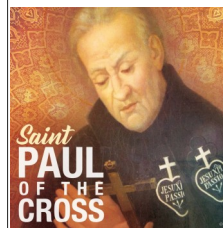
Amen. ©LPi

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Lord's Prayer

Question: *Why don't Catholics add the "For yours is the Kingdom ..." prayer at the end of the Our Father like Protestants do? Where did it come from?*

Answer: The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the people respond with the doxology. The doxology is not found in the Bible, but it is very ancient. It was first found in *The Didache*, also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to the sixteenth century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (#2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it.

Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the "mysteries of faith," things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has come to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction! ©LPi



"The Mass is the most favorable occasion to speak with the eternal Father, because then we offer Him His only Son as a victim for our salvation. Before celebrating, reflect on the sufferings of your Redeemer, commune peaceably with Him, even in the midst of dryness; carry to the altar the needs of the entire world."

"The feast of the Blessed Sacrament is the feast of love. Oh, what great love! what immense charity! The moth is drawn to the light, and burns itself in it. May your soul likewise draw near to the divine Light! May it be reduced to ashes in that sacred flame, particularly during this great and sweet octave of Corpus Christi. Ah! eat, drink, run, sing, rejoice in honor of your divine Spouse."

"How wonderful are the treasures which are enclosed in the divine Eucharist! I exhort you, even though you live in the world, to receive Communion often, but with piety. Holy Communion is the most efficacious means of uniting one's self to God. Always prepare yourself well for this sacred banquet. Have a very pure heart, and watch over your tongue, for it is on the tongue that the Sacred Host is laid. Carry Our Lord home with you after your thanksgiving, and let your heart be a living tabernacle for Jesus. Visit Him often in this interior tabernacle, offering Him your homage, and the sentiments of gratitude with which divine love will inspire you. Preserve carefully the sentiments of love with which you are filled after Communion."

St Paul of the Cross, died October 18, 1775. Renowned preacher and founder (1720) of the Passionists (C.P.)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**Chosen**

It is getting close to Election Day and I suppose most of us have an idea of how we will cast our vote. We have tried to discern where candidates stand on important issues and what type of leader they might be if elected. However, there is a good chance that when we go into a voting booth, we will cast at least one vote for a person who we never heard of and to do a job we do not understand. We know the more notable people in the more notable contests, but some of those on the ballot as we get further into it? Who knew that was going to be on there?

In life we will at times be asked to make a choice about something or someone we know little about. Our choices will not always be as informed as we would like. Then, when we do know some information needed to make a choice, we still don't know everything. We may support a candidate and not really know him or her personally.

When God chose you and me, He had all the information needed to make the choice. The crazy thing is He chose us anyway! He knew we would sin, turn our backs on Him, and sometimes not be very good ambassadors for Him. However, He still chose us because He loves us. We are a chosen people. We are His own. I don't know about you, but if given the chance I am not sure I would have chosen myself. I rejoice that God sees in me something that at times seems hidden to me.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Devotions, Explained!****The Our Father, Explained!**

The Our Father, also known as The Lord's Prayer, is found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Universally beloved in most traditions of Christianity, its words are those of Jesus Christ himself as

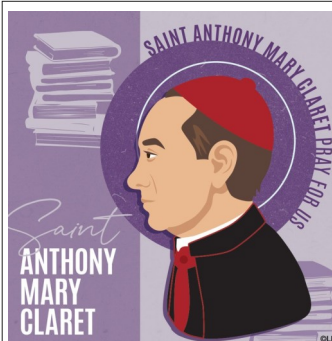
he answers his disciples' queries on how best to pray.

The version presented in the Gospel of Matthew is longer and more detailed than that which is contained in the Gospel of Luke. Both versions instruct the faithful to address God as "Father," to pray for the coming of His kingdom, to rely on His providence, and to embrace a spirit of forgiveness towards others, in the hope that we ourselves will be forgiven (Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4). This last element, forgiveness, is also emphasized by Jesus in the Gospel of Mark (Mark 11:25) as an essential part of all prayer.

The Catechism quotes Tertullian when it calls the Our Father "the summary of the whole Gospel." (CCC 2761). ©LPi

**BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE**

Our participation at Mass is meant to spur us on to create a better world, in which all life, including the unborn, is protected. In his encyclical letter on the Eucharist, Pope John Paul II wrote the following: "Certainly the Christian vision leads to the expectation of 'new heavens' and 'a new earth' (Rev 21:1), but this increases, rather than lessens, our sense of responsibility for the world today. I wish to reaffirm this forcefully at the beginning of the new millennium, so that Christians will feel more obliged than ever not to neglect their duties as citizens in this world. Theirs is the task of contributing with the light of the Gospel to the building of a more human world, a world fully in harmony with God's plan" (n.20).

**St. Anthony Mary Claret | October 24**

Saint Anthony Mary Claret is also known as the "spiritual father of Cuba." He was born in Salient in Catalonia, Spain, in 1807. He became a weaver, like his father, and was very talented. But he studied in his spare time to become a priest and was ordained in 1835. He became a popular preacher, leading retreats and popular missions where he emphasized the Eucharist. In 1849 the saint founded the Claretians, a religious institute of missionaries, and a companion order of women religious who served as teachers for girls.

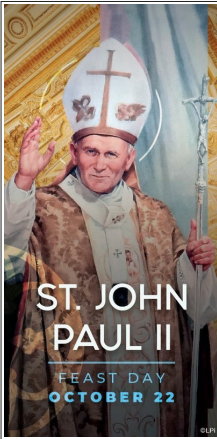
In 1850 he chose to add the name Mary to his own, and he is known today for his propagation of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For the next 7 years he served as Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, where he worked diligently to reform both clergy and laity. He opposed concubinage, instructed black slaves, and championed family-owned farms instead of the mass farming of a sugar cash crop. These stances were vehemently opposed by many, and Saint Anthony was the target of assassins.

He was recalled to act as Queen Isabella II's confessor, a duty he reluctantly agreed to, with the exception that he would reside away from the court, attending the household only to hear confessions and instruct the children. While in Spain he founded the Religious Publishing House and wrote or published 200 Catholic books and pamphlets. He went into exile to France with the Queen's household during the Spanish Revolution of 1868.

The saint returned to Rome to Participate in Vatican I where he defended the infallibility of the Pope. He died in France in 1870 and was canonized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.

St. Anthony Mary Claret, pray for us!

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St. John Paul II

St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in the small Polish town of Wadowice. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946, appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and made a cardinal three years later. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, and he took the name John Paul II.

St. John Paul II made evangelization a key part of his papacy and made pastoral visits around the world. In 1981, he was shot twice in an assassination attempt. Following Jesus' example of compassion, he later met with his would-be assassin in his prison cell, where he forgave him for what he had done. St. John Paul II was well known as an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking and skiing well into his 60s. In 1992, his health began to decline, and it was later discovered that he suffered from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system.

Near the end of his papacy, he struggled to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, and he was declared blessed on May 1, 2011. He became a saint on April 27, 2014.

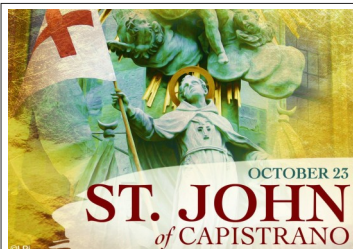
St. John Paul II, pray for us!

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The Feast of St. John Paul II

On October 21st, we celebrate the pope who inspired the world! Born Karol Wojtyla in Krakow, Pope John Paul II became the first-ever Polish pope. He came of age in the early 20th century and lived through both the Nazi and communist occupations of Poland. His resistance activities were cultural, operating an underground theater company and entering a secret seminary. Karol was ordained a priest in 1946 and later a bishop. He was elected pope in 1978. As pope, the interests that captured his heart as a young man continued -- his pastoral concern for young people, his philosophical emphasis on the human person, and his devotion to Mary and to the mercy of God. St. John Paul II, pray for us! ©LPi



St John of Capistrano was a reformer of the Franciscans and Poor Clares. He preached devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus (Feast Day Jan 3). He died in 1456 and is the patron of military chaplains.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

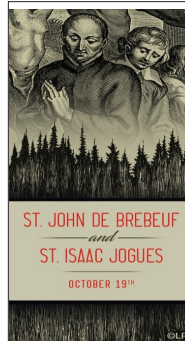
The Weight of our Actions

Many years ago, during faith formation in my parish, one of the children wrote something that wasn't very nice on a textbook that belonged to someone else. Being the pastoral associate that oversaw the program, I began the investigation immediately. Slowly I began eliminating suspects until it became obvious who the perpetrator was. He denied he was the one, but after much pressure he broke down and confessed. Of course, I derived no satisfaction from finding out the culprit. Of course, it was my own son.

My son didn't want to come clean because he naturally feared what I would say and do when I found out. He also knew that our pastor would find out as well. He felt accountable for his actions and that made it very difficult for him. He realized he let himself, others that loved him, and God down. It was a lesson learned that wasn't much fun to go through. What I was grateful for was the fact that he felt the weight of what he had done. If he hadn't, things would have been very different.

That was a long time ago and when I reflect on it, I think about how often we all do things we regret and then have to face the consequences. But that's what being accountable is all about. We are accountable to those we love, to our neighbor, and to our God. When we begin to slide into a worldview that focuses too much on ourselves, we can easily make decisions that hurt others. We must always seek to do what is good in the eyes of God and that respects others. When we are children this is easier said than done. Alright, let's be honest--it isn't always so easy as adults either.

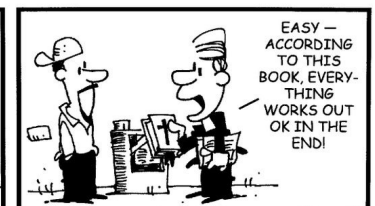
-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



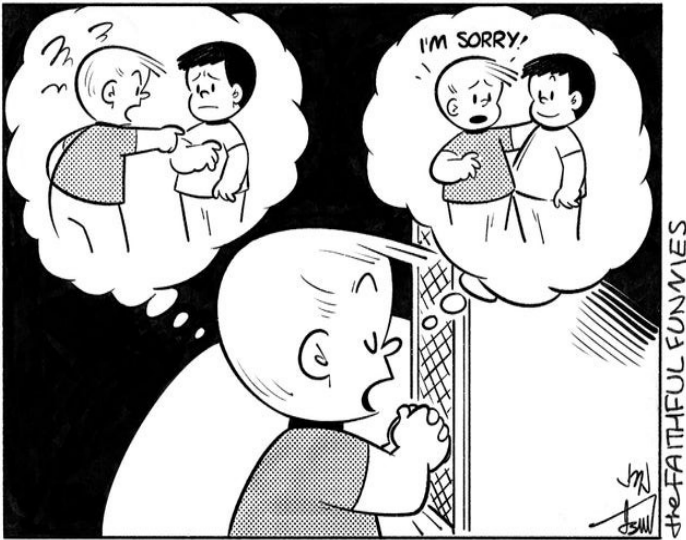
The Feast of Sts. Isaac Jogues and Jean de Brebeuf & Companions

This week, we honor courage in the face of suffering, persecution, and sacrifice. October 14th is the feast of the first North American martyrs. Most famous among them is Isaac Jogues. The young priest left his role as college professor in France to become a missionary to the Huron tribe in what is now the northeastern United States. Fr. Jogues was captured by a warring tribe of Iroquois. He escaped just over a year later but not unscathed. Several of his fingers had been removed during torture in captivity. He returned to France, only to sail back to the New World, where he was later martyred. Fr. Jogues was one of eight Jesuit priests martyred over a seven-year period. They knew the dangers, yet pressed forward in love for Christ and his people. May we be inspired by their courage!

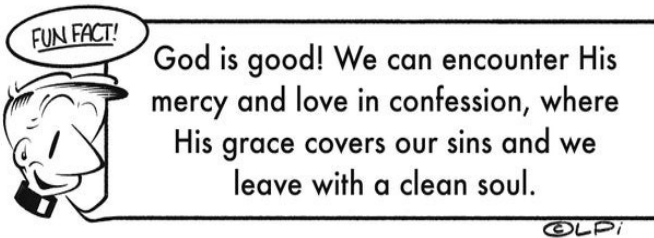
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"How is confession like autumn?"



"You turn over a new leaf."



Help Pope Leo Help Missionaries!

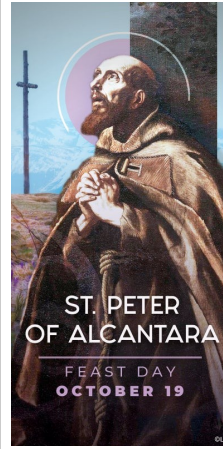
Mission belongs to the entire Church. Every baptized person is called to share God's love through prayer, generosity, and witness. Inspired by the dedication of missionaries around the world, we continue working together so that the message of Christ may reach every community, especially those most in need.

The **World Mission Sunday collection** helps priests in the missions carry out their work to spread the Gospel, like Father and later Bishop Robert Prevost, OSA, in Peru.

"I would like to thank the Pontifical Mission Societies for their service to missionary cooperation, which I experienced with gratitude during my ministry in Peru."
- Pope Leo XIV (Jan 25, 2026)

The World Mission Sunday collection grants funds to mission dioceses, which help to underwrite the basic physical footprint that keeps missionary life going: where priests live, where sisters live, where children are catechized, where formation and pastoral work can happen, and where Holy Mass can be celebrated, often for the first time.

Part of the funds are used to help missionary dioceses run and survive, while the rest of the funds are used to build churches, seminaries, convents, and pastoral centers. In an average year, WMS helps to fund over 900 infrastructure-related projects for the Church!



St. Peter of Alcantara

St. Peter of Alcantara was born in Alcantara, Spain, in 1499. His father was the Governor of the province, and his mother came from a noble family. He received private tutoring and attended the University of Salamanca. After he returned home from university, he was accepted as a Franciscan Friar of the Stricter Observance in 1515. He was ordained as a priest in 1524, and in 1525 he became Guardian of the friary of St. Mary of the Angels.

Throughout his life, St. Peter of Alcantara took up his spiritual cross and preached with great success to the poor, but also spent much of his time in solitude. From 1553 to early 1555, he spent this time alone in meditation and prayer. Soon after, St. Peter made a pilgrimage to Rome, barefoot the entire way. While in Rome, he obtained permission from Pope Julius III to establish friaries.

St. Peter was known for frequently experiencing ecstasy, a state where he was entirely consumed with the warmth and light of the Holy Spirit. These euphoric moments were common during his prayer and meditation.

When he was near death, St. Peter took to his knees and prayed. When he was offered water, he refused it, saying, "Even my Lord Jesus Christ thirsted on the Cross." He died while in prayer on October 18, 1562. On April 18, 1622, Pope Gregory XV declared him blessed, and Pope Clement IX canonized him on April 28, 1669.

St. Peter of Alcantara, pray for us!

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Readings for the week of October 18, 2026

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

THIS WEEK

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday
 9:30am-10:45am Parish School of Religion (SMRE)
Monday: 6:00p.m. Cor Men's Group (SMH)
Tuesday: 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (SM)
Wednesday: 5:30p.m. Caring Crafters
Thursday: 7:00pm OCIA (SJH)
Friday: 8:45-9:45A.m. Men's Study Group
Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:30a.m. – 10:45a.m. Parish School of Religion (SMRE)
 3:00p.m. Spiritual Adoption Birthday Celebration (SJ)
 6:00p.m. Youth Group (SMRE)



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 Westlake, Gress & Novy Families
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By Sunny & Anita Smigill

In Loving Memory Of
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By Anita & Jeannine

In Loving Memory Of
 John, Rose & Cathy Magistro
By Bruce & Mary Ann

In Loving Memory of the
 Kuchinka, Teasdale & Stolz Families
by Marion & Jeff

Fall Blessings for the 
 The Boston & Donahue Families
By Cheryl Boston

In Loving Memory of
 Bill Kahl *by Wife Karen*
 George, Bud, Murph & Jerry Snider
By Sister & Family

In Loving Memory of My
 Dad, Mom, & Brother 
By Tonya (St. John) Grimm

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