



Stand Your Ground

There are times in life when we know what is right, but we find it difficult to stand by what we believe. We may remain silent because we are afraid of what others will think, or we may change our behavior because we want to fit in. In those moments, we need the courage to stand our ground and remain faithful to what is right. St. Paul gives us an important example of this courage. After many years of preaching, Paul goes to Jerusalem and meets with the leaders of the early Church. He shares with them the Gospel that he has been preaching to the Gentiles. The apostles carefully listen to Paul because they want to make sure that what he is teaching is truly the message of Jesus. They do not simply accept every teaching or every person who claims to speak in the name of Christ. They want to make sure that the message is faithful to the Gospel they have received from Jesus. When Paul explains his preaching, the apostles recognize that he is preaching the same Gospel that they are preaching. Paul is not creating a different Christianity or teaching his own message. He is proclaiming the same Jesus, the same faith, and the same Gospel. Because of this, they accept Paul as a partner in spreading the Gospel. This reminds us that the mission of the Church is not the work of one person. Paul had his mission, Peter had his mission, and the other apostles had their own responsibilities. They were different in their ministries, but they were united in the same Gospel. We see something similar in the Church today. A priest has his responsibility, deacons have their ministry and lay people have their own important role. Parents, teachers, catechists, volunteers, and parishioners all contribute to the life of the Church. We do not all have the same job, but we have the same mission: to bring Christ to others. This unity does not mean that everyone in the Church will always agree with one another or that everyone will always do everything correctly. We have different responsibilities, different personalities, and sometimes different opinions. But what matters is that we remain faithful to Christ and to the Gospel. We see this clearly in the difficult moment between Paul and Peter. Paul opposed Peter to his face because Peter was clearly wrong. Peter had been eating with the Gentiles, but when certain people arrived, he withdrew from them because he was afraid of what others might think. Peter's mistake is something we can easily recognize in our own lives. How often do we do something similar? We may know what is right, but when we are around certain people, we become afraid of what they will think about us. We may speak differently, behave differently, or even hide our faith because we do not want to be judged, criticized, or left out. Sometimes we know that we should stand up for someone, but we remain silent because we are afraid of what others will say. Sometimes we treat a person well when we are alone with them, but when others are around, we distance ourselves from that person because we want to fit in. Peter reminds us that even good people can fall into this temptation. He knew the Gospel. He knew that Gentiles were also welcomed into the family of God. Yet, in that moment, his fear of other people affected the way he acted. So, dear friends, stand your ground. When we know what is right, let us have the courage to live it. When we know that someone is being treated unfairly, let us not be afraid to stand with that person. When our faith is challenged, let us not hide it simply because we want to please others. Faith is not only about knowing what is right; but also it is about having the courage to live what we believe.

Amen.

Fr. Joseph Puthen

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK



Mass
Schedule

Saturday, October 10

5:00 p.m. † Mary Nancy & Lawrence Kennedy by Jesse Howell & family
 † Israel Cortez (12th anniv) by his children
 † Adelena Garcia (birthday) by Ruben Garcia
 † Alfredo Perez (birthday) by the family
 † Jackie Nino by Arturo Nino

Sunday, October 11

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS
 9:30 a.m.(E) † Norma Ramirez (birthday) by Duke & Ashlyn Garcia & family
 † Homar Perez on the 1st anniv & Sylvia Perez by the family
 † Ramon Huerta, Sr. (anniv) by Ramon & Rosavel Huerta
 † Ruben Perez by Alicia Cantu
 11:15 a.m. † Jerry Garza by the family
 † Maria Imelda Solis (birthday) by the family
 † Eraclio Salinas by the family
 † Maria C. Gutierrez (2nd anniv) by the family
 † Rodolfo R. Gutierrez by the family

Monday, October 12

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, October 13

7:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, October 15

7:00 a.m. † J.J. De Leon by Bro. Martin Francesco, O.F.S. & Mary Helen Villarreal

Friday, October 16

7:00 a.m. † Beatriz Ruiz by the family

Saturday, October 17

5:00 p.m. † Daniel Garza, Jr. by Beatrice G. Vela
 † Nora A. Reyes by Mary Lou Adrian

Sunday, October 18

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS
 9:30 a.m.(E) † Omar & Diana Martinez by the family
 † Jose Palacios (2nd anniv) by the family
 † Ramon Huerta, Sr. & Dalia Gonzalez by the Gonzalez family
 Healing for Ramiro Olivarez by Alda Lopez
 11:15 a.m. † Eutiquio Villarreal (birthday) by Bobby & Maxine Villarreal
 † Eraclio Salinas by the family
 † Salvador Mendez, Jr. (3rd anniv) by the family
 † Esperanza H. Gonzalez (2nd anniv) by the family
 † Cheryl Jeanne Pena (2nd anniv) by the family

Parish Tithes and Offerings Oct 3 & 4

Sacred Heart Parish

Regular Collection: \$3721.60

Online Giving: \$865.00

Second Collection: \$249.00

St. Anne Mission

Regular Collection: \$305.00

Second Collection: \$175.00



Parish Meetings & Events

- Oct 12-14 Priest Convocation
 Oct 12 Catholic Daughters Meeting: 6:00 pm Parish Hall
 Oct 13 Guadalupe Meeting: 6:00 pm Parish Hall
 Oct 14 Adoration from 8:00 am. To 7:00 pm Schoenstatt Chapel
 Oct 15 Adult Bible Study from 10:00-11:00 am: Parish Hall
 Oct 18 Catholic Daughter Sunday
 Oct 20 Knights of Columbus Council Meeting: 7:00 pm Parish Hall
 Oct 21 Adoration from 8:00 am. To 7:00 pm Schoenstatt Chapel
 Oct 28 Adoration from 8:00 am. To 7:00 pm Schoenstatt Chapel

Festival Band Donations In Memory of:

Octavio & Connie Balderas, Sr.
 & Octavio Balderas, Jr.
 By the family

Nora A. Reyes, Nori Hinojosa,
 Salvador & Esperanza Gonzalez
 By Esperanza Hinojosa

Alfredo Hinojosa, Jr. & Crisanta Garcia
 By Mary Hinojosa

Hector Escalante
 By the family

Polo Carbajal
 By the family

Rodolfo Rene Gutierrez & Rito Rene Gutierrez
 By the family

Abrego Family
 By the family

We would like to thank all who made donations
 toward the band. It was greatly appreciated!

Flowers on the Altar

All Deceased Family Members
 By Tim and Raydell Boerjan



Prayer Blanket Ministry

This ministry will be making blankets for people in our parish who are seriously ill. These blankets will be blessed and given to everyone



on our list. Prayer is very powerful and we ask everyone in our parish to pray for these individuals on the prayer list:

10-11-26

Oneida Villarreal
 Annie Faldyn
 Diana G. Cantu
 Roni Guerra
 Fernando Guerra
 Julie Resendez

9-27-26

Jerryd Alaniz
 Diana Mora Salinas
 Marianita C. Magee

10-4-26

Anna Grossman
 Gus Garcia
 Connie Perez
 Admar Chavana
 Javier Perez

9-20-26

Beve Martinez
 Susanna Mora Martinez
 Angelica Villarreal
 Dolores Abrego
 Juan Charles, Sr.
 Mary Salinas
 Nori Garcia
 Lily Garcia
 Yole & Jesus Longoria
 Diana Barrera
 Albert Villarreal
 Carlos Garcia, Jr.
 Carlos Ruiz
 Damian Soliz
 Rudy "Trey" Soliz
 Agueda A. Garza
 Viviana Abrego Holloway
 Esmeralda Marquez

HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION: WHAT TO DO AND WHAT TO SAY

Have you ever entered the confessional and suddenly wondered, "What exactly am I supposed to say?" Don't worry. Confession follows a simple pattern. Here is a step-by-step guide, including the words you can use.

1. EXAMINE YOUR CONSCIENCE BEFORE YOU GO.

Before entering the confessional, take a few quiet minutes to examine your conscience. Ask yourself where you have sinned against God and others, especially since your last confession.

2. ENTER THE CONFESSIONAL AND GREET THE PRIEST.

When you approach the priest, make the Sign of the Cross and say: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [say how long] since my last confession." If it has been many years or you cannot remember, simply say so: "Father, it has been a long time since my last confession, and I need your help." You do not have to be embarrassed.

3. CONFESS YOUR SINS CLEARLY AND HONESTLY.

Now confess your sins. Be direct and truthful, without unnecessary stories, excuses or blaming other people.

4. LISTEN TO THE PRIEST, ACCEPT YOUR PENANCE AND MAKE YOUR ACT OF CONTRITION.

After you have confessed, the priest may offer advice and will normally give you a penance.

5. RECEIVE ABSOLUTION AND LEAVE WITH A NEW HEART.

In simple words, you don't need complicated words to make a good confession. Examine your conscience. Be sorry. Tell the truth. Listen to the priest. Make your Act of Contrition. Receive absolution. Complete your penance. Then begin again with God's grace.

VOCATIONAL CROSS



5:00 p.m. Mass

Oct 10-Oct 17 Nora Villarreal
Oct 17-Oct 24 Esmeralda Hinojosa
Oct 24-Oct 31 Claudia Cantu

8:00 a.m. Mass

Oct 11-Oct 18 Connie & Arturo Garcia
Oct 18-Oct 25 Grace Charles
Oct 25-Nov 1 Enrique & Selene Sanchez

11:15 a.m. Mass

Oct 11-Oct 18 Omar & Missy Guerra
Oct 18-Oct 25 Lupe Saenz, Jr.
Oct 25-Nov 1 Pam Cabrera

St. Anne Misson

9:30 a.m. Mass

Oct 11-Oct 18 Connie Perez
Oct 18-Oct 25 Laura Gutierrez
Oct 25-Nov 1 Alma Martinez

October: The Holy Rosary Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7)

The Rosary is one of the most powerful forms of prayer that the Church gives to the faithful; popes, saints, even the Blessed Mother herself have spoken on the importance of praying the Rosary. Like Padre Pio who said: "Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."

It's a simple but profound way to meditate on the life of Jesus and to grow closer to Mary who will always lead us to her Son.

How to celebrate:

Pray the Rosary (or pray a decade of the rosary)



No one can live continually in sin and continue to say the rosary: either they will give up sin or they will give up the rosary.

— Bishop Hugh Doyle



OCT 11-24



The Sanctuary Candle in the **Church** is
burning for:

Omar Guerra, Sr.
By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in the **Guadalupe Chapel** is
burning for:

Eugene V. Howell
By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in the **Schoenstatt Chapel**
is burning for:

Mary Nancy & Lawrence Kenndy
By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in **St. Anne Mission** is
burning for:

By the family



**Knights of
Columbus**

J.R. & Priscilla Ybarra & family



ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

Please bring your All Souls envelopes to the Parish Office or drop it off in the collection basket. Deadline to submit your envelopes with names is October 31st.

