

October 18, 2026

Pastor Message



When Life Gets Better, Don't Forget God

There is a story about a man who went to the doctor for a serious health problem. The doctor gave him a clear treatment plan and told him exactly what he needed to do. At first, the man followed the instructions carefully. He took the medicine, he changed his habits, and slowly began to feel better. But after some time, he stopped following the treatment and began doing things his own way. When the doctor saw him again, he asked, Why did you stop doing what was helping you? The man replied, Doctor, I thought I was doing well, so I thought I no longer needed to follow the plan. The doctor said, The fact that you are feeling better is not a reason to stop the treatment. It is a reason to continue what is helping you. Sometimes we can do the same thing in our spiritual life. When life becomes better, we can slowly stop praying. When our problems are solved, we can forget God. When everything is going well, we can begin depending more on ourselves than on God's grace. This is exactly what St. Paul is addressing in his letter to Galatians. Paul speaks very strongly to the Galatians. He asks them why they have turned away from the faith they received. They had heard the Gospel about Jesus Christ crucified. They had received the Holy Spirit through faith. They had experienced God's grace in their lives. But now they were beginning to believe that they could become righteous simply by following religious rules and depending on their own efforts. Paul is not saying that good works are unimportant. Good works are very important. As Christians, we are called to help the poor, called to serve, called to forgive and live according to God's commandments. But our good works are a response to God's grace. We do not gain God's love as if God were paying us a salary. For example think about a child in a family. A child does not have to earn the love of his parents every morning. The parents love the child because the child belongs to the family. When the child helps at home, studies well, or cares for the parents, those actions are expressions of love. The same is true in our relationship with God. We pray, come to Mass, forgive others, help the poor, and serve our neighbor not because we are trying to purchase God's love. We do these things because God has already loved us and given us his grace. So dear friends, let us not forget what God has already done for us. When life is difficult, we need God's grace, but when life is going well, we still need Him. Let us continue to pray, trust in God, and live our faith every day. Our good works are not a way to gain God's love; rather they are our response to the love and grace He has already given us.

Amen.

Fr. Joseph Puthen

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK



Mass
Schedule

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) † Jose Palacios (2nd anniv) by the family

† Ramon Huerta, Sr. & Dalia Gonzalez by the
Gonzalez family

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
Healing for Ramiro Olivarez by Alda Lopez

Monday, October 19

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 a.m. Healing for Ramiro Olivarez by Alda Lopez

Wednesday, October 21

7:00 a.m. † Sr. Mary Eileen by Herlinda P. Cantu

Thursday, October 22

7:00 a.m. † Santos "Temo" Gonzalez by Dora Garza

Friday, October 23

7:00 a.m. † Nora A. Reyes by Norma Morales

Saturday, October 24

5:00 p.m. † Onofre Lopez on the 1st anniversary by the family

† Jose Angel Cantu (31st anniv) by the family

Sunday, October 25

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS

9:30 a.m.(E) † Armando Abrego (anniv) by the family

† Odelia S. Rodriguez (7th anniv) by the family

11:15 a.m. † Rita Galindo (birthday) by the family

† Orlando Guerra (3rd anniv), Noela (4th anniv) &

Omar (25th anniv) Guerra, Sr. by the family

† David Longoria (birthday) by the family

† Bryan Rey Garza by the family

† Hector Escalante (birthday) by the family

Sacred Heart Parish Festival 2026

Festival:	\$3,593.00
Kenedy Grant:	\$1,000.00
Donations:	\$6,350.00
T-Shirts:	\$1,880.00
Total :	\$12,823.00
Expenses:	\$ 3,789.44
Profit:	\$9,033.56

Parish Tithes and Offerings Oct 10 & 11

Sacred Heart Parish

Regular Collection: \$3291.10

Online Giving: \$990.00

St. Anne Mission

Regular Collection: \$792.00



Parish Meetings & Events

- 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
- Oct 29 Adult Bible Study from 10:00-11:00 am: Parish
Hall
- Nov 1 All Saints Day
- Nov 2 All Souls Day: 7:00 am Mass—8:00 am Blessing of
stones at the cemetery
- Nov 2-11 All Souls Day Novena Masses
- Nov 4 Adoration from 8:00 am. To 7:00 pm Schoenstatt
Chapel
- Nov 7 Baptisms: 11:00 am

Faith, Love, and Hope

By Sr. Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB

In these short chapters to the Thessalonians it is obvious that Paul holds dear this community of faith and yearns to keep close connection to them. He wants these followers of Jesus to live in such a way that they might become an example to other Gentiles. What is so attractive about this letter is how pastoral it is; no authoritarian tone is present. The loving concern and devotion of Paul's words to these disciples is remarkably tender. It is a quality that those among us who proclaim the Good News to others might hope to imitate.

Paul's expression is one of delight and passion as he writes to the community of converts in Thessalonica. His joy overflows as he learns about their labor of love and he wants them to remember the truth that they have been chosen and set apart for God's service. The Word they received was empowered by the Holy Spirit. As we look at our own evolving relationship with Jesus, we might want to examine our hearts concerning this question: how have we turned from idols to serve the living God? In praying with these Scripture passages, it is heart-stirring to see the enthusiasm with which Paul attempts to encourage, support, and affirm his disciples. It is no secret that Paul attempts to encourage, support, and affirm his disciples. It is no secret that Paul and his colleagues have taken great risks and endured harassment in offering the Word of God to others. In spite of the suffering they have experienced, they were filled with loving boldness. They were impelled to continue proclaiming the Gospel in the face of opposition. They were zealous in preaching because they felt passionate about being entrusted with the sacred message. They came not with mandates but as devoted parents nurturing their children.



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:

10/18/26

Colton Ramirez
Marlene Costley Maldonado
Martha Arrendondo

10-11-26

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

10-4-26

Anna Grossman
Gus Garcia
Connie Perez
Admar Chavana
Javier Perez

9-27-26

Jerryd Alaniz
Diana Mora Salinas
Marianita C. Magee

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



Flowers on the Altar

Salvador Mendez, Jr. (3rd anniv)
By the family

Catholic Daughters

Any lady interested in joining the Catholic Daughters can ask any Catholic Daughter for more info.

VOCATIONAL CROSS



5:00 p.m. Mass

Oct 17-Oct 24 Esmeralda Hinojosa
Oct 24-Oct 31 Claudia Cantu
Oct 31-Nov 7 Mary Costley

8:00 a.m. Mass

Oct 18-Oct 25 Grace Charles
Oct 25-Nov 1 Enrique & Selene Sanchez
Nov 1-Nov 8 Enedelia Saenz

11:15 a.m. Mass

Oct 18-Oct 25 Lupe Saenz, Jr.
Oct 25-Nov 1 Pam Cabrera
Nov 1-Nov 8 Gilbert & Dominique Alegria

St. Anne Misson

9:30 a.m. Mass

Oct 18-Oct 25 Laura Gutierrez
Oct 25-Nov 1 Alma Martinez
Nov 1-Nov 8 Alicia Cantu

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 29th.

