

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# LIGHT YOUR LAMPS.

LUKE 12:35



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The night of the passover was known beforehand  
to our fathers,  
that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they  
put their faith,  
they might have courage. (Wis 18:6-7)

### Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

### Second Reading:

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for  
and evidence of things not seen. (Heb 11:1)

### Gospel:

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much,  
and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted  
with more." (Lk 12:48)

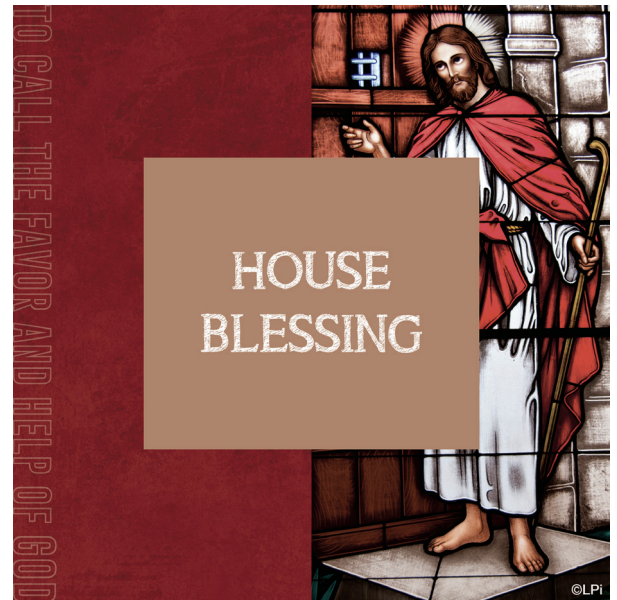
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are the servants and God is our master.  
He has told us His will, and given us all that  
we need to carry out His directions. Do  
we have the courage to act as our master  
desires? Do we have what it takes to be  
stewards of God's grace?

## Observances for the week of August 10, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	St. Clare, Virgin
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
<b>Friday:</b>	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Stephen of Hungary
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Devotions, *Explained!*

Catholics who move to a new place of residence often wish to have their dwelling blessed, to call the favor and help of God upon all those who live in the house and all those who will enter it. The Roman Ritual provides two formats for such blessings.

## Prayer for Generosity

God who has gifted me every good thing,  
Help me to remember what truly matters.  
To treasure love above all else,  
and to serve readily.  
Amen.

## Readings for the week of August 10, 2025

### Sunday:

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

### Monday:

Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

### Tuesday:

Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/  
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

### Wednesday:

Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/  
Mt 18:15-20

### Thursday:

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 18:21-19:1

### Friday:

*Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

### Saturday:

Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/  
Mt 19:13-15

### Next Sunday:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/  
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, **“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Luke 12:34).** Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can’t find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That’s why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— *Father John Muir*

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** We all love a message about The Right Thing To Do. We all love when a priest or a nun or any Catholic with a microphone gets up and talks about the truth. We rise to our feet and applaud. And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else.

### Are You Talking to Me?

Last summer I was at the National Eucharistic Congress when Fr. Mike Schmitz delivered an impassioned call to repentance in his keynote address during an evening revival session. The crowd received his message with great enthusiasm. Their applause and the cheers shook the Lucas Oil Stadium.

The next night, Sr. Josephine Garrett took the stage and, in her address, got into the nitty-gritty of what it means to be a disciple, what it means to live repentance — or, as she so beautifully put it, to *embrace the hunger*.

And in doing so, she called back to the previous night's thunderous approval of Fr. Mike's message.

"When I heard you clapping when Father said we need repentance, I was worried you thought he was talking about your neighbor's repentance," she said. "He is not."

In other words: he's talking about your repentance.

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And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else. You know...the *others*. The ones who need to hear it. The ones who aren't being vigilant.

In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, "Is this parable [of the absent master] meant for us, or for everyone?" (Luke 12:41). And Jesus answers him with a question. In so many words, he says this: "Do you want it to be for you? Are you ready to hear it?"

Whoever we are. Wherever we're from. Whatever our life looks like. However we pray. He's talking to us.

Are we ready to hear him?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

#### Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.



“Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”  
- Lk 12:39-40

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

The Book of Wisdom speaks of having faith and courage in the knowledge of God's providence. What do you pray for God to provide for you and your family?

### Second Reading:

Hebrews cites Abraham as the model of faith and trust in the Lord. Who would you hold up today as a role model for our faith?

### Gospel:

Jesus teaches the disciples to be vigilant and prudent with the gifts God has given to each of us. What are some of your gifts that you share with others?



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# GO OUT TO THE WORLD AND TELL THE **GOOD NEWS.**



**PSALM 117**

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“Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants.” - Lk 12:37-38

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Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

## Prayer

Dear God, help me to stay close to Jesus.

## Mission for the Week

Every day I will read, play, and listen to things that make God happy.

## Sharing the Gospel

One day Jesus will come back from heaven. He could come back any day now - nobody knows when. So, you and I need to be ready. Put God first in your life. Love God with your whole heart. Live every day in a way that will make Jesus smile. Be ready to go to heaven!

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