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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

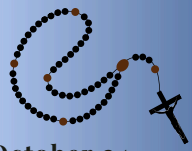


29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?” - Lk 18:7



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 18 - October 24

Events

SATURDAY Oct. 18

2nd Collection for World Mission

Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:00 - 4:30pm - Confessional

SUNDAY Oct. 19

2nd Collection for World Mission

Coffee & Christ
9:15 - 10:15am - Faith Formation Room

TUESDAY Oct. 21

Adult Bible Study
10:00 - Noon - Faith Formation Room

Centering Prayer
3:00-4:45pm - Heritage Room

OCIA
6:30-8:00pm - Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY Oct. 22

Stitchers
9:00am - 12:00pm - St. Francis Room

PSR
5:30pm - 7:00pm Mass/Food/Class

Music Practice
6:15 - 7:30pm - Music Room

THURSDAY Oct. 23

OLL Games
1:00 - 3:30pm - Faith Formation Room

Spiritual Companionship
6:30 - 8:30pm - St. Ignatius Room

FRIDAY Oct. 24

Spanish Charismatic Group
6:00 - 9:00pm - Faith Formation Room

SATURDAY Oct. 25

WELCOME Women's meeting
9:00 - 11:00am - Heritage Room

Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm
7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am
10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

9:00am

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am



Adoration

TUESDAY

9:30am - 3pm - Chapel

THURSDAY

9:30am - 7pm - Chapel

Important Links

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Flower Intentions available for October & November

Mass Intentions

Sat.	10/18	5:00pm	Robert Voigt +
Sat.	10/18	7:00pm	Taney County Parish Family (Living)
Sun.	10/19	8:00am	Kathryn and Alexandra Morton (Special Intention-Living)
Sun.	10/19	10:30am	Deceased Members of Andrew Engelhardt +
Mon.	10/20	9:00am	Deceased family members of John & Margaret Casey +
Tue.	10/21	9:00am	Mary Nguyen +
Wed.	10/22	5:30pm	Irene Cullen (Special Intention-Living)
Thu.	10/23	9:00am	Leo Engelhardt (Special Intention-Living)



In a time where much can divide us
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
invites us to rejoice in our unity
as missionaries by our Baptism!

AMEN!



World Mission Sunday,
for support of
Missions and missionaries of the world,
will be celebrated on
Sun., Oct.19, 2025

This collection is a unique, global effort
for the entire Church to help build up
all aspects of the Church throughout
the world.

Through the work of these churches, and
their witness to Christ, those in need
receive practical help and experience
God's love, mercy, hope and peace.

This is a parish collection for the
missionary work of the Church
throughout the world.





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Collection through Oct. 12, 2025

Envelopes:		\$11,829.44
Plate:		\$ 100.00
Green Envelopes:		\$ 5,503.00
Total:		\$17,432.44

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When did the Church make subtle changes to Eucharistic Adoration?

In January 2024, USCCB's Committee on Divine Worship issued a decree of promulgation for the timeline for the adaptation of "new ritual texts" as they pertain to Eucharistic Adoration (and to Holy Communion outside of Mass – but I am only addressing Eucharistic Adoration). The new updated translation was to take place on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024. While there were no major changes in verbiage relating to Eucharistic Adoration (an improved translation from Latin to English), these universal changes were mandated by the USCCB.

The USCCB' said the goal of the adaptations is to harmonize the worship with existing customs for Eucharistic Adoration in this country. The committee cited the formal approval of several common practices during Eucharistic adoration including: the wearing by the priest or deacon of a white cope; the singing of the hymns "*O Salutaris Hostia*" and "*Tantum Ergo Sacramentum*" in Latin and English; and the recitation of the Divine Praises at Benediction, which typically concludes Eucharistic adoration in which the faithful receive the blessing of Jesus Christ in his Eucharistic presence. The new text permits those present to also sing a hymn, as well as reciting an acclamation, as the minister withdraws after Benediction.

If you are a regular attendee of Eucharistic Adoration, you probably notice that the new standardized guidelines (rubrics) for Adoration mirror what we are already doing in our three lakes-area parishes. The only exception may be not singing of the new English translation of the two adoration hymns. But this is an easy adaptation to make for our worship.

And while I am on the topic of Eucharistic Adoration, I thought this would be a good time to review proper "Adoration etiquette."

- Before entering a seat, we should demonstrate our reverence and adoration of the Lord by genuflecting on one or two knees (two is preferred if physically able) or bowing from the waist, known as a profound bow, to acknowledge His Holy Presence. When we leave the worship space, we should once again demonstrate our love and gratitude by doing the same.
- You may choose to kneel, sit, or stand during your visit. Whatever way you are most comfortable adoring the Blessed Sacrament.
- Engage in prayer, a quiet rosary, meditation, or reflection, letting the presence of Christ transform your heart.
- If you leave while the Eucharist is exposed, genuflect and leave in silence.
- When it comes time for the Benediction, the priest (or deacon) uses a humeral veil to emphasize that the blessing is by Jesus, not the priest. When the blessing occurs, the congregation blesses themselves with the sign of the cross.

Allow Christ to work on you and through you. By coming before the Eucharist, you tell the world that the Eucharist is the Word of God made Man.

Pope St. John Paul II said this about adoration: "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease."

Eucharistic Adoration is a profound way we can deepen our faith and relationship with Christ. By being present to Him in adoration, we can honestly say, "Lord, I am here. Your servant is listening."



Coffee and Christ Sundays

9:15am to 10:15am

Faith Formation Room



Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching.

'The Lamb of God,' 'The Bread of Life,' 'The Body and the Blood of Christ'... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation.

Oct. 19

Episode 1 - Source and Summit: Introducing the Eucharist

Why does the Church call the Eucharist the "source and summit of the Christian life?"

Dr. Brant Pitre introduces us to the Sacrament of the Eucharist and explores its various names-and how those names give insight into its meaning.



Oct. 26

Episode 2- In the Beginning: Garden of Eden and Sacrifice

Did you know that hints of the Eucharist can be seen throughout the Old Testament? Going all the way back to the book of Genesis, we'll discover how the Eucharist has been a part of God's plan from the beginning of time.



Nov. 2

Episode 3 - Lamb of God: The Sacrifice of Isaac & the Passover Lamb

At every Mass many of us use the phrase "Lamb of God" without fully understanding what it means. Dr. Pitre examines two key instances of sacrificial lambs in the Old Testament--and why John the Baptist's disciples were quick to leave him to follow the One he proclaimed as "the Lamb of God."



Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study 10:00am - Noon

Faith Formation Room

Session 7: Oct. 21

Session 7 reminds believers that following Jesus involves transforming how we perceive and interact with the world. Faith is not merely about adherence to rules but about embodying Christ's compassion, confronting injustice, and extending forgiveness. It encourages a radical reorientation of life toward mercy, humility, and active restoration in everyday relationships



The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven.

Along the way, you will witness key moments in salvation history, including the Annunciation; the Nativity; Jesus' baptism; his public ministry; the Last Supper; and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection.

Session 8: Oct. 28

Session 8 of "Luke: The Story of Salvation" focuses on the culmination of Jesus' mission, highlighting His suffering, death, Resurrection, and Ascension, and emphasizing how His actions fulfill salvation history and invite us to participate in His mercy and mission.

UPDATED OCTOBER PSR CALENDAR

Wednesday PSR K-12TH

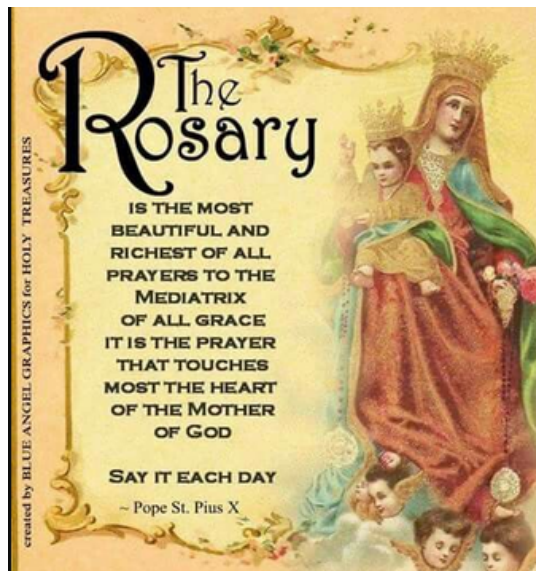
Oct. 22 - 5:30- 7:00pm
Mass/Food/Fellowship

Oct. 29 - 5:30- 7:00pm
Mass/ All Hallows
Celebration
PARENTS MUST ATTEND

Food & Fellowship will
be in the lower level in
the classrooms

SERVICE PROJECT

Family Rosary challenge



MENU

10/22 - Cheeseburger
Sliders

10/29 - Nachos

SAINT OF THE MONTH



ST CARLOS ACUTIS

BEATIFIED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN 2020, HE IS REGARDED AS A MODEL FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS AND WAS CANONIZED AS A SAINT ON SEPTEMBER 7TH 2025.

SPECIAL EVENT

All Hallows Celebration

October 29th
5:30 Mass



All Hallows Celebration to follow.
PARENTS MUST ATTEND



NOVEMBER PSR CALENDAR



SAINTS OF THE MONTH

Wednesday PSR K-12th

Nov. 5 5:30-7pm
Mass/Adoration
Food/Fellowship

Nov. 12 5:30-7pm
Mass
Food/Options presentation

Nov. 19 5:30-7pm
Mass
Food/Fellowship

Nov. 26 5:30pm
Thanksgiving Bread Mass
No Class



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SAINT CECILIA

ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS VIRGIN MARTYRS OF THE EARLY CHURCH AND THE PATRON SAINT OF MUSIC AND MUSICIANS.



SPECIAL EVENT

Thanksgiving Bread Mass Vigil

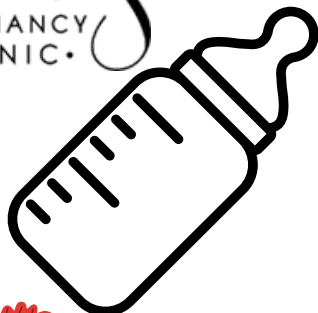


November 26th
at 5:30 Mass

SERVICE PROJECT

Options Baby Bottles

Options
PREGNANCY
• CLINIC •



MENU

11/5 - BBQ Chicken Sliders

11/12 - Hot dogs

11/19 - Pizza

Happy
Thanksgiving

OLL Games



Join us on October 23rd
OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

OLL Train - The Odd Couples
BIG Winner is Julie J -143
Julie went out 6 times
out of 12 rounds
Ed -253 Joe -303
Lil' Winner is Anne Marie
-412



OLL Train - Curtis' Harem
BIG Winner is Sharon P -155
Judy H -163 Curtis -199
Brenda -206
Lil' Winner is Jean -251

Swoop - Eight Swoopers
BIG Winner is Margaret - 200
Sharon S -201 Joyce -212
Karen -221 Butch -301
Sharon A -322 Judy O -352
Lil' Winner is Dan -363
Fairly close game!



The Odd Couples and Julie J is the BIG Winner



Thursday, October 30th
OLL Game Day Halloween Fun...
wear a costume... could be a
scarf or hat or come as you are!
Come check out the Treats,
enjoy the fellowship



Eight Swoopers and Margaret is the BIG Winner

**All Saints' Day,
Saturday, November 1,
is not a Holy Day of
Obligation this year.**



**However, there will be a Mass on
Saturday, November 1
at each of our area parishes for those
who wish to celebrate this special
feast day.**



Our Lady of the Cove
20 Kimberling Blvd. Kimberling City
9:00am

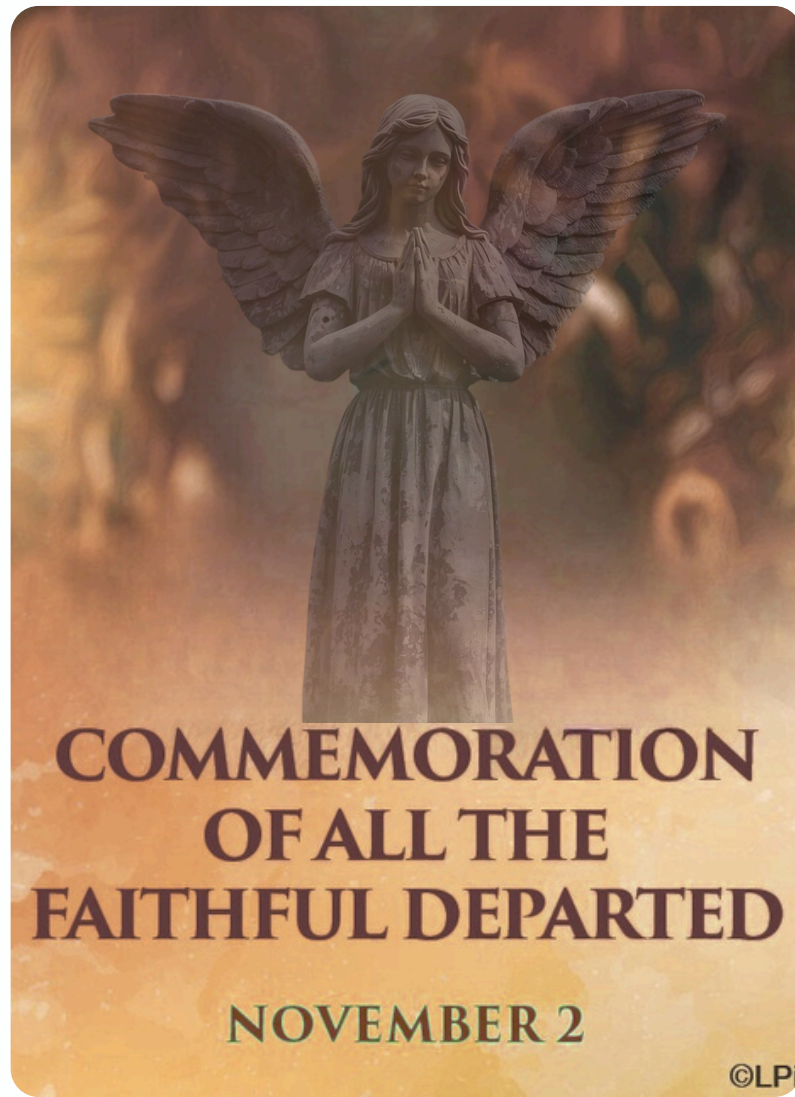
Our Lady of the Ozarks
951 Swan Valley Dr. Forsyth
9:00am

Our Lady of the Lake
10:00am

Altar of Remembrance

**Bring a photo of your
deceased loved one to be
placed on the
altar of remembrance**

**We will honor and pray
for them throughout the
month of November**





Meet Me at the Grotto

Come pray the rosary with Bishop Edward Rice!

The month of October is both the month of the **HOLY ROSARY** and **RESPECT LIFE MONTH**, a time to reflect on the dignity of all human life and growing in our respect for the gift and Gospel of Life. Several of our parishes have a prayer grotto with a statue of the Blessed Mother on their grounds, and Bishop Rice will pray the Rosary at several of these parishes during the month of October. All are invited to join him at the following locations:

Wed., Oct. 1	Pierce City	St. Mary	6:00 pm
Thu., Oct. 2	Licking	St. John the Baptist	5:00 pm*
Mon., Oct. 6	Leopold	St. John	6:30 pm
Tue., Oct. 7	New Hamburg	St. Lawrence	6:30 pm**
Tue., Oct. 21	Portageville	St. Eustachius	5:30 pm
Wed., Oct. 29	Springfield	Immaculate Conception	6:00 pm*

*Mass Following **After the 6:00 pm Mass



Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own.

Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world.

Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying.

Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, The First Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. To support these annual observances, the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities provides materials to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it. These materials are designed to be brought to life as tools in your hands. These resources may be downloaded, printed, and reproduced for your use and in our parish. <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>

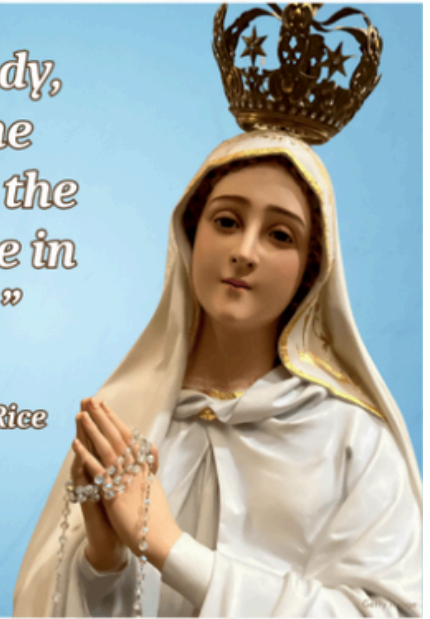
OCTOBER TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Your Knights of Columbus will be under the bell tower every weekend in October, with their Tootsie Rolls to help raise money for those who are developmentally disabled.



“May Our Lady, Queen of the Rosary, pave the way for peace in our world.”

Bishop Edward M. Rice



October
PRAYER INTENTION



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Blood Drive Our Lady Of The Lake Catholic Church

Parish Center
202 Vaughn Drive
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Friday, November 21, 2025
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-REDCROSS(1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: OURLADYBranson to schedule an appointment.



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ENCOUNTER WITH GOD'S CALL

A DIOCESAN SEMINARY VISIT

November 14-16, 2025

Conception Seminary College
Conception, Missouri



For high school sophomores thru 30 years of age.
Time for prayer, Sacraments, campus tours, & fraternity.
Contact your parish priest or Fr. Peirano at cpeirano@dioscg.org



Diocesan Eucharistic Congress



Those who eat my flesh & drink my blood remain in me & I in them. – Jn 6:56

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SPREAD THE WORD!

SAVE THE DATE: Diocesan Eucharistic Congress 2026

AUG. 15, 2026 | WEST PLAINS CIVIC CENTER

On August 15, 2026, we will celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the foundation of our diocese (Aug. 24, 1956) during our first-ever Diocesan Eucharistic Congress to be held in the West Plains Civic Center. All people of the diocese are invited to participate in a year of spiritual preparation for these momentous celebrations by participating in the activities listed at www.dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress. Let us entrust all these efforts and activities to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, so that we may be united in bringing the love and peace of Jesus to Southern Missouri!

Featuring

- **Celebration of the Holy Mass** with **Keynote speaker Bishop James Conley, Bishop Edward Rice**, and the priests of our diocese
- **National Speakers:** Author & Theologian **Dr. Scott Hahn**; Award-winning chef, radio & TV host **Fr. Leo Patalinghug** of "Plating Grace," and more!
- **Youth speaker tracks** for kids and teens
- **Exhibit Hall** with displays, games, Catholic products



Bishop James Conley



Bishop Edward Rice



Dr. Scott Hahn



Fr. Leo Patalinghug



SCAN HERE to learn more!



70 YEARS 1956-2026



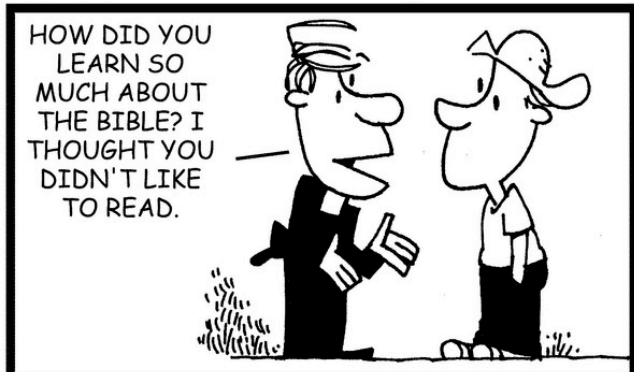
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Visit WWW.DIOSCG.ORG/DIOCESAN-EUCHARISTIC-CONGRESS or scan the QR CODE for more resources, including suggestions for the Year of Spiritual Preparation, updates to the Congress and to help promote the Congress!

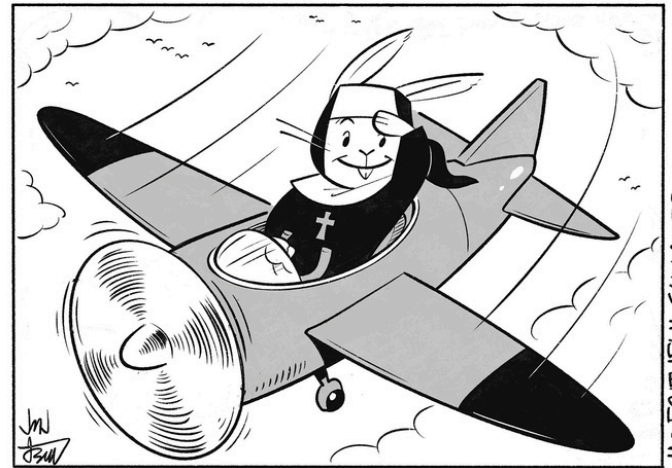
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MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"How did the rabbit get to her mission field?"



"By hareplane!"



Missionaries spread the love of God across the world, a message that everyone needs to hear!

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: How many mysteries are recognized in the Rosary?



Answer: 20 (including the Luminous Mysteries added by St. John Paul II in 2002)

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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up,
Israel had the better of the fight,
but when he let his hands rest,
Amalek had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11)

Psalm:

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)

Second Reading:

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed,
because you know from whom you learned it,
and that from infancy you have known
the sacred Scriptures,
which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Tm 3:14)

Gospel:

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones
who call out to him day and night?
Will he be slow to answer them?
I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done
for them speedily." (Lk 18:7)

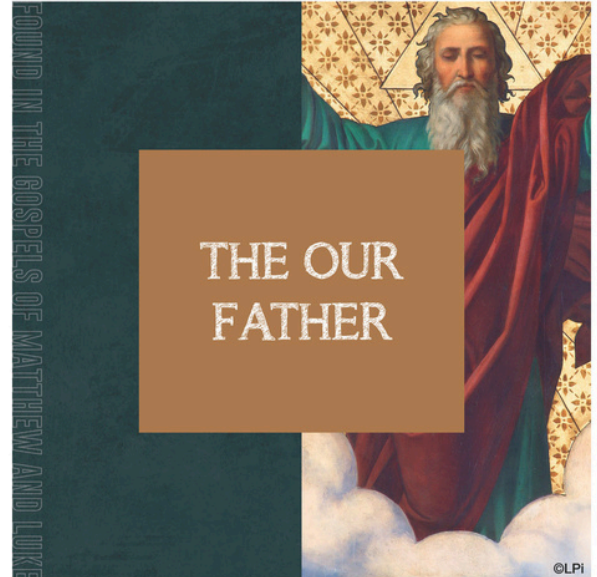
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all the widow in Luke's Gospel. We are vulnerable. We feel small in the estimation of the world. We feel ignored. But Jesus is telling us to be bold in prayer, to bring our needs before the judge who will always hear our case.

Observances for the week of October 19, 2025

- Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday
- Monday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. John Paul II, Pope
- Thursday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest
- Friday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, 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.

Prayer for Life of Mission

Dear God,
You are the one who finds a way in the darkness, and clears the path for those You love. Help us to trust in Your call, and to answer generously to the unknowns we face, knowing You will never leave us alone. Amen.

Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday:

Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday:

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday:

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a,
8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday:

Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 12:49-53

Friday:

Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93,
94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:

Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
(7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is *already* answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: In the same way that a judge cannot go looking for conflicts to mediate, God will not force His way into our problems. What would be the point? What is our life on earth for, if it is not to teach us how to turn willingly to God?

The Prayers We Don't Say

It has always confused me: why a judge?

Jesus could have compared prayer to the subject who requests a gift of his king. He could have compared it to the child who asks a favor of a parent. But in the parable of the widow and the judge, Jesus compares prayer — specifically constant, unwearying prayer — with the marginalized person who doggedly pursues her claim through an unforgiving legal system.

It's not a rosy or reassuring picture. So what is he trying to tell us?

Unlike a king or a parent, a judge has strictly drawn lines which he cannot, under any circumstances, cross. He can only help people who bring their case to court. Even good, earnest judges cannot render justice if charges are not brought.

God is all-powerful. But that doesn't make Him a meddler. He will not force His way into our problems. What would be the point? What is our life on earth for, if it is not to teach us how to turn willingly to God, in every instance — adoration, gratitude, need?

Today, I sat down and made a list of problems I don't pray about. When I was done, I looked at the list and asked myself: why not? Why don't I pray about these things? Some are huge issues over which I have absolutely no control, and prayer feels futile. Some are small grievances I never even considered mentioning to God.

If I prayed about them all, my life would be totally consumed by prayer. Constant, unwearying prayer. The kind of prayer Jesus calls me to in the parable of the widow and the judge: continual surrender of myself to the mysterious, limitless power of God.

Praying that way could make me tired. The widow was tired, too — but she kept bringing her charges. She got justice. And her judge wasn't even a nice guy.

So say the prayer. Bring the charges. Our judge is one who wants to help, but He won't overstep His bounds.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I volunteer every once in a while. How can I incorporate serving the poor in my everyday life?

Answer:

In the Gospels, Jesus is very clear about emphasizing outreach to vulnerable persons on the margins of society. These may be the materially poor, the disabled, the lonely, or any others whose circumstances drive them from mainstream society. We can all respond to Christ's call to love by incorporating direct service into our regular life routine. Here are some ideas to find your niche:

Consider your life. Before you look for direct service opportunities, consider your schedule, commitment levels, and personal gifts. When can you help out and how regularly? Where have you volunteered in the past that has felt like a good fit? Do you have any particular skills or personality traits that lend you to particular work?

Do some research. There are a lot of structured ways you can get involved in your community. Your parish might have a social concerns outreach program. If not, ask friends and family. A simple online search for local nonprofits can also expose you to new opportunities.

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