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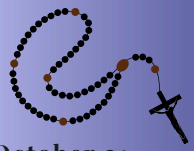


30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” - Lk 18:14



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 25 - October 31

Events

SATURDAY Oct. 25

Our Lady Cares 2nd Collection

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

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

SUNDAY Oct. 26

Our Lady Cares 2nd Collection

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

TUESDAY Oct. 28

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. 29

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

PSR

5:30pm - 7:00pm Mass/Food
All Hallows Trick or Treat Celebration

PARENTS MUST ATTEND

Music Practice

6:15 - 7:30pm - Music Room

THURSDAY Oct. 30

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

FRIDAY Oct. 31

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

SATURDAY Nov. 1

All Saint's Mass
10:00am

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

[Click Here For PARISH CALENDAR](#)

[Click Here For MASS INTENTIONS](#)

[Click Here For FLOWER INTENTIONS](#)

Flower Intentions available for October & November

Mass Intentions

| | | | |
|------|-------|---------|---|
| Sat. | 10/25 | 5:00pm | Tanner & Tenley Wilkerson (Wedding Anniversary) |
| Sat. | 10/25 | 7:00pm | Taney County Parish Family (Living) |
| Sun. | 10/26 | 8:00am | Arturo "Jun" Bautista + |
| Sun. | 10/26 | 10:30am | Phil & Betty Hunt + |
| Mon. | 10/27 | 9:00am | Mary Nguyen + |
| Tue. | 10/28 | 9:00am | Mary Nguyen + |
| Wed. | 10/29 | 5:30pm | William Brungardt & Family (Living & Deceased) |
| Thu. | 10/30 | 9:00am | George Martin Jr. + (Birthday Deceased) |

THE LORD'S TABLE IS SET...

& YOU'RE INVITED

Over the next few months, leading up to the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, our focus is placing God back at the center of our busy lives. This is an opportunity to focus on God by adding lasting habits within the family.

Flyers will be available after Mass to take home that include some simple steps to get your family started. There will be additional suggestions coming throughout this time leading up to the Eucharistic Congress in Aug. 2026.



Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

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

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 firstever 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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SPREAD THE WORD!



Bishop James Conley



Bishop Edward Rice



Dr. Scott Hahn



Fr. Leo Patalinghug



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DIocese of SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU

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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"TIME GIVEN TO CHRIST IS NEVER TIME LOST, BUT RATHER TIME GAINED, SO THAT OUR RELATIONSHIPS AND INDEED OUR WHOLE LIFE MAY BECOME MORE PROFOUNDLY HUMAN."

(POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II, DIES DOMINI, 7)

**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

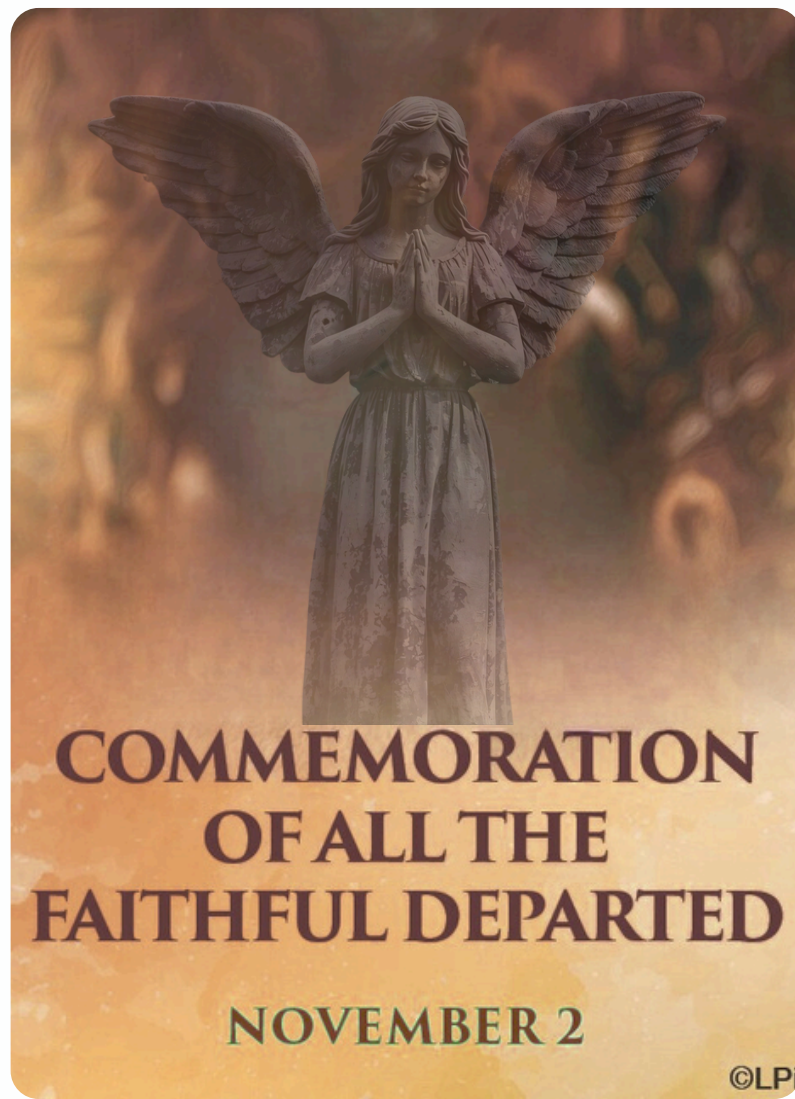
Our Lady of the Ozarks
951 Swan Valley Dr. Forsyth
9:00am

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**



**COMMEMORATION
OF ALL THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED**
NOVEMBER 2



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. 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."



Nov. 9

Episode 3 - Miracles of Exodus: Manna and Water

Jesus spoke of Himself as "the bread which comes down from heaven." What did that mean to the Jews who first heard him? And what meaning do those words have for us today in our understanding of the Eucharist?



Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study

10:00am - Noon
Faith Formation Room

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.

OCTOBER PSR CALENDAR

Wednesday PSR
K-12TH

Oct. 29 - 5:30- 7:00pm

Mass

**kids can come to Mass
dressed in their costumes**

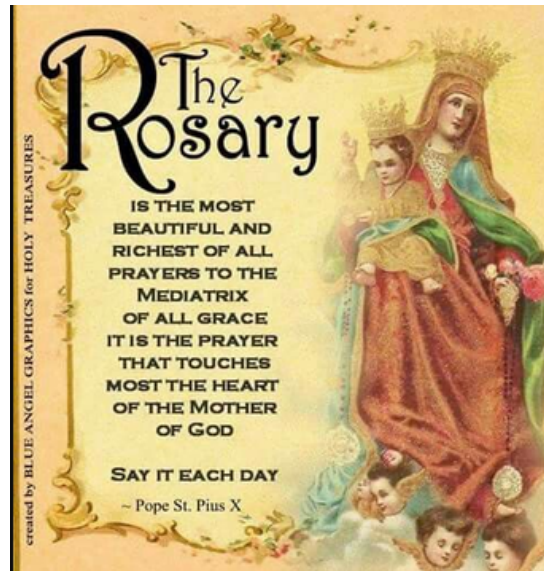
All Hallows

**Trick or Treat Celebration
(In the lower level)**

**PARENTS MUST
ATTEND**

SERVICE PROJECT

Family Rosary challenge



MENU

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 Trick or
Treat 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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SPECIAL EVENT

Thanksgiving Bread Mass Vigil

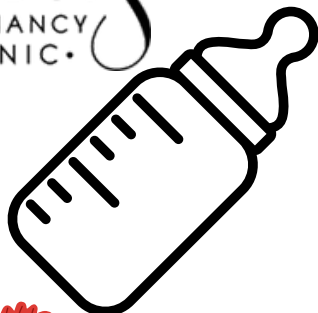


November 26th
at 5:30 Mass

SERVICE PROJECT

Options Baby Bottles

Options
PREGNANCY
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MENU

11/5 - BBQ Chicken Sliders

11/12 - Hot dogs

11/19 - Pizza



Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

What does the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist mean?

We Catholics like to use the term "Real Presence" when discussing the Eucharist and Jesus' presence in the consecrated bread and wine. However, non-Catholics don't always know what that means or why Jesus' presence is called, "real." Attempting to share and explain our belief in the Eucharist being truly Christ Jesus is a challenge in itself.

First of all, it is important to note that Jesus is present in a variety of ways in the world, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1373) explains:

"Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us," is present in many ways to his Church: in his word, in his Church's prayer, "where two or three are gathered in my name," in the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, in the sacraments of which he is the author, in the sacrifice of the Mass, and in the person of the minister. But he is present...most especially in the Eucharistic species."

The Catechism (CCC 1374) goes on to say that Jesus' presence in the Eucharist is different than anything else in the world:

The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend." In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained."

This unique presence is called "real" by the Church for a specific reason (CCC 1374 continues):

"This presence is called 'real' -- by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present."

The real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is a doctrine – an official teaching of the Catholic Church – and a profound mystery. With the words of consecration, the whole of Christ is truly present – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – under the appearances of bread and wine.

The doctrine is based upon the words of Jesus Himself when He instituted the Eucharist. Jesus took the bread and said, "This is my body" (Mt 26:26), and He took the cup filled with wine and said, "This is my blood" (Mt 26:28). When Jesus said, "This is my body," He declared that the bread actually is His Body, and that He is really present.

We accept and believe what Jesus said as a matter of faith. There is no scientific evidence, definite proof or factual explanation. We take Jesus at His word because He is truth (Jn 14:6), He came into the world to testify to the truth (Jn 18:37), and the words that He spoke are spirit and life (Jn 6:63). St. Cyril of Alexandria wrote: "Do not doubt whether this is true but rather receive the words of the Savior in faith, for since He is truth, He cannot lie."

Belief in the Real Presence is not just a doctrine. It is an encounter. Christ does not leave us orphaned. He is truly here and that changes everything.

OLL Games



Join us on October 30th
OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

OLL Train - Hollowinners
BIG Winner is Eva -305
Remy -361 Ed -447
Lil' Winner is Joe -496

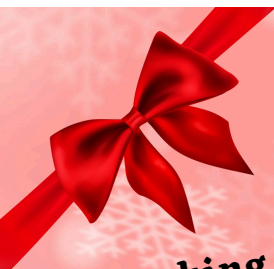
Canadian Set - Canadians
BIG Winner is Jean -1740
Kevin -845 Margaret -840
Joyce -810
Lil' Winner is Kathy -610

OLL Train - Anne Marie & the Girls
BIG Winner is Sharon S -231
Julie -269 Karen & RoseMary -288
Lil' Winner is Anne Marie -473

Swoop - Fun Swoopers
BIG Winner is Butch -333
Dan -464 Sharon A -535
Harry -613
Lil' Winner is Judy -742



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



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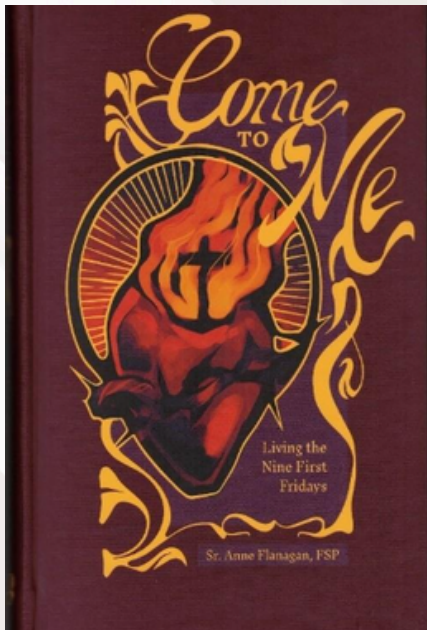
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Collection through Oct. 19, 2025

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| Envelopes: | | \$35,874.70 |
| Plate: | | \$ 100.00 |
| Green Envelopes: | | \$8,303.00 |
| Total: | | \$44,277.70 |

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First Friday Book Club

Awaken your heart to God through the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with this treasury of spiritual readings and prayers, thoughtfully compiled by speaker and retreat leader Sister Anne Flanagan, FSP.

*You are invited to join us
November 7, 2025 after the 10:00am Mass
for a book study entitled,
“Come To Me: Living the Nine First Fridays”
by Sister Anne Flanagan, FSP.*

*We will meet in the Faith Formation room approximately 10 minutes after Mass ends.
If possible, please read the introduction and first chapter prior to the meeting.*

You may contact Nickie Rivera at 417-251-1819 to borrow or purchase a book through her or purchase your own book at:

<https://paulinestore.com/come-to-me-living-the-nine-first-fridays.html>
or Amazon



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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:

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|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 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>



CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question:

In Matthew's Gospel, the Beatitudes are the beginning of which sermon by Jesus?

Answer:

The Sermon on the Mount.

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"What did the birds say to St. Francis on Halloween?"



"Twick-or-Tweet!"



St. Francis of Assisi is often depicted with birds, a nod to his witness of preaching God's goodness to all creation.

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Readings for the week of October 26, 2025

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

Monday:

Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday:

Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday:

Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/
Lk 13:31-35

Friday:

Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday:

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Next Sunday:

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-
11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The one who serves God willingly is heard;
his petition reaches the heavens. (Sir 35:20)

Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat
and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen. (2 Tm 4:18)

Gospel:

“For whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”
(Lk 18:14)

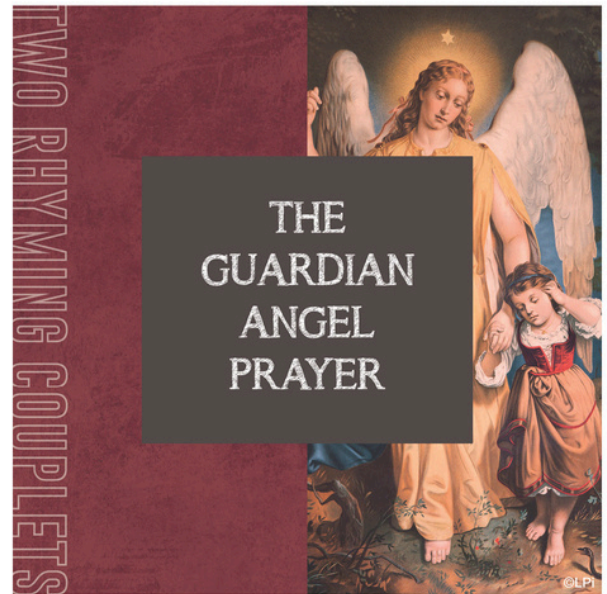
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisee took such pride in his good deeds that he forgot to ask God for forgiveness; the tax collector acknowledged his many sins, and went home justified. Remember that we are saved not by our own merit, but by the mercy of God.

Observances for the week of October 26, 2025

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| Sunday: | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Tuesday: | Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles |
| Friday: | All Hallow's Eve |
| Saturday: | All Saints |
| Next Sunday: | The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day); Daylight Saving Time Ends |



Devotions, *Explained!*

Often one of the first prayers taught to children, the Guardian Angel Prayer consists of two rhyming couplets invoking the protection of one's guardian angel. Its exact authorship is unknown, but it originated in the medieval period.

Prayer of Praise

Dear God,
As we look to the week ahead,
help us to remember that You will
accompany us at every moment
— You who greet us with mercy
anew every morning, and grace in
abundance each night.
Amen.

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WEEKEND

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Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am (Live-Streamed)

WEEKDAY

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9:00 am
Wednesday 5:30 pm
1st Friday 10:00 am

Holy Day of Obligation

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