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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 16, 2025



Small Acts of Mercy and Compassion, Will Bring About the Justice of God's Kingdom!

It Is easy to be overwhelmed by the evil and suffering in the world.

It is also easy to be overwhelmed by the grand scope and challenge of the Gospel.

But, in the midst of these two overwhelming realities is a simple, but powerful response – the contribution that is made by a life of daily discipline and faithfulness to what is right.

When we treat our neighbors respectfully, regardless of religion, ethnicity,
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When we love even those who might persecute or attack us,
and when we work towards understanding and peace with our enemies,
we contribute to justice in the world.

All of these simple daily actions are part of what St. Paul calls *doing what is right*,
and they are manifestations of God's peaceful, prosperous reign.

Such small contributions, when put together,
make a significant difference in the grand scheme of things.

May we be inspired to continue our small, faithful acts of following Christ through this week.

John van de Laar

Today's Scripture reminds us to live with faith and diligence. It calls us to take our daily responsibilities seriously and not fall into idleness. Our faith should be shown through steady effort and trust in God's care.

This day also points to trials we may face in life, such as hardship and persecution. Yet we are encouraged to endure with courage and hope.

Faithfulness in difficult times brings strength, and those who stand firm will find salvation. The message is clear: *remain faithful, keep working with purpose, and trust that God's justice will prevail.*

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Stewardship Report

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Envelopes – 85	\$ 6,613.00
Loose cash and checks	\$ 851.00
Online Giving – 17 families	<u>\$ 610.00</u>
Total collection	\$ 8,074.00

Amount needed each week to have a balanced budget:	\$8,135.00
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***Six months with Pope Leo XIV:
Toward a united and open Church,
a sign of peace for a world wounded by
hatred ...***

There is a common thread running through the magisterium of the new Pope: ***he has proposed a model of Christian community, missionary in nature, where communion is lived, and which is therefore capable of serving all, starting with the least; a community committed to fostering dialogue and peace.***



In early October, Pope Leo spoke of *the story of so many of our migrant brothers and sisters: "The tragedy of their flight from violence ... the suffering which accompanies it ... the fear of not succeeding ... the perilous risk of traveling along the coastline ... their cry of sorrow and desperation. Brothers and sisters, those boats which hope to catch sight of a safe port, and those eyes filled with anguish and hope seeking to reach the shore, cannot and must not find the coldness of indifference or the stigma of discrimination!"* ... from ***Vatican News***



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Jesus will be adored and loved!**

*Louis Querbes, Founder,
Clerics of St. Viator*

**Please pray daily for vocations
to the priesthood and to vowed religious life!**

**Our Annual Parish Christmas Project –
The Giving Tree begins *now* ... and the first step is up to **YOU!**
If you know of someone who is in need of help this Christmas,
please contact the Rectory Office no later than November 17.**

Lord, help us stay faithful and diligent in our work and faith. Give us strength to endure trials and wisdom to face challenges. May we always trust in your justice and blessings. Amen.



Bishop Hicks' Column for November 2025

"I Have Loved You" — A Gift from the Holy Father



The wait is over! After just five months of being elected, Pope Leo XIV has speedily penned and shared with us his first *Apostolic Exhortation, Dilexi Te* ("I Have Loved You"). It radiates the heart of Jesus and reminds us that love for Christ and love for the poor are inseparable. The Holy Father teaches that when we draw close to those who are weak, forgotten, or struggling, we meet Christ himself. It is not only an invitation to charity; it is a call to conversion.

Last month, I invited everyone to read my pastoral letter **MAKE!** which lays out our diocesan vision for evangelization.

If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to take some quiet time to read and pray with it, and now to also read *Dilexi Te*. These two letters, the Holy Father's and ours, speak to one another with one voice: a call to be a Church that listens, serves, and brings the love of Christ into action.

Some may think this theme of love for the poor is simply a continuation of Pope Francis and something that only Francis and Leo share in common. However, Pope Leo shows in a scholarly and deeply pastoral way that love for the poor has always been at the very heart of the Church. Throughout *Dilexi Te* he grounds this teaching in Scripture from the Old and New Testaments and draws upon the wisdom of the Early Church Fathers, the lives of the saints, and the witness of countless religious orders and popular movements. He even highlights how Saint John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI carried forward this same conviction in their own teaching. Far from being a new idea, Pope Leo reminds us that this is part of the Church's unbroken tradition, one that the world urgently needs to hear again today.

Reading *Dilexi Te* moved me deeply. It reminded me that when we share life with the poor, they evangelize us. During my years serving in El Salvador at a home for orphaned and abandoned children, I remember when a donation allowed us to buy doughnuts for all 525 children. We ran out before the adult staff could have any, including me. Then a little boy approached and offered me two thirds of his doughnut. I said, "That's generous, but give me one third and keep two thirds." He replied, "No, Padre, you're bigger and probably hungrier, you get more." That small act of love preached the Gospel better than any homily.

I was struck by Pope Leo's reminder that poverty is not only material. There is also a spiritual poverty, an emptiness and isolation that affects many, especially in our own country. He warns that this kind of poverty can be even more dangerous because it hides behind comfort or distraction. This insight challenges us to see the poor not only as those who lack food or shelter but also as those who hunger for meaning, mercy, and belonging. Our call is to reach both kinds of poverty with the same love of Christ.

Not long ago, I visited a parish food pantry where volunteers gathered to pray before they served. It was not simply about groceries; it was catechesis, evangelization, and faith in action all at once. One volunteer said, "Bishop, we try to do more than give out donations. We are trying to share God's love and see the face of Christ in everyone we serve." That is *Dilexi Te* come to life. When love meets action, we encounter Christ, and transformation happens.

May *Dilexi Te* be a roadmap for a Church that truly believes what it proclaims: that Christ's love is most visible when we serve, listen, and walk with the poor. In every act of mercy and every parish outreach, may we turn faith into action and reveal the love that Pope Leo describes so powerfully. And may we, as disciples here in the Diocese of Joliet, make that love visible in our words, our witness, and our works every single day.

¡La espera ha terminado! Después de solo cinco meses de haber sido elegido, el Papa León XIV ha escrito y compartido rápidamente con nosotros su primera *Exhortación Apostólica, Dilexi Te* ("Te he amado"). Irradia el corazón de Jesús y nos recuerda que el amor a Cristo y el amor a los pobres son inseparables. El Santo Padre enseña que cuando nos acercamos a los débiles, olvidados o los que luchan, nos encontramos con Cristo mismo. No es solo una invitación a la caridad; es un llamado a la conversión.

En la columna del mes pasado, invité a todos a leer mi carta pastoral **MAKE!** que establece nuestra visión diocesana para la evangelización. Si aún no lo ha hecho, le invito a que se tome un tiempo para leer y orar, y ahora también para leer *Dilexi Te*. Estas dos cartas, la del Santo Padre y la nuestra, hablan con una sola voz: un llamado a ser una Iglesia que escucha, sirve y pone en acción el amor de Cristo.

Algunos pueden pensar que este tema del amor a los pobres es simplemente una continuación del Papa Francisco y algo que solo Francisco y León comparten en común. Sin embargo, el Papa León muestra de manera académica y profundamente pastoral que el amor por los pobres siempre ha estado en el corazón mismo de la Iglesia. A lo largo de *Dilexi Te*, basa esta enseñanza en las Escrituras del Antiguo y Nuevo Testamento y se basa en la sabiduría de los Padres de la Iglesia Primitiva, las vidas de los santos y el testimonio de innumerables órdenes religiosas y movimientos populares. Incluso destaca cómo San Juan Pablo II y el Papa Benedicto XVI llevaron adelante esta misma convicción en su propia enseñanza. Lejos de ser una idea nueva, el Papa León nos recuerda que esto es parte de la tradición ininterrumpida de la Iglesia, una que el mundo necesita escuchar urgentemente hoy.

Leer *Dilexi Te* me conmovió profundamente. Me recordó que cuando compartimos la vida con los pobres, ellos nos evangelizan. Durante mis años sirviendo en El Salvador en un hogar para niños huérfanos y abandonados, recuerdo cuando una donación nos permitió comprar donas para los 525 niños. Se nos acabaron antes de que el personal adulto pudiera tener una, incluyéndome a mí. Entonces un niño pequeño se acercó y me ofreció dos tercios de su dona. Dije: "Eso es generoso, pero dame un tercio y quédate con dos tercios." Él respondió: "No, padre, usted es más grande y probablemente con más hambre, usted tome más." Ese pequeño acto de amor predicó el Evangelio mejor que cualquier homilía. Me llamó la atención el recordatorio del Papa León de que la pobreza no es solo material. También hay una pobreza espiritual, un vacío y un aislamiento que afecta a muchos, especialmente en nuestro propio país. Advierte que este tipo de pobreza puede ser aún más peligrosa porque se esconde detrás de la comodidad o la distracción. Esta idea nos desafía a ver a los pobres no solo como aquellos que carecen de comida o refugio, sino también como aquellos que tienen hambre de significado, misericordia y pertenencia. Nuestro llamado es a alcanzar ambos tipos de pobreza con el mismo amor de Cristo.

No hace mucho, visité una despensa de alimentos parroquial donde los voluntarios se reunían para orar antes de servir. No se trataba simplemente de comestibles; Era catequesis, evangelización y fe en acción, todo a la vez. Un voluntario dijo: "Obispo, tratamos de hacer más que dar donaciones. Estamos tratando de compartir el amor de Dios y ver el rostro de Cristo en todos los que servimos." Eso es *Dilexi Te* hecho realidad. Cuando el amor se encuentra con la acción, nos encontramos con Cristo y ocurre la transformación.

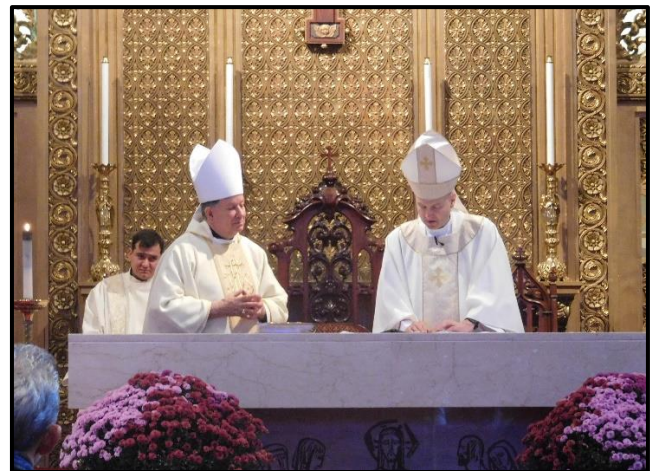
Que *Dilexi Te* sea una ruta para una Iglesia que realmente cree lo que proclama: que el amor de Cristo es más visible cuando servimos, escuchamos y caminamos con los pobres. En cada acto de misericordia y en cada alcance parroquial, que convirtamos la fe en acción y revelemos el amor que el Papa León describe con tanta fuerza. Y que nosotros, como discípulos aquí en la Diócesis de Joliet, hagamos visible ese amor en nuestras palabras, nuestro testimonio y nuestras obras todos los días.

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**Pictures from Bishop Glancy's Installation as the 18th Pastor of St. Patrick Parish.
*Thank You to Julie Anderson-Roy and Dan Masterton for the pictures.***



**Thank You to everyone who participated in this special liturgy.
 And thank you to everyone who came to celebrate and offer their support to our new Pastor!**



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NOV. 22 / 23	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M. (Spanish)
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*Please pray for the sick and the dying, and for all those who mourn the loss of a loved one.
Also, let us remember in prayer the homebound, those in nursing homes or hospitals,
and those who have asked for our prayers!*

Prayer Line ... please call (815) 932-9423.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 17 ***St. Elizabeth of Hungary***

7:15 Bob Boyd, Sr. *(by Jamie Boyd)*

Tuesday, November 18

Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul

St. Rose Philippine Duchene

7:15 Michael Boris, Sr. (Birth Ann.)

(by Linda Born)

Wednesday, November 19 ***St. Josaphat***

7:15 Mose Arseneau (5th Ann.)

(by Dolores Arseneau)

Thursday, November 20

7:15 Raymond Mulholland

(by Mike and Linda O'Connor)

4 – 6 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:15 Parishioners and Benefactors

Saturday, November 22 ***St. Cecilia***

4:00 Andina DalSanto *(by Marlene Huot)* /

Jerry Huot *(by Marlene Huot)* /

Robert “Bevan” LaBeau

(by Jackie O'Connor)

Sunday, November 23 ***Christ the King***

7:00 Mary Kay Slack

(by John and RuthAnn Chinski)

10:00 Jerome Klonowski

(by Klonowski Family) /

Alan “Butch” LaRoche

(by Sharon Draude) /

Bob Ostrowski *(by Marla Ostrowski)*

4:00 (Sp.) Brodie McGrath *(by Theresa Serna)*



MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Blessed Sacrament Candle
burns for in memory of Mose Arseneau
(by Dolores Arseneau).

The Holy Family Candle
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for me!

~ Elizabeth of Hungary



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MASS SCHEDULE

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Sunday 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass Sunday 4:00 p.m.
Reconciliation Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m. and by appt.

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