

## Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church



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### Confesión el Sábado:

Por cita y será al aire libre (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: Y letanías de la Santísima

Virgen María—3:45pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.

Rosario el Domingo: Y letanías de la Santísima Virgen María— 9:45pm

Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.

### Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

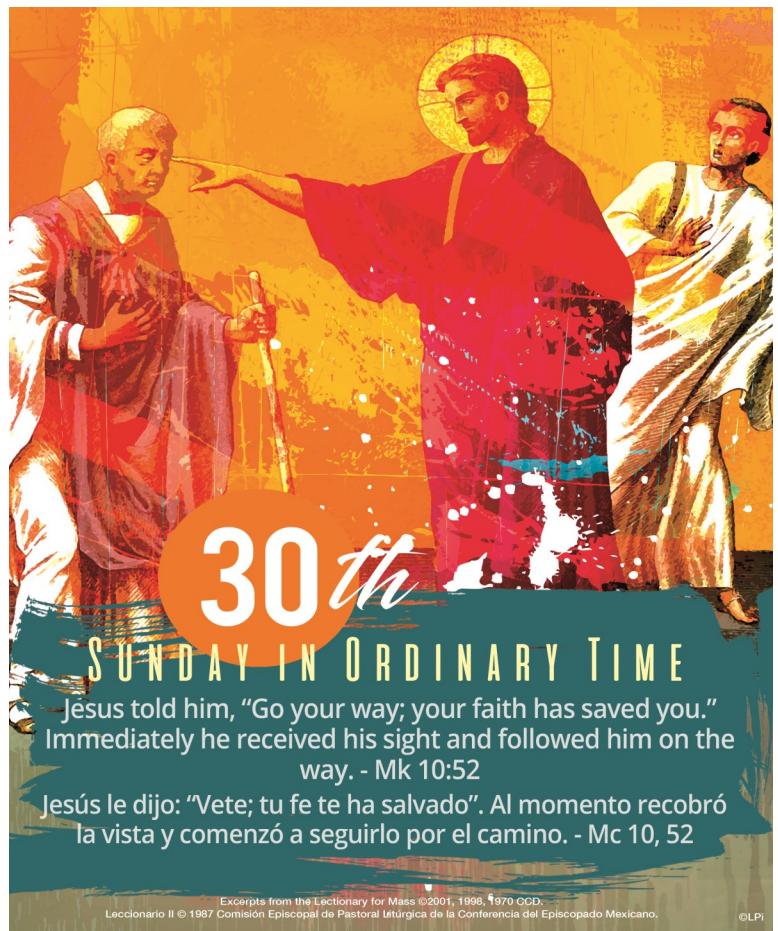
**Lunes:** Adoración: 7:00am y Misa 7:30am

**Martes y Miércoles:** Adoración 8:30am y Misa 9:00am

**Jueves:** Adoración: 8:30am y Misa: 9:00 m o la Oración de la Evangelización a las 10:00am

**Viernes** Durante Quaresma:Camino de la Cruz a las 3:00pm y concluyendo con Misa

**Sábado:** Adoración: 7:00am y a las 7:30am  
Misa en Honor de Virgen María



## OCTOBER 24th 2021

**Rev. Victor Yakubu, Parochial Administrator**

**Rev. Julius Kaywa, Parochial Vicar**

### **Confession on Saturday:**

By appointment and it will be outdoors/English/Spanish

**Saturday Rosary:** And Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary 3:45pm

**Saturday Mass (Vigil):** English -4:00 p.m.

**Sunday Rosary:** And Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:45pm

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

### **Liturgy of the Weekdays**

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

**Monday:** 7:00am **Adoration & Mass** 7:30am

**Tuesday & Wednesday:** **Adoration** 8:30am & **Mass** 9:00am

**Thursday:** **Adoration:** 8:30am & **Mass:** 9:00am or Prayer of the Evangelization at 10:00am

**Friday During Letn:** Way of the Cross 3:00pm concluding with Mass

**Saturday:** Adoration: 7:00 a.m. & 7:30 a.m.  
**Mass in Honor of the Virgen María**

When you find something of value, you are likely to share your findings with others. Unless it is a cache of gold in the Gobi Desert, you are likely to announce your find so that others can share in your joy. Gold can lead to some selfish behavior and you are likely to avoid hasty publicity and, in the process, lead others to plunder the site and cart away your newly found precious metals. Valuable items are guarded jealously. And when we discover something that is most valuable to our lives, we marvel at the discovery and celebrate it like no other in the past.

The gift of sight is the best we can ever hope for because it allows us to distinguish between colors, to identify objects, and to navigate our way. The inability to use our sight can be devastating and it is better imagined than talked about. The blind man Bartimaeus only wanted to see and so he made the request to Jesus. He knew that Jesus was passing his way and he overcame all obstacles just to register his presence with Jesus. After Jesus heard his request, he saw his faith and granted him his request. He regained his sight, and Bartimaeus celebrated with every element of energy in him.

The kind of blindness that is most dangerous is not the physical one but in the realm of the spiritual. I was told that the most difficult person to awake from sleep is the one who is pretending to be deeply asleep. No matter how you shake them, they pretend to be deeply asleep.

Likewise, it is difficult to let someone know their spiritual blindness because faith is lacking in their spiritual life. Unless there is faith, you cannot shake-off your blindness in the spirit to comprehend the things of the spirit. Bartimaeus knew his limitations and sought immediate assistance from Jesus.

For you to shake-off your blindness in the spiritual realm, you need to understand what the Prophet Jeremiah says in today's first reading. The Lord promised that he would deliver his people especially the lame, the blind, mothers with their children from bondage, and restore them to their former glory. Although the people of Yahweh suffer in exile, He will return them to their former glory and heal them of every affliction.

The point to remember is to know that God desires another beginning for you. There is always a new chapter to be opened in your life when you realize that you have lived this while in spiritual blindness. You need to allow God to work in you by establishing faith in Him. The book to the Hebrews says God can deal with the ignorant and erring in order to transform them into instruments of his glory.

There is no better time to start than now. Your faith is more than gold in the desert, and the gift of sight is precious. This moment is the acceptable time that the Lord is waiting for you on the road of life just like Bartimaeus. You need to show faith by calling on Jesus to assist remove your spiritual blindness so that you can experience new life with God forever.

**Keep praying!**

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2021

**Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

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

**Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

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

**Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Next Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2021

**Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

**Thursday:** Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

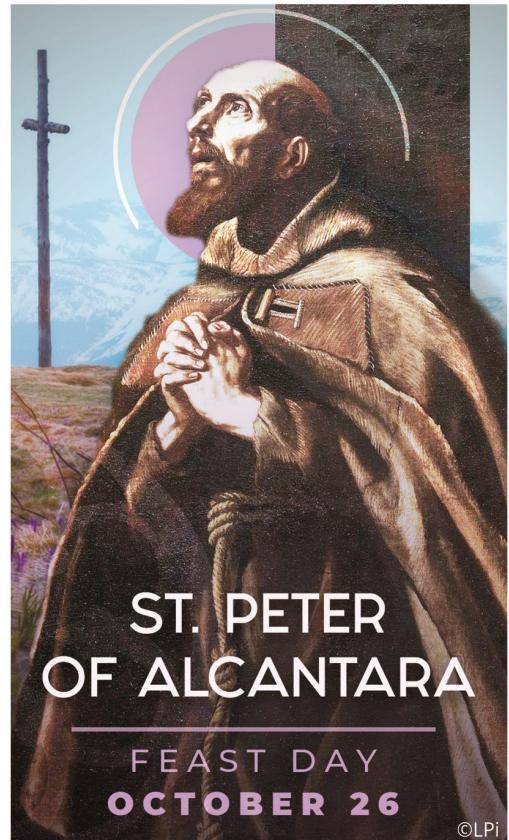
**Saturday:** BVM

**Next Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; All Hallow's Eve

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." These words of St. Augustine are timeless. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong. There is only one way to satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. When we seek God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, we will cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" We will instinctively know that it is only our Divine Master who can restore our sight and heal us. The blind man fell in love with Jesus, embarked upon this life-saving adventure to reach him and achieved a goal many have only remotely thought possible. This is mercy in action. No matter how far we stray or how blind we become God patiently waits to console us, guide us, and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him with all our heart.



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### SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Peter of Alcantara was born in Alcantara, Spain in 1499. His father was the Governor of the province and his mother came from a noble family. He was privately tutored and attended the University of Salamanca. After he returned home from university, he was accepted as a Franciscan Friar of the Stricter Observance in 1515. He was ordained as a priest in 1524 and in 1525 he became Guardian of the friary of St. Mary of the Angels.

Throughout his life, St. Peter of Alcantara took up his spiritual cross and preached with great success to the poor, but also spent much of his time in solitude. From 1553 to early 1555, he spent this time alone in meditation and prayer. Soon following, St. Peter made a pilgrimage to Rome, barefoot the entire way. While in Rome he obtained permission from Pope Julius III to establish friaries.

St. Peter was known for frequently experiencing ecstasy, a state where he was entirely consumed with the warmth and light of the Holy Spirit. These euphoric moments were common during his prayer and meditation.

When he was near death, St. Peter took to his knees and prayed. When he was offered water, he refused it, saying, "Even my Lord Jesus Christ thirsted on the Cross." He died while in prayer on October 18, 1562. On April 18, 1622, he was declared blessed by Pope Gregory XV and later canonized by Pope Clement IX on April 28, 1669.

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

### Question:

I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

### Answer:

While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment ("You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person's mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God's grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another's persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.