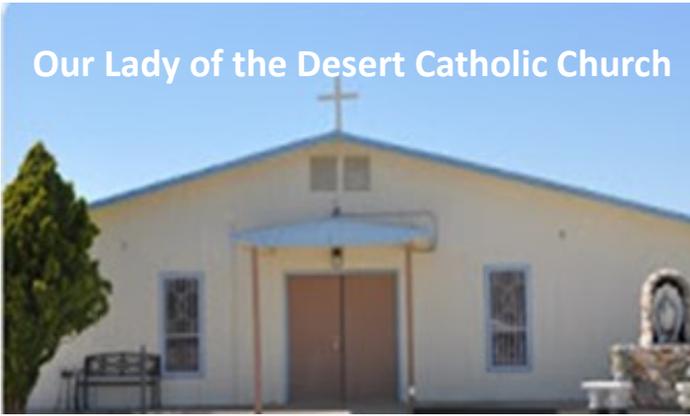


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### Confesión el Sábado:

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

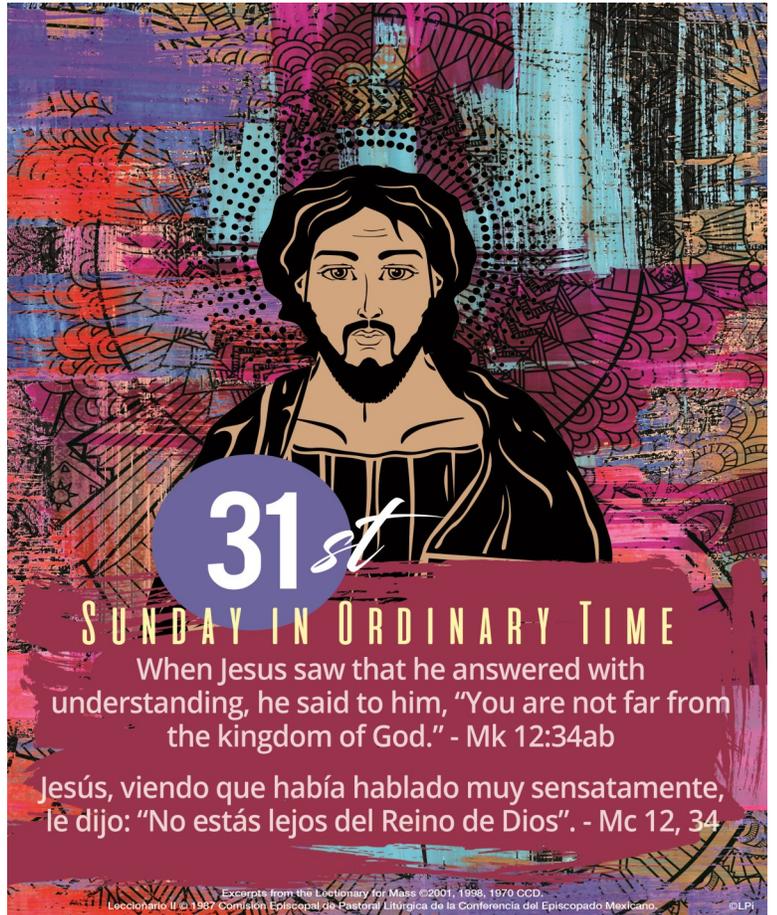
**Lunes:** Adoración: 7:00am y Misa 7:30am

**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



## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

Jesús, viendo que había hablado muy sensatamente, le dijo: "No estás lejos del Reino de Dios". - Mc 12, 34

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## OCTOBER 31st 2021

**Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator**

**Rev. Julius Kayiwa, 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 Mary

**The Faces at Morning Mass**

Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator

Every morning as I set out for Mass, many thoughts rise with me from my bed. The faces I saw yesterday at morning Mass are the likely the faces I may see again sitting down, meditating, and patiently waiting for Mass to begin. I find this highly encouraging for my ministry, and above all, for my spiritual life. In my reflections, I always remember this admonishment from the Bible: 'Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth' (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

Comparing attendance from what I know of Nigeria and here in the USA, the enthusiasm is the same. Catholics love the Eucharist and those who attend Mass do so based on their faith. However, the demographics of those attending daily Masses differ between my previous experience of ministry in Nigeria and what I see here. While in Nigeria, I see faces of all ages attend Mass, here it is the old folks that impress me mostly in the morning. And this is one big reason, which makes my joyous sunrise exciting.

My point is not about condemning the younger generation because they must go to school or work, but in praising the efforts of the older generations for their enthusiasm and commitment to nourishing their Catholic life. Mother Teresa of Calcutta was always found at Mass, and she encouraged Catholics to attend every morning before they begin their busy schedules.

Sometimes we ask, 'How can one become a saint?' Here is a simple answer. The saints were not extraordinary people by privilege of birth. The saints were ordinary people who did the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way. In doing so, they imprinted their names on a solid path to sainthood as exemplary people that others can emulate because of their struggle against imperfections.

In the vision of St. John, the beloved apostle, he saw a multitude of people from every nation, innumerable and impossible to count. These were people who washed themselves in the 'blood of the Lamb' through sacrificing their time for the things of God while they lived in the world. Every individual is given 24 hours in a day, and the way these hours are utilized depends on an individual's time management skills. While few remember that worship is important at the beginning of the day, others are in a rush to finish their to-do lists.

Does prayer automatically put a person on the path to sainthood? The point is not to think of it that way. Rather prayer is the habit that puts the awareness of our transition from this mortal world into God's eternal life. The saints were people who understood that their eternal journey did not begin at death but while they had ample time on their two feet.

Jesus gave us the beatitudes to remind us that poverty in the spirit does not necessarily constitute a deprivation of healthy human life. Rather, the beatitudes prepare those who expend time for the things of God to know that their investments in the present time will surely yield bountiful harvests long after their two legs can't move. Such peoples' names are written in gold never to be bloated by any human efforts.

I see faces at Mass and I know that they mean business. Ask me what I love about my ministry, and I should tell you, it is the joys of seeing old folks take seats in the early morning meditating, and praying before Mass. These are saints in the making. Who should remember the Creator?

**Keep praying!**

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31, 2021

- Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
- Monday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Tuesday:** Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a
- Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday:** Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10
- Friday:** Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

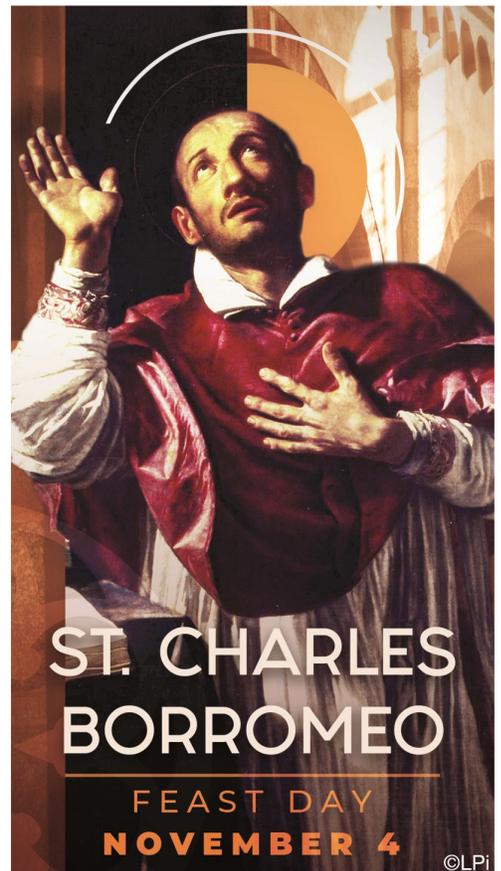
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31, 2021

- Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; All Hallows' Eve
- Monday:** All Saints
- Tuesday:** Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed;  
All Souls' Day; Election Day
- Wednesday:** St. Martin de Porres, Religious
- Thursday:** St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time Ends

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

"Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" This ancient prayer has been found on the lips of many of God's devoted servants throughout history. In its simplicity it reminds us of a timeless truth we often forget. We often worship other gods rather than the One true God and find all of our relationships distorted as a result. This One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. It is important that we remind ourselves often of God's primary place in our lives, lest we get distracted and sidetracked. But there is one more important piece that Jesus insists belongs with this. We must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. God's presence within each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This is at the heart of God's kingdom.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Charles Borromeo (1538 - 1584) is most known for living during the time of the Protestant Reformation and helped influence reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent.

Although St. Charles Borromeo belonged to nobility, he greatly desired to serve the Church. In 1559, his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV. He made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. At the time, Charles was a simple student, but because of his intellectual qualities, he was assigned several important offices connected with the Vatican. After the death of his brother, he decided to become a priest and was ordained at age 25. Soon after he became bishop of Milan.

Quietly working behind the scenes, St. Charles Borromeo is credited with keeping the Council of Trent in session and encouraging the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after its 10-year suspension. Afterwards, he devoted his time to serving in the Archdiocese of Milan.

Among his most important actions during his life, St. Charles Borromeo established seminaries, colleges, and communities for the education of candidates for holy orders. His emphasis on Catholic learning greatly increased the preparation of men for the priesthood and benefited their congregations. He died at the age of 46.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never



really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately

shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.

*The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab*

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