

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT



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Confesión el Sábado:
Con cita previa (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: En la iglesia
(privadamente) 3:20pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00pm
Rosario el Domingo: Con las Letanías de la
Santísima Virgen María— 9:40am
Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00am

Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus

Lunes, Martes, Miércoles, Viernes:
Adoración 7:30am y Misa 8:00am

Jueves: Misa 6:00pm Para Vocaciones:
Soltero Vida Consagrada, Matrimonio,
Sacerdocio

Viernes: A Las 6:00pm, Rosario Reina de la Paz
con Adoracion

El padre Víctor tiene previsto asistir
a “Nuestra Señora del Desierto” el segundo y
cuarto domingo de cada mes*.

(*Las fechas están sujetas a cambios)

Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator

Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar

Confession on Saturday:
By appointment English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: At the Church (privately) 3:20pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00pm

Sunday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed
Virgin Mary—9:40am

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: The Angelus

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:
Adoration 7:30am & Mass 8:00am

Thursday: Mass 6:00pm for Vocations: Single
consecrated Life, Matrimony, Priesthood

Friday: 6:00pm Rosary of Queen of Peace with Adoration

Fr. Victor is scheduled to be at “Our Lady of the Desert”
the 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month*.

(*Dates are subject to change)

SUNDAY, October 20th, 2024



29th SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and
to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:45

Reflection for Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 20, 2024

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings: Is 53:10-11 • Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 • Heb 4:14-16 • Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/102024.cfm>

Everyday Stewardship - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Corresponsabilidad diaria - RECONOZCA A DIOS EN SUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

¿Qué hay en esto para mí?

Creo que todos hemos sido culpables de mirar una situación y preguntarnos qué hay en ella para nosotros. No importa si se trata de una tarea laboral en particular, alguien en la parroquia pidiendo ayuda con la venta de pasteles del viaje misionero o tu cónyuge preguntándote si te harás cargo de las compras de comestibles esta semana. A menudo, nuestra primera reacción a una de estas solicitudes es un profundo suspiro y el pensamiento: "Si hago esto, ¿qué obtendré?"

A veces nos sorprende darnos cuenta de que los Apóstoles no eran diferentes. Tendemos a idolatrar a estos contemporáneos de Cristo como gigantes que caminaron con el Salvador. Pero en realidad, estos individuos eran simplemente seres humanos que luchaban por comprometerse con la tarea de la corresponsabilidad diaria.

En los Evangelios, vemos destellos de ellos anhelando elogios y afirmación. Los vemos compitiendo por posiciones de poder dentro del grupo de los doce. Los vemos esperar recompensas terrenales como honor y admiración. Los vemos actuar de manera muy similar a nosotros.

Pero al final, los vemos transformados por la gracia de Dios. Como todos los santos, su santidad surge de su compromiso con su llamado. Ellos tropiezan y, mientras tropiezan, siguen confiando en Dios. Siguen recurriendo a Él. Siguen pidiendo ayuda. No se dan por vencidos solo porque siguen fracasando en su intento.

Nos define lo que damos cuando no tenemos esperanza de recibir un reembolso, una recompensa o un reconocimiento. Los apóstoles finalmente entendieron esto y dieron en consecuencia. La mayoría de ellos dieron su propia vida.

Recuerden, son como nosotros. Si ellos pueden hacerlo, nosotros también podemos. *--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

Our Lady of the Desert

Readings for the week of October 20, 2024

Sunday:

Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/
Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday:

Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday:

Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday:

Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/
Lk 12:49-53

Friday:

Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:

Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday:

Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

From a young age, I loved winning at sports. I confess that winning was a bit of an addiction. It was probably coming from a deep desire for attention and affirmation from others. Nevertheless, it was a driving motivation for me. Baseball, soccer, track, table tennis, and whatever else I could find was a chance to win. Competition was my obsession.

Another John, and his brother James, demonstrate a kind of wildly competitive obsession when they dare to say to Jesus: **“Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory”** (Mark 10:37). Their audacity arouses an indigent reaction from the other apostles, who are clearly raw that these two are out to win the highest spots.

How does Jesus respond to us in our desires for greatness? The same way he does to James and John. He does not criticize them for their desire for glory. But he does highlight their ignorance (**“you do not know what you are asking.”**). Then he invites them to be champions of true greatness: by drinking not the cup of worldly victory, but his cup of self-giving suffering love, to be the **“slave of all.”** The true winners are slaves of love. This week, dare to tell Jesus what your ambitions truly are. Hear him call you to an even greater victory.

— Father John Muir

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

If he gives his life as an offering for sin,
he shall see his descendants in a long life,
and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished
through him. (Is 53:10)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
(Ps 33)

Second Reading:

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace
to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.
(Heb 4:16)

Gospel:

For the Son of Man did not come to be served
but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mk 10:45)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Do you want to be like Christ? Pray for a servant's heart, for hands that never tire of giving, for arms that hold others up. Pray for feet strong enough to walk the path of a servant, in the footsteps of the one who came not to be served but to serve.

Observances for the week of October 20, 2024

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



Saint of the week

Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916) whose calling was to live like Jesus, is the inspiration for lay associations, religious communities and secular institutes of laity and priests collectively known as “the spiritual family of Charles de Foucauld.”

Prayer for those who Serve

Oh God,
With abiding gratitude,
we thank You for the men
and women who offer of
themselves in service to our
church and our community.
Bless them, their families,
and their ministries with
abundance!
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Made to Serve

I thought it often in my first year as a mother, when I was every day discovering what this new life of parenthood looked and felt like: doing anything with kids is a hundred times harder than doing it without kids. But it's a thousand times better.

From eating dinner to going to Mass to taking a walk around the block — every single outing, even the simplest ones, had an extra level of logistical complexity. I had to bring diapers and food and extra clothes, I had to be ready to distract, to comfort, to settle, to de-escalate. Before, I just showed up, did the thing and went home. Now, I had to be ready to coordinate.

I had to be ready to serve.

But even while everything had become so much more complicated, so much harder, there was suddenly a joyfulness to these experiences that had not been there before. Yes, I was a mom now, a servant if there ever was one, constantly tending to someone else's needs, and it was difficult. Sometimes terribly so. But it was beautiful (not in a physical way — I was usually covered in baby spit-up — but my soul had that glow, you know?).

It was the first time in my life that I really understood what it was to serve, and the power of that vocation to which we are all called.

This isn't just true of parenthood. It's true of every relationship. When we find someone we can meaningfully, wholeheartedly serve — our spouse, our best friend, our employees, our students, our patients, whoever it is — the effort becomes nothing compared to the joy and the fulfillment we find in the work.

We were made for greatness, and Christ tells us that to be great is to serve. So don't be afraid of greatness. Don't be afraid to serve.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

Answer:

The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallows' Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first!

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