

## 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**  
Santisima Virgen Maria— 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, November 3rd, 2024



### 31<sup>st</sup> 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

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Reflection for Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 3, 2024

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Readings:** • Dt 6:2-6 • Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 • Heb 7:23-28 • Mk 12:28b-34  
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/110324.cfm>

### Everyday Stewardship - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### The Daily Examen of Stewardship

“Stewardship” can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term “stewardship” from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. “Here’s Father asking for more money,” they groan inwardly, “Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards.”

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn’t say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the “Daily Examen” — a pious devotion wherein, at day’s end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God’s will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

*How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him?*

*What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him?*

*To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me?*

*Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?*

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### Corresponsabilidad diaria - RECONOZCA A DIOS EN SUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

#### El examen diario de la corresponsabilidad

Hoy en día, la palabra “corresponsabilidad” puede ser mal vista. Cuando la gente escucha el término “corresponsabilidad” desde el púlpito, sus ojos tienden a quedar vidriosos. “Aquí está el Padre pidiendo más dinero”, gimen para sus adentros, “Prepárense para el reparto de las tarjetas de compromiso”.

Cristo refuta esta idea cuando nos da lo que él llama los mandamientos más grandes: instruirnos a amar a Dios y a nuestro prójimo. Ahora bien, Cristo es un hombre que eligió sus palabras con cuidado. Quiso decir exactamente lo que dijo, y no dijo que los mandamientos más grandes fueran diezmar y dar dinero a la caridad. Si hubiera querido que la corresponsabilidad fuera solo sobre el dinero, lo habría dicho.

A veces, de hecho, estamos llamados a mostrar nuestro amor por Dios y por el prójimo en forma de un regalo financiero. Pero el concepto de corresponsabilidad cotidiana (vivir conscientemente en oración, agradecidos por nuestras bendiciones y amables con nuestro prójimo, comprometidos con Dios y responsables unos con otros) implica mucho más.

Propongo una variación de la práctica tradicional del “Examen diario”, una devoción piadosa en la que, al final del día, repasamos los acontecimientos de las últimas 24 horas y discernimos la voluntad de Dios. Un Examen diario de corresponsabilidad podría contener preguntas como esta:

*¿Cómo amé a Dios hoy? ¿En quién lo amé?*

*¿Qué me dio Dios hoy? ¿Con quién lo compartí? ¿Qué le di?*

*¿A quién me acerqué hoy? ¿Quién me acercó a mí?*

*¿Dónde estaba Dios en mi lista de prioridades hoy? ¿Primero? ¿Segundo? ¿Tercero, cuarto?*

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

***Our Lady of the Desert***

## Readings for the week of November 3, 2024

### Sunday:

Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/  
Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

### Monday:

Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

### Tuesday:

Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c,  
31-32/Lk 14:15-24

### Wednesday:

Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33

### Thursday:

Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

### Friday:

Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/  
Lk 16:1-8

### Saturday:

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1  
Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

### 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



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, **“And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’”** Jesus’ brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with **“all your mind.”** Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let’s commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

— *Father John Muir*



## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God,  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength." (Dt 6:5)

### Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

### Second Reading:

But Jesus, because he remains forever,  
has a priesthood that does not pass away. (Heb 7:24)

### Gospel:

"The second is this:

*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

There is no other commandment greater than [this]." (Mk 12:31)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ tells us that we must love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength. Live that love loudly. Hold nothing back. Give God all you have.

## Observances for the week of November 3, 2024

- Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Daylight Saving Time Ends;  
National Vocation Awareness Week
- Monday:** St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
- Tuesday:** Election Day
- Friday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Next Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

Venerable Marthe Robin (1902-1981) was a French layperson and mystic who was paralyzed as a young adult and survived for thirty years on the Eucharist alone, unable to take any other nourishment. She is the foundress of the Foyers of Charity.

## Prayer for Vocations

For our married couples, strengthen their covenant.  
For our religious sisters, surround them with Your love.  
For our priests, support them as they guide.  
For our parents, sustain them in Your grace.  
For our religious brothers, draw them nearer to You.  
For our consecrated singles, be everything they need.  
For those discerning, be with them as they journey.  
Amen.

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### All Our Strength

I didn't realize how much my arms would hurt when I became a mom.

It occurred to me first during Mass when my daughter was just a few weeks old. She was the kind of kid who could only sleep in someone's arms. I desperately wanted her to stay quiet during the service, so I held the swaddled bundle in front of me like it was a bomb, not daring to move. By the homily, my arms were on fire.

I quickly realized this was a common scenario of my new life as a parent. Holding, rocking, bouncing, restraining, dragging — honestly, my weak little chicken-arms had never been worked out like this before. It took all my strength.

But isn't that the way it is with everything that's worthwhile? It takes all your strength. Not some of it. Not most of it. All of it.

I am a fairly active Catholic. My faith impacts a lot of areas of my life. But there are still boundaries that I've drawn around God. There are places I haven't let Him in. Things I keep "for myself." Experiences that are just so full of me, so full of my own plans and my own desires.

But God desires everything. Not because He is selfish, but because He is good, and wise. Because He knows that the places we keep from Him will become filled with something else. He wants to get there first. He wants to lay His claim.

He wants all our strength. All our heart. All our soul. All our mind. Not most of it. All of it.

Can we give it to Him?

— *Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

### Why do we do that?

#### Catholic Life Explained

##### Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

##### Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!



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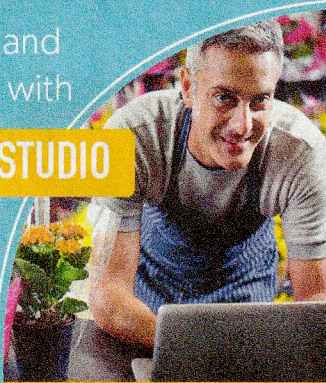
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