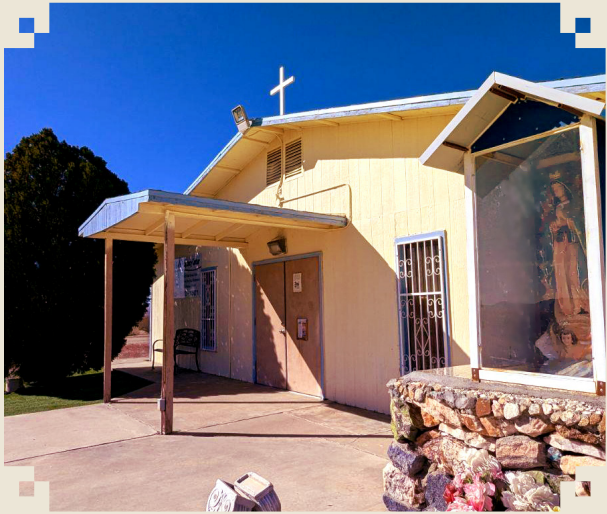


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**Rosario el Sábado: En la iglesia**  
(privadamente) 3:20pm

**Misa el Sábado:** (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00pm  
**Rosario el Domingo:** Con las Letanías de la  
Santísima **Virgen María**— 9:40am  
**Misa el Domingo:** Español - 11:30am

**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,**  
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**Viernes:** A Las 6:00pm, Rosario Reina de la  
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**Sábado:** Adoración a las 7:30am y a las 8am.  
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**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 - 11:30am

### **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

**Saturday:** Adoration at 7:30am & at 8am. The Mass in  
honor of the Virgin Mary

### **Sunday, August 17th, 2025**



### **20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

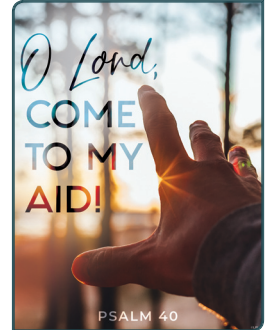
### **20° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

"Tengo que recibir un bautismo ¡y cómo me angustio mientras llega!  
¿Piensan acaso que he venido a traer paz a la tierra? De ningún modo. No he  
venido a traer la paz, sino la división. De aquí en adelante, de cinco que haya en  
una familia, estarán divididos tres contra dos y dos contra tres". - Lc 12, 50-52

Reflection for TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : Year C  
**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 17, 2025**

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

Readings: • Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 • Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18 • Hebrews 12:1-4 • Luke 12:49-53  
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/081725.cfm>



## **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP – Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments**

### **A Steward's Growing Pains**

Have you ever written a check or seen the charge on the credit card machine that had far too many zeros on it for your comfort?

The brakes finally give up on the car you were hoping to nurse through the season. The water heater dies on the coldest week of the year. A medical procedure wasn't totally covered by insurance. We've all been here in this place, being asked to part with a not-so-small sum of money for a not-so-fun reason.

It's a little easier to bear when you're forking over dollar signs for a fun vacation or even a worthy cause like your child's education. But when it's something you weren't expecting, something negative, that uneasiness in the pit of your stomach can quickly become despair.

The next time this happens to you, embrace it. Celebrate it. Wrap your arms around it and welcome it as a growing pain.

We are often asked, in life, to give more than we wish. Our loved ones demand greater patience than we think we have. Our prayer life is stalling, and we feel God isn't holding up His end of the communication bargain. The daily grind seems to be grinding us down. We feel that uneasiness in the pit of our stomach, just as we do when we part with money we thought belonged solely to us.

That place of uncertainty propels us in life, in stewardship, in relationship. All forward motion comes from that feeling. Put out your hands and let yourself be thrust into the pit — He will stoop to take you out from the mud. Spread your arms on your cross — joy is waiting for you. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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## **LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA – Reconoce a Dios en Tus Momentos Ordinarios**

### **Los dolores de crecimiento de un corresponsable**

¿Alguna vez has escrito un cheque o has visto el cargo en la máquina de tarjetas de crédito que tenía demasiados ceros para tu comodidad?

Los frenos finalmente se dan por vencidos en el auto que esperabas cuidar durante la temporada. El calentador de agua muere en la semana más fría del año. Un procedimiento médico no estaba totalmente cubierto por el seguro. Todos hemos estado aquí en este lugar y nos han pedido que nos desprendamos de una suma de dinero no tan pequeña por una razón no tan divertida.

Es un poco más fácil de soportar cuando estás gastando signos de dólar para unas vacaciones divertidas o incluso para una causa digna como la educación de tu hijo. Pero cuando es algo que no esperabas, algo negativo, esa inquietud en la boca del estómago puede convertirse rápidamente en desesperación.

La próxima vez que esto te suceda, abrázalo. Celébralo. Envuélvelo con tus brazos y dale la bienvenida como un dolor creciente.

A menudo se nos pide, en la vida, que demos más de lo que deseamos. Nuestros seres queridos exigen mayor paciencia de la que creemos tener. Nuestra vida de oración se está estancando y sentimos que Dios no está cumpliendo su parte del trato de comunicación. La rutina diaria parece estar aplastándonos. Sentimos esa inquietud en la boca del estómago, al igual que cuando nos despedimos de un dinero que creíamos que nos pertenecía únicamente a nosotros.

Ese lugar de incertidumbre nos impulsa en la vida, en la corresponsabilidad, en la relación. Todo movimiento hacia adelante proviene de ese sentimiento. Extiende tus manos y déjate arrojar al hoyo — Él se agachará para sacarte del lodo. Extiende tus brazos sobre tu cruz, la alegría te espera. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

### Sunday:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/  
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

### Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,  
43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

### Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/  
Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

### Thursday:

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/  
Mt 22:1-14

### Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7,  
8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

### Saturday:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/  
Mt 23:1-12

### Next Sunday:

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/  
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, “You shouldn’t be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don’t. If I stop pushing you, it means I don’t think you have any more potential.” He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. **“Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?” he asks, “No, tell you, but rather division” (Luke 12:51).** He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That’s why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents’ wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let’s thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— Father John Muir



## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

### Psalm:

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

### Second Reading:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us. (Heb 12:1)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples:  
"I have come to set the earth on fire,  
and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames.

## Observances for the week of August 17, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. John Eudes, Priest
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Pius X, Pope
<b>Friday:</b>	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Devotions, Explained!

Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony or chords), unaccompanied song, Gregorian chant is a form of sacred music used in liturgical settings and prayer. It has been synonymous with Catholic musical worship since the first millennium.

## Prayer for Bravery

Dear God,  
In the moments when my faith is met with others' disdain or ridicule, give me the grace to be grounded in You. Remind me that Your mission matters, and that You alone bring comfort, healing, and salvation.  
Amen.



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?

### The Fire

This past week I have been reading a biography of St. Francis of Assisi. I admit I didn't know much about Francis going into the book, but I always had this image of him as a hippie — an easygoing nature-lover who sang about peace and let animals climb on him.

I'm not sure where that caricature of Francis came from, but since I've been reading this book I've come to see that it's not true at all. He was a lover of nature, yes. A poet who sang of God's peace, yes. And I'm sure he let a few animals climb on him from time to time (he did live in a hut in the woods).

But St. Francis of Assisi wasn't the lost fourth member of Peter, Paul and Mary. He was a man on fire. He was a man burning.

Francis walked around barefoot and slept on the ground. He abandoned a life of wealth to embrace the material poverty that Christ experienced. He embarrassed his family and they disowned him. When his father would encounter Francis in the streets of Assisi, he would curse him.

Sometimes we get this idea that Christianity is a comfortable, cozy thing. We give our lives to Christ, and we expect to feel instantly satisfied, happy, safe and warm. But the saints knew better.

The saints knew that Christ had not come to wrap us in a warm blanket. Christ has come to set us on fire. And though fire is often seen as a sign of death and destruction, it is also the precursor of new life.

Think of a field of native plants and how it benefits so richly from a controlled burn — an action that clears away detritus and releases nutrients back into the soil.

If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

#### Answer:

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.



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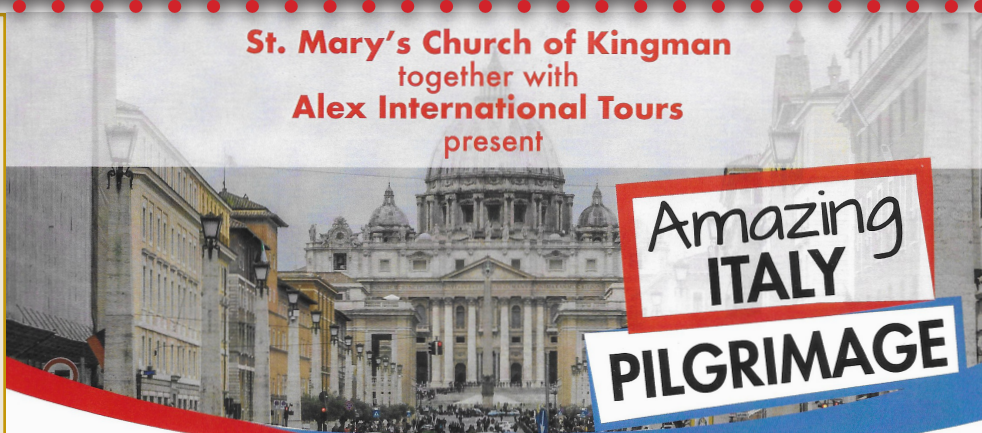
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# Religious Formation and Sacraments

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



**Registration** for the 2025-2026 Religious Education session **has ended.**

**Classes will begin on Thursday, August 21st, from 5:30-7:00pm at the St. Mary's Parish Center.**

*Parents should also attend on this date for orientation and to receive the R.E. Handbook for the year.*

No payments will be accepted at this class. Payments can be made at the Parish Office during business hours, or online at this QR code →



*We look forward to a great year with our St. Mary's families. See you then!*

## INSCRIPCIÓN PARA LA FORMACIÓN EN LA FE



## CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thursdays: 5:30-7:00pm



**Early Childhood** (ages 4-6):

*No sacramental preparation*

**Elementary Catechism, Year 1** (ages 7+):

*1st Reconciliation (if baptized)*

*\*Unbaptized children complete two years of catechism, with Baptism being received in the second year, along with Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion*

**Elementary Catechism, Year 2** (ages 8-12):

*1st Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism (if unbaptized)*

**Catecismo en Español, año 1** (7+ años):

*1a Reconciliación (si está bautizado)*

*\*Los niños no bautizados completan dos años de catecismo, recibiendo el bautismo en el segundo año, junto con la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión.*

**Catecismo en Español, año 2** (8-12 años):

*1a Santa Comunión, Confirmación, Bautismo (si no está bautizado)*



BAPTISM INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS



## Baptism Information

(children ages 6 and younger)



### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BAPTISM OF YOUR CHILD

**To have your child baptized in our parish, a parent of the child to be baptized must come to the Parish Office to obtain an outline describing the required forms.**

After submitting these required forms to the office, the parents and godparents will be scheduled to attend a pre-baptism class. Only after all requirements have been met can the baptism of your child be scheduled.

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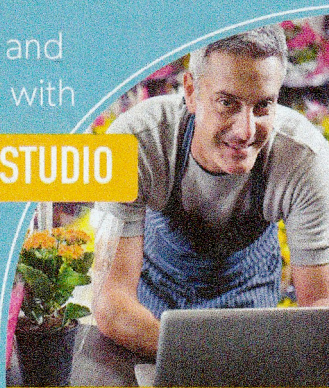
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