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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 - 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,
Sacerdocio**

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

Sábado: Adoración a las 7:30am y a las 8am.
Misa en honor a la Virgen María

Rev. Chris Axline, Pastor

Rev. Sylvester Modebei, 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 - 11:30am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: The Angelus

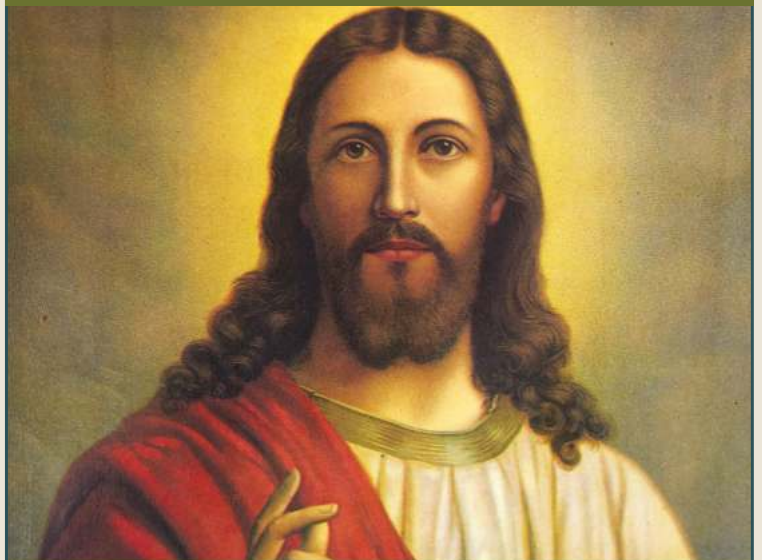
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:
Adoration 7:30am & Mass 8:00am

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 24th, 2025



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30

"Vendrán muchos del oriente y del poniente, del norte y del sur, y participarán en el banquete del Reino de Dios. Pues los que ahora son los últimos, serán los primeros; y los que ahora son los primeros, serán los últimos". - Lc 13, 29-30

Reflection for TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : Year C
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 24, 2025

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

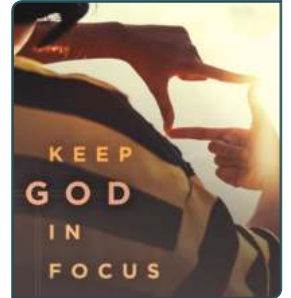
Readings: • Isaiah 66:18-21 • Psalm 117:1, 2 • Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 • Luke 13:22-30

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082425.cfm>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP – Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Do You Know Him, or Just Know About Him?

Facebook, Twitter, and other forms of social media can be powerful tools of communication. They allow people to stay in touch. They provide an avenue for fresh ideas. People can be engaged in conversations and be exposed to issues of the day in ways few could have dreamed of just a few decades ago. But social media can also give the false sense of really knowing someone, when only the surface has been scratched about who a person is in reality.



You don't really know someone just because you know a lot about him or her and are linked to a profile online. Unfortunately, people develop emotional attachments to the idea of a person all the time. If they do find themselves fortunate enough to meet the person face-to-face one day, they can often find out they never really knew the person in the first place.

There are people who believe they know Jesus so very well. They can readily share their view of what Jesus would do or wouldn't do in a given situation. They own items like crosses and Bibles that seem to provide evidence of this person they know so well. Sometimes, they even strongly admonish others because their view of Jesus is certainly not in line with their own.

But in Luke 13, Jesus speaks about those who claim to know him, but they really do not belong to him at all. They make claims based upon what they have seen and heard, but they have never allowed Jesus to truly change them. They are like Facebook followers; seemingly close, but with no real relationship at all.

Do you know Jesus? Don't just be a fan. Invite Jesus into your life and let the real relationship begin.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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MAYORDOMÍA COTIDIANA – Reconoce a Dios en tus momentos cotidianos

¿Lo conoces o sólo sabes de él?

Facebook, Twitter y otras redes sociales pueden ser poderosas herramientas de comunicación. Permiten a las personas mantenerse en contacto y brindan una vía para nuevas ideas. Las personas pueden participar en conversaciones y estar expuestas a temas de actualidad de maneras que pocos podrían haber soñado hace apenas unas décadas. Pero las redes sociales también pueden dar la falsa sensación de conocer realmente a alguien, cuando solo se conoce superficialmente quién es esa persona en realidad.

No se conoce realmente a alguien solo porque se sabe mucho sobre él o ella y se está vinculado a un perfil en línea. Desafortunadamente, las personas desarrollan apegos emocionales a la idea de una persona constantemente. Si tienen la suerte de conocerla cara a cara algún día, a menudo pueden descubrir que nunca la conocieron realmente. Hay personas que creen conocer a Jesús tan bien. Pueden compartir fácilmente su visión de lo que Jesús haría o no haría en una situación dada. Poseen objetos como cruces y Biblias que parecen ser evidencia de esa persona que conocen tan bien. A veces, incluso amonestan duramente a otros porque su visión de Jesús ciertamente no coincide con la suya.

Pero en Lucas 13, Jesús habla de quienes dicen conocerlo, pero en realidad no le pertenecen en absoluto. Hacen afirmaciones basadas en lo que han visto y oído, pero nunca han permitido que Jesús los cambie de verdad. Son como seguidores de Facebook: aparentemente cercanos, pero sin ninguna relación real.

¿Conoces a Jesús? No seas solo un fan. Invita a Jesús a tu vida y deja que comience una verdadera relación.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Readings for the week of August 24, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a
and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday:

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday:

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10,
11-12/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday:

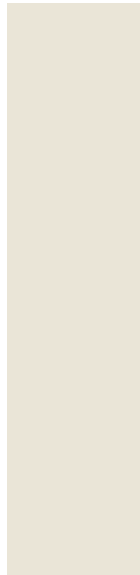
1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday:

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5
(1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "**Strive to enter through the narrow gate**" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; hypomone in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

— Father John Muir

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I know their works and their thoughts,
and I come to gather nations of every language;
they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)

Psalm:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)

Second Reading:

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.
Make straight paths for your feet,
that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.
(Heb 12:12-13)

Gospel:

For behold, some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last." (Lk 13:30)

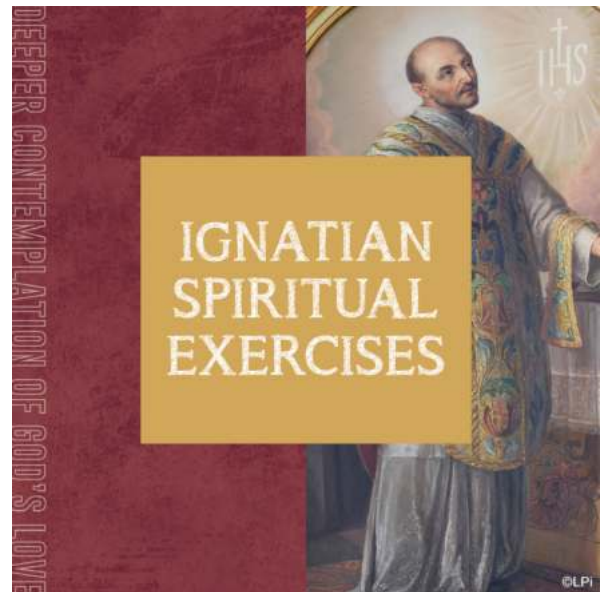
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate,"
Jesus tells us. "Many will attempt...but will
not be strong enough." So let us never be
so foolish that we rely on our own strength.
Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if
we ask for help.

Observances for the week of August 24, 2025

- Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz,
Priest
Wednesday: St. Monica
Wednesday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Friday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises are prayers and meditations which are meant to accompany souls on a journey toward deeper contemplation of God's love and a more meaningful understanding of His call to discipleship.

Prayer for Holiness

Good Shepherd,
Guide me through the
narrow gate. Remove from
me anything that distracts
me from You, Your love, Your
invitation, Your mission. Keep
me close to You, familiar at
every step.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Jesus' whole thing was that you *can* sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you're from and whatever you've done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like "repent" and "be good to that person you really don't like."

Heaven and Regina George

There are certain phrases that serve as a kind of shibboleth for millennials, a dog whistle that only ears formed between 1981 and 1996 can discern. "You can't sit with us!" is one of those phrases.

It's from the movie *Mean Girls*, (which, I hear from my younger family members, has now become cool with the kids again, so maybe my point about it being niche is incorrect). The character Regina George, merciless ruler of the cool kids, is rejected from the ultra-exclusive lunch table she herself formed when her minions, tired of her cruelty, serve her the most devastating words a teenager can hear in public: "You can't sit with us."

So passes earthly glory, as they say.

At first blush, this Gospel gives "Mean Girls" vibes. We have an image of the unlucky masses clamoring for entry into the kingdom of heaven as God locks the door against them, saying, "I do not know where you are from."

Very "you-can't-sit-with-us."

But we need to remember that the people pounding on the door of heaven in today's Gospel aren't people who wanted a seat at God's lunch table — at least, not until it was the only lunch table left, because they had Regina George'd their way out of all the other ones.

Jesus' whole thing was that you *can* sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you're from and whatever you've done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like "repent" and "be good to that person you really don't like." It's not always an easy table to sit at, especially when there are so many other options.

We have to choose heaven before heaven becomes our only choice.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

Answer:

Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or "cathedra" in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop's teaching authority.





Join us for St. Mary's Italy's Religious Treasures Pilgrimage 2025

**Amazing Italy
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FINAL MEETING**

*at the St. Mary's
Parish Center in
Kingman:*

**Weds.,
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4:00pm**

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**JOIN FATHER VICTOR YAKUBU ON THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE
ITALY'S RELIGIOUS TREASURES PILGRIMAGE**

October 18th - 27th, 2025

- 1st Day : Departure from USA airport
- 2nd Day : Arrival to Rome
- 3rd Day : Tour of Rome: Archbasilica of St. John Lateran and Imperial Rome
- 4th Day : Arrival to Puglia
- 5th Day : Tour of San Giovanni Rotondo: San Pio
- 6th Day : Tour of Cascia and Roccaporena: Santa Rita di Cascia
- 7th Day : Assisi City tour: Santa Maria degli Angeli
- 8th Day : Tour of Orvieto
- 9th Day : Tour of Vatican and Basilica of St. Peter
- 10th Day : Departure Home

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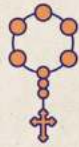


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Religious Formation and Sacraments

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



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

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

No payments will be accepted at classes. 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.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please call the Parish Office: (928) 377-3435.

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