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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 - 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

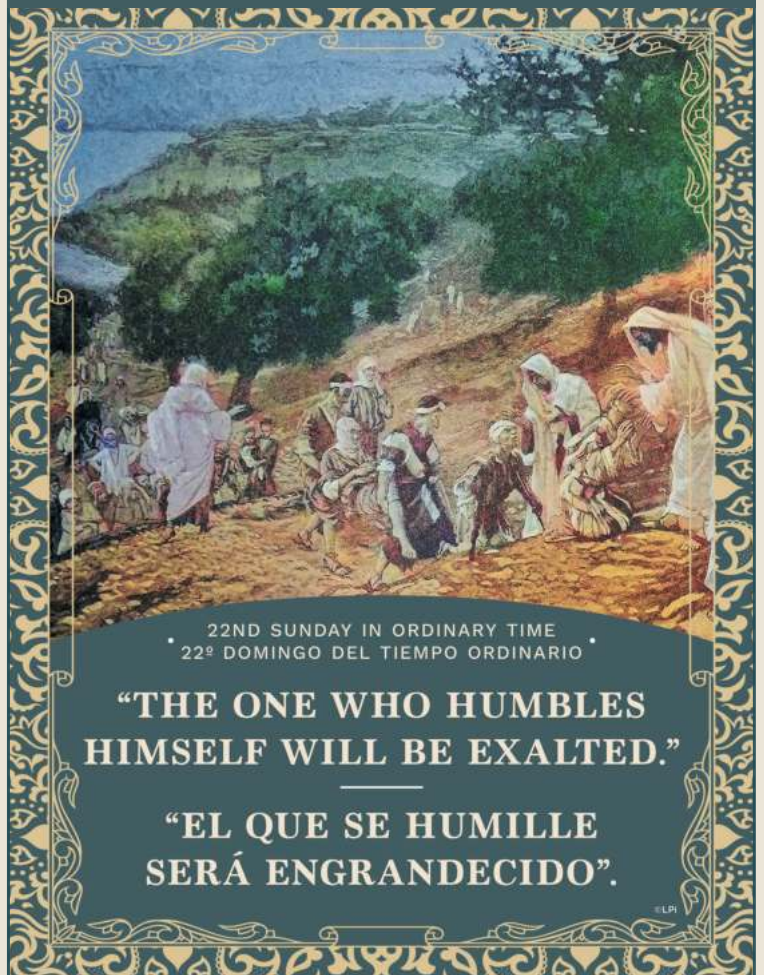
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:
Adoration 7:30am & Mass 8:00am

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 31st, 2025



Reflection for TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : Year C
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 31, 2025

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings: • Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 • Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 • Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
• Luke 14:1, 7-14

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/083125.cfm>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP – Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Give Graciously

I love the verse in Sirach where it says, “My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.” This is an interesting concept for those of us who think a stewardship way of life is all about the giving of gifts. When we start to think that all we are called to do is give for the sake of giving, we have missed the point.

We are called to be gracious givers. We are called to allow the Jesus in us to encounter the Jesus in others. Humility does not mean that we hide away after we give, but we give in a way that has less to do with us and more to do with the one in whose name we give. Our world needs philanthropy and generosity, but it needs Jesus even more. We want to be good examples to others of how to be generous, not because we want them to be like us but like Jesus.

Give all things with a gracious heart and disposition. Do not take any credit for that generosity but instead let it point to Jesus. After all, it is Jesus who calls us to a mature faith where we answer the call every day regardless of the cost. Without that maturity and answering the call, would we really be driven to be generous givers? Knowing that left to our own devices we would probably not be very successful as a giver of gifts should make us very humble anyway. –Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



MAYORDOMÍA COTIDIANA – Reconoce a Dios en tus momentos cotidianos

Dando con Generosidad

Me encanta el verso en Sirácide donde dice: “Hijo mío, en tus asuntos procede con humildad, y te amaran más que al hombre dadivoso.” Este es un concepto interesante para aquellos de nosotros que pensamos que una forma de vida de corresponsabilidad es todo sobre la entrega de regalos. Cuando empezamos a pensar que todo lo que estamos llamados a hacer es dar por dar, hemos perdido el punto.

Estamos llamados a ser dadores generosos. Estamos llamados a permitir que el Jesús en nosotros se encuentre con el Jesús en otros. La humildad no significa que nos escondamos después de dar, pero damos de una manera que tiene menos que ver con nosotros y más que ver con la persona en cuyo nombre damos. Nuestro mundo necesita filantropía y generosidad, pero necesita a Jesús aún más. Queremos ser buenos ejemplos para otros de cómo ser generosos, no porque queremos que sean como nosotros, sino como Jesús.

Da todas las cosas con un corazón amable y dispuesto. No tomes ningún crédito por esa generosidad, sino deja que apunte a Jesús. Después de todo, es Jesús quien nos llama a una fe madura donde respondemos a la llamada todos los días sin importar el costo. Sin esa madurez y respondiendo a la llamada, ¿seríamos realmente impulsados a ser generosos? Sabiendo que, dejados a nuestra propia suerte, probablemente no tendríamos mucho éxito; Además, un dador de regalos debe hacernos muy humildes de todos modos.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Readings for the week of August 31, 2025

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

Monday:

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: **“When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, ‘My friend, move up to a higher position.’ Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table” (Luke 14:10).** This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

— *Father John Muir*

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,
and you will find favor with God. (Sir 3:18)

Psalm:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.
(Ps 68)

Second Reading:

You have not approached that which could be touched
and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness. (Heb 12:18)

Gospel:

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled,
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 14:11)

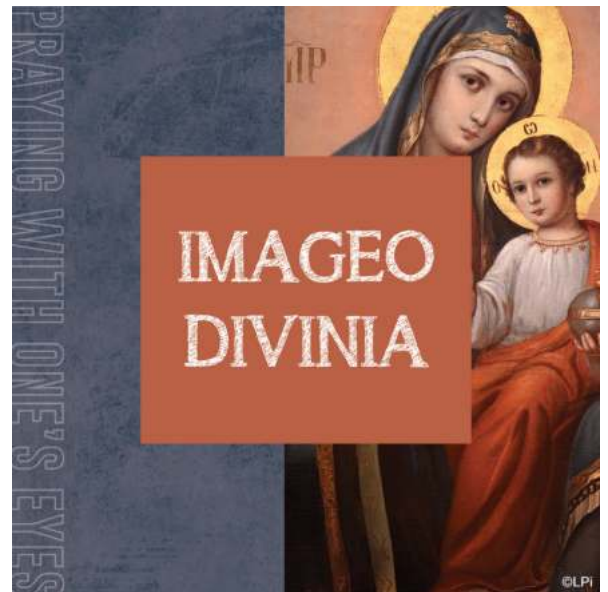
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor,"
Jesus instructs. "Blessed indeed will you be
because of their inability to repay you." Each
of us has our own banquet to offer, our own
gifts to share. Who will we invite?

Observances for the week of August 31, 2025

- Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Wednesday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and
Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents' Day



Devotions, Explained!

Imago divina (Latin for "divine image") is an extension of the ancient practice of *lectio divina* (literally, "divine lesson"). *Imago divina* is, in a sense, praying with one's eyes, using the medium of artwork to assist in lifting the mind to God.

Prayer for Humility

Dear God,
Mold my heart after Yours.
Help me to see myself as You
see me: surrounded by Your
love. Help me to see others as
You see them as well. Give me
knowledge of your ways, today
and always.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

What Did You Expect?

Moms have a lot of jobs, and it's usually the case that none of them pay very well.

My work as a chef? Zero compensation, and my clientele are very rarely pleased with my efforts. My role as a teacher, a maid, a chauffeur, a therapist — same deal. Ironically, these jobs consume so much of my time that I am constricted in my work as a writer — the only sphere where I do actually garner any earnings.

It is so easy to grumble about all of this, and I do it all the time. Because despite the fact that I know better, I expect repayment for my good deeds. Deep in my soul, I expect it.

That's a huge problem.

In my defense, I don't think this is a very uncommon thing. I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. We want our day to go smoothly. We expect these things as a matter of course; we feel entitled to them, and we become grumpy when we are denied them. *I worked so hard. I gave so much. What was it all even for?*

But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

When you hold a banquet, Jesus said, invite those who cannot return the favor. Give not just without the expectation of repayment, but without the possibility of it.

Think about that for a minute. What does that even *look* like — no possibility of payment?

I know what that looks like in my own life. It's giving more to the literal poor, yes, but it's also giving more — and more happily, more lovingly — when I cook and clean and drive and write and console. It's not lamenting that no one appreciates me — it's actually hoping no one does.

It's learning to love the lowest place at the table. Because in the lowest place, we are closest to God.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Does chewing gum break the fast before Communion?

Answer:

If you look in Canon Law or in the Catechism, there is no mention of chewing gum. I guess it does not rate the attention of the universal church! The Church requires us to fast for one hour before we receive the Eucharist. Basically, we are to refrain from food and drink, not including water or medicine. There are also exceptions for people who are ill. Overall, the fast is intended for us to prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist and in some small way to literally as well as spiritually hunger for what we are about to receive. Chewing gum, while not really food, does at least break the spirit of the fast. Besides that, it is a distraction and rude. What do you do with the gum when it is time to receive Communion? People have actually come to the altar chewing away, oblivious to what they were doing or Who they were receiving. At best, it is distracting and irreverent. At worst, it adds a barrier to giving our best to receiving God's best.



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FINAL MEETING**

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**Weds.,
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- 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
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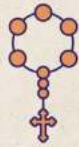


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Religious Formation and Sacraments

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



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

Classes are held on Thursdays 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!

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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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