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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 Dias 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**

**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, September 7th, 2025**



## **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** IN ORDINARY TIME

**"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come**  
**after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27**

**"Y el que no carga su cruz y me sigue, no**  
**puede ser mi discípulo". - Lc 14, 27**

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Reflection for TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : Year C  
**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 07, 2025**

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings: • Wisdom 9:13-18b • Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 • Philemon 9-10, 12-17 • Luke 14:25-33

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/090725.cfm>

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

**Where's the Sacrifice?**

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to want to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have. – Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



**MAYORDOMÍA COTIDIANA – Reconoce a Dios en tus momentos cotidianos**

**¿Dónde está el sacrificio?**

"No es que quiera que lo hagas. Es que quiero que quieras hacerlo."

Si estás casado o en pareja, es probable que tu pareja te haya dicho algo así o se lo hayas dicho tú. Si uno de ustedes no lo ha dicho, probablemente haya querido hacerlo, y es probable que hayan tenido una gran discusión o dos en las que bailan alrededor del sentimiento, estas palabras exactas destellando en tu mente como una marquesina de cine de antaño.

El "asunto" nunca importa mucho. Sacar la basura, pintar el dormitorio, viajar a casa de tus suegros para Navidad: cualquiera que sea el tema del desacuerdo, todo es solo un vestuario. El meollo del asunto es el sacrificio y el deseo. De eso depende todo. ¿Estoy con una persona que se sacrificará por mí?

Cuando Pablo le escribe a Filemón que le envía a Onésimo, dice exactamente esto. Le dice a Filemón que preferiría quedarse con Onésimo, pero que no quiere privar a Filemón tanto de Onésimo como de la oportunidad de hacer un sacrificio digno a los ojos del Señor.

El punto no es quién se junta con Onésimo. El punto es, como dice el Evangelio, ¿quién está dispuesto a llevar su cruz? ¿Quién está dispuesto a renunciar a sus posesiones? ¿Quién está dispuesto a hacer la buena obra por el bien del otro?

A Dios no le importa mucho lo que tenemos para ofrecer. Le importa mucho más que tengamos la fuerza para ofrecer lo que tenemos. – Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## Readings for the week of September 7, 2025

### 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

### Monday:

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

### Tuesday:

Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

### Wednesday:

Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/  
Lk 6:20-26

### Thursday:

Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Lk 6:27-38

### Friday:

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/  
Lk 6:39-42

### Saturday:

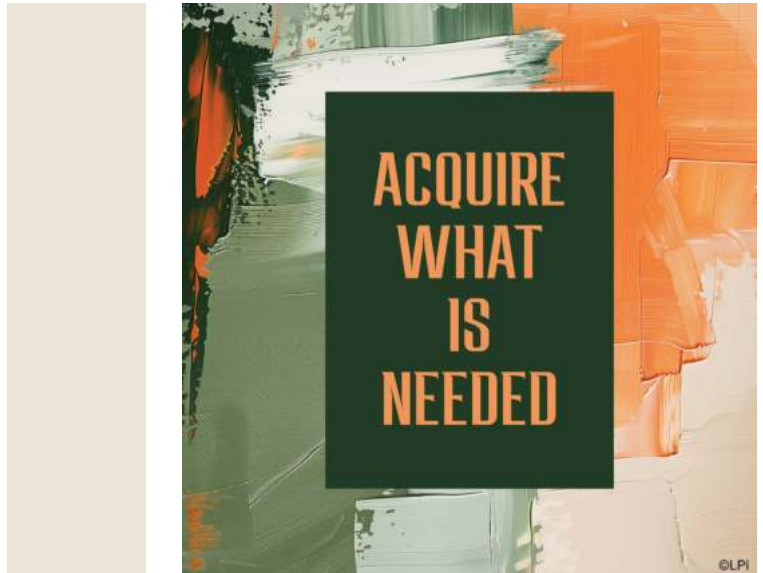
1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/  
Lk 6:43-49

### Next Sunday:

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37,  
38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven—his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

— *Father John Muir*



## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight. (Wis 9:18)

### Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90)

### Second Reading:

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while,  
that you might have him back forever. (Phlm 1:15)

### Gospel:

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me  
cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:27)

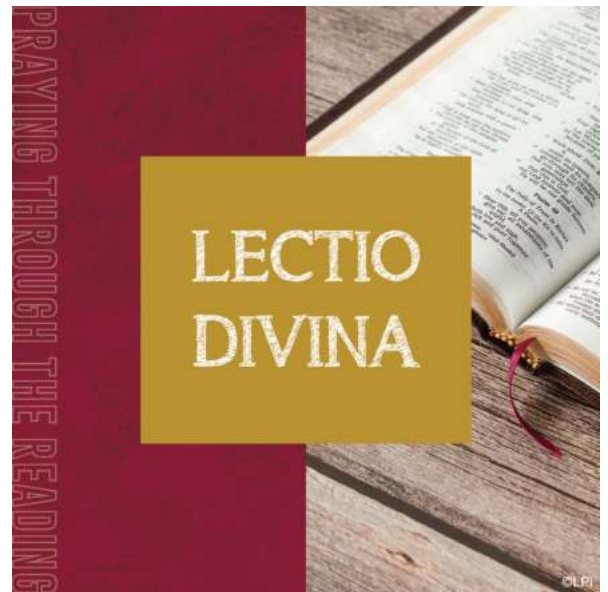
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Today, Jesus tells us the cost of true discipleship — and it turns out, it's everything. We must reject the world in order to love God. What attachments are holding us back from the relationship we could have — we *should* have — with our Lord?

## Observances for the week of September 7, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
<b>Monday:</b>	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Peter Claver, Priest
<b>Thursday:</b>	Patriot Day
<b>Friday:</b>	The Most Holy Name of Mary
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



## Devotions, *Explained!*

*Lectio divina* ("divine reading") is an ancient practice of praying through the reading of Scripture. It includes four steps: read (*lectio*), meditate (*meditatio*), pray (*oratio*) and contemplate (*contemplatio*).

## Prayer of Simplicity

Dear God,  
In my desire for You, take away anything that keeps me from knowing You, myself, or my mission here on earth. Help me to remember what is truly important, and to seek and treasure that.  
Amen.

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** For someone who talks about love so much, it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

### How to Hate the Christian Way

When I was a kid, we had the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

It was a chair in my parents' foyer where an offending child had to sit for five or ten minutes if they uttered the words "dumb," "stupid" or "hate." The rules in my house growing up were very clear. We don't call anyone stupid. We don't call anyone dumb. And we hate no one and nothing.

Well, today, Jesus has to sit in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

For someone who talks about love so much — for whom love is a legacy and a commandment — it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

I'll let you guess which of the kids in my family spent the most time in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair (Hi! It was me). But I didn't really think my sister was stupid, and I didn't really hate my brother. Those were just the words I used, even though they were strictly forbidden — maybe *because* they were strictly forbidden. They were the strongest words I knew, and you need strong words for strong feelings.

Jesus knew that hate is a really strong word. It's a word that gets people's attention. And I think what he wants to do today, more than anything, is get our attention. He wants to force us to consider the ways in which our attachments to this world — and even to other people — supersede our attachment to God. He wants us to radically evaluate what (and who) we love and how we love it and how much of our souls, our lives, ourselves we have let this love consume.

It's a tough assignment, and we don't like it. Maybe we kind of hate it. That's okay: hate has its place. So take a seat in the chair and give it a ponder.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What happens if someone drops a consecrated host?

### Answer:

Despite our best efforts, and this is as true in our liturgical celebrations as in all of life, accidents happen. Occasionally at Mass, a host may be dropped or some of the Precious Blood could even be spilled from the chalice, despite the best efforts of the priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of holy Communion assisting at the liturgy.

So, when a host is dropped or the Precious Blood is spilled, we can take guidance from the U.S. Bishops' statement *Norms for the Distribution for Holy Communion Under Both Kinds*:

All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine. Should there be any mishap — as when, for example, the consecrated wine is spilled from the chalice — then the affected "area . . . should be washed with water, and this water should be then poured into the sacrarium."

According to no. 280 of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, the general rule is that a dropped host is picked up by the minister distributing Communion and reverently consumed. The minister should be careful to make sure that no other particles from the host remain on the ground. As we see in the instruction from the bishops, the Precious Blood would be absorbed (customarily with a purificator) and the area attentively and reverently washed with water which would then be disposed of properly. w



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**October 18<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 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
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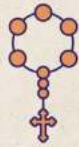
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# Religious Formation and Sacraments

## 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!*

## 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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