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Pastor

Padre: Rev. Sylvester Modebei,

Vicario Parroquial

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

#### <u>Liturgy of the Weekdays</u>

Every day at Noon: The Angelus

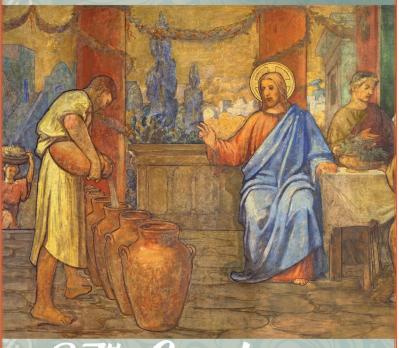
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: Adoration 7:30am & Mass 8:00am

**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





## 27th Sunday

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" - Lk 17:10b

"Cuando hayan cumplido todo lo que se les mandó, digan: 'No somos más que siervos, sólo hemos hecho lo que teníamos que hacer' ". - Lc 17, 10

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#### Reflection for TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Year C

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 05, 2025

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings: • Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 • Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 • 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 • Luke 17:5-10

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/100525.cfm

#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

#### How Much Is Enough?

During a conversation about good stewardship of money and time, my daughter shared that sometimes doing the best thing was so hard for her to do. It wasn't always a matter of right and wrong, black and white, but a matter of better and best. I began to reflect on the truth of her statement. When confronted with a decision, we can sometimes be given a choice of good, better, and best. We fool ourselves into believing that the good choice is not a bad one, so it must be enough. However, we have essentially placed a limit on our generosity or commitment with our false sense of good stewardship.



Jesus calls us in different ways every day. Sometimes the cost to us is clear. Yet sometimes there is no clear metric. When called to love, how much love is enough? When someone needs our time, how many hours is enough? When a small gift will bring about a positive outcome, what could a larger gift accomplish?

Don't be fooled by Jesus' teaching of the mustard seed. He was speaking to those who were caught up in concerns of status, uncertainty of heart, and lack of true faith. Jesus taught with parables and then demonstrated true faith and generosity by his crucifixion. Perhaps the mustard seed of faith allows us to move mountains and trees so that we may see through to the horizon of the cross. In the cross, we find the real metric of love and generosity that is for all who follow Him. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS ¿Cuánto es Suficiente?

Durante una conversación sobre la buena administración del dinero y el tiempo, mi hija compartió que a veces hacer lo mejor era muy difícil para ella. No siempre era una cuestión de lo correcto y lo incorrecto, blanco y negro, sino de lo que es mejor y lo que es aun mejor. Comencé a reflexionar sobre la verdad de su declaración. Cuando nos enfrentamos a una decisión, a veces se nos puede dar la opción de lo bueno, lo mejor, y lo aun mejor. Nos engañamos a nosotros mismos creyendo que elegir lo bueno no es una mala elección, por lo que debe ser suficiente. Sin embargo, esencialmente hemos puesto un límite a nuestra generosidad o compromiso con nuestro falso sentido de buena administración.

Jesús nos llama de diferentes maneras todos los días. A veces el costo para nosotros es claro. Sin embargo, a veces no hay una métrica clara. Cuando somos llamados a amar, ¿cuánto amor es suficiente? Cuando alguien necesita nuestro tiempo, ¿cuántas horas son suficientes? Cuando un regalo pequeño produce un resultado positivo, ¿qué podría lograr un regalo más grande?

No te dejes engañar por la enseñanza de Jesús sobre la semilla de mostaza. Él estaba hablando a aquellos que estaban atrapados en preocupaciones de su estatus, incertidumbre de corazón y falta de fe verdadera. Jesús enseñó con parábolas y luego demostró verdadera fe y generosidad con su crucifixión. Quizás la fe de semilla de mostaza nos permita mover montañas y árboles para que podamos ver hasta el horizonte de la cruz. En la cruz, encontramos la verdadera métrica de amor y generosidad que es para todos los que lo siguen a Él.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## Readings for the week of October 5, 2025

#### Sunday:

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/ 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

#### Monday:

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

#### **Tuesday:**

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/ Lk 10:38-42

#### Wednesday:

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

#### Thursday:

Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 11:5-13

#### Friday:

JI 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/ Lk 11:15-26

#### Saturday:

JI 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

#### **Next Sunday:**

2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/ 2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



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## **Gospel Meditation**

#### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, "I was just doing my job."

His words brought to mind Jesus' teaching this week in Luke 17:10: "So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty." In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us.

— Father John Muir

## **Sunday's Readings**

#### **First Reading:**

The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hb 2:4)

#### **Psalm**

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

#### **Second Reading:**

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

#### Gospel:

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Lk 17:6)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work?

## Observances for the week of October 5, 2025

**Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Respect Life Sunday

Monday: St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher,

Virgin

**Tuesday:** Our Lady of the Rosary

**Thursday:** St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;

St. John Leonardi, Priest

Saturday: St. John XXIII, Pope

Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Devotions, Explained!

This popular phrase is an affirmation of God's faithfulness amidst the trials of life, a theme that is presented again and again in Scripture: come what may, God will be with us.

## Prayer to Respect Life

Dear God,
Help us to hear Your voice,
especially when You speak on
behalf of the voiceless,
the overlooked, and the forgotten.
Keep our ears attuned, and work
through us in a way that loves,
blesses, assures, supports, and
strengthens LIFE.
Amen.

# CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** "Increase my faith." I've said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated. Easy faith — that's what I'm asking for, and lots of it, please. But easy faith isn't faith at all.

#### The Father Who Knows What You Want

It's easy to give your kid what he's asking for. It's hard to give him what he wants.

If a kid asks to eat an ice cream cone, there's nothing wrong with giving him one. But if he's grumpily demanding an ice cream cone at 7:45 in the morning, what he wants — whether he realizes it or not — is some protein and whole grains and a little encouragement to get him going on his day.

So you give him eggs and toast, and you watch him struggle to accept it. Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn't, but either way, you'll be here. You'll forgive him for whatever names he calls you and you'll put the healthy breakfast in the fridge, waiting for him when he's ready to eat it.

"Increase my faith." I've said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated, an acceptance of truth that is unshakeable. Easy faith — that's what I'm asking for, and lots of it, please.

But easy faith isn't faith at all, and faith that you aren't strong enough to hold will break your arms. And what God will never do is say, "Sure, kiddo, here you go," and pass off a false gift as the real thing, just to make us both feel good. He won't hand me something I'm not strong enough to hold.

That would be a classic lazy-father move. That would be an ice-cream-cone-at-7:45 a.m. move.

Instead, He watches carefully while I navigate the bumpy terrain of the spiritual life, ready to whisper directions in my ear. He holds his breath while the challenges of this world create deep grooves in my soul — and then He irrigates those grooves with the life-giving waters of grace, transforming them into valleys of consolation and respite.

Sometimes I call Him names. Sometimes I refuse what He's offering. It's not what I asked for, after all.

But it's what I want. Luckily, He knows that better than me.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

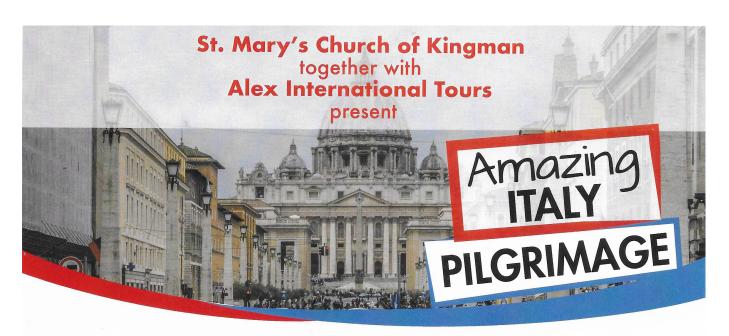
#### Question:

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

#### **Answer:**

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.



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## **Religious Formation and Sacraments**

#### FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION













**Registration** for the 2025-2026 Religious Education session <u>has ended.</u>

Classes are held on Thursdays from 5:30-7:00pm at the St. Mary's Parish Center.

No payments will be accepted at class times. 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!



### **OCIA Class**

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults will meet weekly on **Wednesdays**, **beginning October 15th, at 7pm** in Room 3 at St. Mary's Parish Hall

### 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**

(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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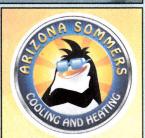
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