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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 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, October 19th, 2025



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones
who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to
answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done
for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he
find faith on earth?” - Lk 18:7-8

Reflection for TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : Year C
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 19, 2025

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings: • Exodus 17:8-13 • Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 • 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
• Luke 18:1-8

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/101925.cfm>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP – RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Sparkling Holiness

As the seasons change, a lot of us like to clean out our homes and unload some of the junk we've acquired over the summer. One trendy approach to decluttering is the Marie Kondo method, named after the author who popularized it. Overly simplified, it's a process that compels you to go through your closets, your garage, your basement — all the places you collect the dreaded "stuff." As you do so, you hold up the items and ask yourself: "Does it spark joy?"

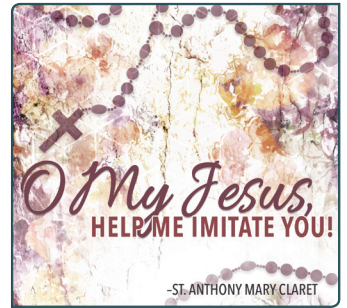
It's a question that is bold in its simplicity. In answering, you're supposed to go with your gut. If it's a quick "Yes, it sparks joy," the item should be kept. If the answer is no, it gets tossed.

There are people in life who will support our efforts to do God's will. There are those who will, as Paul says, "convince, reprimand, (and) encourage," unafraid of the reaction we give them. There are those who will shore up our defenses when the battle goes longer than we thought.

The same goes for hobbies and pastimes. There are those that will ennoble our minds and bring us closer to God. And there are also those that will drain our funds and our free time, with nothing to show for it.

During these autumn months, don't just declutter your basement in preparation for the hauling out of the Christmas ornaments. Take stock of the people and pursuits that make up your life. With each one, ask yourself: "Does it spark holiness?"

If the answer is yes, thank God that our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. If the answer is no, maybe it's time to declutter. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Santidad Chispeante

A medida que cambian las estaciones, a muchos de nosotros nos gusta limpiar nuestras casas y deshacernos de alguna de la basura que hemos acumulado durante el verano. Un método de moda para ordenar es el método Marie Kondo, nombrado así por la autora que lo popularizó. Demasiado simplificado, es un proceso que lo obliga a revisar sus armarios, su garaje, su sótano, todos los lugares donde recolecta las temidas "cosas." Mientras lo hace, levanta los artículos y se pregunta: "¿Destella alegría?"

Es una pregunta que es audaz en su simplicidad. Al responder, se supone que debes seguir tu instinto. Si es un rápido "Sí, me da alegría," se debe conservar el artículo. Si la respuesta es no, se tira.

Hay personas en la vida que apoyarán nuestros esfuerzos por hacer la voluntad de Dios. Hay quienes, como dice Pablo, "convencen, reprenden, (y) alientan," sin temor a la reacción que les demos. Hay quienes reforzarán nuestras defensas cuando la batalla dure más de lo que pensábamos.

Lo mismo ocurre con las aficiones y pasatiempos. Hay aquellos que ennoblecerán nuestra mente y nos acercarán a Dios. Y también están aquellos que agotarán nuestros fondos y nuestro tiempo libre, sin nada que mostrar a cambio.

Durante estos meses de otoño, no te limites a despejar el sótano en preparación para sacar los adornos navideños. Has un balance de las personas y actividades que componen tu vida. Con cada uno, pregúntate: "¿Destella santidad?"

Si la respuesta es afirmativa, gracias a Dios que nuestra ayuda viene del Señor, que hizo los cielos y la tierra. Si la respuesta es no, tal vez sea hora de despejarse. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday:

Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday:

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday:

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a,
8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday:

Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 12:49-53

Friday:

Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93,
94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:

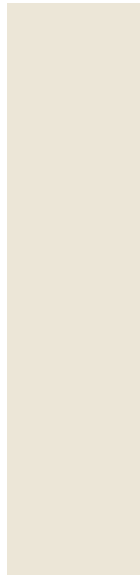
Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
(7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is *already* answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done.

— *Father John Muir*

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up,
Israel had the better of the fight,
but when he let his hands rest,
Amalek had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11)

Psalm:

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)

Second Reading:

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed,
because you know from whom you learned it,
and that from infancy you have known
the sacred Scriptures,
which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Tm 3:14)

Gospel:

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones
who call out to him day and night?
Will he be slow to answer them?
I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done
for them speedily." (Lk 18:7)

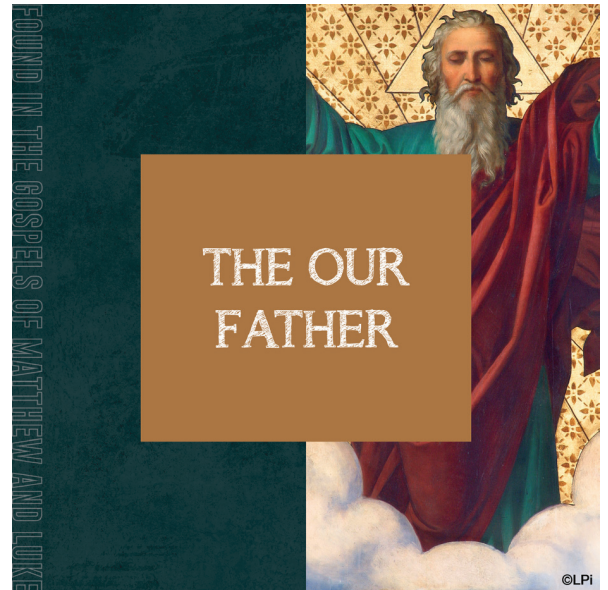
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all the widow in Luke's Gospel. We are vulnerable. We feel small in the estimation of the world. We feel ignored. But Jesus is telling us to be bold in prayer, to bring our needs before the judge who will always hear our case.

Observances for the week of October 19, 2025

- Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday
- Monday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. John Paul II, Pope
- Thursday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest
- Friday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Our Father, also known as The Lord's Prayer, is found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Universally beloved in most traditions of Christianity, its words are those of Jesus Christ himself as he answers his disciples' queries on how best to pray.

Prayer for Life of Mission

Dear God,
You are the one who finds a way in
the darkness, and clears the path for
those You love. Help us to trust in
Your call, and to answer generously to
the unknowns we face,
knowing You will never leave us alone.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: In the same way that a judge cannot go looking for conflicts to mediate, God will not force His way into our problems. What would be the point? What is our life on earth for, if it is not to teach us how to turn willingly to God?

The Prayers We Don't Say

It has always confused me: why a judge?

Jesus could have compared prayer to the subject who requests a gift of his king. He could have compared it to the child who asks a favor of a parent. But in the parable of the widow and the judge, Jesus compares prayer — specifically constant, unwearying prayer — with the marginalized person who doggedly pursues her claim through an unforgiving legal system.

It's not a rosy or reassuring picture. So what is he trying to tell us?

Unlike a king or a parent, a judge has strictly drawn lines which he cannot, under any circumstances, cross. He can only help people who bring their case to court. Even good, earnest judges cannot render justice if charges are not brought.

God is all-powerful. But that doesn't make Him a meddler. He will not force His way into our problems. What would be the point? What is our life on earth for, if it is not to teach us how to turn willingly to God, in every instance — adoration, gratitude, need?

Today, I sat down and made a list of problems I don't pray about. When I was done, I looked at the list and asked myself: why not? Why don't I pray about these things? Some are huge issues over which I have absolutely no control, and prayer feels futile. Some are small grievances I never even considered mentioning to God.

If I prayed about them all, my life would be totally consumed by prayer. Constant, unwearying prayer. The kind of prayer Jesus calls me to in the parable of the widow and the judge: continual surrender of myself to the mysterious, limitless power of God.

Praying that way could make me tired. The widow was tired, too — but she kept bringing her charges. She got justice. And her judge wasn't even a nice guy.

So say the prayer. Bring the charges. Our judge is one who wants to help, but He won't overstep His bounds.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I volunteer every once in a while. How can I incorporate serving the poor in my everyday life?

Answer:

In the Gospels, Jesus is very clear about emphasizing outreach to vulnerable persons on the margins of society. These may be the materially poor, the disabled, the lonely, or any others whose circumstances drive them from mainstream society. We can all respond to Christ's call to love by incorporating direct service into our regular life routine. Here are some ideas to find your niche:

Consider your life. Before you look for direct service opportunities, consider your schedule, commitment levels, and personal gifts. When can you help out and how regularly? Where have you volunteered in the past that has felt like a good fit? Do you have any particular skills or personality traits that lend you to particular work?

Do some research. There are a lot of structured ways you can get involved in your community. Your parish might have a social concerns outreach program. If not, ask friends and family. A simple online search for local nonprofits can also expose you to new opportunities.

Be open to God's invitation. The chance to serve may be closer than you think. Befriending an elderly neighbor, widowed and far from children, is an act of serving the poor. Keep your eyes and heart open!

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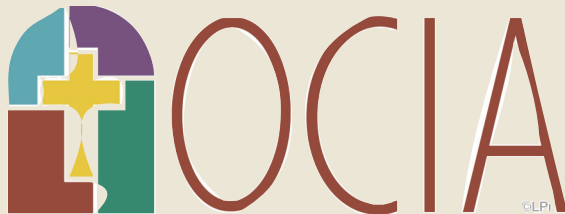
Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Education session has ended.

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

No payments will be accepted at 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 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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