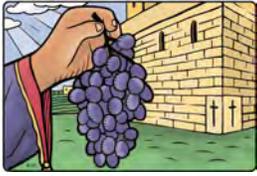


**October 5: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone...? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

— Mt. 21: 42-44

**LITURGY**

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

**Sunday, October 5 (Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43)**

8:00 am- Henry J. Jones

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

**Monday, October 6, St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose**

**Durocher, Virgin (Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37)**

7:00 am- V.L. & Rose Rainosek

10:00 am- Deceased members of Alois & Marie Morkovsky Family (Hallettsville Rehab)

**Tuesday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary (Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42)**

7:00 am- Terry Lynn Bludau

**Wednesday, October 8 (Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4)**

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Joe L. & Agnes Machicek Family

8:05 am- Theresa Steffek

**Thursday, Oct. 9, St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions;**

**St. John Leonardi, Priest (Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13)**

7:00 am- John & August Pastucha, & Tonie Clark

10:00 am- Frances & Anton Honish (Stevens)

**Friday, October 10 (Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26)**

7:00 am- Newton & Freida Renken

8:05 am- Deceased members of Frank & Anna Tupa Family

**Saturday, October 11, St. John XXIII, Pope (Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28)**

5:30 pm- Agnes & Laverne Grahmann

**Sunday, October 12, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14)**

8:00 am- Deceased members of Czech Heritage Society

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

**Bulletin Sponsor:** David & Mary Polasek.

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**Vigil Light:** Special intention for health and recovery – Frances, Karen, Clorisa, Donna.

**Our Gift to God:** Envelopes-\$5,823.50; Retired & Needy Priests-\$60; Black & Native Americans, Catholic Communications, & Catholic University of America-\$302; Loose-\$1,725; Children-\$54.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Emil Svab* and *Frank Jares* of our parish family; and, *Marty Pustka*, son of Dorothy Gast. *May they and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**

- **LIFE Chain**, 1:00-2:30 pm along Hwy 77 South in front of the K.C. Hall. All are welcome.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Sponsor/Candidate Meeting, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Family Center.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6**

- Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m., Church.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

- Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.
- P.I. Classes, 9:15-11:30am & 7-9:15pm, Family Center.
- K.C. General Meeting, 7:00 p.m., K.C. Hall.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

- CCD: K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:00 p.m., Cry Room.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9**

- RCIA Class, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Youth House.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11**

- Blessing of Expectant Mothers during 5:30 p.m. Mass.
- Falling Leaves Gala, 5:30-11:00 p.m., K. C. Hall.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12**

- Blessing of Expectant Mothers, 8 & 10:30 am Masses.

**Among our sick:** Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Amanda Gutierrez, Becky Pekar, Victor Vasek, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcek, Georgie Henke, Jerry Novosad, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Frances Kutach, Henry Konvicka, Clorisa Hartensteiner, Sweet Hrcir, Betsy Brown, Ed Aulick, Ben Brosch, Marcella Henke, Frank Dornak, Isaak Chapa, Mark Henneke, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

**Happy Anniversary!**

Bennie & Beverly Machac	40 years	Oct. 5
Royce & Irene Schulte	58 years	Oct. 6
Bill & Virginia Curley	64 years	Oct. 7
Jimmy & Sarah Gutierrez	55 years	Oct. 7
Herbert & Georgie Etzler	64 years	Oct. 10
Ervin & Carolyn Kolacny	45 years	Oct. 11
Kenneth & Dolores Renger	55 years	Oct. 11

**Perpetual Adoration:** An adorer is needed on Friday's from 4:00-5:00 p.m. If you are able to spend this hour in prayer and adoration, call Charlene Bradbury 798-3224.

Sacred Heart School 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Apple Strudel Bake, Saturday, Oct. 25. Unbaked-\$14. Baked-\$16. Pickup from 10am-5pm at the Family Center. To order, call Charlene Bradbury 798-3224, Annette Henke 798-5374, or email [shsstrudelbake@gmail.com](mailto:shsstrudelbake@gmail.com). Advance orders are required to guarantee order fulfillment.

October – Month of the Holy Rosary



***From the Desk of Msgr. John***

Pope Paul VI, in his great apostolic exhortation on evangelization, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, quotes the Second Vatican Council's description of the Christian family as the domestic church. For Pope Paul VI, this means that to truly become a domestic church "there should be found in every Christian family the various aspects of the entire Church."

The Second Vatican Council also taught that every Catholic is called to holiness. And since the great majority of Catholics live out their lives in families, it is clear that the family should be a place in which each family member can grow in holiness.

As the saints have shown throughout history, holiness in life leads inevitably to witness in our daily lives. In our time, the work of evangelization is not reserved only for an elite few, but is the responsibility of all baptized Christians.

In a very real sense, we are all called to be missionaries. We are all called to "proclaim" the Gospel to those around us through our lives each day, and the privileged place for most of us to do this is within our own families.

The Christian family is essentially missionary in character because of this reality. In the words of St. John Paul II, "The family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love" (*Familiaris Consortio*, 17). In fulfilling this mission, the Christian family is itself called to be an image of the loving communion that exists among the three Persons of the Trinity.

The Catholic family is able to reveal and communicate this love in a special way because it is founded upon sacramental marriage. Christian spouses first receive this love as a divine gift, but they also receive this love as a task. The task of Christian spouses to live and communicate this love first to each other and their children and then to others is at the center of the family's mission in the world.

For this reason, when the Christian family takes up the task "to become what it is" – a living icon in our world of God's own communion – the family stands at the heart of the Church's mission of evangelization. And when the family responds in this way to the design of the Creator, it truly becomes a "domestic church."

Recently, Pope Francis reminded us that Christian families "are the domestic church where Jesus grows in the love of a married couple, in the lives of their children."

**CCD News ~~**

**Oct. 22:** Safe Environment Lessons for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades.

**Nov. 9:** ***Mandatory*** Sophomore & Parent Confirmation Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

**Nov. 12:** Safe Environment Lessons in Elem. Grades.

**Welcome to the Parish:** Cody & Whitney Leopold, and children Wyatt, Lane & Lucy; and, Ann Tesch.

**September Baptisms:** Easton Richard, son of Scott & Shannon Flesher; Caleb Joseph, son of Christopher & Christin Freytag.

**Sacred Heart School News ~~**

**Oct. 13:** School Advisory Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

**Safe Environment Program** (topics on bullying, teasing, respecting others, making good decisions): Oct. 6-9: 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grs.; Oct. 13-17: PreK, K, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grs.; Oct. 20-24: 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grs.; Nov. 10-14: 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grs.

**Sacred Heart Youth News.** Next Youth Night - Oct. 18. Please bring completed Registration Form. Forms are available in the Church Foyer & SHCS Office.

**Falling Leaves Gala featuring *The Original Triumphs*, Oct. 11, 5:30-11:00 p.m., K. C. Hall, Hallettsville.** \$100 per couple includes steak dinner, open bar, dance & prizes. **Tickets are still available** at the KC Hall, online at [www.kchall.com](http://www.kchall.com) (click on Falling Leaves tab), or the Rectory. For info., call the KC Hall 361-798-2311.

**Area Church Picnics & Festivals on October 12:**

St. Robert Bellarmine, K.C. Hall, El Campo.

St. Anthony, K.C. Hall, Columbus. Holy Mass 10 a.m.

Holy Cross, Riverside Hall, East Bernard.

**Pastoral Institute Extended Program:** The next 6 wk. course will be held on Tuesdays, Oct. 14 thru Nov. 18, 9:15-11:30 am and 7:00-9:15 pm, in the Family Center via distance learning and will cover the books of Joshua, Judges, Kings I & II. To register, call 573-0828 ext. 2223 or email [pisecretary@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:pisecretary@victoriadiocese.org).

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** "Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance." The tenants in today's parable murdered because of their greed. The only thing they inherited was a death sentence in return for their wickedness.

Greed can act like poison to an otherwise healthy mind. Instead of allowing one to think clearly, an obsession with having "more" can cloud a person's judgment. Certainly it won't always lead to murder, but more often than not it leads to using people for our own ends or dismissing those who cannot help us get what we want. Treating others this way is never acceptable. It is an offense to human dignity and to God who made us in His own image. Greed can also have a blinding influence, preventing us from seeing the blessings that surround us. When our focus is on what we want instead of what we have, the tendency is to forget that we have anything at all. The only thing we can see is that which we don't yet possess.

Ultimately, greed makes us miserable. It fosters discontent for our life and disrespect for the lives of others. It is certainly not a fruit of the kingdom of God. Belonging to this heavenly realm means living a life of generosity instead of greediness. It means looking for ways to share what we have to improve the lives of others instead of hoarding more to "improve" our own lives. Jesus tells us that His kingdom belongs to those who produce its fruit.

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. John Paul II

A contemporary saint, Karol Jozef Wojtyla was a



gifted student but worked in a quarry and chemical factory when the Nazis closed the University he attended in 1939. Secretly he enrolled in an underground seminary and was ordained a priest in 1946. He continued studies after the war. In 1978, Karol became Pope John Paul II, serving for 27 years. Despite deteriorating health, he wrote 14 encyclicals, five books, canonized 482 saints, beatified 1,338 people and visited 124 countries.

### Feel discouraged?

Your life can be fixed no matter how bad it seems, but you can't do it alone. Ask for God's help and he will empower you to make the needed changes. All things are possible with him.

"In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence." St. Teresa of Calcutta



## The pursuit of happiness

Even when we have everything we need, we can still feel that our life is incomplete. Empty. If only we had more money, a better job, the right spouse, a nicer home ... then we would be truly happy. In fact, if we look outside ourselves, there will always be one more *something* that will seem necessary for happiness. Instead, look at being happy as a choice.

**Live in the moment.** It's important to plan, set goals, and prepare for the future responsibly. Yet always focusing on the future means missing precious moments that are happening now. Living each moment as it occurs allows us to prolong its value and make it

more meaningful.

**Live for others.** Jesus said, "*By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another*"

(John 13:35). Jesus wants us to be his heart and hands to others and share his love with those around us. That's how

we continue to spread his kingdom on Earth. He has given each of us gifts to be used to serve others.

As a plus, making others happy makes us happy, too.

**Live for God.** We were made by God for God. The desire for him is written on our hearts. He never ceases to draw us to himself. Only in God will we find the true happiness for which we yearn.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## What do Catholics believe about war?

The Fifth Commandment is clear that life is sacred and must be preserved. Jesus said, "*if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also*" (Matthew 5:39). As a rule, Christians condemn violence and promote peace whenever possible.

However, evil cannot be allowed

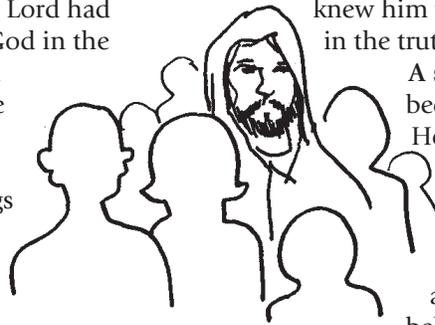


to remain unchecked. Public authorities - governments - have the right to take actions necessary for national defense. Those sworn to serve their country contribute to the common good and the maintenance of peace when they defend the citizens of their country against evil.

# Will you know God when you meet?

Elijah hid in a cave, fleeing for his life. The Lord had promised to be with him, so he waited for God in the cave. A powerful wind, an earthquake, and a great fire all passed by the mouth of the cave but Elijah knew God was not in those great events. Then, he heard a "still, small voice" and he stepped out to meet his Lord (1 Kings 19:1-11).

**A desire for God.** How did Elijah know God was not in the powerful acts of nature? Elijah loved God so much that he



knew him well. He knew that God's greatest power is in the truth of his Word.

**A search for peace.** Elijah was in trouble because he had stood up for God's truth. He defeated the prophets of Baal, who were turning people against God. Although a great victory, it earned him powerful enemies. So he turned to God. When our world is falling apart, we can find always peace in the protection of our beloved God.

**Q & A**

## What does it mean to be like Jesus?

One reason Jesus came among us was to tell us about God and to lead us to Heaven. Jesus hoped we would do what he did.

For example, Jesus asked us to love one another as he did. Some ways Jesus showed love were lending an attentive ear, showing patience in irritating situations, helping people make good decisions. Demonstrating love every day is imitating Christ.

Jesus had few possessions himself and sent his disciples out to preach



with almost nothing. He didn't want them to get distracted. He knew that the more goods we have, the more we'd think about them and the less we'd think about God. Consider getting rid of what you don't need, and buy only items that replace what is worn out or broken.

Jesus often went off to be alone with God. Take time each day to keep company with God. Even as few as 15 minutes will keep you connected to your loving Father.

Doing these things are steps toward living like Jesus.

## from Scripture

### Matthew 22:34-40. Jesus takes on Jewish tradition

In their first meeting with Jesus, the Pharisees wanted to get him to say something illegal, something against Jewish law. It would be the perfect excuse to discredit him. The lawyer they sent knew that there were 613 commands in the Jewish law and generations of Jews had debated fruitlessly about which was the most important. He was just toying with Jesus when he asked his opinion.



Jesus silenced them all by saying everything starts and ends with love – love of God and love of each other. Even the Pharisees couldn't argue with that.

To love God is to love one another. They are as inseparable as the beams of the cross. While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult.

But true love of neighbor is measured by how we treat those who are neither family nor friends. It means including people when the natural inclination is to exclude or avoid them. Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even his political enemies. This is how God loves and he calls us to do no less.

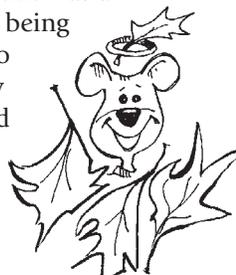
## Feasts & Celebrations

In October we celebrate the Rosary with the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. The Rosary helps us meditate on the mysteries of our salvation – Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection. And we also ask for Mary's intercession – the most powerful of all the angels and saints.

**Oct. 19 - Saint John de Brébeuf and Saint Isaac Jogues and their companions (1652).** Six Jesuits and two laymen were unwelcome missionaries to Native North American tribes and suffered harassment and torture. St. John de Brébeuf won the

Iroquois' respect with his courageous death. St. Isaac Jogues escaped but was murdered when he returned to his ministry.

**Oct. 28 - Saint Simon and Saint Jude (1st century).** St. Simon was a Zealot— Jews who believed that the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they eventually ended up in Persia where they evangelized until they were martyred.



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