



September 28, 2025

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7 | 1 Tim 6:11-16 | Lk 16:19-31

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Have you ever had a moment when you felt yourself to be the underdog, and wished that there were some champion who would come and defend your cause? Today, we see God described in those terms. Our psalm tells us that the Lord “raises up those who are bowed down,” that he “protects strangers,” and “the fatherless and the widow he sustains.” But God doesn’t stop there. He wants *us* to become champions for the poor. Notice that our Gospel reading depicts the poor man named Lazarus in such a way that we cannot help but feel compassion for him. Here is a man who is in dire need, covered in sores, right outside the door of a rich man who has more than enough to provide for his own needs and those of Lazarus – but does nothing to help him. In fact, the rich man’s *dog* shows more compassion toward Lazarus (by licking his sores) than the rich man! The story is meant to prick our consciences and move us to have the same kind of response that God has – of compassion – leading us to become champions for those in need.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Throughout our history, the Church has been particularly effective at spreading the faith during those times when we’ve put care for the poor and vulnerable at the center of our action. Before the advancements of modern medicine, members of the early Church risked their lives to care for those sick with contagious diseases. Their selfless example led many to faith in Christ. While our situation is much different today, we are called at the beginning of the first reading to not be complacent in our efforts to care for the poor. As we serve those most in need, our witness will likewise draw others to seek to know and follow the God of compassion whom we serve.

SERVE

One of the ways we can fight against complacency is to engage in service. Check your parish or local charitable organizations for opportunities to serve those in need in your community. No matter what kind of service you choose to engage in, do everything with “love, patience, and gentleness,” as Paul reminds us today. Then we will be models of God’s own care for the poor.



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OUR MISSION

'Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God
To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.'

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY Thank you Fr. Joseph and Fr. Michael!

SEPTEMBER 28	SEPTEMBER 29	SEPTEMBER 30	OCTOBER 1	OCTOBER 2	OCTOBER 3	OCTOBER 4
Fellowship Sunday 10a Mass 12p Mass 1-4p Adoration 2p K of C Golf 5p K of C Supper 7p Mass	6:30p RCIA	8:30a Mass	8:30a Mass 7p Adoration	8:30a Mass 7p Emmaus Support Group	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration	11a-12p Confession 5p Mass CWL Food Drive

Liturgy of the Word
in recognition of
National Day for Truth
and Reconciliation

September 30 at 7pm



Sacramental Preparation Registration
is now open!

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First Communion

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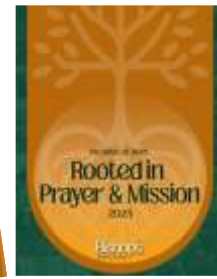


Rosary Making
Tues. Oct. 7 @7pm
All are welcome

Sign up at Connection Corner
Website or QR code



Bishop's Annual Appeal Mail Out
Did you receive yours?!



**FOOD
DRIVE
October
4 & 5**



Thank you to Holy Spirit parishioners for their very generous support of the clothing drive last weekend. We were able to deliver 5 vehicles full of clothing, toys and household items. Thank you also to the drivers who generously offered their time on Monday morning.

Please note: we are also holding a food drive for Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish on the weekend of October 4/5. We will be accepting food and monetary donations. If you choose to give financial support in the form of a cheque, please make the cheque out to *Our Lady of Gaudalupe Parish*.

Melina Palendat (306) 668-2520 holyspiritcwl@gmail.com

"As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another."

PASTOR • Fr. Joseph Salihu jsalihu@rcdos.ca

ASSOCIATE PASTOR • Michael Magaji mmagaji@rcdos.ca

**THE POPE'S
PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

For our *relationship* with all creation.

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect. SEPTEMBER 2025

WE PLEDGE 5%

MacKenzie-Fort Smith is a missionary diocese of the Catholic Church that includes the Northwest Territories, the northern extremity of Saskatchewan and the extreme west of the Territory of Nunavut in Canada. As of 2004, the diocese contained 46 parishes and missions, 4 active diocesan priests, 7 religious priests, and 28,540 Catholics. At the time, it also had 16 women religious, 8 religious brothers, and 3 permanent deacons.

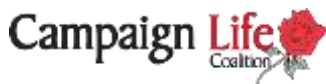
The seat of the diocese is Our Lady of Victory Church in Inuvik. The current Bishop is Jon Hansen C.Ss.R. These funds will help with educating the laity and enables parish leaders to provide religious and spiritual leadership in the Archdiocese of MacKenzie- Fort Smith. Thank you for your support.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Bishop Mark Hagemoen has decreed that, **the practice of the people's reception of the Body and Blood of Christ through the reception of the Consecrated Host and the option for reception of the Precious Blood from the chalice be permitted.** We would like to begin offering the chalice again here at Holy Spirit Parish. However, we do not have a sufficient number of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for this to take place. We need volunteers. If willing please contact the office.

Life Chain in Saskatoon will be held on **Sunday October 5th from 2 to 3 pm** on the corner of Idylwyld Drive and 22nd Street. Signs are provided. Please bring your family and stand united for human life from conception to natural death. For more information contact Louis 306-249-2764 or email campaignlifesk@gmail.com



LET US PRAY

- For the sick and all those who care for them, today we pray for: Callam Olver, Bob Kudel, Sandy Disanayake, Frederick Vizeacoumar, Vijaykumar Soupramania Modaliar, Helen Kemper, Phil Klassen, Val Mercredi
- For all those who have died, today we remember: Lillian Donkin
- And on the anniversary of death: Stella Boryski

We pray to the Lord

CHECK OUT THE ARTWORK!

Thank you to Mme. Lukan's Grade 4 class at St. Matthew School for helping us decorate our bulletin board.



St. Therese | Littlest Saints

Which flower in Jesus's garden is the best? The most beautiful? St. Therese gives us her "little" answer to these questions.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!



MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 10 am, 12 noon, 7 pm

Weekdays Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am

ADORATION

Wednesdays 7-8pm

Fridays, 9 am - 12 pm

Sundays, 1 - 4 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 11 am - 12 noon

or by appointment.



For more news and events in our diocese, see the Diocesan Bulletin at rcdos.ca under the News and Events tab.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we embark on this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, I invite you to take the opportunity to reflect on our theme: "Pilgrims of Hope: Rooted in Prayer and Mission." These words are grounded in the ancient promise of the prophet Isaiah:

"O Lord, you grant peace to those who are steadfast because of their trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord is an eternal rock."

Isaiah 26:3-4

In a world often marked by restlessness and uncertainty, we, the People of God, are called to be pilgrims of hope, anchored not in fleeting comforts but in the steadfast love and faithfulness of God. Our journey begins in prayer, where we encounter the peace of Christ. From that place of peace, we encounter God's hope. And from His hope, we are sent on mission.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is not simply a fundraiser. It is a communal act of discipleship and a visible expression of our shared mission. Together, through your generous gifts, we sustain the many ministries that serve our youth, care for the vulnerable, accompany those discerning vocations, form lay leaders, and bring the Gospel to life in every corner of our diocese.

None of this is possible without you. Your prayers, your faith, and your witness are essential. Together, let us show the world what it means to be the Church rooted in love, walking together, trusting in the Lord, and offering ourselves in service.

As disciples united in faith and inspired by hope, let us be the example the world needs. May we continue this pilgrimage with firm purpose, allowing our trust in the Lord to guide us, our prayer to sustain us, and our mission to inspire others. With deep gratitude for your continued generosity and fidelity to the mission of the Church, I assure you of my prayers and blessings.

I conclude with an exhortation from St. Paul to the Romans: "*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*" (Romans 15: 13)

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *Mark Hagemoen*
✠ Bishop Mark Hagemoen



BAA Video

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PAYMENT METHOD

- ☐ **Cheques – Make cheques payable to the Catholic Foundation – direct gift in the memo**
- ☐ **Credit card** – Emailing or mailing credit card information is prohibited. To protect your financial information, please call 306-659-5851 or go online to make your donation- www.dscf.ca/ways or scan QR code below.
- ☐ **E-TRANSFER** directly from your bank account. Please include your name, mailing address, phone number and where to direct your gift in the comments section to receive a charitable tax receipt.
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- ☐ **Pre-Authorized Debit: Return this gift form and a void check or complete the information below.**

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Fill in the contact information if you have changes to your profile or are a new donor

Diocesan member ID:**Parish:****CONTACT 1****CONTACT 2**

Last Name:

Full Given Name:

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City/Town:

Email:

Appeal Name**2025 BAA****Rural Catechists
Fund****New Build
Restoration Fund****One Time Gift:**

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Monthly Recurring Gift:

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Recurring Gift Start Date:

mm/dd/yyyy

Please indicate the appeal in your cheque memo **Mail back to our office
or drop it in your offertory basket at your parish**

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All Prayers will be given to
Sr. Malou and her Prayer
Group to include in their
prayers.

Prayer Intention: _____



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*In all things we are rooted in Christ,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.*

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Upcoming Events

Forty Hours for Life: Campaign Life Coalition Saskatchewan continues the 40 Hours for Life campaign of prayer and witness in Saskatoon from 9 a.m. to noon, **Monday to Friday**, on the corner of 7th Ave. and Queen St. until Friday Oct. 24. Come out and pray and witness for life; signs will be available. To commit to a one-hour time slot contact: campaignlifesk@gmail.com or (306) 249-2764.

Ministry for those who have experienced the death of a child at any age: "From Mourning to Dawn" for Bereaved Parents is a diocesan grief support program of transformation and healing held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings, **beginning Oct. 2**. Register: <https://form.jotform.com/251875823255262> or for more info, contact Marilyn Jackson, Director of Ministry Services, mjackson@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5836. *(Grief ministry is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

Grief Support in Humboldt – From Mourning to Dawn: grief support program for widows and widowers who have been bereaved for between two months and three years, will be offered at St. Augustine Parish, 809-10th Street, Humboldt. Sessions are 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays from **Oct. 2 to Nov 20**. Cost is \$25 (includes book). Contact Irene at (306) 682-3383 or Dave at (306) 682-5108.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Mass and Procession will be held **Saturday, Oct. 4** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cr. E, Saskatoon. Mass begins at 5 p.m. followed by an outdoor candlelight procession with the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with fellowship in the basement hall.

Life Chain peaceful and prayerful pro-life witness will be held 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Sunday, Oct. 5** in Saskatoon at Idylwyld Dr. and 22nd St.; in Unity, SK, at Hwy 21 and 1st Ave. E.; and in Humboldt, SK, at the Civic Park. More info: www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain.

St. Michael Parish Fall Supper will be held 5 p.m. **Sunday, Oct. 5** at St. Michael School Gym, #22-33rd St. E., Saskatoon. Tickets: adults (17+) \$25; children 6-16 years \$10; children 5 and under free (need a ticket); or family (parents, children to age 18) \$60. Draws include 50/50. For tickets call (306) 242-5150 to leave a message.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

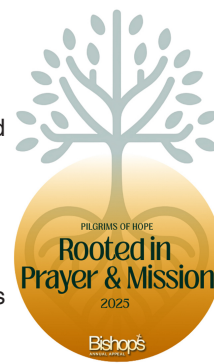
**"Pilgrims of Hope
Rooted in Prayer and Mission"**
Find this year's video, information, and
online giving at: dscf.ca/baa.

Featured Ministry:

The diocesan Office of Migration is one of the ministries supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. As a government-approved Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH), the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon Office of Migration supports and facilitates private sponsorship of individuals and families fleeing war, violence and persecution. Parishes sponsoring refugees through the diocesan SAH include the Cathedral of the Holy Family, Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Francis Xavier, Saint Anne, St. Paul Co- Cathedral, St. Philip Neri, and Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens. **For more information about refugee sponsorship or how you can get involved, contact the diocesan Office of Migration at migration@rcdos.ca.**

"I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." – *Matthew 25:35.*

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World Day of Migrants and Refugees

This year the universal Catholic Church will mark the World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday, Oct. 5 during the Jubilee of Migrants and the Missions being held in Rome. Find Pope Leo XIV's message for the day "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope" on the Vatican website: www.vatican.va

Diocesan Prayer - Loving God, as we reflect upon the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, we join Pope Leo in praying for the millions of men, women and children around our world who are forced to leave their homes in search of safety. We also pray for the Migration Ministry that is offered in our diocese with support from the Bishop's Annual Appeal, and for the parish committees and volunteers who offer hope to those they accompany on a journey of sponsorship and welcome.

Message Board

“Pilgrimage to the Shrines of France” info night will be held 7 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 2** at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Ave., Saskatoon, about a pilgrimage to France next year, led by Msgr. Maurice Fiolleau of the Diocese of Prince Albert Sept. 29 to Oct. 9, 2026.

Catholic Youth Clubs: Challenge for girls in Grades 3-12, and Conquest for boys in Grades 3 up, begin **Oct. 3**. **Challenge girls** meet Fridays 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/252383380271253> or contact skchallengegirls@gmail.com or (306) 715-7646. **Conquest boys** meet 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. on Fridays, usually at St. Matthew School in Saskatoon. Register for Conquest online at <https://conquestsaskatoon.com> or for more info, e-mail: conquest.saskatoon@gmail.com.

What gifts has the Holy Spirit given you to build up the Kingdom of God? Step One of the **Called and Gifted** discernment process will be offered from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Saturday, Oct. 4** at St. Patrick Parish, 3339 Centennial Dr., Saskatoon: <https://form.jotform.com/251317313056246> or contact mtibayan@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5843.

Pray with the Word of God: Verbum Dei Missionaries invite all young adults for a time of prayer with the Word of God from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. every other Saturday at 1132 Temperance St., Saskatoon. Upcoming dates are: **Oct. 4, Oct 18, Nov. 1, Nov. 15, Nov. 29, and Dec. 13**. RSVP or for info, contact: Sr. Mirasol Abala at mabala@rcdos.ca or Sr. Marta Piano at mpiano@rcdos.ca. (*Evangelization and Catechesis is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Awaken Adult Faith: “I Believe” series about the Creed will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in October at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. Cost is \$40 for the four sessions, held **Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28**. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/SaskatoonDiocese/awakenfall2025> or call Astrid Alas for information: (306) 659-5858. (*Adult Faith is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Catechist Connection is a one-hour digital gathering designed to build community and foster connections among catechists throughout the diocese. Each monthly session includes a brief teaching on a relevant topic to enhance the ministry of catechist, followed by open discussion, and the sharing of best practices. There are two times to choose from: noon to 1 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the following dates: **Oct. 8, Nov. 5, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 12, March 18, April 23, May 13, and June 11**. Info: Rural Catechetics Coordinator Quin Kleiboer at (306) 659-5857; Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/rhi-fqph-axi>. (*Rural Catechetics is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)



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Diocesan Congress Series

Three sessions - Open to all those interested!

- **Congress Day Oct. 9** with keynote speaker Jean-Paul de Fleuriot of Faith Room - 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. Cost \$25 (includes lunch).
- **Congress Music Ministry Workshop “The Heart of Worship” Oct. 10** with Cameron Turner and Jean-Paul de Fleuriot - 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 at Saint Anne Catholic Church, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon. Free-will offering (refreshments served).
- **Congress Day Intro to Intentional Accompaniment “Activating Leaders to the Ends of the Earth” Oct. 16** with leaders from Catholic Christian Outreach - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16. Cost \$25 (includes lunch).

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Humboldt Parish will offer The Rescue Project to explore faith questions 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Augustine Parish, 809 -10th St., Humboldt, SK, **Oct. 8 to Nov. 19**. Cost: \$50/adult or \$25/high school student; call the parish office at (306) 682-2106, deadline Oct. 1.

STM Lecture: “Abraham The Migrant: Search for Belonging” will be presented by Fr. Sami Helewa, SJ, at 7 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 9** at Fr. O'Donnell Auditorium, St. Thomas More College, 1437 College Dr., Saskatoon. All are welcome to this Leslie and Irene Dubé Catholic Studies event.

Blankets needed: Mission and Outreach Ministry at St. Mary Parish in Saskatoon is seeking donations of blankets, new or gently-used for those sleeping on the streets. E-mail jnunes@rcdos.ca or visit www.stmarysoutreach.com.

Tourtières for Sale: Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish in Saskatoon is again holding a “Tourtières” fund-raiser. These traditional French Canadian meat pies are \$20 each. To reserve contact: mhill@rcdos.ca or (306) 665-1829.

Seeking hospitality volunteers: The Catholic Pastoral Centre in Saskatoon is seeking volunteers to assist at diocesan events in preparing, serving, and replenishing refreshments, as well as clean-up. Contact: Marilyn Jackson at (306) 659-5836 or e-mail: mjackson@rcdos.ca.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 28 — 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, Sep 28, 2025

Who's on your doorstep?

Long-standing images of the fires of hell owe much to the vivid description of the afterlife contained in a gospel story. A rich man (later sometimes named Dives) suffers tormenting flames after death because he ignored poor Lazarus on his doorstep throughout his life. Medieval artists loved to illustrate the story because of its drama and visual potential. But beneath all the fire and brimstone lies a clear and direct message: Living only for one's own wealth and comfort leads to a living hell. If we hope to rest in the bosom of Abraham, we need to pay attention to the Lazarus waiting at our doorstep.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31 (138). *"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad."*

Monday, Sep 29, 2025

Choose your side

The Bible sometimes reads like a chapter from Dungeons and Dragons. In the apocalyptic passages of Daniel and the Book of Revelation we meet serpents, angels, ancient ones, prophets, and warriors. These characters are set against a backdrop of fire, war, struggle, truth, and deceit. Such images paint a picture of a God who takes sides. In reality the world is deeply interconnected, one in which we can see the human suffering on all sides of violent conflict. What image of God can convey the truth that God is for everyone? Or more to the point, how can we refocus our vision to understand that there are no sides but God's?

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51 (647). *"War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon."*

Tuesday, Sep 30, 2025

Savor these words

Saint Jerome, brilliant biblical scholar, patron of librarians and translators, was fascinated by the meaning of words. Unlike many translators of his day, he favored use of what modern scripture-scholar Father Leslie Hoppe, O.F.M. calls "dynamic equivalence." That is, Jerome sought to translate texts from their original Hebrew and Greek "sense for sense" rather than "word for word." Jerome's contributions to Catholics' understanding of the Bible are unsurpassed. But perhaps his most significant contribution was simply his love of the word. Spend some time today savoring the words and struggling with the meaning of scripture.

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456). *"Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?"*

Wednesday, Oct 01, 2025

Spiritual bouquet

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, known as the "Little Flower," is one of the most popular saints, owing to her inspirational simplicity. She spent almost a decade of her short life cloistered as a Carmelite nun expressing her thoughts in writings that were eventually shared with the world. "Love proves itself by deeds," she wrote, "so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers and these flowers

are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love." Scatter some flowers of loving deeds in honor of this great saint.

MEMORIAL OF THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62 (457). *"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God."*

Thursday, Oct 02, 2025

You've got a friend

Joan Wester Anderson has been writing about angels since 1989 after her son was mysteriously rescued from a devastating snow storm on Christmas Eve. That experience resulted in her first book of true stories of remarkable encounters with angels, *Where Angels Walk*. Since then, she has written many more books on the subject, and all of them offer spine-tingling, inspiring tales of ordinary people who have been rescued, healed, comforted, and sheltered by heavenly visitors. These amazing stories make the case that every one of us has a guardian angel. That's a proposition the church itself has made from the earliest times. Biblical scholar and Doctor of the Church Saint Jerome posited: "So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be." It's nice to know we're not alone.

MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Matthew 18:1-5, 10 (458/650). *"Their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."*

Friday, Oct 03, 2025

Models of what's possible

The biblical towns of Tyre and Sidon might bring to mind some modern-day big cities: prosperous, bustling, cosmopolitan—and spiritually hungry. Early in Jesus' ministry people from these distant port cities heard about the things Jesus was doing, and, though they were in some sense outsiders, they responded with more enthusiasm than many of those who were closer to Jesus. Jesus held up these "pagan" cities as models of what is possible when people express a genuine desire for spiritual nourishment. Respond to the gospel with enthusiasm, and your spirit will be rewarded.

Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16 (459). *"It will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you."*

Saturday, Oct 04, 2025

Do what you need to do

If Saint Francis of Assisi knew that his band of brother-beggars would one day be called Franciscans, he'd probably laugh, or sigh. He never set himself up as a model. Indeed, he admonished his brothers: "We ought to be ashamed of ourselves; the saints endured but we who are servants of God try to win honor and glory by recounting and making known what they have done." Good deeds are ours to do, according to Francis. At the end of his life, he made that point abundantly clear: "I have done what was mine to do. May Christ teach you what is yours to do." Time to get doing.

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI, RELIGIOUS

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24 (460). *"Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Bringing Home the Word

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September 28, 2025

Woe to the Complacent!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

In traditional societies, a woe is a frightening declaration. It was more than a warning. It was considered performative. This means that as soon as the words were spoken, what it described began to happen. The first verse in today's first reading states the woe; the last verse describes what will happen. And it did happen. Those with wealth and prestige were the first to be exiled from the land. It should be noted that the problem was not that they were wealthy. The Bible does not condemn wealth. The issue is how it was acquired and how it is used. The wealthy are condemned because their wealth made

them complacent, indifferent to the struggles of the poor.

A similar situation is found in the Gospel passage. It tells of two men: one quite prosperous and the other suffering overwhelming indignity. Their fates after death are reversed. One might think that they got their just deserts. But that is not the point of the story. The rich man wants the poor man to comfort him, but it is too late. Then, at least send the poor man to warn the rich man's family. And here is the point of the story: that should be unnecessary. They (and we) have the religious tradition, Moses, and the prophets, who have always taught that we must do what we can for our needy brothers and sisters. If they (or we) do not listen to our religious teachings, we probably will not listen to someone from the dead. Woe to the complacent! †

Sunday Readings

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Woe to those who are complacent in Zion.... They shall be the first to go into exile.

1 Timothy 6:11-16

You, man of God...pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

Luke 16:19-31

There was a rich man.... And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus.



***The wealthy are
condemned because
they were complacent,
indifferent to the
struggles of the poor.***

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church's social doctrine, to which we need to respond.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Am I more like the wealthy man or Lazarus?
- What can I do this week to please God?



The Stress of Yes and No

Elizabeth A. Herzing-Gebhart

At the heart of most stress-filled experiences is a half-baked “yes.” Recall those times you’ve agreed to do something and later regretted it so much that you went to great lengths to crawl your way out of the promise.

According to “The Zoe Report” in *HuffPost*, a common explanation might be, “I am a people pleaser,” but that is an oversimplification. “People-pleasing is not only about repeatedly saying yes, it is also about what we don’t say or do in order to avoid conflict.” The article helped me understand that when we say yes, we are also saying no to alternate possibilities.

It’s important to wrap our minds around this truth, because it can save us from disappointment and turmoil. Whether we tend to say yes or say no, our tendency typically applies to every decision—from simple ones, like whether to contribute to a potluck, to life-changing ones, like whether to change careers.

I recently heard about a woman who said yes when her boyfriend proposed, although her gut told her the relationship had run its course. In praying about the situation, she recognized that her acceptance of the proposal came from her fear of accepting the relationship’s failure, inflicting pain on others, and being alone. Ultimately, saying no would mean she would have to embrace her own internal conflicts, something she had neglected to acknowledge.

After prayer, she overcame her fear and ended the relationship. Later, when she entered the sacrament of marriage with someone else, she did so with a full understanding of the commitment and joy it encompasses. It is important to not overpromise and underdeliver. When you have to make a decision, give yourself and others who are involved the gift of time to assess all aspects of it. Pray about it. If you say yes, know what you’re also saying no to, and vice versa. Maintain a big-picture lens to avoid the stress of finding yourself in a less-than-desirable situation. †

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From “Angels: Servants of God, Guardians of the Faithful” by Michael Eisenbath

Perhaps the greatest angelic devotion for Catholics is reserved for Michael, whose feast is celebrated with Gabriel’s and Raphael’s every September 29. Michael is mentioned four times in Scripture: twice in the Book of Daniel, once in the Book of St. Jude, and once in Revelation. From those references, the Church has concluded that he has several key responsibilities, including to battle Satan, take the souls of the faithful departed to heaven, and be a champion of the Church. Angels resemble human beings in that they were created with intelligence and free will. The Church teaches that soon after their creation, the angelic spirits divided into two groups: those that freely submitted to God’s will and those who refused to do so. The evil spirits, led by the angel Lucifer, were driven out of heaven by the obedient angels, led by Michael.

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Loving and faithful God, help us learn the true joy of living together as brothers and sisters with all your children. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

September 29—
October 4

Monday, Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael:
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or Rv 12:7–12ab / Jn 1:47–51

Tuesday, St. Jerome:
Zec 8:20–23 / Lk 9:51–56

Wednesday, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus:
Neh 2:1–8 / Lk 9:57–62

Thursday, Holy Guardian Angels:

Neh 8:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12 /
Mt 18:1–5, 10

Friday, Weekday:

Bar 1:15–22 / Lk 10:13–16

Saturday, St. Francis of Assisi:

Bar 4:5–12, 27–29 / Lk 10:17–24

Bringing Home
the Word 

September 28, 2025

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Week of September 28, 2025



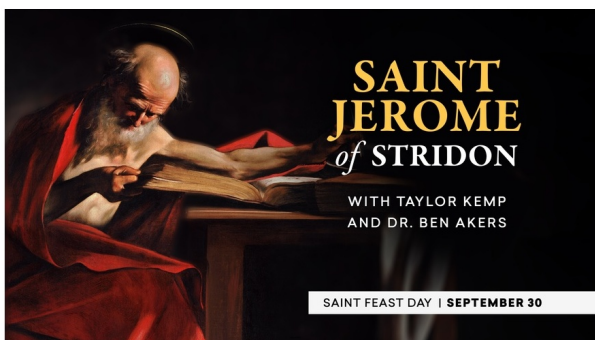
St. Therese | Littlest Saints

Which flower in Jesus's garden is the best? The most beautiful? St. Therese gives us her "little" answer to these questions.



St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction

From 4PM Media and The Ministry of the Wild Goose comes a breathtaking film on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. A fool according to the standards of the world, St. Francis' life was a sign of contradiction, convicting others of the beauty of Christ and his Gospel.



St. Jerome | Catholic Saints

An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists and famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

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Weekdays Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am

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Sundays, 1 - 4 pm

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