



October 19, 2025

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13 | 2 Tim 3:14—4:2 | Luke 18:1-8

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Studying Scripture is not a side dish on the plate of practicing the faith. It is an essential component of the virtuous life, and without it, our faith will surely falter. In his second letter to Timothy, Saint Paul reminds us that the Scriptures are the inspired Word of God and they train us in righteous living and equip us for every good work. There will undoubtedly be times when we feel ill-equipped – when we are fatigued, frustrated, or concerned. It is precisely in these moments that we’re invited to go quickly to the holy Word of God! Read it, pray with it, and invite the Spirit to speak to you through it. There you will find the wisdom needed to face every circumstance.

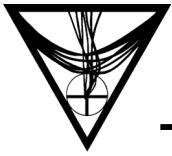
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our faith journey was never meant to be a solitary endeavor! We see this in today’s first reading when Aaron and Hur stand beside Moses, holding his weary arms in the air as the battle rages on against the Amalekites. This image of the three men on the mountain – Moses with his arms raised high, Aaron and Hur on either side supporting them – is a powerful image of companionship in the Christian life. When you feel too weary to pray, look around – the Lord has likely given you companions who can support you precisely in the ways you need at this time. Pay attention, too, to who God might be inviting you to support in prayer. Our Gospel tells us that God always hears our prayer and calls us to be persistent in prayer. Certainly, God will “secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night.” God calls us to persist in prayer because it reveals our faith and trust in him that we constantly bring our needs before him.

REFLECT

Our readings offer helpful tools to turn to when discouragement or isolation may cloud our spiritual vision. Take some time this week to listen to the Lord’s voice in Scripture. Or, if you’re feeling weary, ask a few friends to pray with and for you. Remember that although God may seem distant, he always hears us. Be persistent in bringing your needs to him and wait with patience – surely, he will come swiftly to your aid.



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OUR MISSION

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To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.'

MONTH OF THE *Rosary* • Visit our table in the Place of Welcome

OCTOBER 19	OCTOBER 20	OCTOBER 21	OCTOBER 22	OCTOBER 23	OCTOBER 24	OCTOBER 25
10a Mass 12p Mass 1-4p Adoration 7p Mass	9:30a Quilters 6:30p Eucharistic Ministry Training 6:30p RCIA	8:30a Mass 6:30p Eucharistic Ministry Training	8:30a Mass 7p Adoration	8:30a Mass 1:30p 55+ Cards	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration	11a-12p Confession 5p Mass Fellowship Sunday

This isn't just another book.
IT IS AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A SACRED JOURNEY—
a Spiritual Pilgrimage



The journey begins the week of **OCTOBER 21**

Visit the Connection Corner for times and to register



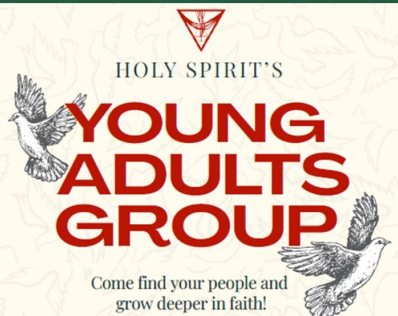
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October 25/26

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NEXT: October 26

Activities, Food, Reflection, Mass • Bring a friend • Ages 18-32



HOLY SPIRIT REQUIRES A WEEKEND SNOW SHOVELER

THIS IS A PAID POSITION
GOOD JUDGEMENT AND RELIABILITY ARE REQUIRED

CONTACT THE FACILITY MANAGER 306.374.1425 FOR DETAILS



HOLY SPIRIT CWL 55th Anniversary

November 8

1PM To 4PM

All current and former members are invited to attend
RSVP: MARGARET 306.227.8930 • holyspiritcwl@gmail.com

PASTOR • Fr. Joseph Salihu jsalihu@rcdos.ca

ASSOCIATE PASTOR • Michael Magaji mmagaji@rcdos.ca

**THE POPE'S
PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

For collaboration between different religious traditions.

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity. OCTOBER 2025

WE PLEDGE 5%

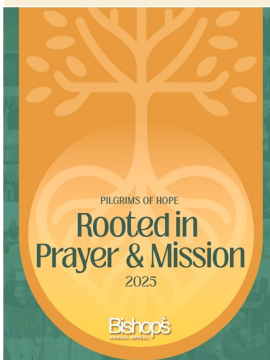
Each day many of our Holy Spirit Parishioners that have health and mobility challenges rely on the Daily TV Mass to stay connected to the Church and their faith. The daily Catholic Mass is broadcasted on the Vision TV channel Sunday to Sunday. The funds received will be used to pay a portion of the air time as the cost to air the Mass on television is \$2700.00. Many of our parishioners watch this Mass daily as they are homebound and unable to attend church. Thank you for your support. www.dailytvmass.com



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

KofC Membership Drive November 1/2

For more information or to sign up see the table in the Place of Welcome or go to holyspiritsaskatoon.ca



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

May we all be renewed in following Jesus and bearing witness to the abundant ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal, including Keewatin le Pas, to promote missionary vocations and the Church's mission Work.



Needing more children ages 7 and up for Melodia Singers Community Choir. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 6:30pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Performances are at St. Paul's co-Cathedral. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining our choir for all ages.

Information can be found at melodiasingers.com

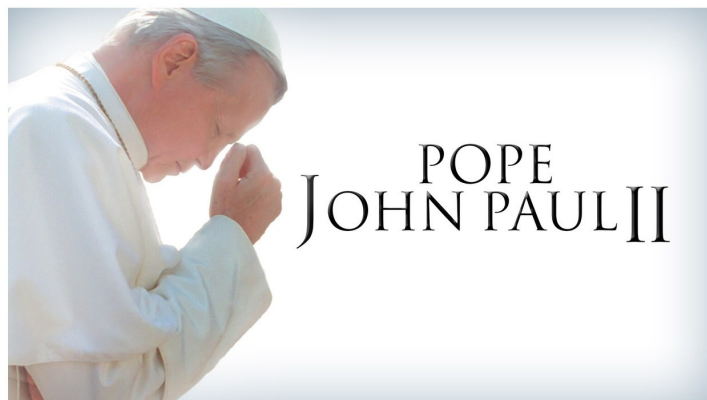
LET US PRAY

- For the sick and all those who care for them, today we pray for: Adel Gorges, Callam Olver, Phil Klassen, Evangeline Manzon, Erin Stevens, Ljupka Seman
- For all those who have died, today we remember: Bob Kudel
- And on the anniversary of death: Gary Kirilenko, Francis Ifeanyi Uchendu, Girlie Santos, Ruby De Castro

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Pope John Paul II

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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.



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October 9, 2025

Mission Sunday

Dear Clergy, Religious, Parishes, PLDs, Parish Administration

Every year, the Church celebrates Mission Sunday to remind us of the missionary dimension of our Christian vocation. It will be celebrated on October 19, 2025. We are invited to reflect on our commitment to the missionary movements, which the Pontifical Mission Society coordinates. Pope Leo chose the theme: "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples" to remind us of our responsibility to bring hope to everyone. He challenges us to prayer and community building as two effective means of sustaining hope in a world of despair.

As we celebrate Mission Sunday, I invite you to remind parishioners of their fundamental vocation as missionaries. I am attaching a poster with a link to a 2-minute video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5YQCdYu_Dk) to encourage them to pray and donate to the missions.

I appreciate your support,

Fr. Joseph Salihu
Delegate for Missions

MISSION SUNDAY



OCT.19TH.2025

THINGS TO DO

1. Show the video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5YQCdYu_Dk

2. Inform the people of the second collection
for missions



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Diocesan Missions Office

Each Vocation Begins with a "Yes"

Not a grand declaration, but a quiet, courageous assent to the whisper of God's call. Here in the Diocese of Saskatoon, that "yes" is being lived out daily by four remarkable young men discerning the priesthood. Their journeys offer a powerful witness to God's faithfulness, the strength of formation, and the fruit of community prayer and generosity.

Answering the Call

We are deeply blessed to be accompanying these men—Huy Le, Mischa Taillon, John Paul Wasan, and Matthew Witzaney—as they walk the path of discernment and formation. Their "yes" is a living testimony to the impact of our diocesan ministries like the Project Timothy mentoring initiative, CCO on Campus and the Sts. Benedict and Scholastica (SBS) Formation Program.

Their stories are unique but share a common thread: a heart deeply moved by love for Christ and a desire to serve His Church.

- **Huy Le**, in his third year of theology at Christ the King Seminary, is one of our most senior seminarians. A former student of biology at the University of Saskatchewan and graduate of the St. Benedict's Lay Formation Program, Huy's leadership in youth ministry at Our Lady of La Vang Vietnamese Parish is a model of faithful service.
- **Mischa Taillon and John Paul Wasan**, both science graduates from the U of S, encountered Christ more deeply through student ministry. Mischa, especially, credits CCO and Project Timothy as pivotal in his discernment journey—proof of how our local programs are forming tomorrow's Church leaders.
- **Matthew Witzaney**, from Denzil, SK, has been dedicated to parish life since his childhood days as an altar server. His missionary experience in Black Lake and academic formation at St. Thomas Aquinas College in California reveal a readiness to lead with compassion and clarity.

These men are not only studying theology they are living missionary discipleship. Their formation includes rigorous academic study, spiritual direction, pastoral placements, and deep community life, all made possible through your prayers and support.

Forming Missionary Disciples

Behind each seminarian stands an entire community of support. One of our most powerful formation tools is the Sts. Benedict and Scholastica House, a three-year program designed to develop young men into missionary disciples. The final year focuses on pastoral formation, where participants like Jarrod Daunheimer and Connor Patterson experience deep spiritual growth through prayer, service, and community engagement.

The house has become a spiritual home for men seeking God's will, whether they pursue priesthood or simply desire a more authentic Catholic life. As Jarrod reflects, "The Rule, the practices of prayer, and the experiences of community all contribute to create an environment filled with the Holy Spirit, in which discernment becomes clearer."

We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting these vocations. Your BAA donation whether large or small directly funds tuition, spiritual formation, and pastoral training. Most importantly, it tells these young men: "You are not alone. We believe in you."

You can designate your gift specifically for seminarian support, or reach out to our diocesan office to learn more about how you can help. And whether or not you are able to give financially, please continue to pray. Every prayer, every Mass offered, and every word of encouragement plants seeds of hope.

A Church Alive with Vocations

The Diocese of Saskatoon is alive with the Spirit, and the fruits are undeniable. Through your support and the tireless work of so many—priests, religious, formators, and lay mentors—we are building a Church ready to serve and evangelize with joy.

Let us thank God for the gift of these four men who have said "yes," and for all those still listening for His call.

May we continue to be a diocese that fosters vocations, forms disciples, and walks with Christ.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." – Luke 10:2

Your contributions to the BAA enables this ministry to work with community partners and parishes



Give online at: <https://dscf.ca/baa> or contact
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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
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All Prayers will be given to
Sr. Malou and her Prayer
Group to include in their
prayers.

Prayer Intention: _____

Holy Spirit Parish Financial Stewardship

Fall Financial Update – Income and Expense

As at September 30, 2025

Total Ordinary Income	<u>\$747,612</u>
Total Ordinary Expense	<u>\$714,962</u>
Net Ordinary Income	\$32,650

Major Capital Improvements	(\$765,380)
Building Fund Donations	\$128,882
Net Reduction in Cash	(\$636,498)
(Excluding ordinary income)	

As shown above, parishioner contributions cover the day-to-day operations of the Parish with a small margin. It is important that parishioner contributions equal or exceed ordinary expenses so that the Parish can preserve and rebuild its savings for the future.

Major capital projects have reduced our cash savings by roughly \$636,000, after considering the donations made through the end of September. It is expected that there will be roughly another \$365,000 of expenses to complete the major mechanical project and roof repairs, resulting in a net reduction to cash of roughly \$1,000,000 during 2025 based on donations to date towards the *Caring for our Church Home* campaign.

Please continue to pray and discern your financial contributions to the parish which are needed to support all the church ministries, day to day operating expenses, and to replenish the savings of the parish so it remains financially health well into the future.

Thanks for your continued financial support.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER 19, 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Diocesan Bulletin

Oct. 19, 2025 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday

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<https://rcdos.ca>



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

Upcoming Events

Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit, Designed and Created by St. Carlo Acutis will be presented from 7 p.m. to 9:30 pm on **Tuesday, Oct. 21** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon; presentations 7 p.m., musical Eucharistic Adoration 7:45 p.m.; viewing of exhibit 8 p.m.

Endow: Fellowship and Study of St. John Paul II's Letter to Women will be held Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., beginning **Oct. 23** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd., Saskatoon. Register by e-mailing Alicia and Sue at: holyfamilywwp@gmail.com. "Endow" is a Catholic apostolate calling women together to study Church documents and lives of saints: <https://endowgroups.org>.

St. Patrick Fall Supper will be held **Sunday, Oct. 26** at 3339 Centennial Dr., Saskatoon, doors open 4:30 p.m.; supper 5 p.m. Tickets: \$25 / over 13; \$15 / 6-12; free for 5 and under (ticket required.) Tickets: parish office (306) 384-1100; after weekend Mass, or call Abel at (306) 717-3135.

Multi-Cultural Celebration: St. Mary Parish, 211 Ave. O S., Saskatoon, is hosting a Multi-Cultural Celebration from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Sunday Oct. 26** in the parish hall. During this afternoon of multi-cultural performances, international food and crafts will also be available for purchase. Admission: adult/\$10; child (6-10 years)/\$5; children under 6/free. Proceeds go to radiators to heat the church.

STM Keenan Lecture: "Protecting Civilians in a Turbulent Age" will be presented 7 p.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 29** by Dr. Jennifer Welsh at the Shannon Library, St. Thomas More College, 1437 College Drive, Saskatoon. A graduate of the University of Saskatchewan, Welsh is currently the Canada 150 Research Chair in Global Governance and Security at McGill University, and the Director of the Max Bell School of Public Policy. The lecture will also be live-streamed, register to view at: <http://bit.ly/KeenanLecture2025>.

Celebrating 55 Years: Holy Spirit CWL Anniversary Social: An afternoon of celebration and fellowship will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, Nov. 8** as Holy Spirit CWL marks its 55th anniversary at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon. All current and former members are invited to this come-and-go event of light refreshments and entertainment; no registration necessary.

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.

Vocations, Formation, Mission

Four young men are presently studying
for the priesthood for our diocese.

Please pray for diocesan seminarians
Huy Le, Mischa Taillon, John Paul Wasan,
and Matthew Witzaney as they walk a
path of discernment and formation.

Young men and women in our diocese
also continue to discern their vocation
through other ministries supported by
the Bishop's Annual Appeal, such as

Project Timothy and the Sts. Benedict and Scholastica

Formation program. On this World Mission Sunday,

we also recall the impact of gifts to the Bishop's Annual
Appeal in supporting the outreach and ministries
provided by the northern Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

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World Mission Sunday Oct. 19

Every year, the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday, to remind us of the missionary dimension of our Christian vocation. A collection today will support the missionary movements which the Pontifical Mission Society (also known as "Missio") coordinates in our world. Pope Leo has chosen the theme: "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples," challenging us to prayer and community as two effective means of sustaining hope in a world of despair.

Bishop Hagemoen's Delegate for Missions, Fr. Joseph Salihu, reminds us of our fundamental vocation as missionaries. View a two-minute video to encourage prayer and donations for the mission work coordinated by the Pontifical Mission Society:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5YQCdYu_Dk.

Let us join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News. May we respond to Christ's call to share our faith in Jesus so that all may experience God's love.

Message Board

“Where Now For Visible Unity?” A Watch Party for Plenary Sessions of the 6th World Conference on Faith and Order in Egypt is offered through the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism in Saskatoon at various times from **Oct. 24 to 28**. Visit the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism website to join in: <https://pcecumenism.ca> or call (306) 653-1633. Find more info at www.oikoumene.org/events/nicaea-2025. (*Ecumenism is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

FacetoFace United will be held **Oct. 25–26** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon for Grades 9-12; spots are filling fast. Engaging talks, dynamic music, prayer, and community, to help youth take the next step in making Jesus the centre of their lives; cost is: participant \$115; chaperone \$55. All youth must attend with a chaperone (at least one chaperone for every eight youth): <https://facetofaceministries.ca/events>.

Knights of Columbus fund-raising Turkey Buffet in support of Canadian Aid to Persecuted Christians (CAPC) will be held **Saturday, Nov. 1** at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon; cocktails 5 p.m., dinner 6:20 p.m.; tickets \$35 each. There will be silent auction, a 50-50 draw, and a cash bar. For tickets contact Larry Packet at (306) 567-3180 or John Marshall at (306) 362-8534 or Nadeem Bhatti at (306) 717-7725. CAPC advocates and assists minorities and Christians who are persecuted. Find more information at: <http://capc.life>.

How has God gifted you? The Called and Gifted discernment process helps you discover your charisms - gifts given to you to build up God's Kingdom. The Introductory workshop will be held **Nov. 1** at St. Mary Parish in Macklin, Sk., from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/252308355162251> or for more info contact Sr. Malou Tibayan at mtibayan@rcdos.ca. (*Called and Gifted is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

World Hospice and Palliative Care Day was recently marked as a global call to ensure that every person can receive comfort, care, and dignity at the end of life. Here in Saskatchewan, the need for quality palliative care continues to grow far faster than the resources provided. When families cannot access support at home or in care facilities, people can feel abandoned or forced into choices they never wanted like medically-provided death (known as MAiD). Together, we can urge provincial leaders to strengthen palliative care, invest in home supports, and ensure that every person receives care that honours life at every stage. Take one minute to make a difference: visit the “No Options, No Choice” website to send your letter to the government: www.nooptionsnochoice.com/english/take-action-saskatchewan-consent. Your voice matters.



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Feminine Genius Film Forum

The full-length movie “Mother Teresa” starring Olivia Hussey will be shown

Wednesday, Oct. 29

Two times to choose from:

1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. OR 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This “Feminine Genius” follow-up event will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, shown with permission, by free-will donation.

Includes drink and popcorn; everyone is welcome!

Space is limited; registration is required, online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/251257791562261>

or contact Sr. Malou Tibayan, Verbum Dei Fraternity:

mtibayan@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5843.

(*Adult Faith is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal*)

Search Retreat for Grades 10-12 will be held **Nov. 7-9** in Saskatoon: This powerful Catholic youth retreat is peer-based, revolving around talks given by young adults for young adults. Find out more about Search or register online for Nov. 7-9 at: <https://saskatoonsearch.ca>. (*Youth Ministry is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Grow Hope Saskatchewan is helping to feed the hungry around the world: As Grow Hope wraps up harvest in its eighth growing season, there is still time to sponsor an acre and play an active role in bringing food relief to hundreds of millions through a partnership with a handful of Saskatchewan farmers in a program relying on donations to cover costs. See: www.growhopesk.ca or contact Myron Rogal at (306) 659-5841 or mrogal@rcdos.ca. (*Justice and Peace is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Diocesan Prayer - On this World Mission Sunday, we pray for ministries related to mission supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal — such as vocations; the formation and education of priests, religious and laity; and the ministry provided by the northern diocese of Keewatin-Le Pas. May we all be renewed in following Jesus as we hold in prayer the abundant ministries that respond to Christ's great commission to “Go, therefore, and make disciples.”

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Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

October 19, 2025

Keep at It

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We ask something of God because we recognize that we are needy and unable to meet the need for which we plead. This itself is a good prayer because it acknowledges our human limitation, an acknowledgment that might be very difficult for us to voice. Such prayer is also an admission of our dependence on God and our trust in God's loving care. A prayer of petition can be profound. However, what are we to do when our request is not realized? Do we ask again? And, if so, how many times? If it is never realized, do we stop asking? This is precisely the issue in today's readings.

Moses held his hands up in prayer, and he grew tired. His prayer addressed a community need—victory over the Amalekites—and two leaders of the community assisted him so that the plea for help could continue until victory was won.

The gospel passage tells a story about a woman whose need of justice made her bold. As a widow in a patriarchal society, she had no husband to speak on her behalf. She had to plead her own case again and again until a just decision was delivered. The moral of these stories is clear: Keep at it!

What happens when our prayer does not seem to be answered? It is still a good prayer, acknowledging our fundamental need and God's loving care of us. The moral of our story is the same: Trust and keep at it! 

Sunday Readings

Exodus 17:8–13

Moses' hands, however, grew tired.... Aaron and Hur supported his hands...so that his hands remained steady until sunset.

2 Timothy 3:14–4:2

Proclaim the word; be persistent.

Luke 18:1–8

[Jesus] told them a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary.



***When our prayer does
not seem to be answered,
it is still a good prayer.***

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

Peace...is the first gift of Christ: "My peace I give to you" (John 14:27). It engages and challenges each of us.... Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words, too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.

AUDIENCE OF THE HOLY FATHER,
ROME, MAY 16, 2025



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- Am I as persistent in prayer as I am in pursuing other life goals?
- What would help my prayer life?



A Novena—Don't Break the Streak!

Paige Byrne Shortal

Just before his ascension into heaven, Jesus instructed the apostles to remain in Jerusalem and “wait for ‘the promise of the Father’ about which you have heard me speak” (Acts 1:4). That promise was the Holy Spirit. After Jesus was “lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight” (Acts 1:9), the apostles did as they were instructed and returned to Jerusalem. There, along with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and about 120 other men and women, they went to an upper room and devoted themselves to prayer, waiting for the promised Spirit. They prayed for nine days; on the tenth day, the feast of Pentecost, the promise of God was fulfilled as the Spirit descended upon them all. This was the first novena.

The word “novena” is from the Latin, meaning “ninefold.” Typically, a novena is prayed for nine consecutive days, but it can also be nine consecutive weeks on the same day of the week. Making a novena helps us persevere in prayer. It’s a kind of holy “streak,” motivating us to keep a promise. “Don’t break the streak” is a familiar refrain to those who are fans of Duolingo or Wordle or those who are trying to form a good habit like regularly exercising or journaling or visiting a loved one once a week.

To pray a novena, it’s best to decide on a particular time of day and, if possible, a particular place to pray where you won’t be interrupted. If you are journaling, keep your notebook or laptop or phone (silenced, please!) nearby. Get quiet. Settle down. Begin with the sign of the cross, a moment of silence, and the opening prayer. Then turn to that day’s meditation. Afterward, give yourself a little time to think about what you have read, then end with an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be. Pray for perseverance and don’t break the streak!

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From “The Power and Benefits of Meditative Prayer” by Gregory P. Knapik, PhD

We are blessed with powerful meditative prayers, the most common and deeply enriching being the rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Others include novenas, litanies, and the tradition of *lectio divina*. Meditative prayer can provide comfort, solace, and sanctuary in our fragmented, too-often hectic and stressed-out lives. It doesn’t require tons of time—it takes minutes, not hours—and everyone can benefit from it. Cradle Catholics may recall being told as a child to say the rosary, and they might have thought, *No way! Fifty Hail Marys, six Our Fathers, the Creed! It’s too long and boring! Isn’t one Hail Mary enough?* After many years on my faith journey, I now realize I was way off the mark. Praying the rosary is no dreary duty; it’s a blessed privilege. Thank you, holy Mary, and my Catholic faith.

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Faithful and ever-present God, forgive us our lack of constancy and inspire us in our prayer that we may know and love you and your people. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

October 20–25

Monday, Weekday:

Rom 4:20–25 / Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday, Weekday: Rom 5:12, 15b,

17–19, 20b–21 / Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday, Weekday:

Rom 6:12–18 / Lk 12:39–48

Thursday, Weekday:

Rom 6:19–23 / Lk 12:49–53

Friday, Weekday:

Rom 7:18–25a / Lk 12:54–59

Saturday, Weekday:

Rom 8:1–11 / Lk 13:1–9

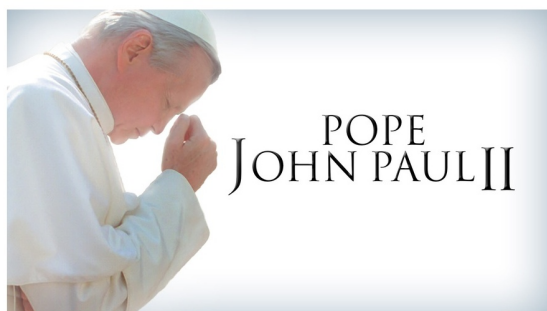
Bringing Home
the Word 

October 19, 2025

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This Week on Formed

Week of October 19, 2025



Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.



Slaves and Kings

Following the life of St. Anthony Mary Clare—Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain—this film tells the compelling story of one of Spain's most popular preachers and founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Saint John Paul II | Lukas Storyteller

Lukas, tired of seeing the same bored look on his friends' faces, decides to tell them a captivating story. Not just any story, but a tale of a young Karol Wojtyła, who would one day become Pope John Paul II! The kids wouldn't believe the adventures young Karol had, and how they would inspire them to create their own unforgettable day.

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Sunday, Oct 19, 2025

No need to duke it out

"Sometimes I get so mad at God," one woman told the priest, "that I'd like to punch him right in the nose!" Yikes! It sounds irreverent, but that's exactly what Jesus is saying in an amusing parable about a widow and a judge. The judge renders a decision for the widow because he fears the woman will strike him! If that's true for a worldly judge, Jesus says, how much more will the Judge of All be quick to answer a prayer. Faith, then, is waiting in joyful and expectant hope for our God, the truly just judge, who answers all our prayers. So you can put the gloves away.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8 (147). *"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"*

Monday, Oct 20, 2025

Be generous with your time

Jealously guarding our time can be considered a form of greed. We receive from God the gift of 24/7; we need to give some of it away. That's why this week we observe Pastoral Care Week, sponsored by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. This week was established to recognize the many ways church professionals respond with attentive listening to those with physical, emotional, or spiritual concerns. Hospitals, prisons, nursing homes, and your local parish will accept volunteers who wish to donate their time for this important work. "What does love look like?" Saint Augustine asks. "It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others. That is what love looks like." Cut loose a couple of hours a week and give them to someone in need.

Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21 (473). *"The one who stores up treasure for himself is not rich in what matters to God."*

Tuesday, Oct 21, 2025

The virtue of patience

Waiting is among the greatest spiritual challenges a believer faces. Twentieth-century French philosopher and Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, whose visionary writings were not always well received in certain Catholic circles, knew what it meant to wait. It wasn't until several decades after his death that the church fully embraced his theological insights. His prayer "Patient Trust," borne out of his own trials, continues to offer hope for those who wait: "Above all, trust in the slow work of God. /We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. . . /Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete."

Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38 (474). *"Be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks."*

Wednesday, Oct 22, 2025

Hold yourself accountable

On the back of countless trucks on our highways appears the curious inquiry: "How is my driving?" The accompanying number to call invites our critique. What if we all came equipped with signs inviting the moral critique of those around us? We might be

surprised and not at all pleased with the feedback. Thankfully, Christianity doesn't rely on external judgment; Jesus even warned against judging others. But we are encouraged to perform our own regular examination of conscience. Take a look at your life and loves, relationships and resources, talents and time. How are you doing?

Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48 (475). *"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much."*

Thursday, Oct 23, 2025

Light a fire under your spiritual growth

Jesus shocks his disciples—and many of us as well, no doubt—when he declares that he came not to establish peace but rather division, to "set the earth on fire." What kind of fire did he have in mind? Fire in biblical times was associated with God's action in the world and the lives of people. Jesus is using strong language to impress upon us the importance of taking responsibility for our spiritual growth. Do our relationships, choices, lifestyles, and loyalties reflect the seriousness of the call to spiritual maturity? If not, what can we do today to begin to put things right?

Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53 (476). *"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?"*

Friday, Oct 24, 2025

Read the signs

We're used to thinking about God as "hidden" or invisible, requiring an effort to perceive in the world around us, and one whom we will know fully only when we die. After all, doesn't Saint Paul say, "Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face"? But it's also true that signs of God, as Jesus said, lie everywhere and are as obvious as a cloud bringing rain or a hot wind promising warm weather. So be a meteorologist for God. The signs of Christ's presence are all around. Where do you see them?

Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59 (477). *"You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky; why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"*

Saturday, Oct 25, 2025

Make God decisions

One of the choices life offers is whether to let God be part of your life. Of course, God is always present, within you and around you, but you can choose to ignore, shut out, or pretend God isn't there. Saint Paul called this "I don't need God attitude" living in "the flesh" and believed this illusion of self-sufficiency hid the road to death. Openness to the divine, though—to the power and Spirit of Christ—guides you to life in God. "If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness," advises Saint Charles Borromeo. Find some ways to choose God today.

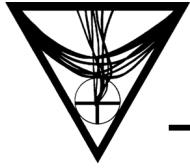
Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9 (478). *"If Christ is in you, ... the spirit is alive because of righteousness."*

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



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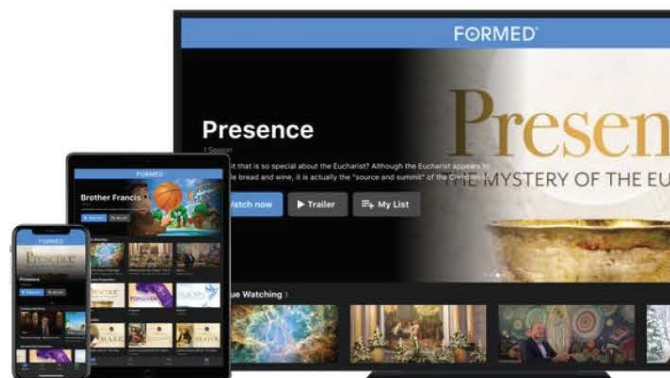


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