



October 18, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6 | 1 Thes 1:1-5b | Mt 22:15-21

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

A mentor once told me that there is no sweeter sound than that of one's own name. It communicates that one is seen, known, and cared for. We read in Isaiah today that God has chosen Cyrus and has called him by name. In the Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul and his followers "give thanks to God always" for all in the community, knowing that each brother and sister is "loved by God" and "chosen." And although these words are written about Cyrus and the Thessalonians, we trust that God speaks these words to us as well. We have each been chosen. Our Father calls each of us by name. It is sometimes difficult to believe that God desires *me* and chooses *me* individually. It is a love that I often fail to reciprocate, despite my desire to do so. But that does not diminish the love God has for me. I am not lost in the crowd of history and humanity. Each of us was created with love and rejoiced over by our heavenly Father.

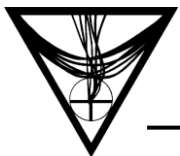
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When Jesus is asked in today's Gospel about the taxes due to Caesar, he does not falter with his response. We must live the truth of our faith in the world, but ultimately, what the world asks of us is not the same as what our Creator desires. Taxes are paid out of obligation, but God asks for our love. In using the talents God has given us in caring for our brothers and sisters, we acknowledge the fullness of the majesty and wonder of our Creator. We do not have to isolate ourselves from this world, but we must remember that we were not created for this world. We have already been chosen and claimed by our loving Father. And it is to him that we offer the gift of our heart, which is infinitely more valuable than coins.

REFLECT

In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ also says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (6:21) In light of today's Gospel, we must also consider whether our participation in society in any way prevents us from offering ourselves totally to God. Spend some time reflecting on what it is that you truly treasure. Do you reserve the offering of your heart for God? Or are you giving to the world what should be reserved for God?



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.’

MONTH of *The Holy Rosary*

Sunday October 18	Monday October 19	Tuesday October 20	Wednesday October 21	Thursday October 22	Friday October 23	Saturday October 24
CWL Clothing Drive 10a Mass 12:30p Mass 1:30p-4pm Adoration 7p Mass	9:30a CWL Quilters 6:30p RCIC 6:30p RCIA	8:30a Mass 6p First Fruits	8:30a Mass 2p Funeral Planning 7p Funeral Planning 7p Musical Adoration	8:30a Mass 1:30p 55+ Cards 6p Youth Choir	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration	11a-12p Confession 5p Mass Fr. Michael Anniversary Potluck

LIVE-STREAM MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10 AM MASS [FACEBOOK.COM/HOLYSPIRITSASK](https://facebook.com/holyspiritsask)

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2026 — Living the Father's Will
WEEK THREE — VOCATIONS AND THE CALL TO SERVE

Vocations

Every vocation begins with a simple question: “Lord, what are You calling me to do?”

By supporting vocations, we help ensure that future generations will continue to experience the sacraments, pastoral care, and spiritual leadership that sustain our Catholic faith.

Family Life Ministry

Families are the heart of our Church and society. Family Life Ministry supports individuals and families through all stages of life. This ministry helps families navigate both joys and challenges while remaining rooted in faith. It creates opportunities for healing, growth, and connection while strengthening family relationships.

The fundraising goal for Holy Spirit Parish has been set at \$178,000. Any thing raised beyond this goal is returned directly to our parish!

Visit dscf.ca/baa or the BAA table in the Place of Welcome for more information and to donate!



Who does BAA help? Watch the ministry videos to find out!
dscf.ca/baa-parish-resources

Pray the Rosary with us in October
every Sunday at 9:30AM

Musical Adoration

Wednesday, October 21 7-8PM

Come pray in the Presence of Jesus while music is played and sung to help focus our hearts.

The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available

Fr. Michael's

25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 24

Potluck Supper after 5PM Mass

SIGN UP AT THE CONNECTION CORNER

MINISTRY OF CARE PRESENTS

Funeral Planning Workshop

Wednesday, October 21

2PM and 7PM Holy Spirit Parish

No Cost/Refreshments Provided

We will cover all aspects of a funeral; the Liturgy, the finances and the planning; with people from each area to answer your questions.

REGISTER FOR EITHER SESSION

306-374-1425 | kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca

For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses. OCTOBER 2026



"Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission"
CWL is open to all women of the parish 16 years or older.
Our next CWL meeting will be November 10, beginning with Mass at 6:30pm. All Ladies welcome.
Clothing Drive: The CWL will be holding a clothing drive for the CWL Clothing Depot on October 17 and 18. We are specifically looking for winter clothing, bedding, towels and new toys. Currently, we are unable to accept other household items.
President: Melanie Fauchoux (306) 220-9520
holyspiritecw@gmail.com

**First Reconciliation
& First Communion**
REGISTRATION
CLOSES OCT. 20



for more info & registration form
holyspiritsaskatoon.ca

First Fruits
A small group for those in the early stages of parenting. Starts October 20.
Sign up online or at the Connection Corner



55+ Cards
Thursday, October 22 **1:30-4pm**

Millions of Monica's
Monday, October 26 **7PM**

Magnifica Humanitas -- Magnificent Humanity
MAKE & MEND
OCT 27 6:30-8PM
Join us by the fireplace for an informal gathering and learn some skills or share your knowledge. Bring your mending, knitting, crochet or other handicraft.
"When human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanization, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human." -MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS 15

LET US PRAY

- For the sick and all those who care for them, today we pray for:** Vera Wolkosky, Frederick Vizeacoumar, Vijaykumar Soupramaniam Modaliar, Evangeline Manzon, Adel Gorges, Mary Cody, Camilla Wren, Zelpha Rolph, Marygold Uchendi, Stephen Faytaren
- For all those who have died, today we remember:** Peter Stroh, Gus Sander, Alice Plewes, Father Emmanuel Bamidele Olushola
- And on the anniversary of death:** Cecilia King

Memorial Mass
November 6 7PM
We will commemorate all those that have died in the past twelve months. If you wish, you may bring a photograph, or the memorial card of your deceased loved one for display during the liturgy.
LIVESTREAM
Holy Spirit Parish Facebook & saskatoomass.com

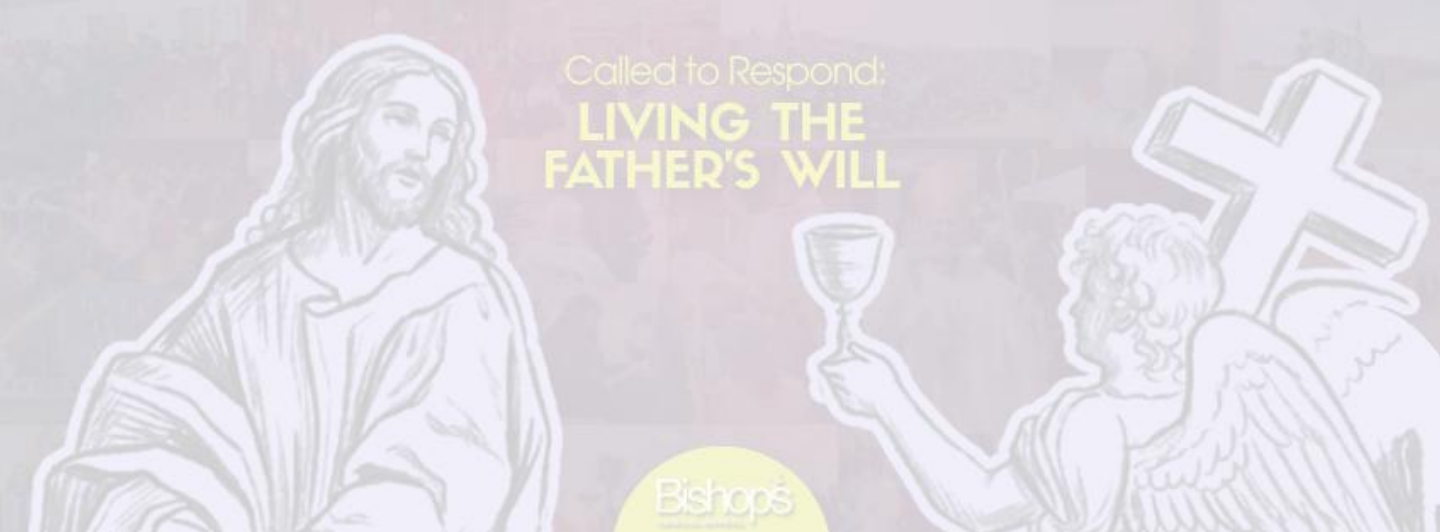
Drop-in Bible Study
The Book of Revelation: a story about the past, present, and future
Wednesdays November 4, 18, 25
9:45AM | AFTER MORNING MASS

Holy Spirit requires a weekend snow shoveller. This is a paid position.
Contact the Facility Manager
306.374.1425 for details.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to free access to all the content.



MASS TIMES	ADORATION	CONFESSIONS
Saturday 5 pm	Wednesdays 7-8pm	Saturdays 11 am - 12 noon
Sunday 10 am, 12:30pm, 7 pm	Fridays, 9 am - 12 pm	<i>or by appointment.</i>
Weekdays Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am	Sundays, 1:30 - 4 pm	



Called to Respond:
**LIVING THE
FATHER'S WILL**

Bishop's

WEEK FOUR — VOCATIONS AND THE CALL TO SERVE

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2026 — Living the Father's Will

For vocations to the priesthood, religious life, marriage and generous lay service: that each of us may discern where God is calling and have the courage to respond. We pray especially for our seminarians and for all who accompany people in discovering their vocation, that the Bishop's Annual Appeal may strengthen this important work of the Church; let us pray to the Lord.

Vocations

Every vocation begins with a simple question: "Lord, what are You calling me to do?"

The Vocations Office accompanies individuals as they discern God's plan for their lives. Whether called to priesthood, religious life, marriage, or dedicated lay ministry, this ministry helps people listen for God's voice and respond with courage.

The ministry supports seminarians, promotes discernment opportunities, and encourages a culture where vocations are nurtured within families and parish communities.

By supporting vocations, we help ensure that future generations will continue to experience the sacraments, pastoral care, and spiritual leadership that sustain our Catholic faith.

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By investing in families, we invest in the future of our Church and our communities.

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-Magnifica Humanitas 15

**Let us not build another Tower of Babel;
let us become builders of communion!**





Diocesan Bulletin

Oct. 18, 2026 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday

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

Upcoming Events

Funeral Pre-Planning: This free workshop is presented by the parish Ministry of Care at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. on **Wednesday, Oct. 21** at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon, covering all aspects of a funeral, the liturgy, the finances and the planning. There will be people present of these areas to answer questions. To register for afternoon or evening, contact Kelly at (306) 374-1425 or kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca.

Forty Hours for Life is held **weekdays 9 a.m. to noon** at the corner of 7th Avenue and Queen Street in Saskatoon. Signs are provided. If you have time to commit to this time of prayerful witness, contact campaignlifesk@gmail.com or call (306) 249-2764.

"Learn, Connect and Respond Together" is an ecumenical event to learn about needs in the community and the response of local service organizations, to be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, Oct. 24** at St. Mary Parish Hall, corner of Avenue O and 20th Street West, Saskatoon. This information event is hosted by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and the Saskatoon Inner City Council of Churches. Please bring non-perishable food items for the First Baptist Food Pantry and/or blanket donations for the winter warm-up location at St. Mary Parish Hall (monetary donations are also welcome for St. Mary Mission and Outreach: www.stmarysoutreach.com.) For more info about the public information event, Oct. 24 please see: pcecumenism.ca/learn-connect-and-respond-together/.

CHAS Convention - Shared Vision, Sacred Work: Growing Healing Communities: The Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) will hold its 2026 Annual Convention, **Oct. 29-30** at St. Joseph Church, 260 25th St. East, **Prince Albert**. For details or registration see: <https://chassk.ca/annual-convention-2026>.

United Conference for Grades 9-12, a high-energy conference for youth **Oct. 31 - Nov. 1** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon, presented by FacetoFace Ministries, offering practical steps that encourage youth to desire more in their relationship with Jesus. Any adults attending must be registered as official chaperones. Chaperones may supervise up to eight youth participants. Please see: <https://facetofaceministries.ca/events>.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Called to Respond: Living the Father's Will"

Find this year's video, information, and online giving at:

dscf.ca/baa

Featured Ministry - Youth and Young Adults

The diocesan office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry continues to form intentional missionary disciples by bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ into the lives of youth and young adults. Behind every retreat, training, and youth gathering is the generosity of those who give. The Bishop's Annual Appeal is helping to ensure that faith continues to flourish.

Bishop's
ANNUAL APPEAL



Bishop's Annual Appeal - Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, SK, S7S 1H1
<https://dscf.ca/baa> / admin@dscf.ca / (306) 659-5851

Search Youth Retreat for Grades 10-12 Nov. 13-15 in the Diocese of Saskatoon:

Search live-in faith enrichment weekend is held at E.D. Feehan Catholic School, \$100 (*includes food and accommodation, funding assistance is available*).

Pre-register online by Nov. 9 deadline at

<https://saskatoonsearch.ca>

or for more information, contact Evangelization and Mission Leader John Hickey at jhickey@rcdos.ca.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at 12:15 p.m. **Saturday, Oct. 24** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, to celebrate the **recent profession of perpetual vows** (on Aug. 22, 2026) to the Queenship of Mary Community in Ottawa by Sr. Maryam Josephine of the Child Jesus (Micheline Thibault of Saskatoon). A light lunch will follow in the hall.

World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea: A World Youth Day Pilgrimage from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon will take place from **July 27 to Aug. 9, 2027**. A few spots are still available: for more information, contact Sr. Marta Piano at mpiano@rcdos.ca.

Message Board

“One in Christ, United in Mission” – World Mission Sunday Oct. 18: For 100 years, World Mission Sunday has been a day for prayer, reflection, and practical contributions to the Church’s mission of evangelization, especially in areas where the proclamation of the Gospel is only just beginning and where the Church faces challenges. Join the collection for the Pontifical Mission Societies on World Mission Sunday, Oct. 18, which makes possible the work of missionaries who build churches and schools, provide health care, train seminarians, support catechists, and serve vulnerable communities. To make a gift online or learn more, see: www.missionsocieties.ca/ways-to-give or use the Oct. 18 parish collection envelope to make a gift.

Anchor: Chronic Illness Prayer Support Group for people living with chronic illness and their caregivers will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Monday, Oct. 19** at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Dr. Saskatoon. To register, please contact Dietta Todos at durr2todos@gmail.com.

Apostolate of the Precious Blood will meet **Tuesday, Oct. 27** from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Saint Anne Catholic Church, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon, to pray the rosary, litany and chaplet of the Precious Blood. All are welcome.

“The Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence” is the topic of the 37th Annual Michael Keenan Memorial Lecture 7 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 29** at the Shannon Library at St. Thomas More College, 1437 College Drive, Saskatoon, with guest lecturer Fr. Philip Larrey, Ph.D., a Catholic priest and professor of philosophy at Boston College. The lecture will also be live-streamed – register to receive a link: <https://stmcollege.ca/events/index.php>.

Catechist Connection is a one-hour online gathering that brings catechists from across the diocese together for encouragement, learning, and sharing. Choose either noon to 1 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for online sessions offered **Tuesday, Nov. 3**. For more information and the Zoom link, please contact: Quin Kleiboer, diocesan Rural Catechesis Coordinator at (306) 659-5857 or gkleiboer@rcdos.ca. (*Rural Catechesis is supported by gifts to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.*)

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The Catechetical Forum

The Catechetical Forum is a day designed to renew, encourage, and equip those who teach the faith to children and adults in parishes across the diocese of Saskatoon. Gatherings at four deaneries will include focused teaching, round-table discussion, prayer, and reflection, and the sharing of practical ideas and best practices, with each event held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- **Eatonia Deanery - Nov. 7**, St. Joseph, Kindersley: <https://form.jotform.com/262721076104247>
- **Wadena Deanery - Nov. 14**, St. Joseph, Kelvington:
- **Kerrobert Deanery - Nov. 21**, St. Mary, Macklin

For more information, contact Rural Catechesis Coordinator Quin Kleiboer at (306) 659-5857 or gkleiboer@rcdos.ca.

Rural Catechesis is one of many ministries in the diocese supported by gifts to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus – A gathering to pray, reflect and meditate upon the Holy Face of Jesus is held at 7:45 p.m. **Tuesday, Nov. 3** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cres. East, Saskatoon.

Job Opportunity: The Diocese of Saskatoon is seeking an Executive Assistant to the Bishop / Curia Coordinator. See: <https://rcdos.ca/employment> for the job description and requirements. E-mail resumé to HR@rcdos.ca.

Job Opportunity: St. Mary Parish in Saskatoon is seeking a part-time parish custodian (approximately 12 hours per week), responsible for maintaining a consistently clean, sanitary, and orderly environment throughout St. Mary Church, parish hall, rectory, offices, and associated areas. Please provide a resume prior to **Friday, Oct. 23, 2026** to smasaskatoon@rcdos.ca.

Diocesan Prayer - On this World Mission Sunday, we unite with the whole Church in praying for the joyful proclamation of the Gospel in our world. We pray for Pope Leo, for missionaries, Church leaders, and all the baptized, asking God to give all the strength and the courage to follow the example of Christ who came not to be served, but to serve. We pray for missionaries around the world, especially those working in places of danger and persecution, and we pray for all those who suffer through poverty, violence and oppression. May the power of the Gospel heal division, dispel darkness, and bring hope to those who despair.



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
October 18, 2026

Night Goggles?

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

It was a gathering of longtime friends. The conversation drifted from the shore of one topic to another like leaves bouncing down a river. Eventually the talk bumped up against politics. Because we tended to think alike, it turned to smashing and bashing the opposition—all until someone asked, “Can you name the wisdom in the others?” “There isn’t any,” came someone’s swift reply. “But surely there is,” the questioner persisted. “No one has all the wisdom, and everyone has some of the wisdom.” What followed was

dumbfounded silence. Truth can do that.

We live in a time when the wisdom on the street, over our backyard fence, and at the coffee pot at work all tend to skew “You’re only OK if you think the way I do.” It’s a hard-core bias that surrounds not only politics but also raising children, what constitutes a clean house, and the best way to boil spaghetti. Nothing remains untouched.

When Jesus was challenged about whether or not to pay taxes to Caesar, his response was, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God” (Matthew 22:21b). In other words, it’s OK to pay taxes to Caesar because even Caesar belongs to God. Everything and everyone does. God’s wisdom finds a home everywhere.

Having faith is a bit like wearing night goggles. We begin to see what no one else sees, even though it may be a bit blurry, and what we see is the hand of God at work everywhere, even in the opposition. †



What we see is the hand of God at work everywhere.

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

Today let us ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to be able to serve, with Jesus and like Jesus, those men and women thirsting for truth and justice. This is not the time for opposition between one church and another, between “us” and “them”—those who worship God seek to be men and women of peace, who worship him in Spirit and in truth.

Angelus, Rome, March 8, 2026



Sunday Readings

Isaiah 45:1, 4–6

I am the LORD, there is no other.

1 Thessalonians 1:1–5b

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers.

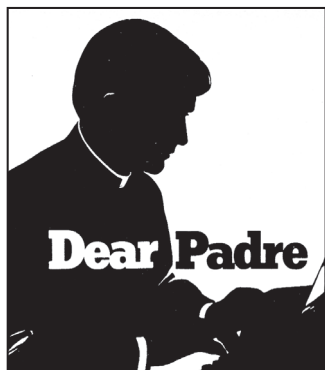
Matthew 22:15–21

[Jesus asked,] “Whose image is this and whose inscription?” They replied, “Caesar’s.” At that he said to them, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Can I find some truth in another’s opinion?
- Can I see why they might disagree with me?



Dear Padre,

What does it mean when it says we're in Cycle A or B or C? Or Years I and II?

When the bishops of the Church at the Second Vatican Council in 1963 called for a revision of our liturgy, they asked that "The treasures of the Bible...be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way, a more representative portion of the holy Scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 51).

At Sunday Masses, the Scriptures are divided up over three years (called Years A, B, and C). At these Masses, the gospel is the primary reading. The first reading, taken from the Old Testament, and the responsorial psalm touch upon the same theme as the gospel. In the Easter season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. The second reading follows consecutive passages from the letters of Paul or the other apostles, independent of the other readings.

At weekday Masses, most of the Bible is read over a period of two years. Odd-numbered years are Year I, and even-numbered years are Year II.

All of this should help us open those treasures that the Church says are ours in the Scriptures. †

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Sacred Art: Epiphanies of Beauty" by David Brinker

Artists may be the most underappreciated theologians and interpreters of Scripture. Picture an event from the Bible—perhaps the Nativity or David challenging Goliath or St. Paul's conversion experience—whatever your mind's eye paints has likely been shaped by an artist's imagination. Art helps to fill in the gaps in the biblical narratives, bringing sparsely detailed stories to life in vivid detail. From the earliest days of the Church, artistic expression has served as a dynamic means of conveying, interpreting, and experiencing the Catholic faith.

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God of every nation,
may all that we do bear
in mind the needs of
others everywhere,
especially those who are
struggling. We pray in
Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 19–24

Monday, Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues: Eph 2:1–10 / Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday, Weekday: Eph 2:12–22 / Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday, Weekday: Eph 3:2–12 / Lk 12:39–48

Thursday, Weekday: Eph 3:14–21 / Lk 12:49–53

Friday, Weekday: Eph 4:1–6 / Lk 12:54–59

Saturday, Weekday: Eph 4:7–16 / Lk 13:1–9



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Sunday, Oct 18, 2026

One for all and all for one

What exactly do we “owe” our government? Certainly, we have an obligation to our fellow citizens to be law abiding. We can also work to change those laws we may disagree with. More than anything, we owe our nation, and each other, engaged citizenship—participation in the civic and public life of the society. We owe it to our fellow citizens to participate in some way in building a better society, to work for the “commonweal,” as it was once known. Our greatest debt is not our taxes but the debt we owe each other. Find a way today to make a contribution, great or small, to the commonweal.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21 (145). *“Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”*

Monday, Oct 19, 2026

No one said it would be easy

The Jesuit Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues came to North America largely to convert as many members of the Huron tribe to the Catholic faith as possible. Working under extremely difficult and dangerous conditions, they managed to bring a few thousand souls into the church. Their encounters with the indigenous people had good and bad consequences on all sides. The accounts of the gruesome torture and deaths of the missionaries read like the script of a horror movie. But their lives and deaths watered the seeds of faith, as the blood of martyrs often does, and helped bring Catholicism to this continent. Remember the courage and perseverance of all martyrs the next time you are called upon to make a sacrifice or open your heart to new ideas.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21 (473). *“We are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works.”*

Tuesday, Oct 20, 2026

Bound through one body

Saint Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians, written during his imprisonment in Rome, reads as a testament to the desire and struggle for unity in the Early Church. With the use of the words *one* and *together* Paul implores the Christians of Ephesus, both Jew and Gentile, to see themselves as bound through their being parts in the one body of Christ. Today more than ever, it is astoundingly easy for us to avoid associations with anyone outside our immediate circle of friends. Mass communications and digital technology have paradoxically allowed us to become more isolated from the stranger down the block. How does Paul’s message about the body of Christ address the divisions in society today?

Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38 (474). *“In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”*

Wednesday, Oct 21, 2026

Best foot forward

In the year 287 two brothers with similar names, Crispin and Crispinian, were martyred in Rome. They were ordinary guys, cobblers and shoemakers by trade. They have become the patron saints of anyone trying to avoid sore feet. Look into your closets.

Take the shoes you don’t need and donate them so that others might walk without pain and so honor these two obscure saints and martyrs.

Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48 (475). *“Much will be required of the person entrusted with much.”*

Thursday, Oct 22, 2026

Get fired up!

Have you ever tried to share your passion for something and gotten a lukewarm—or worse, an indifferent—response? We can all probably relate to the frustration of Jesus: “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” (Luke 12:49, 50b). Jesus has a message of love and unity, but they’re slow in being realized. That’s because we’re slow. We don’t like to change. We don’t like other people to change, either. But remember the words of Doctor of the Church Saint Catherine of Siena: “Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.” In other words, as Christians, we must change. We must “be rooted and grounded in love,” says Saint Paul. It is time to get the fire started.

Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53 (476). *“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!”*

Friday, Oct 23, 2026

Everybody’s doing it

“If all your friends jumped off the Brooklyn Bridge, would you jump, too?” a mother asked her son, who just complained that all his friends were doing something that he wasn’t allowed to do. But the mom would have none of it. Using the reproach learned from her own mother, she was simply teaching her son to see the error of what everybody else was doing and choose a better way. As Catholic writer G.K. Chesterton put it: “Right is right, even if nobody does it.” We Catholics can be lured by popular opinion and political policy to the wrong side of the moral tracks. But Christ teaches us to follow our consciences. Be sure to keep yours well informed.

Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59 (477). *“Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?”*

Saturday, Oct 24, 2026

Fruitful efforts

In biblical terms, fruitfulness is seen as a sign of God’s blessing. Mary was the bearer of good fruit par excellence. In her womb and her witness, she brought God’s work to fruition by giving birth to Jesus and offering him a mother’s love and care. We are called to participate in Mary’s witness by becoming nurturers and bearers of Jesus’ Good News. How can we imitate Mary’s courageous and generous actions in our own lives today? What good fruit can we bring forth?

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9 (478). *“For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.”*

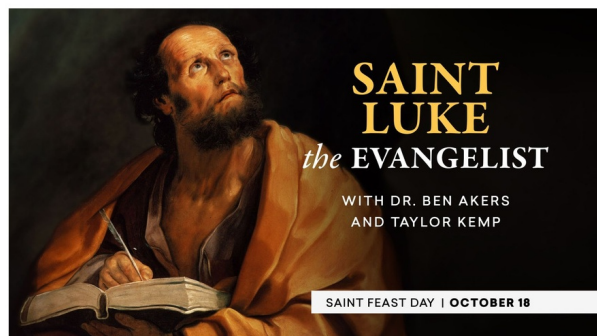
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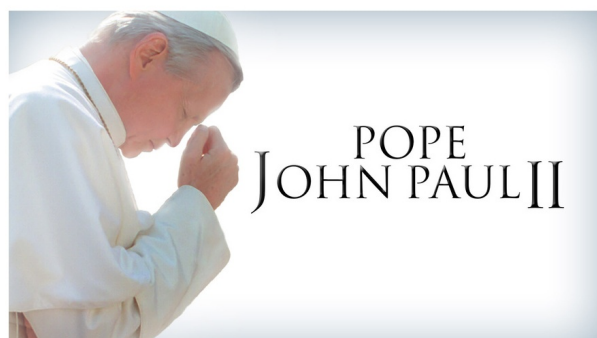
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St. Luke | Catholic Saints

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