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CONFESSION: Tuesday 5p to 545p

Wednesday & Thursday 8A to 825A

Friday 8A to 825A and 430p to 545p

Mass Times

Sunday 1030A

Domingo Misa en español 1230p

Tuesday 6p Bilingual

Wednesday, Thurs., & Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4**Psalms** 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Señor, que no seamos sordos a tu voz.

2nd Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14**Gospel** Luke 17:5-10

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5TH

Sunday; October 5	Deacon Mike & Deon Mangan Anniversary Fe Kempner	1030A
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Domingo ; 5 de Octubre	Intenciones de Martin Ureña en su cumpleaños Intenciones de Maximina Leon Mendez y su familia	1230P español
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Tuesday; October 7	Carol Zellmer † Fidel † y Telesforo † Rivera Leon	6P
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Wed.; October 8	Mike Bremer † Jeronimo Valdes	830A
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Thurs.; October 9	Health of Steven Smelden	830A
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Friday; October 10	Intentions of Stacey Crook	830A
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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery
Raul Saavedra
Jose Raul Rivera
Mary Anne Durant
Isabel Rivera Leon
Andrea Inzunza
Joan Memmer
Leo Benedetti
Kim Avoy Helgeson

Samia Zumout
Greg DeCristofaro
John Thomas
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Leilani McManus
James McManus

Tim Steffen
Elaine Little
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Sam Kempner
Richard Carmack
Helvia Saavedra
Lily Tomkowitz

OCTOBER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

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.

INTENCIONES DE OCTUBRE DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por la colaboración entre las diferentes tradiciones religiosas

Oremos para que los creyentes de diferentes tradiciones religiosas
trabajen juntos para defender y promover la paz, la justicia y la
fraternidad humana.

This Week's Readings

TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; October 6th

1st Reading: Jonah 1:1-2:1-2, 11

Psalm Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8

You will rescue my life from the pit, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday; Oct. 7th MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-10

Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8

If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand?

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday; October 8th

1st Reading: Jonah 4:1-11

Psalm 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10

Lord, you are merciful and gracious.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-4

Thurs.; October 9th

1st Reading: Malachi 3:13-20b

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 11:5-13

Friday; October 10th

1st Reading: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2

Psalm 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9

The Lord will judge the world with justice.

Gospel: Luke 11:15-26

Saturday; October 11th

1st Reading: Joel 4:12-21

Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

Rejoice in the Lord, you just!

Gospel: Luke 11:27-28

Sunday; October 12th

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

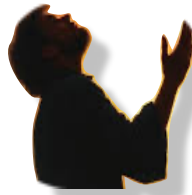
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

“Increase our faith!”



All the texts of today's liturgy speak to us of faith, which is the foundation of the whole of Christian life. Jesus taught his disciples to grow in faith, to believe and to entrust themselves increasingly to him, in order to build their own lives on the rock. For this reason they asked him, increase our faith! What they asked the Lord for is beautiful.... [It is] the grace of faith, which guides and illumines the whole of life; they ask for the grace to recognize God and to be in a close relationship with him, receiving from him all his gifts....

Jesus has recourse to a paradoxical image to express the incredible vitality of faith. Just as a lever raises something far heavier than its own weight, so faith, even a crumb of faith, can do unthinkable, extraordinary things, such as uproot a great tree and plant it in the sea. **Faith, trusting in Christ**, welcoming him, letting him transform us, following him to the very end, makes humanly impossible things possible.... The Prophet Habakkuk also bears witness to this in the first reading. He implores the Lord, starting with a dreadful situation of violence, iniquity, and oppression. And even in this difficult, insecure situation, the prophet introduces a vision that offers an inside view of the plan that God is outlining and bringing to fulfillment....

The godless person, the one who does not behave in accordance with God, who trusts in his own power and is relying on a frail and inconsistent reality that will therefore give way, is destined to fall; the righteous person, on the other hand, trusts in a hidden but sound reality, he trusts in God and for this reason will have life.... The second part of today's Gospel presents another teaching, a teaching of humility that is nevertheless closely linked to faith.... Jesus makes us aware that, before God, we are in a similar situation: we are God's servants, we are not his creditors but are always indebted to him, because we owe him everything since everything is a gift from him....

We must be aware that in reality we never do enough for God. We must say, as Jesus suggests: We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty. This is an attitude of humility that really puts us in our place and permits the Lord to be very generous to us. In fact, in another Gospel passage, he promises people that he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them (Lk 12:37).... It will be Jesus himself who serves us, who helps us, who encourages us, who gives us strength and serenity. — POPE BENEDICT XVI

Benedict XVI († 2022) reigned as pope from 2005 until 2013. / Homily, Pastoral Visit to Palermo, Sunday, 3 October 2010. www.vatican.va.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine, Meditation of the Day, October 5, 2025

HOMILY NOTES

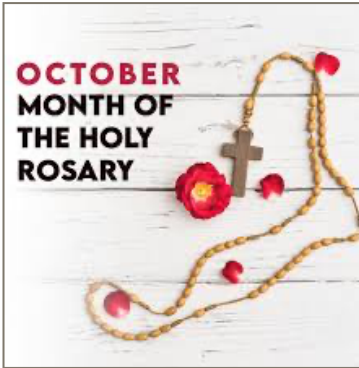
Bienvenidos a octubre y a la devoción al Rosario, una dedicación familiar para muchos católicos que se celebra especialmente en toda la Iglesia durante este mes con procesiones del Rosario, conferencias y reuniones parroquiales especiales para honrar a la Santísima Virgen María y su oración eficaz.

Aunque algo similar al Rosario se rezaba entre los fieles desde los inicios de la Iglesia, el Rosario tal como lo conocemos no surgió hasta principios del siglo XIII. En aquella época, un sacerdote mendicante y un predicador talentoso, anhelando encontrar la manera de vencer la herejía albigentina y reconquistar las almas perdidas para Cristo, se adentró en el bosque para ayunar y orar con fervor. El sacerdote era Santo Domingo y, en respuesta a sus oraciones, la Santísima Virgen María se le apareció y le entregó el Rosario, al que llamó su Salterio: 15 Avemarías divididas en 15 decenas. Nuestra Señora le dejó claro a Santo Domingo que la Salutación Angélica (el Ave María), unida a la meditación de los misterios de la Fe, vencería los errores de los albigentinos y volvería los corazones a la Verdad. Esta profecía se cumplió y a Santo Domingo se le atribuye haber atraído a miles de herejes y almas errantes a la Iglesia Católica mediante el poder del Rosario. Santo Domingo fundó una familia religiosa mundial llamada la Orden de Predicadores, también conocida como los Dominicos, que ha dado a la Iglesia innumerables santos y sigue vigente hoy en día. Este mes veamos cómo podemos aumentar nuestra devoción a este potente don espiritual, con el que Nuestra Señora se identificó con los Niños de Fátima: "Yo soy la Señora del Rosario".

OCHO MANERAS DE CRECER EN LA DEVOCIÓN AL SANTO ROSARIO ESTE OCTUBRE

1. **Comprométete** a rezar el Rosario todos los días de octubre.
2. **Aprende** las 15 Promesas de Nuestra Señora a quienes rezan su Rosario y enséñalas a otros.
3. **Planta** un jardín de rosarios en tu patio, con una estatua de María y un banco para rezar. ¡Y planta tus flores favoritas en primavera!
4. **Reza** el Rosario en familia, con tu pareja o con un amigo. Cada persona puede compartir sus intenciones antes de rezar y luego dirigir una decena.
5. **Coloca** un rosario en tu mesita de noche, en tu auto o en cualquier lugar que te recuerde rezar un Ave María, una decena o cualquier momento del día.
6. **Dedica** tiempo a meditar sobre cada Misterio y evento del Rosario, imaginándote en la escena bíblica.
7. **Únete** a los feligreses de STM el primer y tercer domingo a las 10 a. m. para rezar el Rosario.
8. **Registra** las reflexiones que recibiste al rezar el Rosario.

FUENTE: <https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/october-dedicated-to-the-holy-rosary/>



Welcome to October and Devotion to the Rosary, a dedication that is familiar to many Catholics & is especially celebrated throughout the Church during this month with Rosary processions, conferences & special parish gatherings to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary & her efficacious prayer.

Although something similar to the Rosary had been prayed by the faithful since the earliest days of the Church, the Rosary as we know it did not come into being until the early 13th century. At that time a mendicant priest and gifted preacher who longed to find a way to overcome the Albigentian heresy and win back lost souls to Christ went into the forest to fast and fervently pray. The priest was St. Dominic and in answer to his prayers, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him, giving him the Rosary, which she called her Psalter – 15 Hail Marys divided into 15 decades. Our Lady made it clear to St. Dominic that the Angelic Salutation (the Hail Mary), joined with meditations on the mysteries of the Faith, would defeat the errors of the Albigentians and turn hearts back to the Truth. This prophecy was fulfilled and St. Dominic is credited with bringing many thousands of heretics and wandering souls into the Catholic Church through the power of the Rosary. St. Dominic went on to found a worldwide religious family called the Order of Preachers, also known as The Dominicans, which has given the Church countless saints and is still vibrant today. This month let's see how we can increase our devotion to this potent spiritual gift, by which Our Lady identified herself to the Children of Fatima: "I am the Lady of the Rosary."

EIGHT WAYS TO GROW IN DEVOTION TO THE HOLY ROSARY THIS OCTOBER

1. **Commit** to praying the Rosary every day of October.
2. **Learn** Our Lady's 15 Promises to those who pray her Rosary and teach them to others.
3. **Plan** a rosary garden for your backyard with a statue of Mary and a bench for praying. And plant your favorite flowers in the Spring!
4. **Pray** the Rosary as a family, with your spouse, or with a friend. Each person can share their intentions before praying and then lead a decade.
5. **Place** a rosary on your bedside table, in your car, or anywhere that will remind you to pray a Hail Mary, a decade, or whatever you have time for in the various moments of your day.
6. **Spend** time meditating on each Mystery and event of the Rosary, imagining yourself in the Scripture scene.
7. **Join** STM parishioners on the 1st & 3rd Sundays at 10A to pray the Rosary.
8. **Journal** insights received while praying the Rosary.

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COLUMBUS DAY DINNER



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11
6:00 PM Social; 6:30 PM Dinner



St. Thomas More Parish Hall

*Spaghetti Dinner*Entertainment *50/50 Drawing

\$15.00 – Adults \$40.00 – Families (children under 16)

Tickets after Sunday Mass or at the Door

\$100 DOOR PRIZE

Pope Leo XIV: Pray the Rosary daily for peace in our world



This month, Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to pray the Rosary daily for peace in our world and to be faithful instruments of reconciliation in their daily lives. Pope Leo XIV made this exhortation while addressing various language groups during a recent General Audience in the Vatican. Amid the conflicts and wars worldwide, the Pope urged the faithful to promote peace in their regular lives. "May you be faithful instruments of reconciliation in your daily lives," he said. With the same sentiment, he reminded the Arabic-speaking pilgrims present that Christians are called "to witness that love and pardon are greater than every wound and stronger than every injustice." Meanwhile, the Holy Father asked Portuguese-speaking faithful to become "missionaries of peace and mercy," and French-speaking faithful to become "witnesses of peace and love greater than our failures or divisions."

Source: Vatican News; story by Deborah Castellano Lubov, Oct. 1, 2025.

Key Catholic Feast Days in October

October is a month rich in liturgical celebrations. Please note the dates below. The corresponding Mass times are listed for your convenience and consideration.

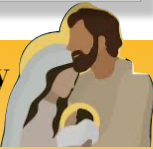
Date	Mass Time	Liturgical Celebration
Tuesday October 7	6P	<u>Memorial of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary</u> , commemorates the victory at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571.
Wednesday October 22	830A	<u>The Feast of St. John Paul II</u> , commemorates a recent pope & champion of the Holy Rosary. Devoted to this prayer from his youth, John Paul II promoted it throughout his religious life, and as pope, he particularly called for the family recitation of the Rosary. He added the Luminous Mysteries to further the Faithful's catechetical meditation on the life of Christ.
Friday October 24	830A	<u>St. Anthony Mary Claret</u> , honors the founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and fervent devotee of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Anthony is known to have begun every sermon with instructions on how to pray the Rosary, and he prayed three Rosaries every day. (Optional Memorial)

Note: Two other liturgical celebrations for October are listed below that occurred prior to publication of this issue of the STM Bulletin.

The Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, Oct. 1, honors the Doctor of the Church who promised to spend her time in Heaven showering down roses upon Earth. St. Therese had a deep devotion to Our Lady from her early childhood.

The Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, Oct. 2, honors those whom God has placed over us to protect, guide, and spur us on to love and good works til we reach our spiritual Home.

Respect For Life Fall Fast & Pray Underway at Two Locations



Since Wednesday, Sept. 24, we have been praying and fasting on the sidewalk at the locations listed below. Note the days and time. This vigil will continue all this month thru Sunday, November 2!

Day	Time	Location
Wednesdays	8A to 5P	Women's Health Specialist abortion facility. 1469 Humboldt, Chico
Fridays	11A to 5P	Planned Parenthood, 3100 Cohasset Rd., Chico, CA. 95973

Jesus needs our help! It's estimated that 1,038,000 abortions were performed in the U.S. in 2024! Please consider being the hands & feet of Jesus thru prayer & peaceful witness at one or both of the sites listed above. Simply show up. Questions? call 530.519.8818 or email 40dayschico@gmail.com or see Kathy DeCristofaro after Mass.

A Columbus Day Factoid



Did you know? The 1st Columbus Day was celebrated by Irish Catholics in 1792 in New York. In 1892, a mass lynching of Italians in New Orleans led to a one-time national celebration in response. In the 20th century, the Knights of Columbus lobbied FDR who made it a federal holiday in 1934.

Let's not lose the connection: Without 1492, there never would have been 1776. This isn't to deny the darkness in our history, but rather to not be overwhelmed by it & instead put it into its proper perspective. Happy Columbus Day! Hope to see you at the KofC Dinner Fundraiser.