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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 2 Kings 5:14-17**Psalms** 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

El Señor nos ha mostrado su amor y su lealtad.

2nd Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13**Gospel** Luke 17:11-19

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12TH

Sunday; October 12 Kim Avoy Helgeson 1030A

Domingo; 12 de Octubre Intenciones de Isabel Rivera León y su familia 1230P español

Tuesday; October 14 **No Mass** 6PWed.; October 15 **No Mass** 830AThurs.; October 16 **No Mass** 830AFriday; October 17 **No Mass | Adoration at 9A** 830A

Father Chuck, along with the priests of our Diocese are on retreat in Sacramento this week. So there will be no masses or confessions this week, but there will be Adoration on Friday. Please pray our priests have a very successful retreat.

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-EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; October 13th

1st Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Psalm 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

The Lord has made known his salvation.

Gospel: Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday; Oct. 14th

1st Reading: Romans 1:16-25

Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5

The heavens proclaim the glory of God.

Gospel: Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday; Oct. 15th MEMORIAL OF SAINT
TERESA OF JESUS,
VIRGIN AND DOCTOR
OF THE CHURCH

1st Reading: Romans 2:1-11

Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 9

Lord, you give back to everyone according to his works.

Gospel: 11:42-46

Thurs.; October 16th

1st Reading: Romans 3:21-30

Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Gospel: Luke 11:47-54

Friday; October 17th MEMORIAL OF SAINT
IGNATIUS OF
ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND
MARTYR

1st Reading: Romans 4:1-8

Psalm 32:1b-2, 5, 11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel: Luke 12:1-7

Saturday; October 18th FEAST OF SAINT LUKE,
EVANGELIST

1st Reading: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b

Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18

Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-9

Sunday; October 19th

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Faith and Gratitude



It is not accidental that the ten lepers stood at a distance. On one level, this was simply because the law of Moses required people with skin disease to keep apart from others. But their physical position also seems to suggest a spiritual distance from Jesus. They are reluctant to come too close to him.

Jesus respected their caution and, without seeking to touch them... he simply sent them to the priests, those authorized to determine whether skin disease has been cleared up. All ten carried out this act of faith... Somewhere along the way, they found to their amazement that they had in fact been healed! But nine of them simply continued on the way. They showed no particular interest in the one who healed them, no desire to find out who it was who had such life-giving power, not even the common courtesy to thank him.

But one leper turned back—a verb that suggests the turning of conversion. He gave what Scripture often describes as the right human response to God's mighty deeds: loud praise and thanks, publicizing to everyone within earshot the wonderful things the Lord had done for him. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds (Ps 9:1). My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed (Ps 71:23).

No longer isolated & socially alienated, the healed man has become an evangelist, one who tells others of the wonderful works of God! He is no longer distant from Jesus. He draws near and falls on his face at Jesus' feet—a posture of worship, suggesting that he somehow knows he is in the presence of the Lord, the divine Physician. This man, Luke points out, happens to be a Samaritan. He had therefore been doubly outcast—an unclean leper and a member of a despised people.

But now he has been brought into a relationship with Jesus and, by implication, with the disciples who surround him. The shame and loneliness associated with his former condition are gone. His heart is overflowing with gratitude and joy... He received far more than a physical cure. He experienced a profound healing on every level of his being. — MARY HEALY

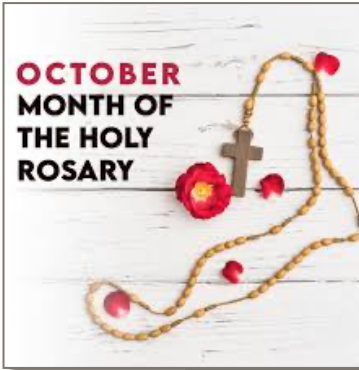
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HOMILY NOTES



¡Bienvenidos a Octubre y a la Devoción al Rosario!

El Rosario, tal como lo conocemos, surgió a principios del siglo XIII, cuando Santo Domingo, sacerdote mendicante y talentoso predicador, anhelando vencer la herejía albigentina y reconquistar las almas perdidas para Cristo, se internó en el bosque para ayunar y orar. En respuesta a sus oraciones, la Santísima Virgen María se le apareció y le entregó el Rosario, al que llamó su Salterio: 150 Avemarias divididas en 15 decenas. Nuestra Señora le dejó claro a Santo Domingo que la Salutación Angélica (el Ave María), unida a meditaciones sobre los misterios de la Fe, vencería los errores de los albigentianos y volvería los corazones a la Verdad. Santo Domingo fundó la Orden de los Dominicos, que ha dado a la Iglesia innumerables santos y sigue vigente hoy en día.



Welcome to October & Devotion to the Rosary!

The Rosary as we know it came into being in the early 13th century, when a mendicant priest and gifted preacher, St. Dominic, who longed to overcome the Albigentian heresy and win back lost souls to Christ, went into the forest to fast & pray. In answer to his prayers, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him, giving him the Rosary, which she called her Psalter – 150 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. St. Dominic went on to found The Dominicans, which has given the Church countless saints and is still vibrant today.

LAS 15 PROMESAS DE NUESTRA SEÑORA A QUIENES REZAN SU ROSARIO Y LAS ENSEÑAN A OTROS

1. A todos los que rezan mi rosario con devoción, les prometo mi especial protección y grandes gracias.
2. Quienes perseveren en el rezo de mi rosario recibirán gracias extraordinarias.
3. El rosario será una poderosa armadura contra el infierno; destruirá el vicio, librará del pecado y disipará la herejía.
4. El rosario hará florecer la virtud y las buenas obras, y obtendrá para las almas las más abundantes misericordias divinas; alejará los corazones de los hombres del amor al mundo hacia el amor de Dios, y los elevará al deseo de las cosas eternas. ¡Cuántas almas se santificarán por este medio!
5. Quienes se confían a mí mediante el rosario no perecerán.
6. Quienes recen mi rosario con devoción, meditando sus misterios, no serán abrumados por la desgracia. El pecador se convertirá; el justo crecerá en gracia y será digno de la vida eterna.
7. Quienes son verdaderamente devotos de mi rosario no morirán sin los sacramentos de la Iglesia.
8. Quienes recen fielmente mi rosario encontrarán durante su vida y en la hora de su muerte la luz de Dios, la plenitud de sus gracias y participarán de los méritos de los bienaventurados.
9. Liberaré pronto del purgatorio a las almas devotas de mi rosario.
10. Los verdaderos hijos de mi rosario gozarán de gran gloria en el cielo.
11. Lo que pidan a través de mi rosario, lo obtendrán.
12. Quienes propaguen mi rosario recibirán mi ayuda en todas sus necesidades.
13. He obtenido de mi Hijo que todos los miembros de la Cofradía del Rosario tengan como intercesores, en la vida y en la muerte, a toda la corte celestial.
14. Quienes rezan mi rosario fielmente son mis amados hijos, hermanos y hermanas de Jesucristo.
15. La devoción a mi rosario es una gran señal de predestinación.

FUENTE: <https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/october-dedicated-to-the-holy-rosary/>; <https://marian.org/13th/the-fifteen-promises-of-our-lady>

OUR LADY'S 15 PROMISES TO THOSE WHO PRAY HER ROSARY & TEACH THEM TO OTHERS

1. To all those who recite my rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and very great graces.
2. Those who persevere in the recitation of my rosary shall receive signal graces.
3. The rosary shall be a very powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin, and dispel heresy.
4. The rosary will make virtue and good works flourish, and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies; it will draw the hearts of men from the love of the world to the love of God, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. How many souls shall sanctify themselves by this means!
5. Those who trust themselves to me through the rosary will not perish
6. Those who shall recite my rosary devoutly, meditating on its mysteries, shall not be overwhelmed by misfortune. The sinner shall be converted; the just shall grow in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Those truly devoted to my rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who faithfully recite my rosary shall find during their life and at the hour of their death the light of God, the fullness of his graces, and shall share in the merits of the blessed.
9. I shall deliver very promptly from purgatory the souls devoted to my rosary.
10. The true children of my rosary shall enjoy great glory in heaven.
11. What you ask through my rosary, you shall obtain.
12. Those who propagate my rosary will be aided by me in all their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Son that all the members of the Rosary Confraternity shall have as their intercessors, in life and in death, the entire celestial court.
14. Those who recite my rosary faithfully are all my beloved children, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my rosary is a great sign of predestination.

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Key Catholic Feast Days in October

October is a month rich in liturgical celebrations, including 7 champions of the Rosary. Two remain. Please note the dates and Mass times below.

Date	Mass Time	Liturgical Celebration
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 & 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)

Parish Financial Support

June - Sept.: First Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 2025

Offertory Collections	\$32,324
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Special Collections	\$5,317
Holy Days	\$254

Christ loves His church (Eph. 5:25) just as our parishioners love St. Thomas More and support her. This support allows us to live out our mission –

To know, love, live and spread the good news of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith. Guided by the Holy Spirit, [we] share our time, talent, and treasure in the service of the spiritual, liturgical, educational and social needs of all God's people. (Adopted 1995)

Research Indicates the Rosary Should Be the New Wellness Trend!



What if a way to boost your mental health costs nothing, requires no app subscription, and has been hiding in plain sight for centuries? And helps you grow in love for God? Groundbreaking new study suggests it might be praying the Rosary. If you've ever felt a spirit of calm and happiness wash over you when you

pray the Rosary, you won't be surprised to see these results.

The Journal of Religion & Health published the findings in an article called, "Is the Rosary Still Relevant? Exploring its Impact on Mental Health and Well-Being: A Multinational Study."

The authors explored the effect of the Rosary and surveyed an international sample of 361 participants from Catholic countries: Italy, Poland, and Spain. Their responses indicated positive effects of this repetitive & calming prayer. Results indicated moderate correlations to:

- reduced depression,
- increased optimism about the future,
- increased empathy and,
- lowered religious struggles...

These positive effects are based on a qualitative analysis of the responses to a series of open-ended questions which point to the Rosary as a coping mechanism, during times of distress, and a source of inner peace. As mental health crises escalate globally, this research suggests society may be overlooking an accessible, culturally rooted resource for psychological well-being.

Source: <https://aleteia.org/2025/07/11/will-the-rosary-be-a-new-wellness-trend-research-says-it-should-be/>

Respect For Life Fall Fast & Pray Underway at Two Locations thru Sunday, Nov. 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

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.



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Questions?
See Lori
MacPhail
after Mass.