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Wednesday & Thursday 8A to 825A
Friday 8A to 825A and 430p to 545p

Mass Times

Sunday 1030A
Domingo Misa en español 1230p
Tuesday 6P
Wed., Thursday, Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

Give the Lord glory and honor.
Cantemos la grandeza del Señor.
2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 18TH

<i>Sunday; October 18</i>	<i>Ramon Jr. & Rose Reyes † Barbara Valentine †</i>	<i>1030A</i>
<i>Domingo; 18 de Octubre</i>	<i>Carol Zellmer † Conrado Rodriguez †</i>	<i>1230P español</i>
<i>Tues.; October 20</i>	<i>Rosario Padilla † Carol Zellmer †</i>	<i>6P</i>
<i>Wed.; October 21</i>	<i>Rosemary Peterson For the Intentions of Ed Boyd</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Thurs.; October 22</i>	<i>In thanksgiving for the archangels St. Michael, St. Raphael & St. Gabriel</i>	<i>830A</i>
<i>Friday; October 23</i>	<i>For the Intentions of Beverly Brown For the Intentions of Bob Smith</i>	<i>830A</i>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery
Bernhard Family
Mary Anne Durant
Andrea Inzunza
Kimberly Laird
Leo Benedetti
The Mortenson Family
Michael Coronado
Joan Memmer
Beverly Brown
Peg McMahon


Samia Zumout
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Santiago Ávila
Carlos Torres
Tony & Francene Packett
Larry Young
Kim DeFretias
Mark Jimenez

Bryant Smith
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Dolores Costello
Rosemary Peterson
David Brown
Gloria Klinger
The Ginn's Family
Rafael Baez
Humberto Bozzo

OCTOBER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

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.

INTENCIONES DE OCTUBRE DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Para el ministerio de salud mental

Oremos para que se establezca el ministerio de salud mental en toda la Iglesia, ayudando a superar el estigma y la discriminación hacia las personas con enfermedades mentales.

This Week's Readings
THE 29TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME*Memorial of Saints John de
Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests,
& Companions, Martyrs
[In the Dioceses of the U.S.]***Monday; Oct. 19th**

1st Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5

The Lord made us, we belong to him.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday; October 20th

1st Reading: Ephesians 2:12-22

Psalm 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

Gospel: Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday; October 21st

1st Reading: Ephesians 3:2-12

Psalm Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Gospel: Luke 12:39-48

Thursday; October 22nd

1st Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Friday; October 23rd

1st Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Gospel: Luke 12:54-59

Saturday; Oct. 24th

1st Reading: Ephesians 4:7-16

Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Sunday; October 25th**Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

MEDITATION OF THE DAY
Paying to God What is God's

[In the Old Testament] **sacrifice meant two things: man giving life to God, and God giving back life to man.** The tremendous difference between the Old and the New Testament sacrifices is that with us it is the life of our Lord and not of a calf or a lamb that is offered to God, and that it is the Body and Blood of our Lord which we receive from the priest at the altar.

The Mass is what it is because it completes and perfects the idea of religious sacrifice. There is nothing more perfect that can go up to God from this earth than the sacrifice of Christ. There is nothing more perfect that can come down to us from heaven than what the sacrifice of Christ has merited for us....

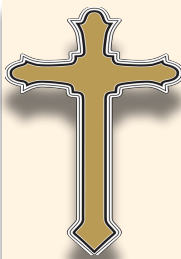
[This is why] the Church insists on having us assist at Mass at least on Sundays and special feasts... The Church wants to be quite sure that we get right into the act of Christ offering himself on the cross for man, and the Church knows that neither by Benediction, by the rosary, by the stations of the cross, by the recitation of the psalms, nor by meditation on the Passion can this be fully brought about. The Mass does bring it about—and hence our Sunday obligation.

If it were simply a matter of feeling compassion for Christ in his sufferings, we could satisfy our obligation by staying at home and trying to stir up in our hearts a deep spiritual pity.... But God wants something more out of us than sympathy. And if we attend Mass properly, he gets something more out of us than sympathy. He gets our wills, which mean more to him than our feelings. He gets our obedience, which means more to him than the warmth of our devotion.

Christ was made obedient unto death, says Saint Paul, even to the death on the cross. By being obedient to the Church's law (whether about going to Mass or about anything else) we are taking on something of Christ's obedience. If our Lord stooped so low in his obedience as to take the form of a servant—God becoming the servant of man—the least we should do is to offer willing obedience to the Church, becoming humble servants of God. — Dom Hubert van Zeller O.S.B.

Dom Hubert van Zeller († 1984) was a Benedictine monk and an artist. / From *The Mass in Other Words*. Copyright © 2025, The Cenacle Press at Silverstream Priory, Dublin, Ireland.

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**HOMILY NOTES**

Octubre es el mes dedicado al Santo Rosario.

Este mes está dedicado al Santo Rosario debido a la rica historia de esta devoción especial, que se remonta al 7 de octubre de 1571. Ese día, una flota cristiana obtuvo una victoria decisiva en la batalla de Lepanto. El Papa San Pío V atribuyó este triunfo a los innumerables católicos que rezaban el Rosario. En honor a este acontecimiento milagroso, instituyó la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de la Victoria –celebrada actualmente como la fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Rosario el 7 de octubre–, recordándonos así el poder de la oración y la amorosa intercesión de María. A lo largo de este mes, se nos invita a acoger esta hermosa oración. El Rosario es una meditación sobre los misterios de la vida de Cristo que nos ayuda a acercarnos más a Él a través de los ojos de su Madre. Es una fuente de fortaleza ante los desafíos y una oración profunda por la paz en nuestras familias, nuestra comunidad y nuestro mundo.

Se invita a los feligreses de St. Thomas More a rezar el Rosario con los Franciscanos Seglares el primer domingo de cada mes y con los Caballeros de Colón el cuarto domingo de cada mes.

«El Rosario es el "arma" para estos tiempos». — SAN PADRE PÍO

“Rezad el Rosario todos los días para obtener la paz para el mundo.” — NUESTRA SEÑORA A LOS NIÑOS DE FÁTIMA.

**October is the month dedicated to The Holy Rosary.**

This month is dedicated to the Holy Rosary because of this special devotion's rich history that dates back to October 7, 1571. On that day, a Christian fleet won a decisive victory at the Battle of Lepanto. Pope St. Pius V attributed this triumph to the countless Catholics who were praying the Rosary. In honor of this miraculous event, he established the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, now celebrated as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, thus reminding us of the power of prayer and Mary's loving intercession. Throughout this month, we are invited to embrace this beautiful prayer. The Rosary is a meditation on the mysteries of Christ's life, helping us to grow closer to Him through the eyes of His mother. It is a source of strength in our challenges & a profound prayer for peace in our families, our community, and our world.

The parishioners of St. Thomas More are invited to pray the Rosary with the Secular Franciscans on the first Sunday of every month and with the Knights of Columbus on the fourth Sunday each month.

"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." — ST. PADRE PÍO

"Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world..." — OUR LADY TO THE CHILDREN OF FÁTIMA.

UN SANTO Y UN ALMA PIADOSA CON UNA PROFUNDA DEVOCIÓN AL SANTO ROSARIO

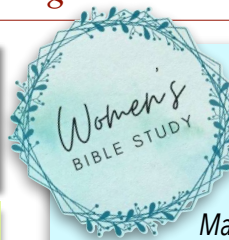
1. *San Luis de Montfort, sacerdote francés y figura destacada de la Iglesia católica en el siglo XVII, es conocido por su inquebrantable devoción al Santo Rosario. Él consideraba el Rosario como un arma espiritual contra el mal y un camino hacia una contemplación más profunda de los misterios de la vida de Cristo. Decía: «Les ruego que no caigan en el error de considerar el Rosario como algo de poca importancia—tal como hacen las personas ignorantes e incluso algunos eruditos, grandes pero soberbios—. Lejos de ser insignificante, el Rosario es un tesoro de valor inestimable inspirado por Dios».*
2. *La beata Lucía dos Santos, una de los niños de Fátima, rezaba fielmente el Rosario con su familia incluso antes de que la Santísima Virgen se le apareciera a ella y a sus primos, Francisco y Jacinta. Pero, tras escuchar las advertencias de Nuestra Señora y sus peticiones de que se rezaran más Rosarios, la beata Lucía se volvió aún más fervorosa en esta devoción. Ella creía en la promesa de Nuestra Señora de que el Rosario pondría fin a la guerra, y así fue. Tras el fallecimiento de sus primos—hecho que la Santísima Virgen había profetizado—, Lucía creció y recibió más apariciones marianas, en las cuales Nuestra Señora siguió subrayando la importancia del Rosario. En sus memorias, Lucía reafirmó su devoción de toda la vida y su confianza en esta oración: «La Santísima Virgen, en estos últimos tiempos que vivimos, ha dado una nueva eficacia al rezo del Rosario... No hay problema—les aseguro—, por difícil que sea, que no podamos resolver mediante la oración del santo Rosario» (Calloway #247)*

A SAINT & A PIOUS SOUL WITH DEEP DEVOTION TO THE HOLY ROSARY

1. *St. Louis de Montfort, a French priest & prominent figure in the Catholic Church in the 17th century, is renowned for his unwavering dedication to the Holy Rosary. He saw the Rosary as a spiritual weapon against evil and a pathway to deeper contemplation of the mysteries of Christ's life. He said, I beg of you to beware of thinking of the Rosary as something of little importance – as do ignorant people and even several great but proud scholars. Far from being insignificant, the rosary [sic] is a priceless treasure which is inspired by God."*
2. *Blessed Lucia dos Santos, one of the children of Fatima, faithfully prayed a Rosary with her family even before the Blessed Mother appeared to her and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta. But after hearing Our Lady's warnings and requests for more Rosaries to be prayed, Blessed Lucia became more fervent in this devotion. She believed Our Lady's promise that the Rosary would end the war, and it did. After the death of her cousins, which the Blessed Virgin had prophesied, Lucia grew up and received more Marian apparitions in which Our Lady continued stressing the importance of the Rosary. In her memoirs, Lucia reiterated her lifelong devotion and confidence in this prayer. "The Most Holy Virgin, in these last times in which we live, has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the rosary... There is no problem I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the holy rosary." (Calloway #247)*

**ADORATION**

Friday, Oct. 23 | Follows 830A Mass

**MEN'S MINISTRY**Friday, Oct. 23 | **930A** | Church Hall Mtg Rm.**Meets every Thursday at 130P in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.**

The weekly women's Bible study meets in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. We are studying the gospel of Mathew. Questions? Call Gail Crowley (530) 570- 8474. All ladies are welcome!

LUMEN CHRISTI

STM YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

ADULTS 18-35

BUNCO NIGHT*Dice, Dinner & Fellowship*

An evening of fun, food, and new friendships!

DINNER PROVIDED

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!
Come solo or bring a friend.



DATE
November 12th
6 - 8 PM



LOCATION
STM Hall

STM OFFERS PRAYERS FOR POPE LEO ALONGSIDE BISHOPS, CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND FAITHFUL

Pope Leo XIV, recently diagnosed with lung adenocarcinoma, successfully completed surgery to remove a lung nodule at Rome's Gemelli Hospital on October 13.. Catholic bishops, clergy, religious and other faithful in the U.S. and Canada offered prayers for his recovery.

The nodule had been "detected at a very early stage" during some recent medical examinations, according to the 71-year-old pope.

"The bishops of the United States join with the faithful and all people of good will in praying for his good health," Archbishop Coakley said in a statement. "May the hand of Pope Leo's surgeons be guided by the divine physician Jesus Christ."

Lung adenocarcinoma is "the most common subtype of lung cancer," and "falls under the non-small cell category," said Dr. Stephen Liu, associate professor of medicine, director of thoracic oncology and director of developmental therapeutics at Georgetown University's Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center. Liu added that lung adenocarcinoma is also "the most common" type of lung cancer "in people without a strong smoking history."

Following his lung cancer diagnosis and surgery, Pope Leo XIV requested the faithful's prayers with the message: "Entrusting each of you to the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth, I ask you please to pray for me, as I pray for you."

Many are also invoking St. Peregrine, the Catholic patron saint of cancer patients. (See insert.) And special prayers have been directed to the Holy Family of Nazareth, to whom the Pope explicitly entrusted his request.

**Franciscan Month
2026**

DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY WILL CELEBRATE THE FRANCISCAN VISION OF BUILDING A MORE FRATERNAL AND EVANGELICAL WORLD. LEARN MORE AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION: WWW.FRANCISCANMONTH.ORG

**PRAYER OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV
FOR THE JUBILEE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.**

St. Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man of peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek Him in the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, Give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers; unarmed and disarming witnesses of peace that comes from Christ. — Amen

(Taken from his letter to the Ministers General of the Conference of the Franciscan Family)