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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 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.

El auxilio me viene del Señor.

2nd Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2**Gospel** Luke 18:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19TH

Sunday; October 19	Barbara Valentine † Carol Zellmer †	1030A
Domingo; 19 de Octubre	Intenciones de Cris Nazareno	1230P español
Tuesday; October 21	Dorothy Cliff	6P
Wed.; October 22	Larry Campbell †	830A
Thurs.; October 23	Jim Anderson †	830A
Friday; October 24	Intentions of Courtney & Britney Brown	830A

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
Carlos Torres

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

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

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.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This Week's Readings

TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; October 20th

1st Reading: Romans 4:20-25

Psalm Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday; October 21st

1st Reading: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21

Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel: Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday; October 22nd

1st Reading: Romans 6:12-18

Psalm 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 12:39-48

Thursday; October 23rd

1st Reading: Romans 6:19-23

Psalm 119:2, 3, 4 and 6

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Friday; October 24th

1st Reading: Romans 7:18-25a

Psalm 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94

Lord, teach me your statutes.

Gospel: Luke 12:54-59

Saturday; October 25th

1st Reading: Romans 8:1-11

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

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

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Sunday; October 26th

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

MEDITATION OF THE DAY



Pray Always



Saint Alphonsus Liguori relates that Saint Teresa would have wished to ascend to the top of a high mountain, and be able to make her voice heard by the whole world, for the sole purpose of crying out to it: "Pray, pray, pray." She had rightly understood the words Our Lord addresses to each of us: We ought always to pray and not to faint (Lk 18:1).

In the spiritual life there are two great principles which should never be forgotten: Without grace we can do nothing; with it we can do all things. Sometimes it anticipates our desires; ordinarily, God waits till we ask for it. This is a general law thus expressed by Our Lord: Ask, and it shall be given to you. Prayer is, therefore, not only a precept, it is a necessity. God places the treasure of his graces at our disposal, and its key is prayer. You desire more faith, more hope, more love: Ask, and it shall be given to you. Your good resolutions remain sterile, resulting always in the same failures: Ask, and it shall be given to you. Precepts are numerous, virtue painful, temptation seductive, the enemy ruthless, the will weak: Ask, and it shall be given to you. Prayer will draw down into your soul the omnipotence of God....

"But I pray and I do not obtain." It is because you ask amiss. "I have been asking now for a long time." Ask again, seek, knock; reanimate your desires, importune heaven, make the voice of your soul loud and shrill as a piercing cry.... The Master of grace, Truth itself, has [given us] a promise supremely encouraging. The only reproach he makes us is that we do not ask enough. — DOM VITALIS LEHODEY, O.C.R.

Dom Vitalis Lehodey († 1948) was a Trappist monk and the abbot of Notre Dame de Grace in Bricquebec, France. / From *The Ways of Mental Prayer*. © 1951, M. H. Gill and Son, Dublin, Ireland.

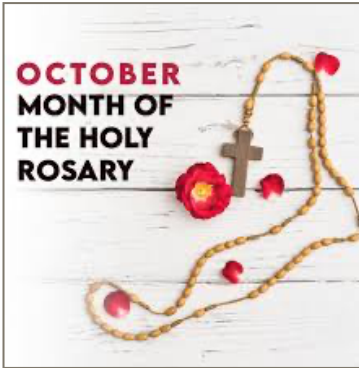
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HOMILY NOTES



¡Octubre es el mes de la devoción al Rosario! El

Rosario, tal como lo conocemos, surgió a principios del siglo XIII, cuando Santo Domingo, sacerdote mendicante y talentoso predicador, se adentró en el bosque para ayunar y orar buscando una manera de derrotar la herejía albigentina y reconquistar las almas perdidas para Cristo. La Santísima Virgen María se le apareció y le entregó el Rosario, al que llamó su Salterio: 150 Avemarías 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, derrotaría los errores de los albigentianos y volvería los corazones a la Verdad.



October is the month of 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, went into the forest to fast & pray for a way to defeat the Albigentian heresy & win back lost souls to Christ. 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.

ÉXITOS EN BATALLA ATRIBUIDOS AL ROSARIO

1. La tradición primitiva atribuye la derrota de los albigenses en la batalla de Muret en 1213 al Rosario, cuando Santo Domingo, anhelando vencer la herejía albigense y reconquistar las almas perdidas para Cristo, se adentró en el bosque a ayunar y orar. En respuesta a sus oraciones, la Santísima Virgen María se le apareció y le entregó el Rosario.
2. La batalla de Lepanto y el Rosario están intrínsecamente vinculados porque el Papa Pío V pidió que se rezara el Rosario en toda Europa por la victoria contra la flota otomana en 1571. La Santa Liga Cristiana, a pesar de estar superada en número, ganó la batalla el 7 de octubre, y la victoria se atribuyó a la intercesión de la Virgen María a través de las oraciones del Rosario.
3. Una segunda gran victoria sobre los turcos, que en otro tiempo, como los rusos, amenazaban con la ruina de la civilización cristiana, se produjo el 5 de agosto de 1716, cuando el príncipe Eugenio los derrotó en Peterwardein, en Hungría.
4. Durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial, el líder del escuadrón Stan Fulton guiaba a sus hombres en el rezo del rosario cada noche antes de misiones peligrosas sobre Alemania. Les daba a cada hombre un rosario antes de los bombardeos, prometiéndoles la protección de la Virgen María. Según se informa, el escuadrón no perdió ni un solo avión ni una sola vida durante la guerra, y todos los hombres regresaron a casa.
5. El padre Hubert Schiffer, sacerdote jesuita, sobrevivió a la bomba atómica lanzada sobre Hiroshima en 1945; según se dice, sobrevivió en un edificio cerca del centro de la explosión, junto con otros sacerdotes que rezaban el rosario. En su libro, *El Rosario de Hiroshima*, escribió: «La oración es más poderosa que la bomba atómica...»

Hoy, cuando peligros mucho mayores amenazan no solo a la cristiandad, sino a toda la civilización, nuestra Santísima Madre nos insta a recurrir de nuevo al Rosario en busca de ayuda. Si el pueblo de Dios, en número suficiente, hace esto, y al mismo tiempo cumple las demás condiciones que Nuestra Señora ha establecido, tenemos mayor razón para confiar en que seremos librados de nuestros peligros. (Nota: para conocer las otras condiciones, consulte la edición del boletín del 12 de octubre, disponible en línea, para leer *Las 15 Promesas de Nuestra Señora a Quienes Rezan su Rosario y Las Enseñan a Otros*)

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

BATTLE SUCCESSES ATTRIBUTED TO THE ROSARY

If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many devoted users of the Rosary testify to experiencing its power in their lives and events:

1. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary when St. Dominic, who longed to overcome the Albigentian heresy & 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.
2. The Battle of Lepanto & the Rosary are intrinsically linked because Pope Pius V called for the Rosary to be prayed throughout Europe for victory against the Ottoman fleet in 1571. The Christian Holy League, despite being outnumbered, won the battle on October 7th, and the victory was attributed to the intercession of the Virgin Mary through the prayers of the Rosary.
3. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on Aug. 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary.
4. During WWII, Squadron leader Stan Fulton led his men in praying the rosary each night before dangerous missions over Germany. He gave each man a rosary before the raids, promising the protection of the Virgin Mary. The squadron reportedly did not lose a single plane or life during the war, with all the men returning home.
5. Father Hubert Schiffer, a Jesuit priest, survived the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945; reportedly surviving in a building near the center of the blast, along with other priests who had been praying the rosary. In his book, *The Rosary of Hiroshima*, he wrote, "Prayer is more powerful than the atomic bomb..."

Today, when dangers far greater threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If the people of God in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that Our Lady has laid down, we have a greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers. (Note: for the other conditions see the Oct 12 issue of the bulletin, available online, to read *Our Lady's 15 Promises to Those Who Pray Her Rosary & Teach Them to Others.*)

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SECOND



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

COLLECTION

DOMINGO MUNDIAL
DE LAS MISIONES

HOY ES EL DOMINGO MUNDIAL DE LAS MISIONES. Celebramos este día recordando nuestra llamada bautismal: ¡Llevar el Evangelio a todas las personas! La colecta de hoy es para la Sociedad por la Propagación de la Fe, la cual asegura el trabajo y servicio de la Iglesia Misionera, ya que apoya a los sacerdotes, líderes religiosos y líderes laicos quienes ofrecen la misericordia del Señor y ayuda concreta a las comunidades más vulnerables de las misiones del Papa. Gracias por su generosidad.

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TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Financial Support

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

Offertory Collections \$32,324

WeShare (Online Giving) \$9,205

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)

Key Catholic Feast Days in October

October is a month rich in liturgical celebrations, including 7 champions of the Rosary. Two celebrations to go! 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)



MEN'S MINISTRY

Friday; Oct. 24 | 7A | Church Hall Small Room



ADORATION

Friday; Oct. 24 | Following 830A Mass
Ends at 6P



Women of St. Thomas More Meeting

Saturday; Oct. 25 | 10A | Church Hall



Respect for Life Fall Fast & Pray (til Nov. 2)

Wednesdays | 8A to 5P | Women's Health Specialists
1469 Humboldt, Chico
Fridays | 11A to 5P | Planned Parenthood
3100 Cohasset Rd., Chico



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Questions?
See Lori
MacPhail
after Mass.