

# SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christi simus, non nostri

## ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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360-458-3031

### Office Hours

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: 10:30AM

Daily Mass: Tues—Fri 9AM \*except 1st Fridays

Rosary is said 30min prior to each Mass

### Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: Following First

Friday Devotions or by Appointment

Confession: Saturdays 3:30—4:30PM

First Friday Devotions: 6:30PM

*The church may be opened upon request during office hours for private prayer.*

See Calendar on Page 3 for current schedule and updates

### St. Vincent De Paul

*Providing emergency assistance for those in need.*

Help Line: 360-458-1904

## ST. PETER MISSION

149 Keithahn St. S, Tenino, WA 98589

360-264-2124

### Office Hours

Mondays & Fridays 10:30AM – 2PM

[gaby@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:gaby@saintcolumbanyelm.org)

### Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 AM

Rosary is said 30min prior to Mass

### Sacraments

Confession: Sundays 7:30 -7:45AM

First Friday Devotions: 9:00AM

Anointing of the Sick: Following First Friday Devotions or by appointment

*We are a Catholic faith community that seeks to place God first, to know Him, and to grow in holiness together. We strive to live the Gospel through the Eucharist, in our teaching and way of life.*



*Amen I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age.*

## October 10, 2021

### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Today's Readings

**Entrance Antiphon:** *If you O Lord should mark iniquities, Lord who could stand.*

**1st Reading:** Wisdom 7:7-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Fill us with your love O Lord and we will sing for joy.*

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 4:12-13

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for there is the kingdom of heaven.*

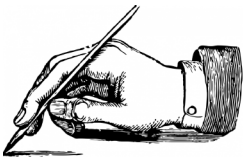
**Gospel:** Mark 10: 17-30

**Communion Antiphon:** *The rich suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.*

### **MASS ATTENDANCE**

In obedience to the most recent guidelines from the Archdiocese, public Mass at our parish is held with the following safety measures in place.

- ◆ Masks are required at this time unless you have a medical exemption
- ◆ Seating is on a first come first served basis, if you wish to remain distanced from others you may do so at your own discretion.
- ◆ Hand Sanitizer is provided



## Fr. Thompson's Reflections

## Hard Moral Cases: *Suicide*

A few years ago, there was a bit of a scandal originated up in Seattle that unfortunately touched the Church: A man who was suffering from a terminal illness chose to commit suicide. He did so in a very calculated and premeditated way, taking advantage of a statute that unfortunately exists in our state, which allows physicians to prescribe a knowingly fatal dose of drugs to a patient for the purpose of facilitating the patient's suicide. In this case, the man preceded his suicide with a great deal of sentimental celebration, which included receiving a blessing from a visiting priest at his parish (The priest later clarified that he was simply told the man was dying; he was apparently unaware of the man's plans).

As Christians, and as people of good will, we know that there is nothing freeing or peaceful about suicide. Even for those at the end of life anyway, it does not solve the problem. Suicide is a particularly grave sin because by its nature, it greatly diminishes or eliminates an opportunity for repentance and hope for salvation. Now, we can always hope that a suicide, in St John Vianney's words, "repented between the bridge and the water," and in our modern world we are also more aware of the psychological burdens that can greatly diminish or even eliminate the culpability of those who contemplate or commit self-harm or even suicide. It is such an irrational thing to do, to kill oneself, that more and more we have come to appreciate that such people are unlikely to be making a rational choice at the time.

However, what is so troubling about the false compassion of euthanasia (whether direct murder by ones caregivers or via "Assisted suicide"), especially in this case, is that it seems to be so premeditated and calculated as a choice, the diminishment of freedom or knowledge that the fear of pain or other psychological weights might impose on a suffering person is less likely to be present. We do not know this man's mind or heart, and cannot judge, but we have rightful reason to fear for his soul if he truly chose to make his final act on this Earth a sober and knowing act of self-destruction.

I will write more on this in coming weeks, as I know this is complicated and many people unfortunately have been touched by the tragedy of suicide in their lives and families. Remember that God is love and full of mercy and compassion for the suffering. We do not give up hope for those who have committed such acts, indeed we trustingly implore the mercy of God all the more for them.

God is also the target of our hope, and so if any of us are tempted to the despair that can lead to contemplating self-harm: please remember God's love for you and your value in his eyes, and that this vale of tears will not last forever. Please seek the help and support you need rather than making a sad choice that you cannot take back.

In Christ,

Fr Thompson

### Financial Stewardship

#### Weekly Offering

	St. Columban	St. Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
September 26	\$4,091	\$613

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**CALLED TO SERVE as CHRIST**

*As of: July 12, 2021*

3 Year Goal for St. Columban: \$307,368  
Total Pledged: \$115,409 37% of Goal

3 Year Goal for St. Peter: \$54,327  
Total Pledged: \$26,897 50% of Goal



**Goal for St. Columban: \$25,692**

Total Pledged as of August 9, 2021  
\$34,122 132% of Goal

**Goal for St. Peter: \$ 3,984**

Total Pledged as of August 9, 2021  
\$7,608 190% of Goal

*Thank you to all who have returned your pledges!*

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## Faith Formation

### CHILDREN'S PRAYERS



Over the first few weeks of Faith Formation classes, 2 K-5 student prayed 378 prayers. Keep up the good work!

<sup>a</sup> *“My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. I know them, and they follow me.”* -John 10:27

### Faith Formation: Grades K-12

- K-5 Sundays from 9-10:15AM
- Confirmation Classes on Sundays from 12-1:15PM

Please see the parish website for a complete class schedule



**Join us for RCIA Tuesdays at 6:30PM in Room 104 of the Religious Education Building.**

#### Topic This Week *Bible Structure*

RCIA is open to all adult learners including, but not limited to, those seeking sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). Please contact Katie Hennigan in the Faith Formation office for additional information.

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*Please contact the parish office for more information, the latest updates, and schedule changes.*

**October 11**     **Rosary Prayer Group**  
7:00PM             *Kimball's Ranch*

**October 12**     **Daily Mass**  
9:00AM             St. Columban  
6:00PM             Spanish Prayer Group  
*Parish Hall*  
6:30PM             RCIA  
*Religious Ed Bldg*

**October 13**     **Daily Mass**  
9:00AM             St. Columban

**October 14**     **Daily Mass**  
9:00AM             St. Columban

**Bible Study**  
10:00AM           St. Peter (Tenino)  
6:30PM             St. Columban  
*RE Bldg Rm. 105*

**October 15**     **Daily Mass**  
9:00AM             St. Columban

**October 16**     **Confession**  
3:30-4:30PM      St. Columban

**Vigil Mass**  
5:00PM             St. Columban

**October 17**     **29th Sunday OT**

**ST. PETER MISSION TENINO**  
7:30-7:45AM      Confession  
8:00AM             Mass

**ST. COLUMBAN**  
9-10:15AM        Religious Ed K-5  
10:30AM           Mass  
12-1:00PM        Confirmation Classes

*\*\*Celebration of Life for Barry Bridges will be held on October 23, 2021 at 2PM at the Rainier Sportsman's Club.*

### **In Our Prayers**

*Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands all of our homebound brothers and sister and those who have asked for our prayers:*

- Joseph Waters
- Jessica Nash
- Maria Luisa Fregoso
- Paul Hennigan
- Pam Henslee
- Don Troyer
- Mary Taylor
- Faye Thoma

+ All those in harm's way.

+ For all those affected by the Corona-virus and for all first responders and caregivers.

### Rest In Peace:

Patricia Schiesz, Barry Bridges\*\*

All the souls in purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

To add a name please contact the parish office.

All submissions must have permission from the named individual or an authorized family member for privacy purposes.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

*For more information or to sign-up to volunteer with any of these ministries, please contact the parish office.*



**Daughters of Mary**  
St. Columban Catholic Church Yelm, WA

**October 12**     **Monthly Meeting**  
10:00AM           Parish Hall     zoom



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152**

**October 13**     **Council Meeting**  
6:00PM             Parish Hall     zoom



**St. Vincent de Paul**

**October 19**     **Monthly Meeting**  
7:00PM             Parish Hall



**St. Peter's Circle**

**October 12**     **Monthly Meeting**  
9:30AM             St. Peter Mission/Tenino



**ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Cleaning the Church**  
Every Thursday after Daily Mass



**Rosary Rally**

**Saturday October 16th NOON**  
St. Peter Mission—Tenino, WA

### **Bonus Bulletin Content!**

To save on printing, some extra bulletin content will now be exclusively found in the online edition of our bulletin, which is also emailed weekly to parishioners. Sign up at [flocknote.com/saintcolumbanvelm](http://flocknote.com/saintcolumbanvelm) or visit our website [saintcolumbanvelm.org](http://saintcolumbanvelm.org)

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*Archbishop Paul D. Etienne  
invites you to join him at the*

# Opening Mass of Pope Francis' Synodal Process

**October 17 | 5:30pm  
St. James Cathedral**

Livestream @ArchdioceseofSeattle  



CNS photo/Paul Harfing



For a synodal Church  
communion | participation | mission

Please join Archbishop Etienne as we begin a journey together on October 17th at St. James Cathedral. Pope Francis has initiated a two-year global process for the Church called “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.” The synod is a call to journey together — to learn how to walk as one community in the same direction, led by the Holy Spirit, responding to the important issues in the Church today.

The process will culminate in Rome in 2023, but preparations have begun this month in the Archdiocese of Seattle for our local church to walk with each other over the next 6 months. There will be many opportunities for dialogue and to include the greatest number of voices in this process. Input from these listening efforts will ultimately be submitted to Pope Francis to inform his drafting of a new encyclical letter after the 2023 Synod of Bishops.

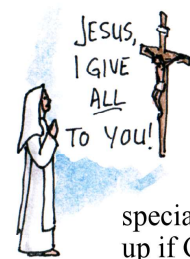
# Jesus and the Rich Young Man



The rich man in today's Gospel reading wanted to follow Jesus. But he was sad when Jesus told him that he should sell his things and give his money to the poor.

Do you think Jesus wants everyone to give away everything they have?

God calls some people to give up all their things so they can live a special life for Him, like religious brothers and sisters.



But God also wants people who are rich to use their money and things for Him- to help the poor and the Church.

What do you have that is really special? Would you be ready to give it up if God wanted you to?

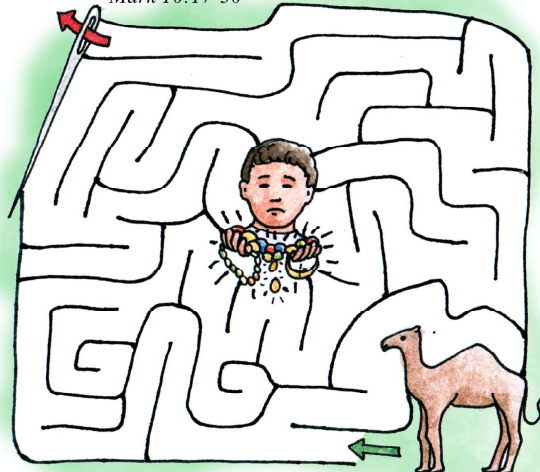
Cross-word Puzzle answers: Across: 3. light 5. silver 7. good 10. her 12. chose 13. was 14. gold 15. me 16. splendor Down: 1. things 2. wisdom 3. loved 4. the 6. riches 8. prayed 9. throne 11. hands

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# The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 10th, 2021

Mark 10:17-30



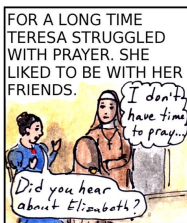
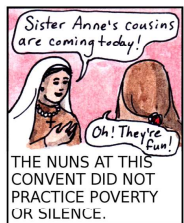
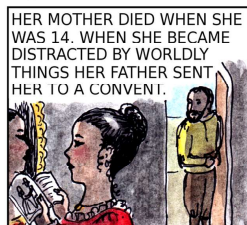
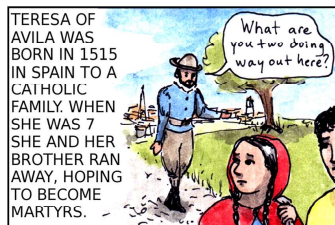
The rich young man in today's Gospel reading was sad because Jesus told him to sell his things and give his money to the poor.

Jesus said that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

But all things are possible with God!

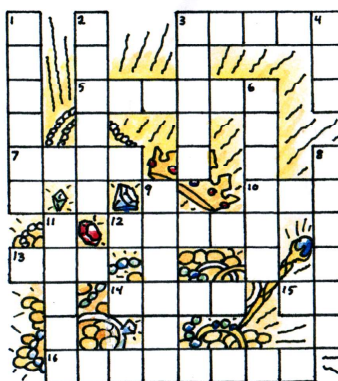
Can you find the way from the camel through the needle?

# Saint Teresa of Avila October 15



WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG SAINT TERESA HAD A HARD TIME KEEPING GOD FIRST IN HER LIFE. SHE WAS DISTRACTED BY FRIENDS AND NICE THINGS. BUT SHE KNEW THAT GOD WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT, SO SHE GAVE HER LIFE TO HIM. WHAT ARE YOU DISTRACTED BY? WILL YOU LET IT KEEP YOU AWAY FROM GOD?

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# Wisdom Cross- Word Puzzle

Wisdom 7:7-11

Unscramble the words in CAPITALS and fit them into the puzzle!  
A=Across and D=Down.

I DEYPAR (8D), and prudence SWA (13A) given me;  
I pleaded and HET (4D) spirit of MSODWI (2D) came to EM (15A).  
I preferred her to scepter and ONTHRE (9D),  
and deemed ERSIHC (6D) nothing in comparison with her,  
nor did I liken a priceless gem to her;  
because all DLGO (14A), in view of her, is a little sand,  
and before her, VELSIR (5A) is to be accounted mire.  
Beyond health and comeliness I OELVD (3D) her,  
And I SECHO (12A) to have RHE (10A) rather than the HGLTI (3A),  
because the DORSPLEN (16A) of her never yields to sleep.  
Yet all DOOG (7A) NSGTIH (1D) together came to me in her company,  
and countless riches at her SDHNA (11D).

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### WATCH

#### JOHN XXIII: THE POPE OF PEACE

This movie tells the whole life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as Pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



### LEARN

#### DIVINE MERCY WITH FATHER MICHAEL GAITLEY EPISODE 6: FATIMA

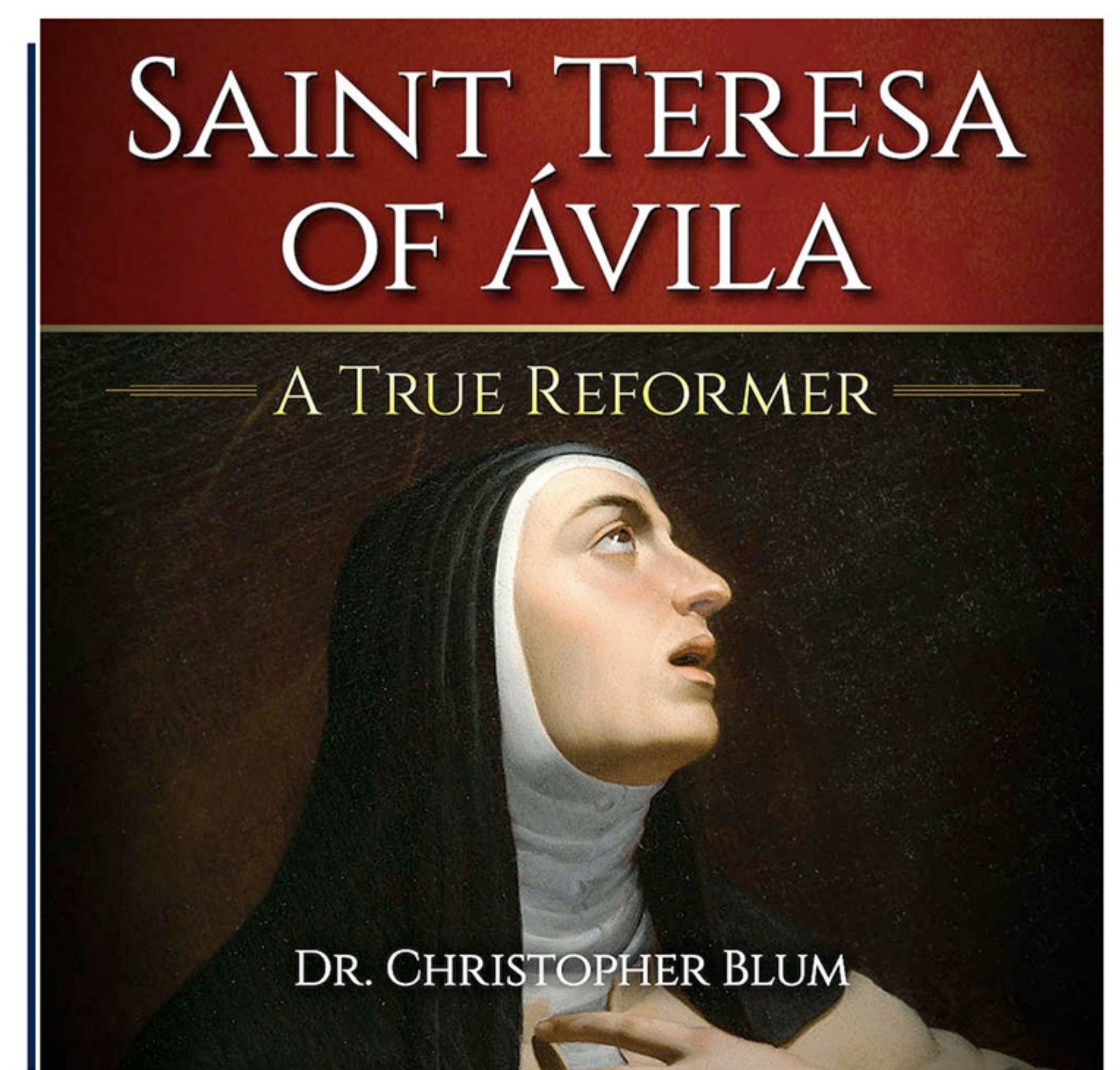


Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy in this 10-part series. Against the backdrop of a world engulfed in war, the prophetic drama surrounding a small town in Portugal captures the minds and hearts of believers and unbelievers alike. In this episode of learn about Pope Benedict XV and the apparitions at Fatima.

### LISTEN

#### SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A TRUE REFORMER BY CHRISTOPHER BLUM

Dr. Christopher Blum unfolds the inspiring life of St. Teresa and her important role in the Catholic Reformation. After having already been a nun for twenty years, she had a radical transformation in her own life and then became one of the most powerful forces for bringing about conversion and positive change in the history of the Church. Listen and learn about this Mystic, Doctor of the Church, and True Reformer.



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# At Home with Faith

**Wisdom and virtue are good.** We should never forget, however, that these good things are meant for a purpose: a stronger relationship with God. At heart, the purpose of every created thing is helping us to follow Jesus.



## Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

### **Don't have access to a Bible?**

Visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

We parents want our children to be self-reliant and resilient. In many ways, we want them to become like the rich young man in our Gospel reading who has built good habits and financial security, arguably a good person.

We need to go further. We don't want our children, like the rich young man in the story, to walk away from Jesus because they are too attached to the good things of this world. God made us, and any goodness we possess is a temporary gift from him. That is why Jesus tells the rich young man "only God is good." Let's remember, and remind our children, that no matter what we accomplish, we always need Jesus.

### **Wisdom 7:7-10**

I preferred wisdom to all things of the earth.

### **Psalm 90**

Fill us with your love Lord, and we will sing for joy.

### **Hebrews 4:12-13**

The word of God is living and effective.

### **Mark 10:17-30**

God: the source of all goodness.

# At Home with Faith

## Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

Do these five things to help your child understand what it means to be a good person:

- **Ask your child:** what does it mean to be good? Encourage them to think about this question and see if they can offer examples.
- **Help them to see the connection between goodness and fullness:** Share with your child the connection between a thing being good and that thing being able to live out its purpose. For example, a good apple tree grows healthy and produces apples. A good dog is healthy and loves its family. Good things fully express what they are meant to be.
- **Ask your child what they think it means to be a good person:** Encourage them to think about goodness in terms of receiving life from God and becoming what we are meant to be. Remind them we are contingent beings - we depend on God.
- **Let your child know that our goodness, like our life, is a gift from God:** Help your child to see that God, who created us and gave us life, also enables everything we do. We can do many good things, but everything we do is done with what God gives us. Becoming good or staying good depends on remaining close with him.
- **Remind your child that Jesus is God's way of helping us be close to him:** Through Jesus God never stops helping us to grow in goodness.



Pope Francis encourages us to foster a **“thirst for the good”** in our children.

For more on the Year of the Family, visit <https://archseattle.org/yof>

**“Doing what is right means more than ‘judging what seems best’ or knowing clearly what needs to be done, as important as this is. Often we prove inconsistent in our own convictions, however firm they may be; even when our conscience dictates a clear moral decision, other factors sometimes prove more attractive and powerful. We have to arrive at the point where the good that the intellect grasps can take root in us as a profound affective inclination, as a thirst for the good that outweighs other attractions and helps us to realize that what we consider objectively good is also good ‘for us’ here and now. A good ethical education includes showing a person that it is in his own interest to do what is right. Today, it is less and less effective to demand something that calls for effort and sacrifice, without clearly pointing to the benefits which it can bring.”**

**Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) #265**

Pope Francis encourages us to foster a “thirst for the good” in our children. As parents, we are responsible not only for teaching our children to do the right thing, but also to let them know that those good habits help bring us closer to God.

**For more resources, visit us online at:**

<https://marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith>



# The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fill us with your love,  
O Lord, and we will  
sing for joy!

-Ps 90, Lectionary

OCTOBER 10, 2021



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## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

What's the difference between normal conflict and domestic violence? Conflict is part of every intimate relationship—that's why conflict resolution skills are important. Domestic violence, however, has no place in a healthy relationship, whether the couple is dating, cohabiting, engaged, or married.

### What is domestic violence?

Domestic violence is any kind of behavior that a person uses, or threatens to use, to control an intimate partner. The two key elements are threat and control. Domestic violence can take various forms:

*Physical* – Violent actions such as hitting, beating, pushing, and kicking. In many cases physical abuse becomes more frequent and severe over time.

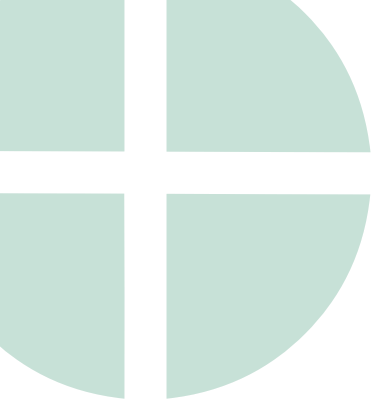
*Sexual* – Includes any sexual acts that are forced on one partner by the other

*Psychological* – Includes a wide range of behaviors such as intimidation, isolating the victim from friends and family, controlling where the victim goes, making the victim feel guilty or crazy, and making unreasonable demands

*Emotional* – Undermining an individual's self-esteem, constant criticism, insults, put-downs, and name-calling

*Economic* – Examples include limiting the victim's access to family income, preventing the victim from working or forcing the victim to work, destroying the victim's property, and making all the financial decisions

Both women and men can be victims of domestic abuse. According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline statistics, approximately 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men over the age of 18 have been the victim of physical domestic violence, and almost 50% of both sexes have experienced some form of domestic psychological aggression.



## What the Catholic Church teaches about domestic violence

The U.S. Catholic Bishops have made clear that “violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified. Violence in any form- physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal is sinful; often it is a crime as well.” (When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women)

## Domestic violence and the permanence of marriage

Some abused women believe that Catholic Church teaching on the permanence of marriage requires them to stay in an abusive relationship. They may hesitate to seek a separation or divorce. They may fear that they cannot re-marry in the Catholic Church.

In *When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women*, the Catholic bishops emphasize that “no person is expected to stay in an abusive marriage.” Violence and abuse, not divorce, break up a marriage. The abuser has already broken the marriage covenant through his or her abusive behavior. Abused persons who have divorced may want to investigate the possibility of seeking an annulment.

## What the Bible says

Abusive men may take a text from the Bible and distort it to support their right to batter. They often use Ephesians 5:22 (“Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord”) to justify their behavior. This passage (v. 21-33), however, refers to the mutual submission of husband and wife out of love for Christ. It means that husbands should love their wives as they love their own body, as Christ loves the Church.

The Catholic bishops condemn the use of the Bible to support abusive behavior in any form. Men and women are created in God’s image. They are to treat each other with dignity and respect.

## Forgiveness

Men who batter also cite the Bible to insist that their victims forgive them (see, for example, Matthew 6:9-15). A victim then feels guilty if she cannot do so. Forgiveness, however, does not mean forgetting the abuse or pretending that it didn’t happen. Neither is possible.

Forgiveness is not permission to repeat the abuse. Rather, forgiveness means that the victim decides to let go of the experience, to move on with life and not to tolerate abuse of any kind again.





**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021**

## **28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,  
"Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said,  
"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.  
All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021

- Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/  
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
- Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk  
10:35-45 or 10:42-45

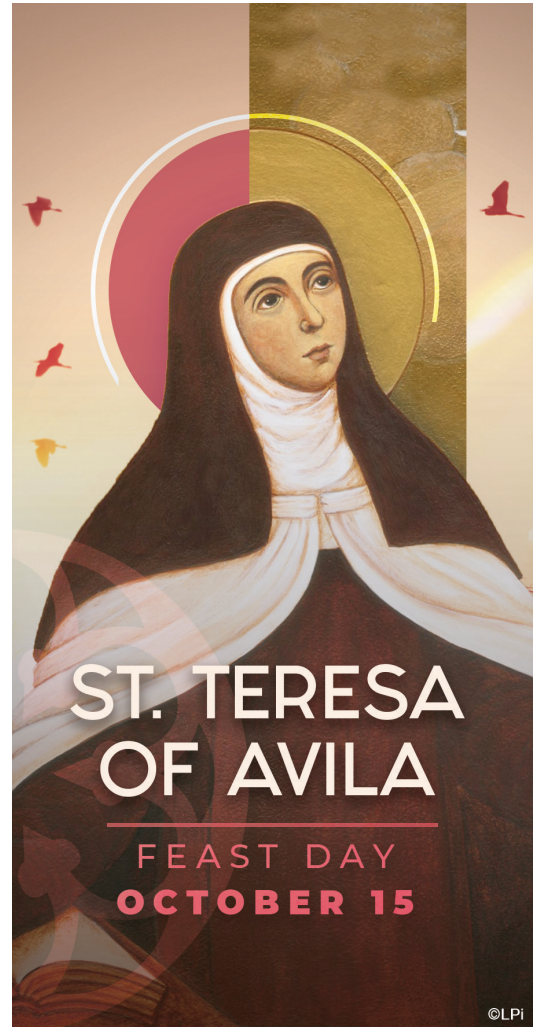
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021

- Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. John XXIII, Pope; Columbus Day
- Thursday:** St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Presumption can be a great sin. We can easily convince ourselves that as long as we do the bare minimum or master the basics, it is sufficient. Love doesn't operate this way. If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to get expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing and in following a voice other than our own. This is what those who are truly in pursuit of wisdom come to realize. Just like any human relationship worth achieving reveals, we never reach a plateau in following the Gospel or growing in wisdom and holiness. Wisdom is the rudder that guides us through all of life's attractions and options. It alone determines what is worth pursuing and what must be left behind. That is why those who are only concerned about checking the boxes and doing the least amount possible often walk away sad when offered God's gift of life eternal. They are not truly in love.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

St. Teresa of Avila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri.

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.  
I preferred her to scepter and throne,  
and deemed riches nothing in comparison with  
her. (Wis 7:7-8)



## PSALM

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing  
for joy! (Ps 90)



## SECOND READING

No creature is concealed from him,  
but everything is naked and exposed  
to the eyes of him  
to whom we must render an account. (Heb 4:13)



## GOSPEL

“Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor  
and you will have treasure in heaven; then  
come, follow me.” (Mk 10:21)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for “love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self.” Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person’s story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God’s work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

If Heaven were like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

#### Question:

Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

#### Answer:

Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place.

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“Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”

- Mk 10:21c-23

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

### First Reading

Today's reading presents wisdom and prudence as life's most precious gifts. Why do you think these virtues were held in such high regard by ancient Israel?

### Second Reading

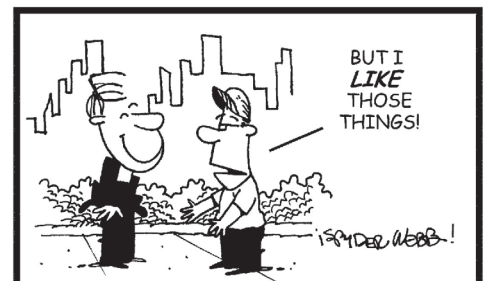
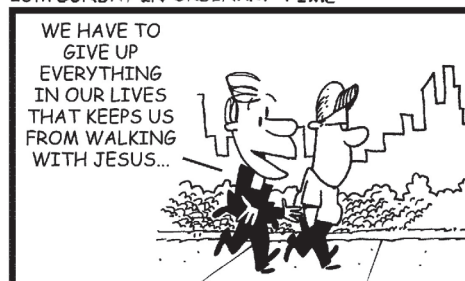
Hebrews connects the power of the word of God with divine judgement — one day we must all “render an account” of our lives before the Lord. How often do you think about your own judgement day?

### Gospel Reading

Jesus teaches the rich man and the disciples that while wealth can often hinder one from entering the kingdom of God, self-sacrifice and discipleship can earn eternal life. How well do you balance these realities in your life?



## 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





WE SING

FOR

PSALM 90

*joy!*

*They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.”*

*- Mk 10:26-27*

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# KIDS CORNER

## READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

### SHARING THE GOSPEL

The man in today's Gospel reading thought he was pretty good. He had been careful to obey most of God's rules. But he forgot the most important rule of all—love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. When Jesus asked the man to give away all he owned, the man went away sad. He loved money more than he loved God.

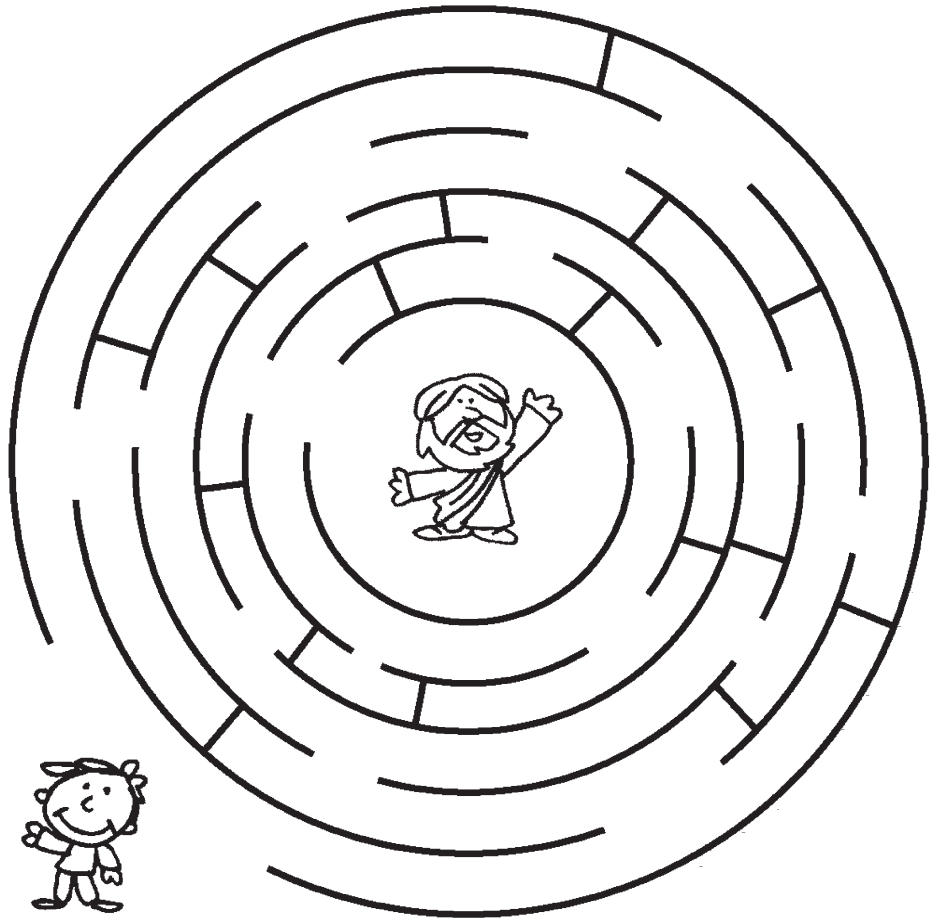
### PRAYER

Dear God, help me to love you more than all the gifts you have given to me.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Make a list of things that are special to you. If God asked you to give away your favorite toy or game to someone who's poor, could you do it? Be honest with God, and ask him to help you love him more than anything.

Help this child find Jesus.



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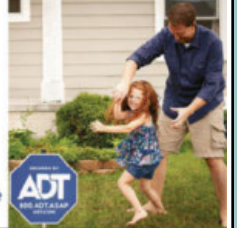


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