

*Señor, mira benignamente a tus siervos
y enséñanos a cumplir tus mandamientos.
Let your face shine upon your servant;
and teach me your laws.*

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or who can conceive what the LORD
intends? For the deliberations of mortals
are timid, and unsure are our plans.**

**¿Quién es el hombre que puede conocer
los designios de Dios? ¿Quién es el que
puede saber lo que el Señor tiene dispues-
to? Los pensamientos de los mortales son
inseguros y sus razonamientos pueden
equivocarse...**

Wisdom 9:13-14



"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." MT. 5:44

We continue to lift up to the Lord...

...all who have died. We pray for those who struggle with migration, aging, cold weather, disease, illness, grief or addiction. We are grateful for those who feed, house and clothe the world, and those who labor selflessly for our safety, growth and well being, including our catechists, first responders and military. May we always not only listen to, but also follow the Father's beloved son, Jesus Christ.

September / Septiembre: Birthdays / Cumpleaños... 6, Grisela Gonzales; 8, Edwin Pacheco; 9, Dennis Ryan; 12, Bill Blair, Tom Nee; 17, Alitzel Bahena, Christian Carapia; 18, Dominic Dabney; 21, Ismael Bueno; 23, Jordan Bahena; 24, Marian Dabney; 26, Alison Casteneda.
Anniversaries/Aniversarios... 11, Bertha y Martin Carapia, 28 años.

Weekly Readings

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September 7, Sunday
The Twenty Third Sunday
El Vigésimo Tercer Domingo
Wis/Sab 9:13-19
Phil/File 9-10, 12-17
Lk/Lc 14:25-33
September 8, Monday-Lunes
Nativity of Mary / Natividad
Mic/Miq 5:1-4a
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
September 9, Tuesday-Martes
St Peter / Pedro Claver
Col/Co 2:6-15
Lk/Lc 6:12-19
Sep. 10, Wednesday-Miércoles
Col/Co 3:1-11
Lk/Lc 6:20-26
Sep. 11, Thursday-Jueves
Col/Co 3:12-17
Lk/Lc 6:27-38
September 12, Friday-Viernes
1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14
Lk/Lc 6:39-42
Sep. 13, Saturday-Sábado
Saint John Chrysostom
San Juan Crisóstomo
1 Tim 1:15-17
Lk/Lc 6:43-49
September 14, Sunday
Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Exaltación de la Santa Cruz
Num 21:4-9
Phil/File 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Mass Intentions

Sun, Sep. 7, 8:00 a.m. Unionville
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Sun, Sep. 7, 9:45 a.m. Milan
†D I Ryan
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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
El Vigésimo Tercer Domingo
Gospel of St. Luke / El Evangelio de San Lucas
September / Septiembre 7, 2025

Christ says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Our Lord is speaking not of emotions but of priorities. He goes on. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." It's all or nothing. The Lord goes further! "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Why so demanding? Because if we do not live by putting Him first, we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down, material things, status, and egos. These things can never satisfy us.

Cristo dice: «Si alguno viene a mí y no aborrece a su padre y a su madre, a su mujer y a sus hijos, a sus hermanos y hermanas, e incluso su propia vida, no puede ser mi discípulo». Nuestro Señor no habla de emociones, sino de prioridades. Continúa: «El que no carga su cruz y me sigue, no puede ser mi discípulo». Es todo o nada. ¡El Señor va más allá! «Cualquiera de vosotros que no renuncie a todas sus posesiones no puede ser mi discípulo». ¿Por qué tanta exigencia? Porque si no vivimos poniéndolo a Él en primer lugar, seremos fácilmente absorbidos por las preocupaciones terrenales que nos agobian: las cosas materiales, el estatus y el ego. Estas cosas nunca nos pueden satisfacer.

Weekly Schedule of Services

Sunday Unionville 8:00 am, Milan English 9:45, Spanish 11:15 a.m.
Milan Tuesday, 8:15 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Reconciliation, 30 minutes before mass & by appointment.

Pastoral Council

Rex May, councilPresident@stmarymilan.com;

Pedro Arriola, Tom Nee, *Buildings*; Jean Nee, Irma Bahena *Activities*;

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John Mino, Alfredo Reyes, Nick Lentz, Angel Osorio, *Stewardship*;

Lety Curiel, Jean Nee, *Altar Society*; Irma Bahena, Roman Bahena, *San Juan Bautisa*

Background on the Gospel Reading

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow.

Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to loving them more than Jesus. Jesus makes it

very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a



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king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.



Remember your personal commitment to return to God, the Father, a minimum of one hour of worship, prayer, service and wage each week.

Calendar of Events

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| Sun, Sep 7 8:00 am | 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time, Holy Mass, Unionville Church |
| Sun, Sep 7 9:45 am | 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time, Holy Mass Milan, livestream at stmary.church |
| Sun, Sep 7 10:30 am | No Coffee and Doughnuts Milan Kitchen |
| Sun, Sep 7 11:15 am | 23° Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario Milan y en vivo |
| Tue, Sep. 9 8:15 am | Holy Mass of the Day Milan Church |
| Tue, Sep. 9 9:00 am | Ladies Yoga, Milan Parish Hall |
| Tue, Sep. 9 6:00 pm | San Juan Grupo de Oración, Milan Iglesia |
| Wed Sep. 10 6:00 pm | Santa Misa del Día Milan Iglesia |
| Fri, Sep. 12 8:00-5:30 pm | Food Pantry Monthly Distribution Milan, across from Casey's |
| Fri, Sep. 12 9:00 am | Ladies Yoga, Milan Parish Hall |
| Sat, Sep. 13 10:00-4:00 pm | Parish Wide Garage Sale Milan Parish Hall |
| Sun, Sep. 14 8:00 am | Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Holy Mass, Unionville Church |
| Sun, Sep. 14 9:45 am | Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Milan, Mass, livestream at stmary.church |
| Sun, Sep. 14 11:15 am | La Exaltación de la Santa Cruz Milan Santa Misa y en vivo |
| Tue, Sep. 16 8:15 am | Holy Mass of the Day Milan Church |
| Wed Sep. 17 6:00 pm | Santa Misa del Día Milan Iglesia |

No construction costs are included below!

| Giving and Expenditures | Last 30 Days | Year To Date |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Weekly Donations | \$7,140 | \$12,963 |
| Operating Exp | \$9,091 | \$18,098 |
| Balance | -\$1,951 | -\$5,153 |

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God's wisdom, purpose, and eternal plan is beyond the grasp of ordinary human thought. Our minds, tied to time, experience, and the senses, cannot fully fathom the infinite and eternal mind of God.



As we celebrate each week the pascal mystery, may the selfless life of Jesus Christ guide us in every way.

| Giving and Expenditures | Last 30 Days | Year To Date |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Donations | \$3,951 | \$6,875 |
| Expenses | \$3,134 | \$6,814 |
| Balance | \$817 | \$61 |

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**The Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C, Gospel of Saint Luke, Sunday, September 7, 2025**

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September 13, Saturday

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Lk 6:43-49

Sep 14, The Exaltation

Num 21:4-9; Phil 2:6-11

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Unionville Wednesday Evening Prayer, 5:00 p.m.

Reconciliation, 30 minutes before mass
and by appointment.

September: Birthdays... 4, Mary Knowles; 12, Bud Jacobs, Melba Hackney; 25, Cody and Cameron Purdy; 26, Lynn Worley; 27, Kay Bonifazi.
Anniversaries... None Recorded

Background on the Gospel

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| Tue. Sep 9 9-4:00 pm | Food Distribution Unionville Food Pantry |
| Wed Sep 10 5:00 pm | Liturgy of the Word Unionville Church |
| Wed, Sep 10 6:00 pm | OCIA/RCIA Unionville Parish Hall |
| Thu. Sep 11 9-4:00 pm | Food Distribution Unionville Food Pantry |
| Sun, Sep 14 8:00 am | Exaltation of the Cross Mass Unionville Church |
| Sun, Sep 14 9:45 am | Exaltation of the Cross, Mass, Milan Church |
| Sun, Sep 14 11:15 am | Exaltación de la Satan Cruz, misa y en vivo, Milan Iglesia |

Ministers September

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| Coordinator | Ed Brockmeyer |
| Music | Julia and Mary |
| Environment | Kathleen VanWyhe |
| Acolyte | Ed Brockmeyer |
| Lead Rosary | Kay Bonifazi |
| Greeter | Christy Allen |
| Hospitality | The Bensons |
| Lector | Mary Brummer |
| Communion | Kay Bonifazi |
| Church Cleaning | The Williams |
| Plants | Margaret Szucs |
| Supplies | Julia Rasmussen |