# St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church

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**Liturgical Schedule:**
Weekday Masses: Monday—Saturday - 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. (Polish)
Thursday - 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Weekend Masses:
*English:* Saturday - 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday - 7:00 a.m. & 9:15 a.m.
*Polish:* Saturday - 6:30 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday - 11:00 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
*Spanish:* Saturday - 8:00 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday - 8:00 a.m. & 12:45 p.m.

**Holy Day of Obligation:**
*See the bulletin and website for the schedule*

**Civic Holidays**
*See the bulletin and website for the schedule*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
*For people needing confession for special need or emergency, please call the office for appointment*
*Polish:* 5:30 pm Tuesday
*English:* 7:00 pm Wednesday
*Spanish:* 7:00 pm Friday

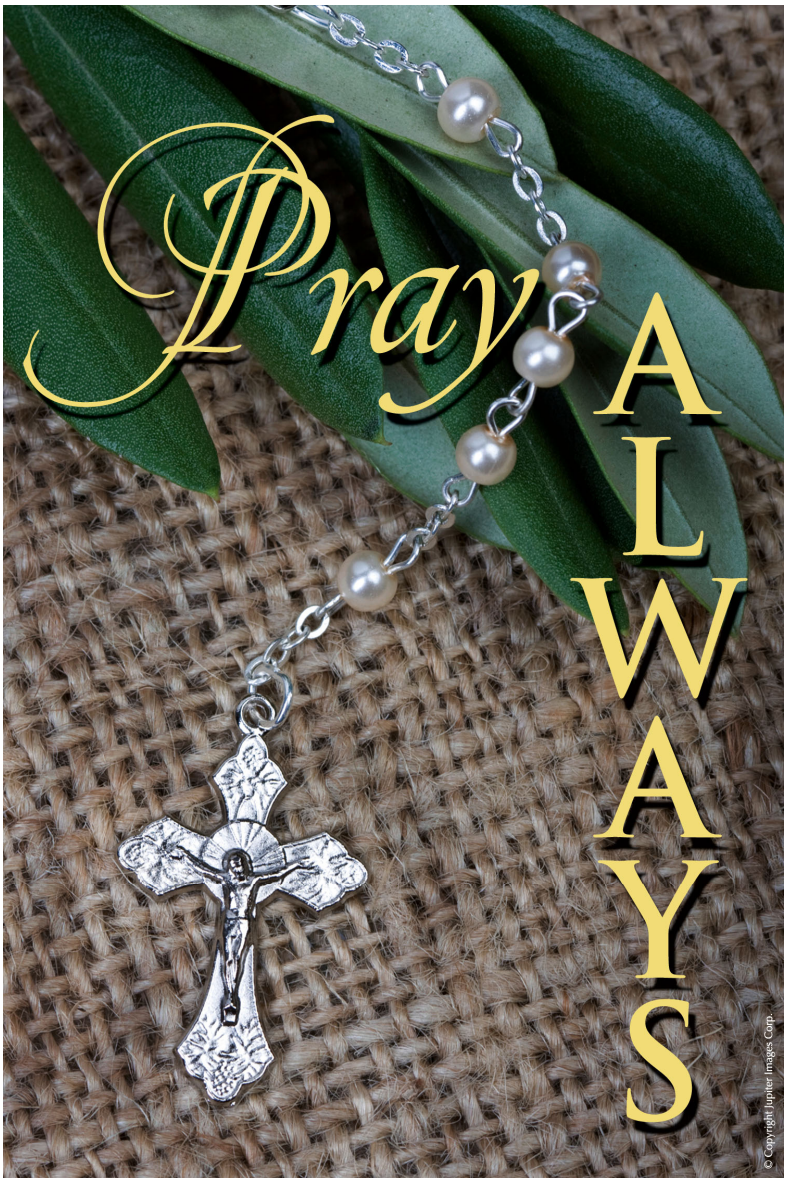
**First Friday:**
*English:* 8:00 a.m.
*Polish:* 4:30 p.m. School Confession
6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:00 p.m. Mass

**First Saturday:**
*English:* 8:00 a.m.
*Polish:* 2:30 p.m.

**Holy Hour:**
*Polish:* 7:00 p.m. Tuesday
*Spanish:* 7:00 p.m. Friday

**Adoration Chapel (Blessed Sacrament Exposed):**
Monday - Saturday: 7:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.
Sunday: CLOSED

**Office Hours**
Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 6:00 pm (closed 1—2 pm)
Saturday 9:00 am—1:00 pm
Sunday CLOSED




**Parish Mission Statement**
Many Faces, One Heart,
Serving Christ and One Another

Mass Intentions

**Saturday, October 15**
*St. Teresa of Jesus*
**8:00** — For all parishioners
**5:00** — In loving memory of Eugene Jones †*(by the Family)*
**6:30** — (Polish) Special intentions
**8:00** — (Spanish) Special intentions

**Sunday, October 16**
*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
**7:00**— Packiam Rayappan—Recovery and health
**8:00** — (Spanish) Special intentions
**9:15** — For the end of the war in Ukraine and peace in the world
**11:00** — (Polish) Special intentions
**12:45** — (Spanish) Special intentions
**5:15** — (Polish) Special intentions

**Monday, October 17**
*St. Ignatius of Antioch*
**8:00** — In loving memory of Fr. Michael Bonner †
For Madonna Clark on her death anniversary †

**Tuesday, October 18**
*St. Luke*
**8:00** — For the intentions known to God
**7:00** — (Polish) Special intentions

**Wednesday, October 19**
*Sts John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions*
**8:00** — In loving memory of Gertrude Trunda † *(by Cathy Heer)*

**Thursday, October 20**
*St. Paul of the Cross*
**8:00** — In memory of Bill Simpson †
For the intentions known to God
**7:00** — (Spanish) Special intentions

**Friday, October 21**
**8:00** — In loving memory of Fr. George Gawlik †

**Saturday, October 22**
*St. John Paul II; Blessed Virgin Mary*
**8:00** — Repose of the soul of Guadalupe Reynoso †
**5:00** — In loving memory of Rose Rodriguez †
Gabriel Antoniak—Health and blessing on his Birthday
**6:30** — (Polish) Special intentions
**8:00** — (Spanish) Special intentions

**Sunday, October 23**
*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
**7:00**— In loving memory of Antonio Cardenas †
**8:00** — (Spanish) Special intentions
**9:15** — Repose of the soul of Calixto †
**11:00** — (Polish) Special intentions
**12:45** — (Spanish) Special intentions
**5:15** — (Polish) Special intentions

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***Quarter Hour Prayer***
*God, eternal truth, We believe in you. God, our strength and salvation, We hope in you. God, infinite goodness, We love you with all our heart. You have sent the Word as Savior of the world, Make us all one in Him. Fill us with the Spirit of your Son, That we may glorify your name. Amen.*

**MINISTRY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**
Rosary: (English) Monday—Friday at 7:25 am;
(Spanish) Saturday at 7:00 am

**Sunday, October 16**
10:30 am—Spanish Religious Education
10:30 am—Escuela de la Cruz - House
6:15 pm—Polish School Confirmation Parents Meeting - Church
6:30 pm—Our Lady of Guadalupe Practice - Hall

**Monday, October 17**
6:30 pm—English Religious Education
7:00 pm—**Polish Prayer Group—Rm 12**
7:00 pm—Polish Meeting—Hall
7:00 pm—Escuela de la Cruz - House

**Tuesday, October 18**
4:30 pm—Polish Dance
5:30 pm—Polish Confessions
6:00 pm—Hosanna Choir - Rm 7
7:00 pm—Polish Mass/Holy Hour
7:00 pm—Emmaus Men - House
7:00 pm—English Choir - Rm 10

**Wednesday, October 19**
5:00 pm—Scripture Class - Rm 10
6:00 pm—Alegria Mexicana - Rm 11
6:30 pm—Divine Mercy Group - Rm 12
7:00 pm—English Confession
7:00 pm—Parish Rosary
7:00 pm—Emmaus Women - House
7:00 pm—Guadalupanos - Rm 5
7:00 pm—Polish Choir—Rm 10

**Thursday, October 20**
4:30 pm—Polish School
5:30 pm—Polish School Event—Hall
7:00 pm—Spanish Mass
7:00 pm—Spanish Young Adults - House

**Friday, October 21**
4:30 pm—Polish School
5:30 pm—Polish School Event—Hall
7:00 pm—Spanish Holy Hour
7:00 pm—Spanish Choir Practice - House

**Saturday, October 22**
8:00 am—Polish School
9:00 am—Legion of Mary - House
10:00 am—Polish School Event—Hall
12:00 pm—Quinceanera
6:30 pm—Spanish Choir practice - House

PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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|---|---|
| Weekly Collection: | $ 9,111.00 |
| Online Collection (9/29-10/5): | $ 940.00 |
| Budget for Collection: | $ 10,200.00 |

SEPTEMBER FINANCE

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|---|---|
| Income: | $ 34,962.44 |
| Expenses: | $ 75,866.46 |
| Difference: | ($ 40,904.02) |

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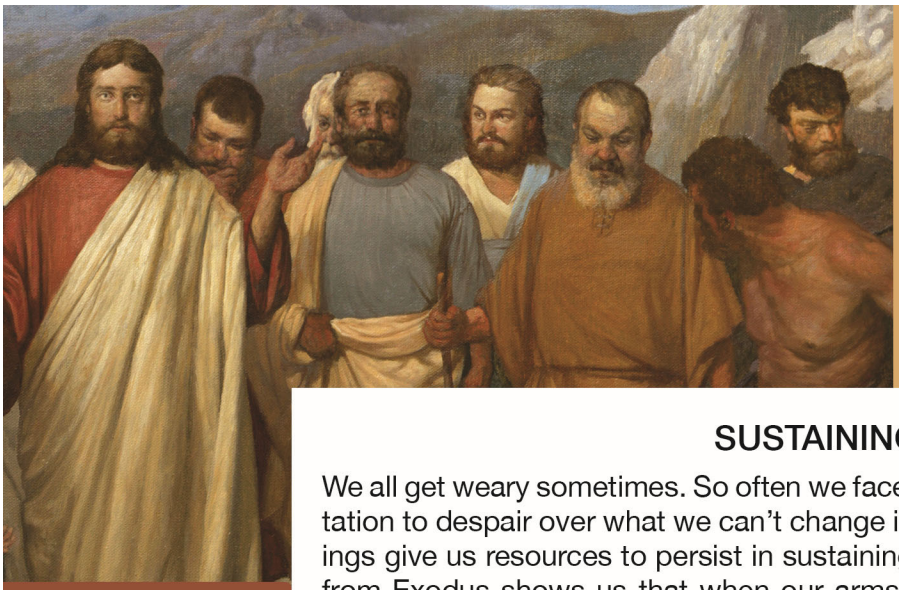
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the divine power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



# Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**October 16, 2022**

## SUSTAINING HOPE

We all get weary sometimes. So often we face frustration, discouragement, and temptation to despair over what we can't change in our lives, or in the world. Today's readings give us resources to persist in sustaining hope and trusting in God. The reading from Exodus shows us that when our arms get weary, we are not alone, that God provides us companions to sustain us. The letter to Timothy reminds us that we are rooted in scripture, the story of God's past actions and promises for the future. The Gospel passage from Luke gives us the image of a persistent widow, who has a passion in her heart to sustain her relentless efforts to secure justice. This passion, this faith and hope, are God's gifts. But they require ongoing practices of prayer to stay alive and growing. Let us encourage each other in prayer when our arms get weary.

## GOD'S PERSISTENCE

Today's Gospel is set within Jesus' instruction to his disciples to prepare for a future after his ascension, and before Christ's final return. The early Church lived in an unjust and violent world, and likely wondered when Christ would return to complete his work. In this context, we hear a parable of a corrupt judge and a widow seeking justice. The widow has no worldly resources to affect the judge, but only her own persistence. And that was enough.

We today also live in an unjust world, and we the Church long for Christ to fulfill God's promises. But we are not asked to wait passively; instead we must join God's work in bringing justice. We can imitate the widow with our persistence in prayer and action to be instruments of peace in our own place and time. These efforts might well extend beyond our own lifespans, but God will inspire new instruments of peace in future generations. God's persistence will be enough.

## A DEEP BREATH

In today's passage from 2 Timothy, we hear that "all scripture is inspired." The Greek word translated as "inspired" literally means "God-breathed." That is, God breathes God's own life in and through scripture. We can see ourselves also as "God-breathed," as God's creation was the result of God's speech in Genesis, and as the Church received the Spirit from Jesus' breath (John 20:22). God breathes in and through these writings, and in our encounters with each other, to enliven and to transform us.

Using this word, Paul invites Timothy to engage with scripture, to allow it to teach, correct, and train. Scripture is not a set of rules or an answer book, but a breath of God's fresh air. It is the record of flawed human beings encountering a loving yet mysterious God. It is the story of God and humanity where we can place our life stories in dialogue with God's story. Take a deep breath.

### TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 17:8–13
Psalm 121:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8
2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2
Luke 18:1–8

**"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"** *Luke 18:7*

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# How To Resist Spiritual Desolation

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The phone rang in the parish office. Moments later, the call was transferred to Father Reed's desk. He answered and said, "Hello, this is Father Reed." His caller replied, "Good morning, Father. My name is Bob Johnson. You don't know me, but my wife, Julie, made the retreat you gave three months ago. She loved the retreat and spoke well of you. I'm struggling with some things in my spiritual life, and I wondered if you'd be willing to meet with me." They made an appointment for Saturday at one o'clock. Saturday arrived, and they sat in the rectory parlor. After their initial exchanges and a brief prayer, Father Reed settled himself to listen.

Bob began, "Maybe it's best that I give a little background about the things I want to talk about." Father Reed nodded his agreement. "I've been a Catholic all my life, and I go to Mass every Sunday with Julie and the children. Julie and I have been married for seventeen years. We've had our ups and downs, but I've always thought of it as a good marriage. Still, every so often I hurt Julie. I don't mean to, and I realize it only after it's happened. I see her withdraw, and I know she's suffering. I did it again a few weeks ago when—with what I thought were good intentions—I raised questions about how she's working with our youngest son, David, who is struggling at school. It really bothers me when I do this, and I try to make amends. It can get complicated. Usually, after some days, we resolve the tension. This time, though, it's still there." Father Reed nodded once more and continued to listen.

"Spiritually, things have been moving in a good direction over these last years. I've joined the Men's Faith Formation Group in the parish, and we meet on first and third Fridays in the morning. It's been good in many ways. I've made some good friends, I've learned more about prayer, and my faith seems more alive. That's why it's so discouraging when this tension with Julie happens again, and I recognize that I'm not treating her in the way she needs. It starts to affect everything: my relationship with her and the children, my work, even my prayer. That's why I'm here. I need help."

"How does the discouragement affect you, Bob?" asked Father Reed. "I find myself thinking like this: 'What kind of a husband are you? You hear talks about how married men grow in holiness by loving their wives and children. You want to be that kind of man. But look at the mess you make of your relationship with your wife. Don't think you'll ever be much of husband and not much of a father either. You can't even agree with your wife about how to help your son. Make all the efforts you want. Maybe you'll do better in this or that for a while. But you'll never really change.'"

"That sounds pretty heavy," Father Reed said.

"It is, and it doesn't stop there. As I said, it spreads to everything."

"Could you say more about that, Bob? What's that like?"

"Well, for example, I mentioned the Men's Faith Formation Group. Friday morning comes, and I find myself thinking, 'What's the point of going? You've been attending these meetings for two years, and where has it gotten you? Nothing has changed. Why bother going?' To be honest, recently I have missed some of the meetings.

"One of the recommendations is to spend a few minutes daily with the readings from the day's Mass. I subscribe to a monthly publication with the readings, and I pray with them in the evening. And the same thought comes: 'Why bother? What good has it done? Go ahead, pray with the readings, but it won't make any difference. You won't change.' Sometimes, I give in and just don't do it."

"That does sound difficult," Father Reed agreed.

"I'll add one more thing," Bob continued, "and then I'll have said all I need to say. I've been wondering about making a retreat. Julie made one, and I saw how it helped her. That got me thinking about doing the same. I know you'll be doing another retreat two months from now, and I've considered signing up. But there it is: 'What's the point? Sign up, go, be a part of it. You'll hear some good things, and you may make some good resolutions. It might even change things for a few weeks. But it won't last. You'll go back to being the same you. You'll hurt your wife again, you'll disappoint your children, you'll pull out of the group, you'll drop your prayer—just like you're doing now.' So, I haven't registered for the retreat."

Bob stopped speaking and looked at Father Reed. Father Reed was silent for a moment. Then he said, "Bob, I appreciate your honesty. I imagine that it was not easy to say the things you have. I'm so glad that you've been able to put that into words. Let me ask: As you hear yourself say all this, does anything strike you?"

"What do you mean, Father?" Bob asked.

"Well, you've spoken of your relationship with Julie, with your son David, your participation in the men's group, your evening prayer, and the retreat. What do you see happening in these different areas?"

Now Bob was silent. Father Reed gave him the time he needed.

"I think," Bob said slowly, "that there is something common to them all."

"Can you say what it is?"

"Yes, I think so. The areas are different, but the thought is the same for each: make your efforts if you want, but nothing will really change. These efforts won't last. You'll always be the same mediocre—or worse—husband, father, member of the group, person of prayer that you are now."

Father Reed nodded his agreement. "It's good that you can see that," he said. "What happens when you believe that thought?"

"What happens is what is happening: I lose hope. I give up hope of not hurting Julie, of ever being a better father. I stop going to the meetings on Fridays. I don't pray in the evening. I decide not to make the retreat."
"Yes, that's what happens when you believe that thought. Bob, let me ask this: Do you love Julie?"

"Of course I do."

"Do you think she knows that?"

"Yes, I know she does."
"You said earlier that there are tensions from time to time, but you've always thought of your marriage as a good one. Do you continue to think that's true?"

“Yes, I don’t doubt it.”

“Do you think Julie would say the same?”

“Yes, I’m sure she would.”

“Do you love your children? Do you want the best for David?”

“Yes, absolutely.”

“Are your children happy?”

“They have struggles, as we all do in growing up, but, yes, I think they are happy.”

“Bob,” Father Reed asked, “how does all that you’ve just said—and said with such sincerity and confidence—compare with the thought you’ve described, that you’re not a good husband, not a good father, that you never will be, that you’ll never be holy in this vocation, that there’s no point in going to the men’s group, in praying in the evening, or in making a retreat?”

For the first time, Bob smiled. “Well, when you put it like that,” he said, “it sounds like I’ve been giving these thoughts too much power. It sounds like they don’t correspond to reality and that things are not as dark as I’ve believed.”

“Yes, I’d say that’s right. Bob, let me ask you this: When you believe these thoughts, what happens?”

“That’s simple. ***I give up.*** I stop trying because there’s no point: nothing will change.”

Father Reed nodded. “Bob, there is a tempter who wants to discourage you, especially when both you and Julie are growing spiritually in such a wonderful way. It’s not surprising that you find these thoughts—these lies—presenting themselves, and there’s no shame in experiencing them. What matters is to identify them for the lies that they are, reject them, and stay firmly on track toward God. “I say ‘these lies’ because everything you say shows that you are a man of faith, that you love God, that you pray, that you want to grow spiritually, that you love your wife and your children, that you are a good husband and father and want to grow in this calling. This is who you are. Yes, certainly, like me, like all of us, you can grow and need to grow. But that does not change your identity. Reject the lies. Pray faithfully. Find ways to let Julie know that you love her, and do the same with your son. Just stay on track, Bob, and you’ll see that things will work out well.”

Bob looked at Father Reed. He was deeply moved. “I can’t tell you how grateful I am,” he said, “It’s like waking from a bad dream.”

With Father Reed’s help, Bob recognizes a tactic of the enemy, another form of spiritual desolation. Ignatius describes this as “lack of hope.” When we experience this form of desolation, our thoughts are like Bob’s: we lose hope of any real progress in loving God, in prayer, in holiness, and in living our vocation well. If we think like this, we will be tempted, like Bob, to give up—precisely the enemy’s goal.

***All of this is a lie!*** If ever you feel “defeated before you begin” in your spiritual life, recognize the lie of the enemy and reject it. Do not relinquish your efforts to grow spiritually. God’s love and the power of his grace are with you in these efforts. Compared with this, the enemy’s lies are a very small thing. Further, we can prepare to reject such lies even before the enemy brings them (Ignatius’s rule 10). After this attack by the enemy, for example, Bob can prepare himself to reject similar lies should the enemy bring them again. Let us suppose that Bob, restored in peace, sits in his study or before the Blessed Sacrament, or in conversation with Julie, and reviews the experience of the past weeks. He notes, or he and Julie together note, the enemy’s discouraging lies and the vulnerability (their tension after speaking about David) that exposed him to them. Bob plans how he will resist these lies when, as is likely—again, no shame!—they return: how he will not change his prayer, will not distance himself from the men’s group, will talk with Julie and seek her help, will perhaps meet with Father Reed, and the like. Bob and Julie resolve that if either experiences these lies, he or she will tell the other for mutual support in the struggle.

If they do this, they will be greatly strengthened to resist quickly and decisively when the enemy’s “lack of hope” presents itself again.

## *How might you be vulnerable to this lack of hope in your spiritual life?*

Can you prepare ahead, prepare even now? If you do, like Bob and Julie, you will find future desolation easier to overcome. A final comment, and one of great importance: the enemy will try to convince you that what you experience in spiritual desolation is your identity: it is who you are spiritually. Do you feel far from God this evening (spiritual desolation)? This is who you are: a person far from God (spiritual identity). Do you feel little desire to pray today (spiritual desolation)? This is who you are: a person who does not love prayer (spiritual identity). Do you feel little energy today to attend daily Mass as usual (spiritual desolation)? This is who you are: a person who does not love the Eucharist (spiritual identity).

No! And again no! You are a person close to God, who loves prayer and who loves the Eucharist—this is why you have these practices!—but whom God, for reasons of a love we have already seen, is permitting to experience spiritual desolation.

***Reject the enemy’s false equation between the spiritual desolation you experience and your spiritual identity.*** When you do, your struggles will lighten and your spiritual energy will increase.

This article is adapted from a chapter in ***Struggles in the Spiritual Life*** by Fr. Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V. which is available from Sophia Institute Press.

# ROSARY CRUSADE (TRILINGUAL)
# OCTOBER 15TH AT 12 NOON
# IN FRONT OF THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE ON DUNDEE ROAD

## *Pray For the Sick ...*

Jack & Jim Bonner
Joseph Flanagan
Michelangelo Gondolfi
Pat Hembd
Thomas Mueller
Cheryl Murray
Michael Perrela
Amanda Rakers
Beth Ramos
Ava Rodriguez
Chester Salzmann
Chris Scanlon
Deana Skulemowski
Jean Storey
Melissa Stoutamire
Dave & Mark Sykes
Anna Marie Tarsitano
Fran Theriault
Dale Thuet
Evelyn Torres
Bill Trnka
Jerry Vanderberg
Ed Witecha
Matt Wzerick
Kathy Zeivel
Thuy & Bob Schuster
Maria & Stanislaw Lichaj
Mieczysław Kowalik
Arthur & Allen Galvan
Janet Schaeff
Nick Rode
Ryan Schofield
Luke Silber
James Sylvester
Manny Hernandez
Billy, Brendan & Becky Skasick
Marion Taicsich
Marie Arzer
Kathy Yoshida
Ray Winiecki
Rita Snyder
Christina Lisowicz
Helena Patriak
Joseph Czosnyka
Joseph Bak
Grace Kozak
Monika Swiatlowska
Amelia Nasuta
Tom Wittendorf
Di & Am Dang
Robert Wright
Jerry Patriak
Casey Mikolajczyk
Jacob Piatek
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Theresa Calabrese
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Please pray for peace and for the Men and Women serving in the military.

- LCPL DeShaun Richard, USMC
- Staff Sergeant Christopher Olszewski, USAF
- Sergeant Joseph J. Zimmerman, III USMC

We also remember those who died while serving our country

## *The Rosary and the Legion of Mary*

Legion of Mary is a lay apostolate association of Catholics, who with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary serve the Church. The aim of the Legion is to bring Mary to the world as an infallible means of winning the world to Jesus.

We the members of the Legion of Mary are encouraging everyone to pray the Rosary every day. Please pray the rosary with your family. The family that prays together stays together.

Every weekday before the morning mass, we pray the rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Everyone is invited to join us.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. This month of October we have the Parish Rosary every Wednesday at 7 pm in three languages. All are invited.

The Legion of Mary meets every Saturday after the morning mass. We are a spiritual group and we pray the rosary at every meeting. Please join us every Saturday and pray the rosary.

Members of the Legion of Mary will be available for questions after the October rosary on Wednesdays.

Pray persistently and God will respond. Ask God to bless the Church with faith-filled ministers.
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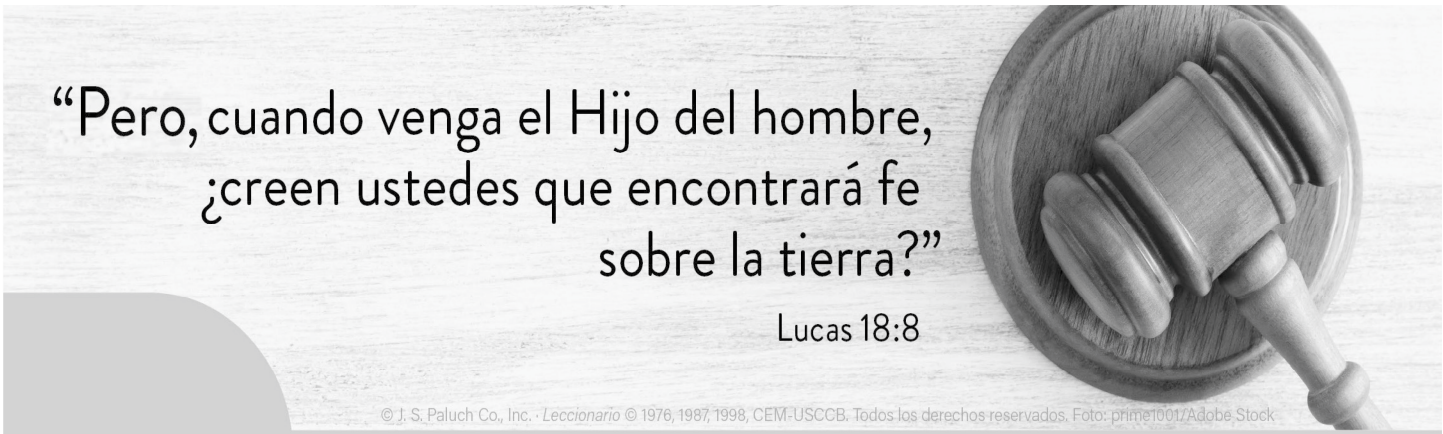
October is the month of the Rosary

# PARISH ROSARY

Every Wednesday
in October
7:00 pm in church

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

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# VIGÉSIMO NOVENO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

## 16 DE OCTUBRE DE 2022

El Evangelio de hoy se enmarca en las instrucciones de Jesús a sus discípulos para que se preparen para un futuro posterior a su ascensión, y antes del regreso final de Cristo. La Iglesia primitiva vivía en un mundo injusto y violento, y probablemente se preguntaba cuándo volvería Cristo a completar su obra. En este contexto, escuchamos la parábola de un juez corrupto y una viuda que busca justicia. La viuda no tiene recursos mundanos para afectar al juez, sino sólo su propia persistencia. Y eso fue suficiente.

Hoy también vivimos en un mundo injusto, y nosotros, la Iglesia, anhelamos que Cristo cumpla las promesas de Dios. Pero no se nos pide que esperemos pasivamente, sino que nos unamos a la obra de Dios para hacer justicia. Podemos imitar a la viuda con nuestra persistencia en la oración y la acción para ser instrumentos de paz en nuestro propio lugar y tiempo. Estos esfuerzos podrían extenderse más allá de nuestra propia vida, pero Dios inspirará nuevos instrumentos de paz en las generaciones futuras. La persistencia de Dios será suficiente.

### UN RESPIRO PROFUNDO

En el pasaje de hoy de 2 Timoteo, oímos que “toda la Escritura es inspirada”. La palabra griega traducida como “inspirada” significa literalmente “inspirada por Dios”. Es decir, Dios respira su propia vida en y a través de las Escrituras. Nosotros también podemos considerarnos “inspirados por Dios”, ya que la creación fue el resultado del discurso de Dios en el Génesis, y como la Iglesia recibió el Espíritu del aliento de Jesús (Juan 20:22). Dios respira en estos escritos y a través de ellos, y en nuestros encuentros con los demás, para animarnos y transformarnos.

Con esta palabra, Pablo invita a Timoteo a comprometerse con la Escritura, a permitirle enseñar, corregir y formar. La Escritura no es un conjunto de reglas o un libro de respuestas, sino un soplo de aire fresco de Dios. Es el registro de seres humanos defectuosos que se encuentran con un Dios amoroso y misterioso. Es la historia de Dios y de la humanidad en la que podemos poner nuestras historias de vida en diálogo con la historia de Dios. Respira profundamente.

Lecturas de hoy: Ex 17:8–13; Sal 121 (120):1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8; 2 Tim 3:14 — 4:2; Lc 18:1–8

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| Lunes: | Ef 2:1-10; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 12:13-21 |
| Martes: | 2 Tim 4:10-17b; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Lc 10:1-9 |
| Miércoles: | Ef 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lc 12:39-48 |
| Jueves: | Ef 3:14-21; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lc 12:49-53 |
| Viernes: | Ef 4:1-6; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 12:54-59 |
| Sábado: | Ef 4:7-16; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Lc 13:1-9 |
| Domingo: | Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lc 18:9-14 |

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1 Czym jest wstyd i jak wyjaśnić jego nieobecność w stanie pierwotnej niewinności, w samej głębi tajemnicy stworzenia człowieka jako mężczyzny i niewiasty? Ze współczesnych analiz wstydu — a w szczególności wstydliwości płciowej — wnioskuje się o złożoności tego podstawowego doświadczenia, w którym człowiek wyraża się jako osoba zgodnie z właściwą sobie strukturą. W doświadczeniu wstydu istota ludzka doznaje lęku wobec „drugiego ja" (tak na przykład kobieta wobec mężczyzny), i jest to zasadniczo lęk o własne „ja". Tym wstydem istota ludzka okazuje niejako „instynktownie" potrzebę potwierdzenia i przyjęcia tego „ja" zgodnie z jego właściwą wartością. Doświadcza tego jednocześnie tak wewnątrz siebie, jak i na zewnątrz, wobec „drugiego". Można więc powiedzieć, że wstyd jest doświadczeniem złożonym także w tym znaczeniu, że oddalając niejako jedną istotę ludzką od drugiej (kobietę od mężczyzny) szuka równocześnie ich osobowego zbliżenia, stwarzając dla niego odpowiednią postawę i odpowiedni poziom. Z tej samej racji ma on podstawowe znaczenie dla formacji etosu w ludzkim współżyciu, a w szczególności w relacji mężczyzna — kobieta. Analiza wstydu wskazuje jasno, jak głęboko jest on zakorzeniony we wzajemnych relacjach, jak dokładnie wyraża istotne reguły dla „wspólnoty osób" i równocześnie jak głęboko dotyka wymiaru pierwotnej „samotności" człowieka. Pojawienie się „wstydu" w następnym opowiadaniu biblijnym w rozdziale 3 Księgi Rodzaju ma znaczenie wielowymiarowe i w swoim czasie wypadnie nam podjąć jego analizę. Co natomiast oznacza jego pierwotna nieobecność w Rdz 2,25: „Byli nadzy, [lecz] nie odczuwali wobec siebie wstydu?"

2 Trzeba przede wszystkim ustalić, że chodzi o prawdziwą nieobecność wstydu, a nie o jego brak lub niedorozwój. Nie możemy tutaj w żaden sposób utrzymywać „prymitywizacji" jego znaczenia. Tekst więc w Rdz 2,25 nie tylko wyklucza zdecydowanie możliwość myślenia o „braku wstydu" albo o bezwstydności, lecz bardziej jeszcze wyklucza wyjaśnienie za pomocą analogii z pewnymi pozytywnymi doświadczeniami ludzkimi, jak na przykład z doświadczeniem wieku dziecięcego albo życia tak zwanych ludów pierwotnych. Takie analogie są nie tylko niewystarczające, lecz mogą być po prostu zawodne. Słowa Rdz 2,25 „nie odczuwali wobec siebie wstydu" nie wyrażają braku, lecz przeciwnie, służą do wskazania na szczególną pełnię świadomości i doświadczenia, nade wszystko na pełnię zrozumienia znaczenia ciała, związaną z faktem, że „byli nadzy".

Że tak należy rozumieć i interpretować przytoczony tekst, świadczy o tym dalszy ciąg opowiadania jahwistycznego, w którym pojawienie się wstydu, a w szczególności wstydu płciowego, jest połączone z utratą tej pierwotnej pełni. Zakładając zatem doświadczenie wstydu jako doświadczenie „graniczne", powinniśmy zapytać, jakiej pełni świadomości i doświadczenia, a zwłaszcza jakiej pełni zrozumienia znaczenia ciała odpowiada znaczenie pierwotnej nagości, o której mówi Rdz 2,25.

3 Aby odpowiedzieć na to pytanie, konieczną jest rzeczą pamiętać o przeprowadzonym dotąd procesie analitycznym, który swoją podstawę ma w całości opisu jahwistycznego. W tym kontekście pierwotna samotność człowieka ukazuje się jako „nieutożsamienie" własnego człowieczeństwa ze światem istot żyjących (animalia), które go otaczają.

To „nieutożsamienie", w następstwie stworzenia człowieka jako mężczyzny i niewiasty, ustępuje miejsca szczęśliwemu odkryciu własnego człowieczeństwa „przy pomocy" drugiej istoty ludzkiej; w ten sposób mężczyzna rozpoznaje i odnajduje swoje człowieczeństwo „przy pomocy" kobiety (Rdz 2,25). Jednocześnie ten ich akt powoduje dostrzeżenie świata, które dokonuje się bezpośrednio przez ciało („ciało z mojego ciała"). Jest ono bezpośrednim i widzialnym źródłem doświadczenia, które doprowadza do ustalenia ich jedności świadomości znaczenia ciał, która wypływa z typowej percepcji zmysłów. Można myśleć o tej pełni w kategoriach prawdy o istnieniu lub o rzeczywistości i można powiedzieć, że mężczyzna i kobieta byli pierwotnie dani sobie wzajemnie właśnie według tej prawdy, że „byli nadzy". W analizie znaczenia pierwotnej nagości nie można absolutnie pomijać tego wymiaru. To uczestniczenie w percepcji świata — w jego aspekcie „zewnętrznym" — jest faktem bezpośrednim i niejako samorzutnym, wcześniejszym od jakiejkolwiek złożoności „krytycznej" poznania i doświadczenia ludzkiego i ukazuje się jako ściśle połączone z doświadczeniem znaczenia ludzkiego ciała. Już w ten sposób można by pojmować pierwotną niewinność „poznania".

4 Nie można jednakże scharakteryzować znaczenia pierwotnej nagości biorąc pod uwagę tylko udział człowieka w zewnętrznej percepcji świata; nie można go ustalić bez zejścia do wnętrza człowieka. Rdz 2,25 wprowadza nas właśnie na ten poziom i chce, byśmy tak szukali pierwotnej niewinności poznania. Wymiarem bowiem ludzkiej głębi duszy trzeba wyjaśniać i mierzyć tę szczególną pełnię międzyosobowej łączności, dzięki której mężczyzna i kobieta „byli nadzy, [lecz] nie odczuwaliwobec siebie wstydu".

Pojęcie „łączności", w naszym języku konwencjonalnym zostało prawie oddzielone od swojej najgłębszej, pierwotnej formy znaczeniowej. Wiąże się je nade wszystko ze sferą środków, i to przeważnie z wytworami służącymi porozumieniu, wymianie, zbliżeniu. Natomiast wolno przypuszczać, że w swoim pierwotnym i najgłębszym znaczeniu „łączność" była i jest bezpośrednio związana z podmiotami, które „nawiązują łączność" właśnie na podstawie istniejącego między nimi „wspólnego zjednoczenia" zarówno w celu dojścia do prawdy jak i wyrażenia prawdy, która jest właściwa i przynależąca jedynie do sfery podmiotów – osób. W ten sposób ludzkie ciało nabiera zupełnie nowego znaczenia, którego nie można stawiać na płaszczyźnie pozostałej, „zewnętrznej" percepcji świata. Wyraża bowiem osobę w jej ontologicznym i istotnym konkrecie, który jest czymś więcej niż „jednostka", i stąd wyraża ludzkie osobowe „ja", które od wewnątrz uzasadnia swoją „zewnętrzną" percepcję.

5 Całe opowiadanie biblijne, a w szczególności tekst jahwistyczny, wykazuje, że ciało przez swoją widzialność wyraża człowieka, a wyrażając, pełni rolę pośrednika i sprawia, że mężczyzna i kobieta od początku „nawiązują łączność" między sobą według owej communio personarum dla nich właśnie zamierzonej przez Stwórcę. Jedynie ten wymiar, jak się zdaje, pozwala nam zrozumieć w odpowiedni sposób znaczenie pierwotnej nagości. W tym przedmiocie jakiekolwiek kryterium „naturalistyczne" musi zawieść, gdy tymczasem kryterium „personalistyczne" może stanowić wielką pomoc. Rdz 2,25 mówi z pewnością o czymś nadzwyczajnym, co znajduje się poza poznanymi za pośrednictwem ludzkiego doświadczenia granicami wstydu i co równocześnie decyduje o szczególnej pełni łączności międzyosobowej, zakorzenionej w samym sercu tej wspólnoty, która tak się ukazuje i rozwija. W tym względzie słowa „nie odczuwali wzajemnie wstydu" mogą oznaczać (in sensu obliquo) tylko pierwotną głębię w stwierdzeniu tego, co jest ściśle związane z osobą, tego, co jest „widzialne", kobiece i męskie, przez co tworzy się „osobowa zażyłość" wzajemnej łączności w całej jej radykalnej prostocie i czystości. Tej pełni „zewnętrznej" percepcji, wyrażonej za pomocą fizycznej nagości, odpowiada „wewnętrzna" pełnia wizji człowieka w Bogu, to jest według miary „obrazu Bożego" (por. Rdz 1,17). Według tej miary człowiek „jest" naprawdę nagi („byli nadzy", Rdz 2,25)1 zanim jeszcze to spostrzegł (por. Rdz 3,7-10).

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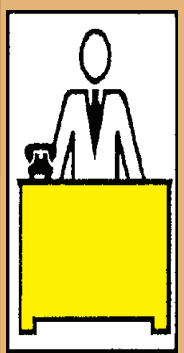

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