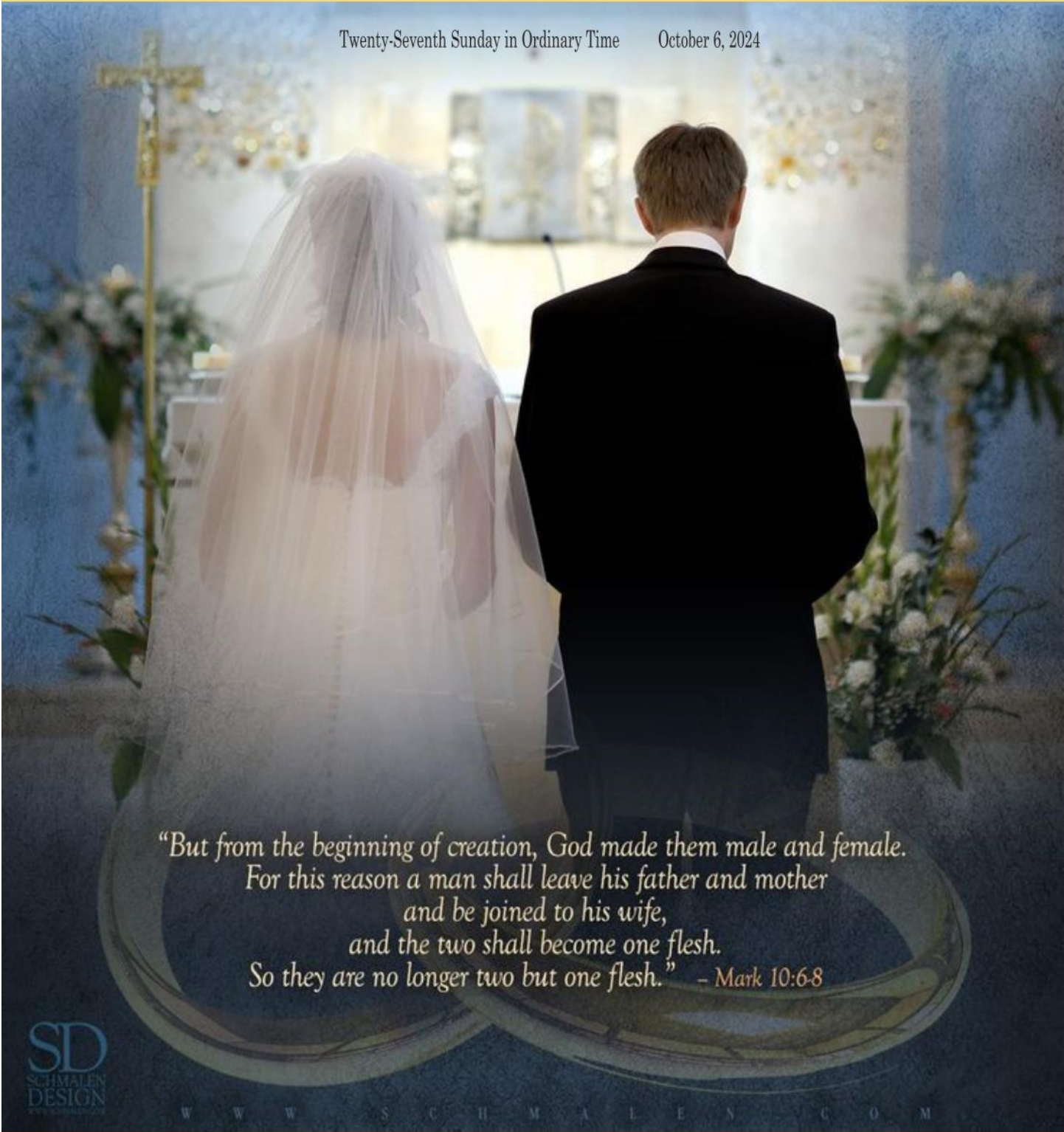


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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2024



*"But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.
For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh.
So they are no longer two but one flesh." – Mark 10:6-8*

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:00 a.m.
Wed	6:30 p.m.
Thu	8:00 a.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following
8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church
6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament
and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m.
Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed
by the Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Wed	6:00-6:15 p.m.
Or by request	

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REGISTER

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."



MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & EXPENSES

Ordinary Income	29,065.00
Extraordinary Income	3,002.95
Expenses	14,114.26
Total	\$ 46,182.20

thank you

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

OCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

Pet Blessing—Saturday 11:00 a.m. by picnic tables on church grounds

Rosary Crusade—12:00 p.m. Poitevent Park

Altar Society Bake Sale—Saturday & Sunday after all masses

PSR—Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass

Bible Study—Sunday after 10:30 a.m. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 7

(Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, October 8

(Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42)

8:00 a.m. Yvette & Al Bowman†

Wednesday, October 9

(Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, October 10

(Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13)

8:00 a.m. Terry & Wally Goodey

Friday, October 11

(Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26)

8:00 a.m. Jewel Bailey†

Saturday, October 12

(Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Lawrence Otilio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Mariana Selva†, Robert Jenevein†, William Deckwa, Jr.†, Vaughn Gay, Fay Vogt†, Clayton Daigle†

Sunday, October 13

(Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or Mk 10:17-27)

7:00 a.m. Cecilia Miller

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Carol & Jeff DiGiovanni, Earline Garitty†, Richard Family, Jewel Bailey†, Miguel Iscoa, Janae Wood†, Cathy Stanford†, Ragusa Family, Helen Story†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Audrey Bonnet, May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Beverly Cosse, Lou Lou Battle, Israel & Joyce Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Joseph Decaro, Isaiah Deblanc, Lois Leonard, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim & Eydie Richmond, Ed & Carol Wallace, Frederick Songy, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm, Landon Jeffrey, Glenn Bunting, Lucy D'Antoni, Don & Judy Aleman, Dylan Gornor, Vaughn Gay, Cathy Stanford, Herbert Landry, John McKelvey, Jr.

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM



Weekly Rosaries: 269
Year to Date: 12,771



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious, and lay people.

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Pet Blessing on Saturday, October 12 11:00 a.m.. on church grounds by the picnic tables. Bring your fur babies, properly attired with leash or cage, to be blessed. Each participant will be given a certificate of blessing and a treat bag.



TABERNACLE LAMP

This week, the Tabernacle Lamp in the Sanctuary burns for

† Jewel & Wallace Bailey †



ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flower arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated for

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Using beads for prayer and meditation is an ancient custom, found in many cultures and religions. The Christian rosary dates from the twelfth century, when it provided a way for ordinary Christians to learn about the lives of Jesus and Mary. Alan de la Roche, a fifteenth-century Dominican, preferred "Psalter of Our Lady" to "rosary." This fitting name recalls an explanation of the devotion's origin. Unable to read the one hundred fifty psalms that formed the Church's "official" daily prayer, medieval Christians substituted first one hundred fifty *Pater Nosters*, and later one hundred fifty *Ave Marias*. By meditating on the various mysteries of the rosary while repeating these simple prayers, the faithful could immerse themselves in the whole mystery of the Incarnation and the Resurrection.

The dedication of October to the Blessed Virgin Mary is an appropriate reminder of this venerable form of prayer. Faithful Christians everywhere continue to meditate on the mysteries of the rosary, praying in groups or alone. Why not take advantage of this season to renew your acquaintance with the rosary?

—Rev. James Field



THE WAY TO THE KINGDOM

The disciples were trying to be helpful. In the Temple of Jerusalem, only priests could enter the Holy of Holies, the men could enter the sanctuary, while women and children only got into the vestibule. So the disciples knew that children never approached the Rabbis. To show their respect for Jesus, they tried to turn the children away. But Jesus saw this as a chance to teach the disciples about the kingdom.

As they tried to send the children back to their parents, Jesus changes the rules. He invites the kids to come to him and even makes an example of them: "accept the kingdom of God like children" or you won't get in at all. So what do we learn from this?

Children don't make themselves look important. They haven't learned to brag about their accomplishments, or how to offer a bribe to get what they want. They simply accept what is given to them. In a culture where we are expected to make a good impression, where we compete to get scholarships and jobs, we may be more like the disciples than we think. A young man falling in love may be tempted to show what a great athlete he is, or how he plans to get a high paying job after graduation. Yet all he really needs to do is tell the girl that he loves her. We cannot make ourselves look important to God; we can't bribe Him with good works or change His mind with promises to avoid sin. We can be sorry for our sins, and tell Him we love Him, and ask for help with our weaknesses.

Children also have great faith. Not the deep faith that comes with adult experience, but a faith that sees goodness in everyone. If we can keep that faith in God's goodness, while developing a deeper faith that is not discouraged by sin and evil, we are on the way to the Kingdom.

Tom Schmidt



St. Augustine's stunning discovery

Thomas J. Neal

*Oh soul, most beautiful among all creatures,
you who so long to know the place
where your beloved is,
so as to seek him and become one with Him,
now it has been stated:
you yourself are the home in which he dwells.
Here is a reason to be happy;
Here is a cause for joy;
The realization that every blessing
And all you hope for
is so close to you as to be within you.
Be glad, find joy there,
gathering together
and present to Him
who dwells within,
since He is so close to you;
desire Him there,
adore Him there,
and do not go off looking for Him elsewhere.
there is just one thing;
even though He is within you,
He is hidden. - St. John of the Cross*

These very Augustinian words of St. John burn at the heart of the whole Catholic spiritual tradition.

This is the mystery of mysteries in Christian life: God dwells in the body of a baptized Christian as nowhere else in the whole of creation. St. Paul says your body is a temple (1 Cor. 6:19). More specifically, he says your body is a *naos*, a "Holy of holies" in which God dwells. This is the same word Jesus uses to describe his own Body as a temple in John 2:19, 21:

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple [naon], and in three days I will raise it up" ... He was speaking of the temple [naou] of His body.

Sit with that thought for a moment. Become aware of this Indwelling in you, right now. It's overwhelming to think about its real meaning for too long.

Yet this truth was the whole end-game of God becoming human. In Mary's womb, the holy Fire that once burned in the Sinai bush, at a distance from Moses, has entered the human heart — forever. The furnace of divine love raging in Sacred Heart iconography is not just a symbol of Jesus' unique prerogative. His Heart is to be our heart, and our heart is to be His Heart.

As Augustine would say: "Nearest now to you, in your deepest depth within, is God; nearer than you are to yourself." *But are you with Him?*

You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you.

Inadvertently and innocently, there is a danger of exaggerated Eucharistic devotions can overly externalize Jesus' presence as principally "out there," at a distance. We can think, "I normally live miles away from the Real Presence, and so I must drive or walk to so I can *finally* be near to him again. After enduring a period of absence."

No.

Eucharistic Adoration is wildly powerful, possesses a true majesty and magnificence. But it is given to permit Christ to speak to us in unceasing rhythms: “Seek me within you.” In Christ’s Eucharistic Presence, we hear him say to us again and again: “Take, eat. Take, drink.” *Christ consecrates the sacred elements to be consumed.* In the Blessed Sacrament Christ yearns/desires/longs to enter more deeply into us, to *intensify* his union with us; to become *more* one Flesh, one Spirit with us.

At the end of your time of Adoration, you should go away more aware of what St. Paul calls “the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27). Only then can St. Augustine’s words about the Eucharist become real: “Behold who you are, become what you receive.”

In the early Church, the Eucharist was called the “mystical Body of Christ” and the Church was the “real Body of Christ” – the Real Presence. Through faith and baptism, you are Christ’s *real* Body – which is why Christ’s Eucharistic Body exists to be ingested, that those transubstantiated elements might more fully seal your one-flesh union with Him.

You are a living, walking tabernacle. *Naos.*

This vision of faith also opens our eyes to greet Christ everywhere around us, in those innumerable and often *very* unlikely temples He chooses to dwell in. Christ, who is still hidden in mystery, waits to surprise us and shatter our assumptions by unveiling his Face anew in each moment where we least expect it.

The early 20th century British mystic Caryl Houselander tasted this on her way to work one day:

Quite suddenly, I saw with my mind, but as vividly as a wonderful picture, Christ in them all. But I saw more than that; not only was Christ in every one of them, living in them, dying in them, rejoicing in them, sorrowing in them – but because He was in them, and because they were here, the whole world was here in this underground train, not only the world as it was at that moment, not only all the people in the countries of the world, but all those yet to come. I came out into the street and walked for a long time in the crowds. It was the same here, on every side, in every passerby – Christ.

Next time you go to Eucharistic Adoration, share with Jesus your latest sightings of Him.

LISTENING AND LOVING

Jesus insists that the little children can come to Him. He is available to them just as much as He is to the adults, much to the shock of the adults surrounding Him. Jesus then asks those shocked adults to consider how these children have qualities the adults are lacking. “Whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” As I pondered the qualities a child has, the Holy Spirit drew my attention to an aspirational prayer in a Mass journal I have.

Breathe in: Give me ears that listen
Breathe out: and a heart that loves

I found myself considering how these two motions, listening and loving, are foundational to the childhood experience and are both crucial to accept the Kingdom of God.

First, we have to listen. As children, our first experience of the world is sound. Even before we are born, babies can hear the sounds of the world outside of their mother. A young baby, days old, can barely see a few feet beyond themselves, but their hearing is perfect. They soak in sounds, language. We learn to speak first by hearing it. “At birth, the infant brain can perceive the full set of 800 or so sounds, called phonemes, that can be strung together to form all the words in every language of the world” (Patricia K. Kuhl, *How Babies Learn Language*, 2015). This is incredible! We have such a huge capacity for language, both to listen to and speak, as small children that fades as we grow more set in our ways as adults.

Simultaneously, babies are learning about what it means to be loved, to be cared for. They are completely reliant on their parents to love them. To love someone, to will the good of the other, is foundational for a child. As the child grows, they come to consciously perceive this and begin to freely offer that love back to their family. At lunch a few days ago, my three year old looked up and said, “Mommy, I love you. The next day, I will love you still.” It was spontaneous and spoken from his heart.

Jesus wants to speak to us. He does so in the language we understand with our ears through the people He has placed in our lives. He also speaks to our hearts, in the language of love. These two practices, listening and loving, are beautiful lessons we can strive to grow in while we seek to become more childlike in the eyes of God.

By Kate Taliaferro

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