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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2020

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October
month of the
ROSARY

Octubre
mes del
ROSARIO

*"Repay to Caesar
what belongs
to Caesar,
and to God
what belongs
to God."*

- Matthew 22:21

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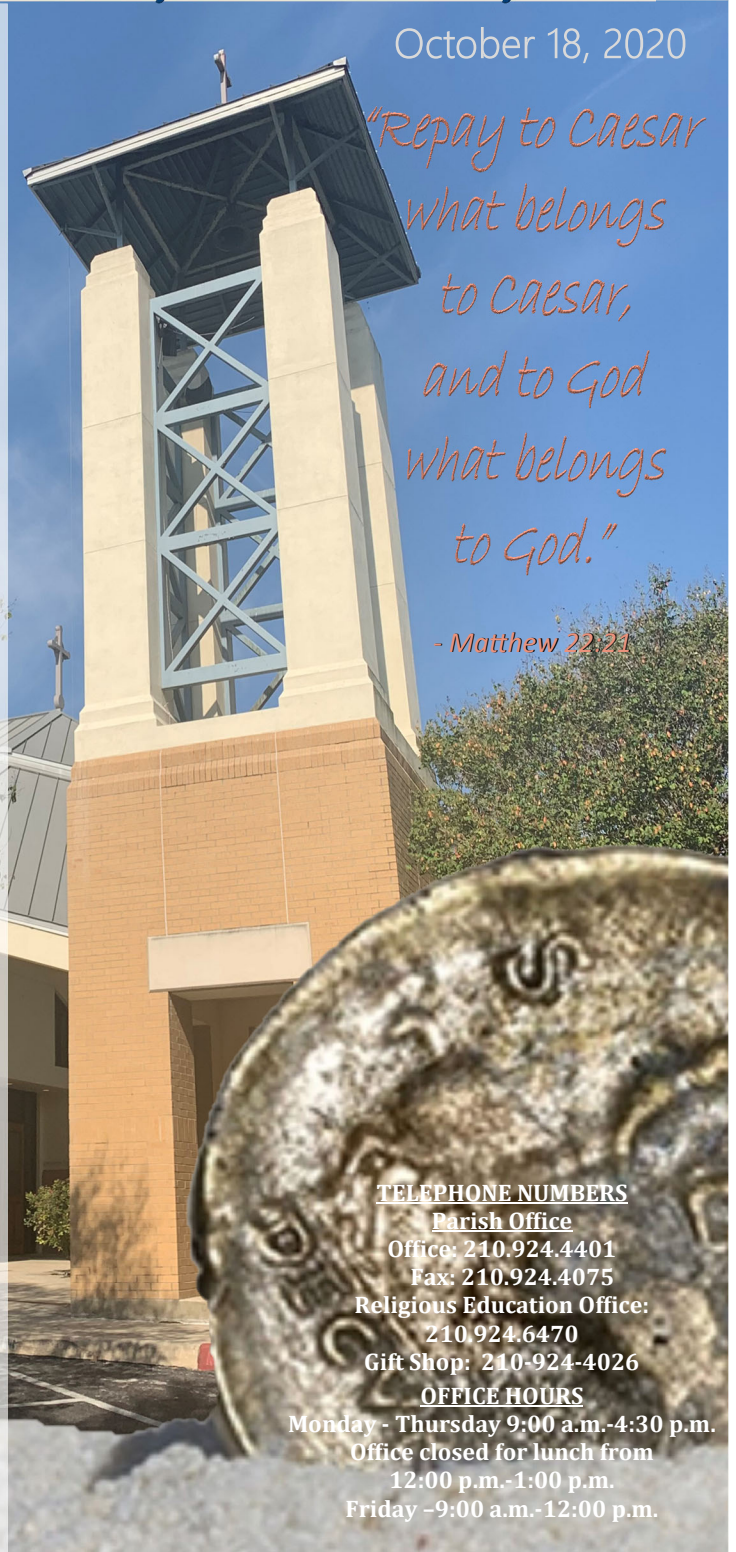
OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Office closed for lunch from

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Friday -9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



Mass Intentions for the Weekend

Sat., October 17, 6pm

Ann Adams†
Maria Elena Chavez†
Naun Delgado†
Irma Guerra†
Emilio & Candi Ortiz†
David Ramos†
Juan Ramos†

Sun., October 18, 7:30am

Raul De La Garza†
Rogelio Garza†
Felix Salas†
Maria Vidauri†

9:00am

Jose Angel Arredondo†
Maria Crecencia Arredondo†
Francisco Castillo†
Bernabe Cruz†
Rosalinda Preciado Estrada†
Isaac Rodriguez†
Leonel Rodriguez†
Jose Ramirez Segura†
Maria Elena Terrazas-Gnz†
Julieta R. Treviño†
San Judas Tadeo†

10:30am

Ana Gloria Izaguirre†
Bianca Herrera-Spec. Int.
Clarissa Peña†
Carrie Villarreal†
Everardo Villarreal†

12:00pm

Blanquita Carrillo†
Rosario Escoto†
Grace Lopez-SI
Jose Lopez-Health
Willie Lopez-SI
Barbara Winn-Health

**Please pray
for the sick
and for those
in need
of healing graces:
Oremos por
la sanación
de los enfermos.**

Estela Alcorta
Emilia Alvarez
Esteban Anthony
Eudelia Cantu
Janie Casarez
Adriana Chavez
Gilbert G. Chavez
Leonor Delgado
Baby Maria Jose Diaz
Miguel Diaz
Robert Dromgoole
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Daniel Gomez
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Ed Gonzalez
Rick Gutierrez
Sergio Hernandez
Julia Herrera
Jesus Izaguirre
David Keller
Gloria Lambaria
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Carlos Manzanares
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Emily McDaniels
Leonard Morales
Jose Martinez Navarro
Enrique Olid
Josefina Olid
Manuel Palacios
Araceli Perez
Virginia Ponce
Ponce family
Dn. Charles Pope
Grasiela Rivera
Letty Sepulvedo
Greg Slentz
Richard S. Treviño, Sr.
Jessica Rose Tristan
Linda Vargas
Isaac Villegas
Barbara Winn
Edmundo Zaragoza

Let us pray for the eternal rest of those who recently passed away. Especially; Oremos por el eterno Descanso de las personas que fallecieron recientemente, especialmente;

†**Celia Barron, †Mary Helen Villarreal, †Beatriz Lopez Martinez**
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

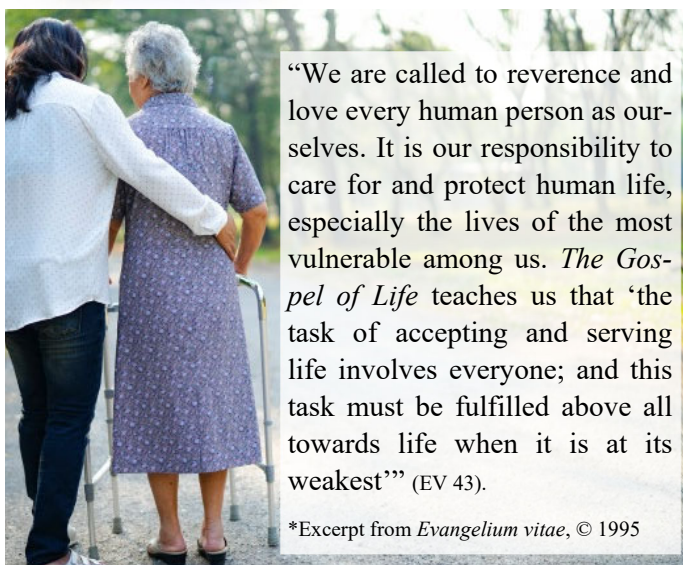
Dale, Señor, el descanso eterno. Brille para ellos la luz perpetua.
Descansen en paz. Amen.

Eucharistic Adoration, Thursday, 3pm-7pm.

Confessions from 6pm-7pm or anytime throughout, as long as Fr. Jose is available. Everyone is welcome to visit the blessed Sacrament. Please be mindful of the all social distancing recommendations and wear a mask at all times.

Adoración Eucarística, jueves de 3pm-7pm.

Confesiones de 6pm-7pm o al momento si Padre José esta disponible. Invitamos a todos a visitar al Santísimo Sacramento. Les pedimos que sigamos las recomendaciones de distanciamiento social y usemos cubre bocas en todo momento.



“We are called to reverence and love every human person as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us. *The Gospel of Life* teaches us that ‘the task of accepting and serving life involves everyone; and this task must be fulfilled above all towards life when it is at its weakest’” (EV 43).

*Excerpt from *Evangelium vitae*, © 1995

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit
from Oct. 18th-Oct. 24th

For the eternal rest of

†**Manuela G. De La Garza**

Eternal rest
grant unto her,
O Lord, and
let perpetual light
shine upon her.
May her soul
and the souls
of all the faithful
departed, through
the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.



October month of the ROSARY

The steps to praying the Rosary are:

1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say the "Apostles' Creed"
2. Say the "Our Father"
3. Say three "Hail Marys" for Faith, Hope, and Charity
4. Say the "Glory Be"
5. Announce the First Mystery and then say the "Our Father"
6. Say ten "Hail Marys" while meditating on the Mystery
7. Say the "Glory Be" (Optional:
8. Say the "O My Jesus" prayer requested by Mary at Fatima)
9. Announce the Next Mystery; then say the "Our Father" and repeat these steps (6 through 8) as you continue through the remaining Mysteries.
10. Say the closing prayers: the "Hail Holy Queen" and "Final Prayer"
11. Make the "Sign of the Cross"

Pasos para rezar el Rosario:

1. Haga la "Señal de la Cruz" y rece el "Credo de los Apóstoles".
2. Rece el "Padrenuestro".
3. Rece tres "Ave María".
4. Rece el "Gloria".
5. Anuncie el primer misterio, luego rece el "Padrenuestro".
6. Rece diez "Ave María" mientras medita sobre el misterio.
7. Rece un "Gloria"
8. "O Jesús mío" y la "Oración de Fátima".
9. Anuncie el segundo misterio, luego rece el "Padrenuestro" y repita los pasos 6 y 7, y continúe con el tercero, cuarto y quinto misterio.
10. Rece la "Salve".
11. Señal de la Cruz.



O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will
of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself
our suffering,
and burdened himself
with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: Due to the DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT the new Church entrance will be the South Gate located on Ansley Blvd. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

AVISO DE CONSTRUCCION: A causa del nuevo PROYECTO DE DRENAJE la unica entrada al estacionamiento de la Iglesia sera por el porton en la calle Ansley Blvd. Agradecemos su paciencia.

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**The Weekend Collections for
October 10-11, 2020 is:
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38
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: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ef 2:1-10; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 12:13-21
Martes: Ef 2:12-22; Sal 85 (84):9ab-14; Lc 12:35-38
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: Ex 22:20-26; Sal 18 (17):2-4, 47, 51; 1 Tes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40



Don't forget to change your clock back one hour on Sunday, November 1st.

Recuerde atrasar su reloj una hora el domingo 1^{ro} de Noviembre.

The All Souls Day Bilingual Mass

There will be NO morning Mass on Monday, November 2nd.

The All Souls Day Bilingual Mass will be celebrated on that day at 7 p.m.

Misa Bilingüe por Todos Los Fieles Difuntos

NO habrá Misa de mañana el Lunes, 2 de Noviembre.

La Misa Bilingüe por Todos Los Fieles Difuntos se celebrará ese día, a las 7 p.m.

SERVING MOMS IN NEED

LIVING THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

On March 25, 2020, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, the Church celebrated the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This prophetic document, written by a great saint of our time, Pope John Paul II, reaffirmed the Church's constant teaching on the value and inviolability of every human life.

In this encyclical, the Holy Father explains that the Gospel of Life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, reflecting his glory and his imprint. We are therefore called to "respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life."¹

Evangelium vitae highlights the special and particular role of women in bearing the gift of life to the world. Pope John Paul II offers heartfelt thanks to these "heroic mothers," who, placing their trust in God, "devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves."²

Pope John Paul II also outlines the many challenges that expectant mothers may face, including lack of support from the father, financial strains, concerns about her own health or that of her child, and pressures from family and friends. The Holy Father recognizes that an "unborn child is totally entrusted to the protection and care of the woman carrying him or her in the womb."³ For

this reason, it is particularly important that the Church come alongside mothers, offering them encouragement, assistance, and support.

Through Christ, we have received the gift of the Gospel of Life in its fullness. As members of the Church, we are the *people of life and for life*. It is our duty to proclaim the truth of the Gospel of Life to the world, for "to proclaim Jesus is itself to proclaim life."⁴ Pope John Paul II tasked us with building a culture of life to combat the forces at work in the culture of death. He challenged us:

With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth.⁵

In honor of *Evangelium vitae*'s 25th anniversary and in answer to Pope John Paul II's call, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities launched a nationwide effort beginning March 25, 2020 entitled, ***Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service***. Parishes, through the support of their bishops and pastors, are invited to join this effort to increase the Church's outreach and support to pregnant women facing difficult or unexpected pregnancies. This special anniversary year provides the Church with an opportunity to assess, expand, and better communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need.

What can I do this week to put on Christ, to pass along God's generosity to others?



CAMINA CON MADRES NECESITADAS VIVE EL EVANGELIO DE LA VIDA

El 25 de marzo de 2020, la solemnidad de la Anunciación del Señor, la Iglesia celebra el 25º aniversario de la encíclica papal *Evangelium vitae* (*El Evangelio de la Vida*). Este profético documento, escrito por un gran santo de nuestro tiempo, el Papa Juan Pablo II, reafirmó la enseñanza constante de la Iglesia sobre el valor e inviolabilidad de cada vida humana.

En esta encíclica, el Santo Padre explica que El Evangelio de la Vida es el *centro* del mensaje salvífico de Jesús al mundo. Por medio de la Encarnación de Cristo, Dios nos revela la dignidad de toda vida humana. Cada uno de nosotros está hecho a imagen y semejanza de Dios, y reflejamos su gloria y su huella. Por consiguiente, estamos llamados a “respetar, defender y promover la dignidad de cada persona humana, en todo momento y condición de su vida.”

Evangelium vitae resalta el papel especial y particular de las mujeres que traen el don de la vida al mundo. El Papa Juan Pablo II ofrece un sincero agradecimiento a las “madres heroicas” quienes, al poner su confianza en Dios, “se dedican sin reservas a su familia, que sufren al dar a luz a sus hijos, y luego están dispuestas a soportar cualquier esfuerzo, a afrontar cualquier sacrificio, para transmitirles lo mejor de sí mismas.”

El Papa Juan Pablo II también resume los muchos desafíos que las madres gestantes pueden tener, incluida la falta de apoyo del padre, problemas económicos, preocupaciones sobre su propia salud y la de su hijo, y presiones de la familia y de los amigos. El Santo Padre reconoce que un recién nacido “se halla totalmente confiado a la protección y al cuidado de la mujer que lo lleva en su seno.”³ Por este motivo, es de gran importancia

que la Iglesia salga al encuentro de las madres, y les ofrezca su aliento, ayuda y apoyo.

Por Cristo, hemos recibido el don del Evangelio de la Vida en su plenitud. Por ser miembros de la Iglesia, somos *pueblo de la vida y para la vida*. Es nuestro deber proclamar al mundo la verdad del Evangelio de la Vida, porque “*precisamente el anuncio de Jesús es anuncio de la vida*.”⁴ El Papa Juan Pablo II nos dio la tarea de construir una cultura de vida para combatir las fuerzas que operan en la cultura de la muerte. Nos motivó así:

Debemos preguntarnos, con gran lucidez y valentía, qué cultura de la vida se difunde hoy entre los cristianos, las familias, los grupos y las comunidades de nuestras diócesis. Con la misma claridad y decisión, debemos determinar qué pasos hemos de dar para servir a la vida según la plenitud de su verdad.⁵

En honor al 25º aniversario de *Evangelium vitae* y en respuesta al llamado del Papa Juan Pablo II, el Comité de Actividades Pro-Vida de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos lanzó una iniciativa nacional a partir del 25 de marzo de 2020 titulada: ***Camina con las madres necesitadas: un año sirviendo***. Las parroquias, por medio del apoyo de sus obispos y párrocos, están invitadas a unirse a esta iniciativa para incrementar el acercamiento y el apoyo de la Iglesia a las mujeres que tienen embarazos difíciles o inesperados. Este año especial de aniversario concede a la Iglesia una oportunidad de evaluar, expandir y dar a conocer de mejor manera los recursos existentes para madres embarazadas y familias necesitadas.

2021 Parish Festival

May 22, 2021

St. Lawrence has begun planning the 2021 Parish Festival. At this time we would like to introduce the 2021 Festival Committee Members:

Festival Chairman
Ruben Espinoza

Spiritual Director:
Fr. Jose R. Perez-Martinez

Committee Members:

MaryKay Alvarez
Severiano Balandran
Celia Carrigan
Mario Castilleja
Carmen Castillon
Irene Chavez
Ed Gonzales
Yolanda Gutierrez
Sofia Guzman
Fay Hendrix
Alice Ortiz
Griselda Picaso
Claudio Rivera
Sally Ruiz
Mary Zavala

Please Support the 2021 Festival Raffle

The 2021 Festival Raffle Tickets will be going on sale very soon now. The tickets will be sold for only **\$5** each!!! You can purchase your tickets after every Mass and in the parish office. We are counting on your support in the buying and selling of these raffle tickets in order to have a successful fundraiser. Thank you in advance for ALL you do for St. Lawrence.

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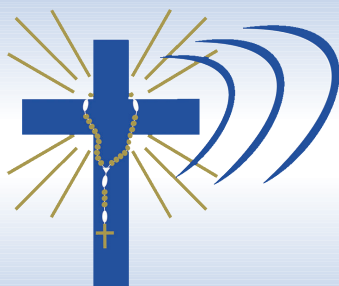
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