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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

- Sunday:

Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
- Monday:

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday:

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday:

Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
- Friday:

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday:

Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28
- Next 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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

- Sunday:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
- Monday:

St. Francis of Assisi
- Tuesday:

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
- Wednesday:

St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
- Thursday:

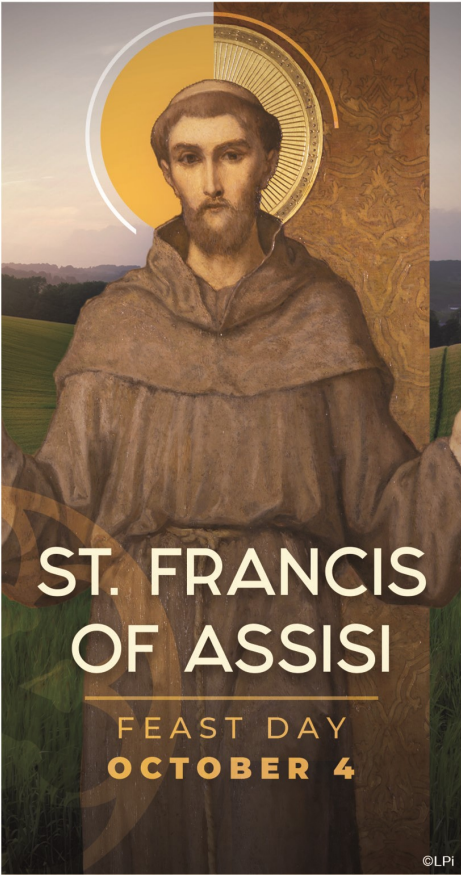
Our Lady of the Rosary
- Saturday:

St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Next Sunday:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY  
Inspiration for the week

“What God has joined together.” We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although also distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God’s power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men’s Order of Friars Minor, the women’s Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day. ©LPI

October 5 - October 10

- Tuesday:

Altar Society - 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:

RCIA - 10:00 a.m.  
Rosary - 4:00 p.m.  
Mass - 4:30 p.m.  
*Mass Intention in Honor of Marie Jimenez*  
Pastoral Council - 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday:

Communion Service - 10:00 a.m.  
followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Friday:

Stations of the Cross - 5:00 p.m.  
followed by Communion
- Saturday:

Vigil Mass- 4:30 p.m.  
*Mass Intention for Becky Mullican*  
Spanish - 6:30 p.m.  
*Mass Intention for Salvador Puente Guillen*
- Sunday:

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

HELP WITH RENT & UTILITY BILLS

If you need help paying rent and utility bills due to the COVID-19 Virus and live in Tyler County, please call Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas at 409-924-4426 or 855-924-4400 to see if you may be eligible for assistance. Due to high call volume, you may need to leave a voice message. Please leave a clear message with your complete name and telephone number. A member of our team will return your call as quickly as possible.

Weekly Stewardship

Sep 25 & Sep 26                      \$ 2851.75

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**Please Pray for:** Madeline Arnett, Jessie Burden, Jack Burden, Jett Burden; Debbie Powell, Sunny Ayars, Hayley Eveland, Zoie Mueller, Jackie Applegate, Eric Vondenstein, Wes Whitworth, Daryl Fields, Cayden Costello; Gene Emfinger, Dianne Necessary, Don Moore, Steven Crain, Lucy Martin, Linda Passons, Rosemary Urban, Frances Martin, Maureen Peltier, Carol Richoux, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson, Fr. Frank Rossi, those in financial crisis, those seeking employment, those in need of food and shelter

**Homebound/Nursing Home:** Mary Goodwine, Audrey Douzant, Mirley Trahan, Leola Kimball, Jeannette Bourque, Frank Cuccia, Harold Boyd

**Repose of the soul:** Johnathan Crenshaw, Elaine Tubb; Adam Jeffcoat

*Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.*

COME AND SEE! GROW IN YOUR FAITH! LEARN!

Come and See How to Put the Ten Commandments into Practice Every Day.

In contemplating how to put the Ten Commandments into practice every day, a fruitful practice is to examine our conscience daily. After a discussion of the commandments, RCIA will introduce you to St. Ignatius and his Daily Examen, a wonderful ancient prayer of the church. We'll also learn about St. Oscar Romero. **Please join us.**

Time:

9:30 a.m. Coffee  
10:00 a.m. Meeting

Date:

Wednesday, October 6

Place:

Family Center Conference Room

Gospel:

Mark 10: 17-30

Topic:

Putting the 10 Commandments into Practice

Therein lies the...rib

“If I were God...” is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don’t verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. *If I were God, I wouldn’t let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn’t exist.*

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don’t look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it’s never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam’s rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I’m guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. “Why haven’t you sent me what I need? I’ve been asking over and over again.” But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don’t fit the bill?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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Important Notice

MASK PROTOCOL FOR CCE CLASSES

Masks will be required for all students, teachers and visitors during CCE classes.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE !!

**PRAYER SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTOR**  
Let’s join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00pm.