

INVEST JUST FIVE MINUTES A DAY, AND YOUR FAITH WILL DEEPEN AND GROW, A DAY AT A TIME."

SUNDAY, OCT 10, 2021 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART, LORD

More than three-quarters of those suffering from mental illness worldwide have no access to the care that could restore them to healthy relationships and productive lives. The World Federation for Mental Health therefore dedicates this Mental Health Day to the theme "Mental Health in an Unequal World." Factors like race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and economic status complicate the path to adequate support. Pray the Rosary's Mysteries of Light today that clarity be given to those who struggle with mental health issues, and the societies that devalue them.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30 (143). "I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me."*

MONDAY, OCT 11, 2021 MEMORIAL OF JOHN XXIII, POPE HE SAW THEM MORE CLEARLY

The humble Pope John XXIII disliked the pomp and attention that came with his role, and he insisted on being called simply "the pope." Nearly 60 years since his pontificate, he is remembered in Italy as *il papa buono*, "the good pope." In the short time he was pope—less than five years before he died of cancer in 1963—he changed the Catholic Church like few others by convening the Second Vatican Council. On his deathbed, he said: "It is not that the gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better." We can always use the intercession of "the good pope" as we keep seeking to understand better what the gospel means in our changing times.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32 (467). "Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation."*

TUESDAY, OCT 12, 2021 OUR PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Today is the feast day of Virgin Maria del Pilar, a Spanish devotion commemorating the first official Marian apparition of the Catholic Church. According to tradition, Mary first appeared—while still alive—to the apostle James in the year 40, as he preached the gospel to the people of Spain. Saint James, despondent over his

progress, prayed for reassurance, and Our Lady appeared to him in a supernatural manner, standing upon a pillar held aloft by angels. Because October is the month of the Rosary, honor Maria with the beautiful Hail Holy Queen prayer that's part of that devotion.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41 (468). "I am not ashamed of the Gospel."*

WEDNESDAY, OCT 13, 2021 GOD TO HUMANITY: CAN'T BUY MY LOVE

From at least the time of the Pharisees, important people in the eyes of the world often assumed they had the inside track on a pleasant afterlife. Pope Francis begged to differ in an Advent season homily several years back. At the Last Judgment, Francis said, Jesus will not say, "You, come with me because you have given so much money to the church. You are a benefactor of the church. Come, come to Heaven." No. You can't buy your way into Heaven. And He won't say: "You are very important, you have studied so much and earned so many honors, come into Heaven." No. Awards do not open the gate of Heaven," Francis said. "What will Jesus tell us to open up the gates of Heaven? 'I was hungry, and you gave Me to eat. I was homeless, and you gave Me shelter. I was sick, and you came to see Me. I was in prison, and you came to visit Me.' Jesus is humility," Francis said. Close your purse or wallet, and open your heart!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46 (469). "You pay tithes of mint and of rue and of every garden herb, but you pay no attention to judgment and to love for God."*

THURSDAY, OCT 14, 2021 MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR PATRON SAINT OF SECOND (OR MORE) CHANCES

Saint Callistus I is inspiration to anyone who has made major errors in life. Callistus seriously messed up, not once but twice. Born into slavery, his master put him in charge of a bank that Callistus criminally mismanaged. After a while in prison, he was freed to earn back the money he owed. Instead, he was arrested for brawling in a synagogue. Strike two. Nonetheless, Callistus reformed himself, served the early church as a cemetery manager, and was eventually elected pope! Consider saying a prayer of thanks for a church that offers redemption (even the papacy) to people who have fallen hard.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54 (470). "Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge."*

FRIDAY, OCT 15, 2021 MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE DARK

The dark night of the soul, a term coined by Spanish mystic Saint John of the Cross, describes a period on the spiritual journey when one feels distant from God and suffers physical and emotional pain. Saint Teresa of Ávila, a close friend of John's, actually felt like she was going mad as she pursued the contemplative life. But then, in 1567, while gazing at a statue of Jesus, she felt an ecstasy beyond description as she reached "union with God." Teresa wrote much about her interior life, and she encouraged others to experience the "great gifts that come through abandoning everything to God and dying to oneself." Pray for the patience and humility to stay the spiritual course.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7 (471). "Therefore, whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light."*

SATURDAY, OCT 16, 2021 I WAS HUNGRY

World Food Day was established in 1979 by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and is celebrated annually on this date in 150 countries. The theme for this year's celebration is, "Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow." The World Food Program (WFP) is the food-assistance branch of the organization. As of 2019, the WFP has served 97 million people in 88 countries, and it was awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to combat hunger and contribute to peace in conflict areas. Take a moment today to thank God for the food you eat and the people who produce it, and to support your local World Food Day celebration.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12 (472). "I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God."*

Next Sunday
Sunday, Oct 17, 2021 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Come face-to-face with Jesus
TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 (146). "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant."*

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER

Oct. 9-10 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The "rich man" reminds us of the difficulty of letting go of material things and choosing to serve those in poverty. The accumulation of wealth will not provide the happiness that only Christ can give. Ensuring a preferential option for the poor is one way of giving back to God because everything we have in this life is a gift from God.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 10th, 8:00AM

Thanksgiving for God's grace, mercy, and love requested by Linda Ridley.

For all our sick and shut in Parishioners and those who are in need of prayer.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 10th, 10:00AM

Happy Birthday in Heaven to Mrs. Ella Collins, request by Ron, Carolyn and all the Collins family.

Happy Birthday to Don Moran

For the repose of the soul of Tammie Hall-Cade, requested by Jerry Wallace

Thanking God for a successful heart surgery on Anna Harris, daughter-in-law of R.H. & Gloria Harris

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Mass

8:00am – 10:00AM

Rosary – 8:30PM ZOOM – Sunday's

OCTOBER 3, 2021

OFFERTORY	\$4777.00
SVDP	110.00
MSP.	460.00
E-GIVING	2458.71
SVDP(E-GIVING)	181.00
FLC/DR(E-GIVING)	316.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	1.00
NEEDS OF PARISH(E-GIV)	21.00
NEEDS OF THE PARISH	120.00
FLC/DR	302.00
CCD	350.00
RAFFLE	1600.00
RAFFLE (E-GIVING)	250.00
AIR CONDITION	3975.00
AIR COND(E-GIVING)	1270.00
GIFT STORE	75.00

Today is the The Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time, found in our new gray hardback, "Word of The Lord", Lectionary, Year B, page 422.

HOLY CROSS FAMILY ROSARY

Please join us on ZOOM,
<https://zoom.us/j/98265193279> Sundays at 8:30PM.

OUR ALTAR FLOWERS

October 3rd – Lena Brown Owens

October 10th, Ron & Carolyn Collins

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ella Adams	Mary Anthony
Evelyn Battle	Mildred Carter
B.J. Dukes	Jude Ekpe
Monica Godsey	Lester Johnson
Marion Welch	Sam King, Jr.
Vonny Rice-Gardner	Bernadette Phifer
Ella Pease	Betty Ridley
Mary Sobers	Mary Waters
Frances Brown	Moffett Waters
Gloria Harris	Cornelius Harris
Jim Castro	Tina Frank
Dr. Joe Quander	Sylvia Castro
Pearl Cox	Naomi White
DeKarlos Blackmon	

please attend this meeting. Contact Joann Meadows if there are any questions.



NOVEMBER 2

All Souls' Day, known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died. Please take an envelope in the back of the FLC, fill out and return to the office.

OUR MASS TIMES WILL BE:

ALL SAINTS – Monday, November 1st, 6:30PM

ALL SOULS – Tuesday, November 2nd 6:30PM



GOLD HOLY CROSS POLO-SHIRTS

Anyone interested in getting one should contact Pat Roberts. The cost is \$25 for S-XL; \$27 for 2X; \$28 for 3X and larger. Place your orders by Friday, Oct. 15th. Checks should be made payable to Holy Cross Catholic Church and note Polo-shirt on the Memo line.

BLACK CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 2021 Black Catholic Men's Conference is being held by Zoom Thursday, October 14, 2021 thru Sunday, October 17, 2021 with a theme of "Deliver Me from Myself". If you would like to register, please pick up a flyer on the table in the Family Life Center near the door. Any questions should be directed to Johnnie Dorsey or Sam King, Co-Chairs of the Men's Ministry.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

There will be an Altar Servers Ministry Meeting after the 10am Mass on Sunday, October 17, 2021 in the Family Life Center. This ministry is open to all who understand the responsibilities. If you are interested assisting the priests in celebration of the liturgy during Mass

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