



*Increase our Faith
Aumentanos la Fe*

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"Lord, increase our faith."

This is the simple and sincere prayer that begins this Sunday's Gospel, and it's truly worth exploring, but to do so, we must ask ourselves: What is faith?

A few years ago, on my mission to Ecuador, a third-grade boy named Julián gave me the purest and simplest lesson about faith when, in the schoolyard, we were talking about a small bird that had fallen from its nest. He looked at it intently as I said, "We can't do anything now."

"Yes, we can," he replied, "Do you have faith?"

I confess I was uncomfortable. "Of course I have faith!" But I could see in his eyes where I was going with that question, so I simply answered, "Why do you ask?"

"Because if we unite our faith, maybe it will be enough to save the bird."

I could only smile tenderly and invite him to continue our journey. How could I tell this little one that this wouldn't happen? Or that we were just talking about a bird, we didn't need faith for that... But at the same time, I asked myself: Why can't this happen? Why couldn't I have faith for that? Does a Christian select for which cases we can have faith and for which we can't?

The life of a Christian must depend on a constant and sincere plea from the heart: "Lord, increase our faith," because it determines whether everything in our lives is ordinary or extraordinary. Faith doesn't just make things happen, like "moving a mountain and planting it in the sea"—that would be amazing! But it would only be a spectacle if that faith doesn't first move our inner mountains, those walls that condition our Christian life and prevent us from taking a more committed and devoted step toward Jesus.

Faith, as Julián taught me, should not be sought only when a family member is sick, when money is tight to cover household expenses, or when we have a difficult situation with our partner or our children. Faith is sought in the small, everyday moments of our lives, when I babysit my grandchildren for a few hours, when I spend hours searching for something and can't find it, or when I go to the supermarket and try to buy a gift for a friend... Why? Because faith gives transcendence to everything we do, and even if everything seems ordinary on this earth, faith transforms each of our actions and turns them into treasures for eternal life.

Faith is not just "certainty of things unseen." Faith is trust and surrender, and if we are not certain of the little things, we will never be able to move mountains.

Let us repeat this week in our hearts: "Lord, increase our faith," and let us allow God to be God at all times, both in the great mountains and in the little birds.

Sister Karen



"Señor, auméntanos la fe"

Es la plegaria simple y sincera con la que empieza el evangelio de este domingo, y realmente vale la pena profundizarlo, pero para poder hacerlo hay que cuestionarnos... ¿Qué es la fe?

Hace unos años, en mi misión por Ecuador, un niño de tercer grado, llamado Julián, me regaló la lección más pura y sencilla con respecto a la fe cuando, en el patio de la escuela, hablábamos sobre un pequeño pájaro

que había caído de su nido. Él lo miraba atentamente mientras yo le decía: "Ya no podemos hacer nada."

"Si podemos," contestó él, "¿Tú tienes fe?"

Les confieso que me incomodé. ¡Claro que tengo fe! Pero podía ver en su mirada a donde quería llegar con esa pregunta, así que solo contesté: "¿Por qué lo preguntas?"

"Porque si unimos nuestra fe, a lo mejor ya es suficiente para salvar al pájaro."

Solo pude sonreírle con ternura e invitarlo a continuar nuestro camino. ¿Cómo le decía a este pequeño que eso no sucedería? O que solo estábamos hablando de un pájaro, no necesitábamos fe para eso... Pero al mismo tiempo me pregunté a mi misma: ¿Por qué no puede suceder?, ¿Por qué no podría yo tener fe para eso? ¿acaso un cristiano selecciona para que casos podemos tener fe y para que otros no?

La vida del cristiano debe depender de una constante y sincera suplica del corazón: "Señor, Auméntanos la fe", porque de ahí depende que todo en nuestra vida sea ordinario o extraordinario. La fe no solo hace que las cosas sucedan como "mover una montaña y plantarla en el mar", jeso seria asombroso! Pero sería solo espectáculo si antes esa fe no logra mover nuestras montañas internas, esos muros que condicionan nuestra vida cristiana y no nos dejan dar un paso más comprometido y entregado a Jesús.

La fe, como me enseñó Julián, no debe ser buscada solo cuando un familiar está enfermo, cuando el dinero no alcanza para cubrir los gastos del hogar o cuando tenemos una situación difícil con nuestra pareja o nuestros hijos, la fe se busca en los momentos pequeños y cotidianos de nuestra vida, cuando cuido a mis nietos durante unas horas, cuando llevo horas buscando algún objeto y no lo encuentro o cuando voy al supermercado y trato de comprar algún regalo para un amigo... ¿Por qué? Porque la fe da transcendencia a todo lo que hacemos, y aunque todo luzca ordinario en esta tierra, la fe transforma cada uno de nuestros actos y los convierte en tesoros para la vida eterna.

Fe no es solo "certeza de lo que no se ve". Fe es confianza y abandono, y si no lo somos en las pequeñas cosas, nunca seremos capaces de mover montañas.

Repitamos esta semana en nuestro corazón: "Señor, auméntanos la fe" y dejemos que Dios ser Dios en todo momento, tanto en las grandes montañas como en los pequeños pájaros.

Hermana Karen



Scripture Readings for the Week of October 5, 2025

- Sunday** **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10
- Monday** Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday** **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday** Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday** Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13
- Friday** Jl 1:13-15; 2: 1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9;
Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday** Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Lk 11:27-28



The flag flies over St. Basil Church during the month of October in memory of Patrick Shanahan

Never hesitate to hold out your hand; never hesitate to accept the outstretched hand of another.
St. John XXIII, Feast day October 11

Playpen Project in October

St. Basil will be sponsoring Caring Network’s Parish Playpen Project during the month of October. The Diocese of Kalamazoo’s pro-life agency serves pregnant women of all ages, faiths, and marital status who need support in their life-affirming decisions!



The following items are in low supply in the Caring Closet:

- board books/coloring books
- games for school-age children
- diapers sizes 4-7, Pull-Ups sizes 2T-6T
- boys pants sizes 24 months/2T
- girls pants (3T), girls tops (5T)
- girls and boys pajamas (12-24 mos., 3T-5T)
- toddler socks and toddler cups
- children’s toothpaste/toothbrushes and body wash
- strollers, high chairs, pack ’n plays, front carriers, wraps (not swaddles, but wraps for moms and/or dads to wear)
- Adult shampoo/conditioner/body wash

All donations are appreciated.

Please visit www.ccdok.org or call 381-1234 to learn more about how you can support Caring Network mothers and families in need!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 4

- 5:00 p.m. † Rita Verdonk
- 7:00 p.m. People of the parish

Sunday, October 5

- 9:00 a.m. † Nenita Figuracion
- 11:00 a.m. † Victor Grathwohl

Monday, October 6

- 9:00 a.m. † Marge Callan

Tuesday, October 7

- 9:00 a.m. Intentions of George Morgan

Wednesday, October 8

- 9:00 a.m. † Em Neper

Thursday, October 9 No Mass

Friday, October 10

- 9:00 a.m. † John & Christine Robinson

Saturday, October 11

- 5:00 p.m. † Richard Zelasko
- 7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

Sunday, October 12

- 9:00 a.m. † Clarence & Margaret Schultz and Bob Brusich
- 11:00 a.m. † Cecilia Hale

Please pray for

- Brenden Bayer
- Tony Brush
- Tommy & Andrea Connors family
- Laurie Davidson
- Jeff Edwards
- Nancy Egan
- Louise Llorens Ford
- John Gazi
- Lyle Harrison
- Ellie Hoban
- Bob Hughes
- Rick Juriga
- Colette Krueger
- Jim Kummeth
- Doe Leonard
- Dorothy Lockwood

- Bill Mabry
- Paul Macyauski
- Joe Malbouef
- Tony Marr
- Richard Morales
- Esther Morrissey
- Dee Pavich
- Barry Skuza
- Julian Soroka
- Joscelyn Spear
- Deacon Bill and Carolina VanDril
- Carol Vissett
- Darrin Wabanimee
- Fabian Wabanimee, Jr.
- Patt Welder
- Mark Williams



Movie Night

**This Sunday, October 5 5:00 p.m.
and subsequent Sundays
Upper Level**

The Chosen, Season 5, Episode 4
Popcorn provided. All are welcome!



CULTURAL CATHOLICS Book Group

**Wednesday, October 8
1:00 p.m. Upper Level**

We are reading "Cultural Catholics" by Maureen Day. You may still join the book group, if you wish. For more information, contact Deacon John, at jlhrstorfer@yahoo.com.

That Man Is You "Worthy of the Call"

Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. Upper Level

All men of the parish are welcome!
Contact Deacon John for more information:
jlhrstorfer@yahoo.com



Holy Doors for Jubilee 2025

Please see the replicas in the South Lobby. While bishops around the world are asked to designate their cathedrals or other significant churches as special places of pilgrimage and prayer for the Holy Year 2025, the Vatican is not asking them to dedicate and open a "Holy Door" at those churches.

The only holy doors will be at the basilicas of St. Peter at the Vatican, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome and, perhaps, at a prison.

Pope Francis wrote that "in order to offer prisoners a concrete sign of closeness, I would myself like to open a Holy Door in a prison, as a sign inviting prisoners to look to the future with hope and a renewed sense of confidence."

In Catholic tradition, the Holy Door represents the passage to salvation -- the path to a new and eternal life, which was opened to humanity by Jesus.



Can You Help?

Food Pantry

Please take non-perishable food items to First Congregational Church, 651 Phoenix Street. They are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. till noon.

Personal Care Pantry/Baby Care

First Assembly of God, 06500 Blue Star Hwy.
Wednesdays 10:00 – 1:00

We Care In the Name of Christ

Hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday thru Thursday
Closed Fridays 269-637-4342

St. Vincent de Paul

Volunteers are needed to work in the thrift store at 245 W. Monroe St., Bangor.
Hours: Monday, Friday, Saturday,
10 a.m.—2 p.m. Call Kathleen Hutchins at
269-568-5122 if you can help!

Puertas Santas para el Jubileo 2025

Vea las réplicas en el conector.

Si bien se pide a los obispos de todo el mundo que designen sus catedrales u otras iglesias significativas como lugares especiales de peregrinación y oración para el Año Santo 2025, el Vaticano no les pide que dediquen y abran una "Puerta Santa" en esas iglesias. Las únicas puertas santas estarán en las basílicas de

San Pedro en el Vaticano, San Juan de Letrán, Santa María la Mayor y San Pablo Extramuros en Roma, y, quizás, en una prisión.

El Papa Francisco escribió: "Para ofrecer a los presos un signo concreto de cercanía, yo mismo quisiera abrir una Puerta Santa en una prisión, como una señal que invite a los presos a mirar al futuro con esperanza y una renovada confianza".

En la tradición católica, la Puerta Santa representa el paso a la salvación: el camino hacia una vida nueva y eterna, que Jesús abrió a la humanidad.

Pilgrimage to Notre Dame, South Bend October 10

Make a Mini Pilgrimage to Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana with our friends from St. Peter Parish!

Meet at St Peter's, Douglas at 11:00 a.m. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Walk through the Jubilee Holy Door. Visit the Notre Dame bookstore.

Guided tour of the campus at 3:00 p.m. Pray the rosary at the grotto 4:30 p.m.

Attend Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 5:15 p.m.

Contact St. Peter Parish to sign up, 269-895-7951; deadline Monday October 6, 2:00 p.m.

Contact ceci.garcia@stpeter-douglas.org, leave your name, contact info, number of persons in your group, and number of extra seats in your vehicle if you are willing to offer a ride to someone else.

Oct. 11 - 6:00 p.m. – Mass at Sacred Heart of Mary in Dowagiac

It is best to call the host church before going just to verify time and place.

Mission Statement

Called by Baptism, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to live the Good News of Christ through Worship, Evangelization, Service, Spiritual Formation, and Stewardship.



*If today you hear His voice,
harden not your hearts.*

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Friday9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.,

7:00 p.m. (en Español)

Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

& Friday 9:00 a.m.

No Mass on Thursday

Confessions Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

- ▶ So that we all may be fully present at Mass, please silence your cell phones.
- ▶ We ask that you be considerate of others if you are coughing or sick by refraining from the handshake of peace. This is thoughtful consideration for the rest of the parish community.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday after morning Mass,
with Benediction at 12:00

Parish Staff

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Low-Gluten Hosts

We offer low-gluten hosts at ALL Masses, both weekend and daily. They are available at the front of church (and also in the back on weekends). Simply ask the Eucharistic minister.

Mass In Our Collaborative

St. Peter, Douglas, MI

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

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

Mon., Tues. Thurs., Fri. 8:30 a.m.

San Felipe, Fennville, MI

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 12:30 p.m.