Mass Readings and the Saints of the days for the Week of October 1 thru 7, 2022

October 1st, The Twenty-Sixth Saturday in Ordinary Time – Readings: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 Lk 10:17-24. Job acknowledges his limited understanding when compared to God's eternal wisdom. The mystery of the Father's love is revealed to the disciples. **Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church: Therese Martin,** the "Little Flower", died September 30, 1897 of tuberculosis in the Carmel of Lisieux at age 24; born in Alencon; contemplative who, in her biography, *The Story of a Soul,* urged all to follow "the little way"; proclaimed doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II, October 19, 1997; patroness of the missions, of florists, and of France; secondary patroness of the Apostleship of Prayer.

October 2nd, The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Readings: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10. Faith is a gracious gift from God. It can neither be earned nor bought, only responded to with works of love and service. A vibrant faith can make us strong, loving, and wise, confident that God will guard us from all harm. He is the Rock of our salvation.

October 3rd, The Twenty-Seventh Monday in Ordinary Times – Readings: Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c Lk 10:25-37. False tendencies are condemned by Paul. The revelation of Jesus is wrought in truth. We are called to love as God loves.

October 4th, The Twenty- Seventh Tuesday of Ordinary Time – Readings: Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15 Lk 10:38-42. Set apart by God even before he was born, Paul needs no mandate to preach to the Gentiles. Let us await the kingdom and serve the Lord by being attentive to his word. **Saint Francis od Assisi: Francis**; renounced wealth to follow "Lady Poverty"; deacon; founded the Franciscan Family which is made up today of the Friars Minor Capuchins, the Conventuals, and those of the Leonine Union, Poor Clares, Third Order Religious, and Secular Franciscan Order; wrote *Canticle of the Sun*; received the stigmata September 14, 1224; canonized only two years after his death; patron of ecologists and of Italy.

October 5th The Twenty-Seventh Wednesday of Ordinary Time – Readings: Gal2:1-2, 7-14 Ps 117: 1bc, 2 Lk 11:1-4. Paul's mission to the Gentiles is approved by the Jerusalem church. All are invited to address God as "Father". **Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest: Maria Faustina,** born August 25, 1905. Beginning in 1924 and throughout her life, she began having visions of Jesus. On February 22, 1931, she had a vision of Jesus who presented himself as the "King of Devine Mercy", wearing a white garment with red and pale rays coming from his heart. She died October 5, 1938. She was beatified April 18, 1993, and canonized April 30, 2000, both by Pope John Paul II. Her Optional Memorial was added to the General Roman Calendar by Pope Francis May 18, 2020. **Francis Xavier Seelos,** born in Germany in 1819; ordained as a priest in 1844; began his pastoral ministry in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He became a full-time itinerant missionary, preaching in both England and Germany. He died in New Orleans October 4, 1867, and was declared "Blessed" by Pope John Paul II April 9, 2000.

October 6th, The Twenty-Seventh Thursday of Ordinary Time – Readings: Gal 3:1-5 Lk 1:69-75, 11:5-13. Blessed be God whose spirit is received not through legalistic practices, but through faith. Be confident in prayer for God is a loving Father. **Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin. Bruno,** celebrated teacher and close advisor of Pope Urban II; founded La Grande Chartreuse; sought "to seek God assiduously, to find God promptly, and to process God fully". **Marie Rose,** born in St. Antoine, Quebec, died at age thirty-eight in 1849; began the first Canadian parish sodality for young women; founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary for Christian education.

October 7th, The Twenty-Seventh Friday of Ordinary Time- Readings: Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1b-6 Lk 11:15-26. Jesus has overcome the ravages of sin and division. Through the covenant made in his blood, we are saved by faith, not by external observances. **Our Lady of the Rosary;** This memorial, established by Pope St. Pius V in thanksgiving for the victory at Lepanto, October 7, 1571, recalls the rosary and its meditation on the mysteries of Christ and our salvation.

October Schedule for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Note: Please remember that if you cannot serve at the time assigned, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	
Oct 8	John McBride	Kathie Sema	Steve Sema
Oct 9	Autumn Bowden	Matt Johnson	Andrea Graham
Oct 15	Cheryl Albert	Christy Brown	Sharon Long
Oct 16	Ann Jackson	Matt Johnson	Autumn Bowden

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October 2, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sue Spencer: Secretary
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8 am – 12 pm
Tiffany Teofilo: *CCD, Youth Director*

Parish Council
Bill Schaffer, Jason Poiroux
Jim Jackson, Autumn Bowden
Jack Wright, Jay Graham

Finance Council
Paula Dyess, Paulette Cauley
Carol Voss

MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M
Wednesday 8:00 A.M
Thursday 5:30 P.M
Friday 8:00 A.M
Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M
SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Weekdays by Appointment
Saturday 4:30 P.M
Sunday 9:30 A.M

BAPTISM: By Appointment

MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:
Anytime: Please call the Office

ROSARY & ADORATION: Every Wednesday at 8 am. Healing Mass every 1st Wednesday

Funerals
Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH IN ACTION

Today's scriptures are situated in the midst of a long lesson on the vocation of discipleship. Over the last several weeks we have heard about our calling to be humble, to detach ourselves from worldly possessions, to give and receive forgiveness, and to care for those in need. In the next two weeks we will hear about our calling to give thanks in all things and to persevere in faithfulness until the end.

This Sunday our attention is focused on the gift of faith, a gift that is meant not to be put on a shelf, but to be put into action. Habakkuk offers us a good example. He believes that God will answer prayers and intervene on behalf of the suffering. He puts this faith into action in the form of an urgent plea to God, and receives a vision that his faith will surely be rewarded. In the Gospel, the image of faith the size of a mustard seed illustrates the power of faith well used. The story of the faithful servants reminds us that putting our faith into action is an essential requirement of the vocation of discipleship.

Today's Readings: Habakkuk 1:2–3; 2:2–4; Psalm 95:1–2, 6–9; 2 Timothy 1:6–8, 13–14; Luke 17:5–10

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Landrum, Louis Jones, Charles and Gloria Krause, Heather Cotton, Ivey Scott, Nina Bohl, Owen Loper, Elaine Brown, Shamus Jones, Phillip Poiroux, Bill Schaffer, Betty Ann Ward, Sammy Logan Vincent, Myrtle Bowden, Linda Diane Ray, Alisha Patterson, Kim Gathright, Judy Poiroux, Carter McGregor, Gaitlin Turner, Jamos Schultz, Karen Colicchio, Paulette Bates, David Lee Warden, Gwen Roderick, Jimmy Holland, James Graham, Jay Graham, Andrea Graham, Lynette Anderson, Ruth Vosahlo, Betty Moseley, Emma Phillips, Lisa Vallas, Scott Beech, Robert Gunter, Jesus Malone, Leak Maria Church, Tom Thornton, Dee Irwin, Gary Smith, Liz Walker, Willie Thompson, Maddie Blake Rivers, Jimmy Summerlin, Becky Thompson, Betty Cauley, Clara Davis, Anita Wright, Doug Jones, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Isabel Rel, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Joe Gable, Donnie Wilson, Patricia Davis, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Frances Walley, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Carolyn Collier, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Leyah White.

Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish:
Chester Church, Virginia Gable, David Delmas, Jimmy Marchand

Pray for the Special Intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces: Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey, Kyle McBride

Birthdays for October 2022

2nd: Jacob Jamero
5th: Steve Sema Jr
8th: Maria Switzer
12th: Brandy Ramsay
13th: Ali Stringfellow
14th: Carey Olsen
16th: Ryan Stanley
16th: Rachel Stanley
19th: Jackie Price
20th: Matthew Adams
21st: Bill Schaffer
21st: Trey Roberts
23rd: Michael Cook
26th: Kathie Sema
27th: Anna Claire Bowden
28th: Peggy Delmas
28th: Jansyn Wiggins
28th: Jayci Wiggins
30th: Shirley Rasmussen

Anniversaries for October 2022:

5th: Kerry and Michael Ladnier
7th: Debra and Matt Johnson
9th: Deacon and Linda Graham
16th: Kris and Bill Schaffer
21st: Jennifer and Joey Schilling
23rd: Susie and Willie Smerigilio
27th: Amanda and Jonathan Olliver

Mass Intentions:

Saturday & Sunday Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm – For all the sick, infirmed, and homebound of the parish
Sunday 10:00 am – For all deceased parishioners

Daily Mass intentions:

Week of October 4 thru October 7

October 4 - For the eternal repose of the soul of Martez Richerson by Jason and Jackie Poiroux
October 5 - For the eternal repose of the souls of Edna and Lyman Ramsay by Autumn and Scotty Bowden
October 6 – For the eternal repose of the soul of John Ramsay by Autumn and Scotty Bowden
October 7 – For Helen Ayme by Jennifer Schilling

Week of October 11 thru October 14

October 11 -For the eternal repose of the soul of Harold Jackson by Ann and Jim Jackson
October 12 – For the eternal repose of the soul of Anna Baker by Maria Switzer
October 13 – For the eternal repose of the soul of Martez Richerson by Jason and Jackie Poiroux
October 14 – For Helen Ayme by Jennifer Schilling

Capital Campaign as of August 25, 2022:

Quarter (5/1/22 – 7/31/22): $8,775.54
Total received thru July 31, 2022: $215,841.16
% of Parish received: 110.7%
St. John's quarterly share of $7,020.43 was deposited on 8/24/2022
Next quarterly distribution will be November 2022

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend Masses on October 8 and 9, 2022

Lectors

5:00 pm on Saturday Oct. 8: John McBride
10:00 am on Sunday Oct. 9: Autumn Bowden

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm on Saturday Oct. 8: Kathie Sema
Steve Sema
10:00 am on Sunday Oct. 9: Matt Johnson
Andrea Graham

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HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place at the Chapel of the Archbishop and will be filmed at 9:00 am. on Tuesday October 11, 2022. We will be filming Mass for October 16, 23, 30 and November 6.

1st Saturday Rosary:

Every First Saturday we pray the rosary before the 5 p.m. Mass starting at 4:30, Join us as we pray for our nation.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

We highly encourage **House Blessings.** Please call Father Selvam (251-278-4900) to schedule the blessing of your home.

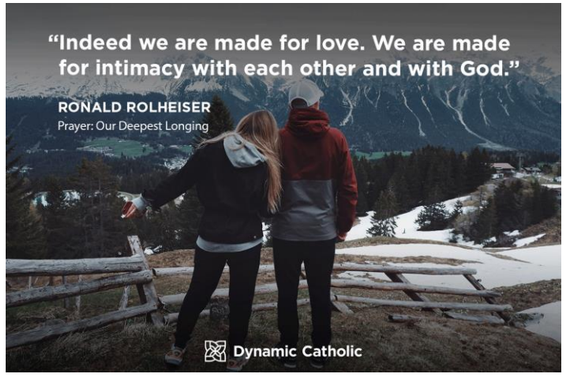
General Contributions

September 25, 2022
General Fund: $2010.00
Building Fund: $575.00

"STIR INTO FLAME THE GIFT YOU HAVE FROM GOD"

The Spirit has many means of enkindling and tending the flame of faith within us—nature, life experiences, our Christian companions, the sacraments, the scriptures, Church teaching, and the life of service. We are indeed blessed to receive such a gift. Yet that precious flame can fade into a mere ember unless we stoke it into a blazing fire from which others can derive warmth and light. The reading from Timothy encourages us to put our faith into action "with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us" (2 Timothy 1:14). The Spirit will increase not only our faith, but our "power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7) when we respond to the Christian vocation to put the gift of faith into action.

Announcements for the Week of October 1 thru October 7

1) **Ladies Sodality –** in support of Respect for Life Sunday will be praying the rosary Sunday, October 2 at 2 pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards. They are requesting parishioners bring a donation of diapers for the Women's Resource Center.
2) **Golden Group –** Bake Sale – October 8 & 9. Cakes, pies, and other delicious baked goods will be available. We appreciate your purchase of our bake goods. All proceeds go to the St. John family.
3) **Golden Group –** Healing Mass will be Wednesday, October 5 at 8 am. Refreshments will be served after Mass.
4) **Confirmation –** is scheduled for October 23 at the 10 am Mass.
5) **Food Donations –** Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to the food drive.
6) **Special Thanks –**Nina Bohl and her family would like to thank Deacon Graham, the Knights of Columbus, and the St. John family for the prayers and cards they received following the death of their son and brother, Chester Church.
7) **Known Birthdays: 2nd** Jacob Jamero **5th** Steve Sema
8) **Known Anniversaries: 5th** Kerry and Michael Ladnier **7th** Debbie and Matt Johnson

People don't need our advice as much as our love.