



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

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THE 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
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BULLETIN INFORMATION

Items for the bulletin are due:

**October 24th bulletin
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October 18th**

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Parish registration

Newcomers to the parish are asked to register with the office as soon as possible. We would like to meet you and give you a welcome packet!

BAPTISM

Classes are scheduled by appointment through the Church Office.

Baptism packet/registration must be picked up in advance, please stop by the Church Office.

MARRIAGE

Contact the church office at least six months in advance.



Mass Intentions

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 18th

9:00am —+Kenneth Carter

Tuesday, October 19th

9:00am—+Fe Yu

Wednesday, October 20th

10:00am—(SI) Bill Lenz

6:00pm—+Sr. Justine Ostini

Thursday, October 21st

9:00am—+Lois June Thuman

7:00pm (San José, Lake Park)
(SI) Sabine Carter

Friday, October 22nd

9:00am—+Joe Reilly and Family

Saturday, October 23rd

(Masks required at this Mass)

5:00pm—+Jo Cawley

Sunday, October 24th

7:30am—

+Margaret and Jerry Plageman

9:30am—

+Don Kindley

12:00pm—+Clare A. Keating

2:00pm— People of the Parish
(Spanish)

CONFESSION:

Wednesday 5:00—5:30pm

Saturday 4:00—4:45pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Wednesday 4:00—5:40pm

First Friday 9:30—11:00am

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

hour;

2nd Monday of each Month at
7:00pm

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2021

- Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
- Monday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
- Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/
Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
- Friday:** Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2021

- Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Luke, Evangelist
- Tuesday:** Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues,
Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- Friday:** St. John Paul II, Pope
- Saturday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

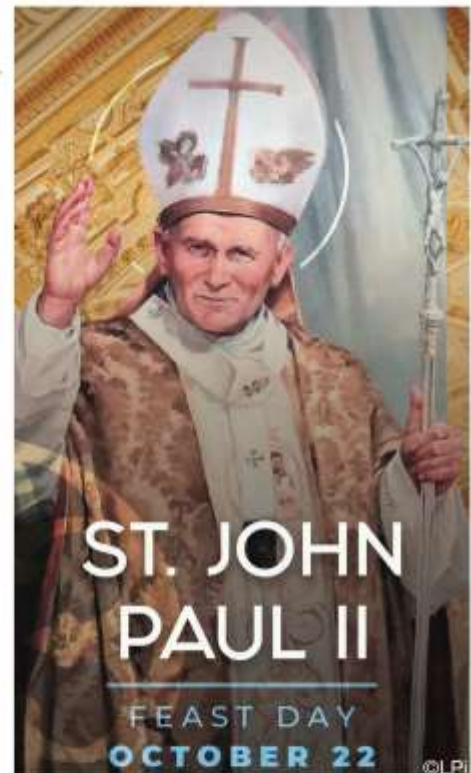
LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It's the positions of power and great authority that people often admire. We equate success with six figure incomes, high positions, management, and influence. We even go above and beyond to find favor with our bosses so that we can get a little extra recognition and maybe the next promotion when it comes up. This is the way of the world. Those who have their values set on earthly things are going to work by earthly rules. We forget that it doesn't work that way in the Kingdom of God. Success is measured not from the place of status, influence, or prestige but from the place of humility, service, and sacrifice. The authority that one hopes to achieve is not an authority over others but an authority that comes from wisdom and developing one's relationship with God. Jesus flips the tables on our priorities. Even the first disciples had a tough time understanding this. They really thought that they would somehow receive a privilege or bonus from being faithful. We often operate under that same illusion.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyła in the small Polish town of Wadowice. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946, appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and three years later he was made a cardinal. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, where he took the name John Paul II.

St. John Paul II made evangelization a key part of his papacy and made pastoral visits to all parts of the world. In 1981, he was shot twice in an assassination attempt. Following Jesus' example of compassion, he later met with his would-be assassin in his prison cell, where he forgave him for what he had done.

St. John Paul II was well-known to be an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking and skiing well into his 60s. In 1992, his health began to decline, and it was later discovered that he suffered from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system.

Near the end of his papacy, it became difficult for him to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, and he was declared blessed on May 1, 2011. He became a saint on April 27, 2014.

JOINED BY FAITH; CALLED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY—Week of October 3rd

Offertory	\$	11,409.50
Online	\$	5,915.00
Parish Missions	\$	1,716.00
Online	\$	473.00

Please consider online giving:
<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1566>

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Target: \$74,942.00

Total Given: \$85,189.95 (as of 10/07/21)

Percent of target: **113.67%**

Parishioner Participation: 37.98%

Number of donors: 188

Prayer intentions

For our sick—*Together let us pray for our loved ones...*

Parishioners

Mickey Kelly, Jeannine Becton, Charles McFarland, Bob and Kaye Consolini, Betty McElwain, John Waite, Brigitte Carter, Nerma Dave, Carol Hill, Mary Hopper, Myra Guarino, Colleen Matthews, Lance Gunnin, Bob Juniet, Sonia Knowles, Art Jonas, Sr.

Family and Friends of Parishioners

Cathy Chamberlain, Jerry Stophel, Freddy Stalby, Kristian Ann Roberts, Diane and Larry Mixon, Chris Klein, Lucy Davis, Anna Schaer, Mike Mills, Beth Gutermuth, Noel George, Jr., Leonard Hotcaveg, Bill Lenz, Jean Dunleavy, Stephanie Wilson, Alyssa Jones, Eleanor & Jack Slanga, Sara Yount, Janet Armbruster, Kathy Richards

For Those Who Have Died

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Connie Hayden

Mary Ann Sweet,
mother of Robert Sweet

June Chandronet

Lois June Thuman,
mother of Ron Mathis

And for all the souls in purgatory...



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

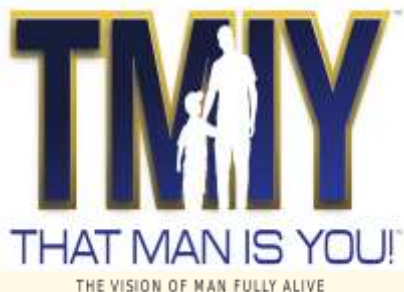
RCIA will continue following the 9:30 Mass (10:45-11:45 AM) in the Parish Center Conference Room. These sessions are open to everyone (even those who are already Catholic). It is requested that masks be worn.

Topic for Oct. 17 – **Redemption by Christ's Suffering**

Topic for Oct. 24 – The Sacrament of Holy Orders; Saints

Topic for Oct. 31 – Command to Love God and Neighbor; Begin Ten Commandments

For more information contact Deacon Paul at 229-263-5659 or e-mail deaconpaul@stjohnevang.org



TIME & DAY CHANGE!

That Man is You will now be meeting on Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Maturi Room. All men are welcome on any Sunday to come and fellowship!

See you *October 17th* when we start our new date and time.

LISTENING SESSIONS WITH BISHOP PARKES **VALDOSTA-BRUNSWICK**

ENGLISH

OCT 19 **ST. JOSEPH, WAYCROSS**

DEC 15 **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, BRUNSWICK**

ESPAÑOL – OCT. 20

ST. PAUL, DOUGLAS

ENGLISH/ESPAÑOL – OCT. 28

ST. JOHN THE EVG., VALDOSTA

7–8:30 PM



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of SAVANNAH
REFLECT + *renew* + REJOICE



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DIOCESE of SAVANNAH
REFLECT + *renew* + REJOICE
Reflexionar + RENOVARSE + alegrarse

All parishioners are invited to attend a Listening Session with Bishop Stephen D. Parkes as part of the *Reflect, Renew, Rejoice* planning initiative. These townhall-style meetings will give Bishop Parkes the opportunity to learn about the needs, expectations and hopes of the Faithful across the Diocese.

Facilitators will be provided to direct the evening so that the Bishop will be able to simply listen. Each Session will focus on three key questions: 1) As a Diocese, what are we doing well? 2) What are we doing that we could improve upon? 3) Where should we be focused over the next 3-5 years? (Please note that neither the Bishop nor the facilitators will be responding to questions during the Session.)

Please continue praying for this initiative and join us on this journey. If you are unable to participate in person, please complete the online questionnaire at <http://diosav.org/reflect>

Todos los feligreses están invitados a asistir a una Sesión de Escucha con el Obispo Stephen D. Parkes como parte de la iniciativa de planificación: Reflexionar, Renovar, Alegrarse. Estas serán reuniones abiertas a todos y darán al Obispo Parkes la oportunidad de conocer las necesidades, expectativas y esperanzas de los fieles de toda la Diócesis.

Habrán coordinadores para dirigir la reunión, de modo que el Obispo pueda simplemente escuchar. Cada sesión se centrará en tres preguntas clave: 1) Como Diócesis, ¿qué estamos haciendo bien? 2) ¿Qué estamos haciendo que podríamos mejorar? 3) ¿En qué debemos centrarnos en los próximos tres a cinco años? (Por favor, tenga en cuenta que ni el Obispo ni los coordinadores responderán a las preguntas durante la Sesión).

Por favor, siga rezando por esta iniciativa y acompáñenos en este viaje. Si no puede participar en persona, por favor complete el cuestionario en línea en <http://diosav.org/reflect>.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer:

It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116). Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

If he gives his life as an offering for sin,
he shall see his descendants in a long life.
(Is 53:10)



PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our
trust in you. (Ps 33)



SECOND READING

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace
to receive mercy and to find grace for timely
help. (Heb 4:16)



GOSPEL

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served
but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for
many." (Mk 10:45)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

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