



Let the children come to me;

do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these.

Mark 10:14

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 2021



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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil — 4:00 p.m.

Sunday — 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Obligation: Dispensation allowed by Bishop Noonan

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Music Director — Jhasoa “Josh” Agosto

SACRAMENTS & MINISTRIES

ANOINTING OF THE SICK — Father Andrew anoints the sick after the 11am Mass in the chapel on the third Sunday each month (**October 17**). In the event of accident, illness, surgical procedure, or impending death, call the office for anointing at home, hospital room, ER, or local nursing home. **(321) 269-2282**.

BAPTISM — Parents requesting baptism for their infant child should contact Chris, Family Formation director, to schedule two baptism preparation classes and baptism, **(321) 269-7785**. Adult baptism requires instruction of the faith through RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Call the office for details, **(321) 269-2282**.

FUNERALS — Call Father Andrew, **(321) 269-2282**. You'll be contacted by our bereavement coordinator, Chris Doyon, to assist in arrangements for a funeral Mass and graveside committal service at a local cemetery.

MARRIAGE/MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION — Call 6 months in advance to meet with Father Andrew & our Music Director. *Already married, but not in the Church?* Call for **Marriage Convalidation** details.

PARISH FOOD PANTRY — Serving our local community from Garden Street to the Volusia County line on Wednesdays from 11am to 1pm at Carpenter Hall Parish Office & Activity Center, 2399 Holder Rd, Mims. There is **NO pantry the first Wednesday of the month**.

RECONCILIATION — 2ND PRECEPT: CONFESS YOUR SINS AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR. Prepare for the Eucharist by means of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). This sacrament “*continues baptism’s work of conversion and forgiveness.*” (Monthly reconciliation is recommended for spiritual guidance and growth.)

6:15pm to 6:50pm — Wednesday evening
3pm Saturday

Call the parish office to make an after-hours reconciliation appointment, **(321) 269-2282**.

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MASS SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Spiritual Work of Mercy:
PRAY FOR THE LIVING & THE DEAD

† *Deceased* ♦ *Special Intention*

Saturday, October 2

8:30am**New weekly Mass, barring a funeral**

4:00pm.....George Cohen †

Sunday, October 3

8:30am.....Remedios Salem †

11:00am.....For the parish

Monday, October 4

5:30pm.....Caroline Schollaert, uscg †

Tuesday, October 5

8:00am.....Lynn Linder †

Wednesday, October 6

7:00pm.....Joan Crocker ♦

Thursday, October 7

8:00am.....Carroll Cote †

Friday, October 8

8:00am.....Jeri Vecchione ♦

Saturday, October 9

—8:30am.....*Jane Brandt funeral today*

4:00pm.....Linda Kenney †

Sunday, October 10

8:30am.....Renato Polvorosa †

11:00am.....For the Parish ♦

** The new Saturday morning Mass will be canceled in the event of a Saturday funeral. You may want to subscribe to our Bereavement Ministry in Flocknote to receive Funeral Notifications. ♦*



Feast Day
Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday, October 7

Spiritual Work of Mercy:
PRAY FOR THE LIVING & THE DEAD

Names are included here for 2 weeks.
Our complete parish prayer list is online at
holyspiritmims.com/prayer-list

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Annie & Wade Gaudi · John Crafton
Sue Pouliot · Jhasoa Agosto

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May all the souls of the faithful departed
rest in peace. Amen. ♦*

PREPARE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

First Reading — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (*Wisdom 7:7-11*).

Psalm — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (*Psalm 90*).

Second Reading — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (*Hebrews 4:12-13*).

Gospel — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (*Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]*).

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PARISH NEWS

Life Chain — Our parish participates in LIFE CHAIN today. Please plan to stand or sit *prayerfully* along US Hwy 1 in front of Hobby Lobby from 2pm to 3pm. *If you have a Holy Spirit red shirt, this is a good time to wear it, but the main thing is to be comfortable yet modest.* A hat, sunscreen and bottled water recommended. Arrive by 1:55pm to get a poster; return it before you leave at 3pm. *Since 1987, the Life Chain has equipped the local Church to lead our nation in prayer for the unborn. Our fight is life, our weapon is prayer, and our leaders are pastors, priests, and disciples of Jesus nationwide. From its small beginnings as a local witness in Southern California, Life Chains have spread to more than 2,000 cities across North America. Although Life Chains occur year-round, the first Sunday of each October is National Life Chain Sunday. For more information, visit <https://lifechain.org>.* ♦

New Mass — Father Andrew is adding a weekly 8:30am Mass to our Saturday Mass schedule effective immediately. Please note that this Mass may be cancelled in the event a Funeral Mass is scheduled for Saturdays (*either morning or afternoon*). You may want to subscribe to our Bereavement Ministry in Flocknote to receive funeral notifications. *A Saturday Mass before 4pm does NOT fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.* ♦



HSCCW Installation — New officers for Holy Spirit Council of Catholic Women (HSCCW) for the 2021-22 calendar year will be installed next **Sunday, October 10**, during the 11am

Mass. Please pray for President Tracy Kern; Vice-President Annie Moore; Secretary Sue Ragone; and Treasurer Joyce Starrick. Congratulations and God bless each of you in fulfilling your duties. Women of the parish ages 18+ are invited and encouraged to join this organization. *The National Council of Catholic Women was founded in 1920 by the U.S. Catholic bishops to provide all Catholic women a common voice and an instrument of unified action. For general information, visit <https://www.nccw.org/>. Our HSCCW members are encouraged to subscribe to Holy Spirit's HSCCW on Flocknote.* ♦

Corporal Work of Mercy: Feed the Poor — Our parish pantry provides food to our local community from 11am to 1pm on Wednesdays, (*except the first Wednesday of the month.*) We need the following items: **Corn, Sweet peas, Green beans, Potatoes** (box or canned), Tuna. Paper bags are always appreciated. Thanks for your help in helping to feed the poor! ♦

Elijah Cup — Has it been awhile since you took the Elijah Cup home? We pray for an increase to the priestly & religious vocations with the sacred vessel which once held the Precious Blood—the **Elijah Cup**. The signup binder is in the vestibule.

This week: Sunday, October 3, 8:30am — Angelamary
Next week: Sunday, October 10, 8:30am — Annie Moore ♦

JESUS AND GEHENNA

Summary · Father Andrew Wojtan · September 26, 2021

Jesus' teachings on **Hell** refer to the Aramaic word **Gehenna**. Jesus speaks about the fires, reality, and punishments of Hell, more times in the Gospels than the rest of the NT combined.

Jesus points to our own individual culpability for sin. *"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off... because it's better for you to enter the Kingdom of God with just one hand than with both your hands to be cast into the fires of Gehenna."*

In First Century, **Gehenna** was a word that was derived from a real place. It comes from the Greek **gé**, meaning **land**, and **chéna**, the word **Hinnom**, literally the land of Hinnom. The valley of Hinnom, Southeast of Jerusalem was considered accursed, because it had been a place of pagan worship, human sacrifice, and demonic activity. The inhabitants of Jerusalem were bringing their garbage and sewage of the city there. This place was always on fire, because they would burn their trash and garbage or burn the dung from the city. It was a visible symbol of a place of perpetual fire. Jesus takes that contemporary term of Gehenna and uses it as a metaphor for the realm of the damned, those whose sins have separated them from God for all eternity.

In verse 44, Jesus refers to it as **unquenchable fire**; the pain of separation from God in this realm of the damned never ends. It's not just a place of temporary fire of purification; it's an everlasting place of punishment. In verse 47, Jesus says, it would be better for you to lose one of your limbs than to be thrown into **Gehenna**. If you have any doubts, look at the second example: *"Where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched."* The worm is an image used in the OT to refer to the perpetual corruption of the body in the grave. It's a place of perpetual pain and punishment.

Now, it has become popular to say that the Bible isn't concerned with the fate of individuals, and with the whole issue of Hell. That's completely false! Not only is the eternal fate of individuals a major priority of Scripture, it is also a major priority of Jesus Himself. Jesus is using Jewish traditional images to describe this spiritual reality of eternal separation from God. He is telling us, *"Do whatever it takes to avoid ending up in the fires of Gehenna rather than the Kingdom of God."* Jesus said, *"It's better for you to enter the Kingdom of God with one eye, than with both eyes to be cast into the fires of Gehenna."*

There are two ultimate fates for every human being. We can either enter into the Kingdom of God and be with Him forever, or we can enter into the fires of Gehenna and be separated from Him forever. Instruction about **Hell** matters, because our **Salvation** matters.

It's nonsensical to say Jesus wasn't concerned about Hell and that He was only concerned about Salvation. Jesus talks about Hell with such shocking images, because He is gravely concerned about the eternal fate of every single human being that's ever been created. The reason Jesus puts so much emphasis on Hell, is precisely because He loves us so much. That's the reason He goes to the cross! Ultimately, through His Passion, Death and Resurrection, He saved us from the fires of Hell, from eternal separation from Him. We were created to become members of the Kingdom of God. ♦

Diocese & Community News

Famed concert organist Peter Richard Conte performs a free concert on **Friday, October 15** at 7:30pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe in Orlando. The concert is the dedication recital of the new 5,200 pipe Schoenstein organ installed in 2019 and will feature a varied and entertaining selection of music. Organist Peter Richard Conte, who serves as the Wanamaker Court Organist in Philadelphia (now Macy's) possesses nearly-unparalleled technical facility, a brilliant ear for tonal color, and an innovative programming style. He is one the most admired concert organists performing today. **All are welcome, no tickets required.** Mr. Conte's appearance is sponsored by the Ginsburg Family Foundation and he is represented by Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists. More information can be found by calling (407) 239-6600. The Basilica is located at 8300 Vineland Av, Orlando, near the Lake Buena Vista off I-4 (exit 68). Plentiful free parking is available. Mask recommended, not required. ♦

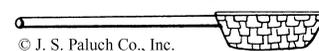
FAMILY FORMATION

CHRIS MCCORMICK, FAMILY FORMATION DIRECTOR
(321)269-7785 FaithFormation@holyspiritmims.com
Persons ministering to children, elderly & infirm are required to be fingerprinted & complete the diocesan Safe Environment Training. Call the office for details (321) 269-2282. ♦

Family Formation — Children in grades K-5 and their parent/guardian meet next Sunday. Kids go to their classrooms and adults meet in the chapel from 12:30pm to 2pm. ♦

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd — Children ages 3-5 meet in the Atrium in Emmaus Hall from 9am to 11am each Saturday; children ages 6-12 meet from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Shoes are removed before entering the Atrium. Free, simply sign them in and sign them out. ♦

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Bulletin Submission

Submit items by 9am as indicated by deadline date.

Bulletin Issue	Submission Deadline
Oct 10, 2021	Monday, Oct 4, 2021

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One Minute Meditations

God is Love

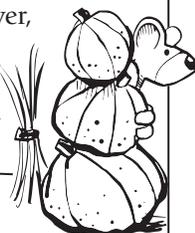
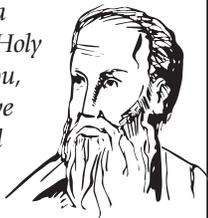
God is the creator of the universe, who made everything from nothing.

Yet, He is not a remote, uninvolved God. Nor is He an unforgiving judge waiting for us to mess up. Rather, God is our Father who loves us more than we could ask to be loved.

His temple

St. Paul teaches that *"your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own."* We understand it is unhealthy to overeat or abuse drugs or alcohol. Yet, we don't always acknowledge the harm of watching movies and television shows with violence or sex, or listening to music with profane lyrics. God's temple deserves respect. *"Therefore, glorify God in your body"* (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

"Daily prayer is the foundation of sanctity. Some prefer it in the morning. Some late at night. However, whenever, wherever, it's a must!" Timothy Cardinal Dolan



"Lead us not into temptation ..."

No one is exempt from temptation. Being enticed by the attractions of this world is part of our human condition, but successfully fighting it makes us stronger and holier.

Watch for it. Temptation strikes when we are least able to fight it. Identify what tempts you most and try to anticipate when you are weakest. Then devise a plan of action – not just a resolution – to help you resist.

Pray through it. When Jesus caught His disciples sleeping in the garden instead of praying, He said, *"Watch*

and pray that you may not undergo the test" (Matthew 26:41). Overcome temptation by being alert to it and praying instead of indulging in it.

Run from it.

Sometimes fleeing temptation is the best way to resist it. *"God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it"* (1 Corinthians 10:13). Avoid people, places or situations that give you trouble.

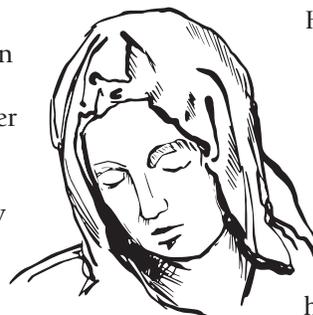
Don't start it. It is easier to resist temptation if you stop it when it starts. Then it won't have the force of habit. Though it is never too late to ask for God's help, the longer you live with the temptation, the harder it will be to turn to Him.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics turn to Mary?

In Old Testament kingdoms, the queen mother played a significant role in her son's governance of His kingdom. Her power and authority flowed from her position as it related to her son.



His subjects often petitioned her to speak for them. As Queen Mother of Heaven, Mary's purpose is to further her Son's kingdom. When we turn to her, she acts with her authority to bring our concerns to her Son, and He is always inclined to fulfill her wishes.

God's love never changes

It's only human to want to be loved. Unfortunately, even the best friend or lover will let us down once in a while. That can leave us lonely or searching for the wrong kind of love. Fortunately, God will never let us down. His love is the right kind of love to have.

His love never changes. Standards set by humans change over time. Something considered "in" today, can be "out" in no time. God's love is unchanging and unending.

Friends come and go. Sooner or later, you have

to leave your friends or they leave you. But Jesus said, "... behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). God never leaves.

He loves us for who we really are.

There's nothing God doesn't know about us, and He adores us anyway. If God likes you, others will, too. To please God we have to fill ourselves with love for Him and other people, and that makes us even nicer to be around. Pass it on.



from Scripture

Mark 12:28-34 - The first Commandment

The Jewish authorities often tried to draw Jesus out and get Him to say something counter to Jewish law. That way He could be discredited – or worse. Yet, the strategy never worked for them. In fact, one of the scribes was so impressed by Jesus' response to a challenge by the Sadducees that he posed a question of his own. He sincerely wanted to learn from Jesus' answer.

The scribe asked which of the commandments was most important. Jesus said everything starts and ends with love – love of God and love of each other. To love God is to

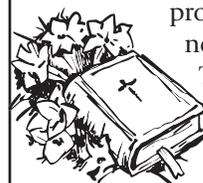


love one another. They are as inseparable as the beams of the cross. While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult.

But true love of neighbor is measured by how we treat those who are neither family nor friends. It means including people when the natural inclination is to exclude or avoid them. Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even His political enemies. This is how God loves and He calls us to do no less.

Q & A Why is a Catholic Funeral important?

Although no one enjoys dwelling on death, most of us will mourn and bury loved ones in our lifetimes. Friends may counsel us to skip the church funeral and just "get it over with," but our faith provides the strength we need to deal with death.



The Church has created Rites to help us face the difficulties and reality of death.

Every baptized Catholic has a right to a Catholic funeral. The Rites of a Catholic Funeral include Prayers after Death, Prayers in the Presence of the Body, the Scripture Prayer Service at the Wake, the Funeral at Church (with or without Mass), and the Internment Prayer Service at the cemetery. Together these services not only make up the total Catholic Funeral Service, but also provide the Church's special prayers for the deceased. The Rites also support families and friends who are grieving for their loved one.

Catholics are entitled to a Catholic Funeral whether they are frequent or infrequent Mass attendees. (For specific questions, check with your local parish.)

Feasts & Celebrations

In October we celebrate the Rosary especially on the feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th**. The Rosary helps us to meditate on Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

October 6 – St. Bruno (1101). Bruno was born in Germany, studied in France and became a theology professor. With six other companions, Bruno founded the Carthusian Order in 1084 and helped reform the clergy in Rome.

October 14 – St. Callistus I (222). A Roman slave, Callistus obtained his

freedom and was ordained a deacon by Pope Zephyrinus, whom he later succeeded. Callistus's election caused an eighteen-year schism, spawning the first anti-pope. In a time of trial and confusion, he reopened the Church to all. He was martyred in Rome.

October 20 – St. Paul of the Cross (1775). Paul was inspired by a vision to start a religious order dedicated to the Passion of Christ.

He founded the Passionists in 1720, lived a penitential life, worked miracles, and cared for the poor and sick.



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