



ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 2, 2022

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:00 am

Wednesday: 6:00 pm

Holy Day Masses as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:15-4:45 pm

Wednesday: 5:15-5:30 pm

or by appointment

Catholic Faith Formation (CFF)

Sunday: 9:30-11 am

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

“When you have done all you have been commanded, say,
“We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were
obliged to do.” - Lk 17:10b

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27TH SUNDAY IN YEAR C, OCT. 2, 2022 (Hab. 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim. 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk. 17:5-10)

Confident Faith in God!

Beloved brothers and sisters, the readings of this Sunday draw us to the question of what type of faith that rewards. To possess a confident faith is a tremendous blessing, for only faith can answer the most profound questions of life, and indeed, faith keeps us going in difficult times.

The type of faith expected of us is found in the Gospel of today where the Apostles asked the Lord for the increase of their faith. Thus, a grain of authentic faith. It is acknowledging that our very being depends on God just as the illustration with the service of a slave in the Gospel, although, God doesn't treat us as slaves, but we owe Him all that we are. In His grace and mercy, God has made us His children, the relationship is to be parent-childlike one. We remember that when we were children, we didn't always get what we wanted and when we wanted it. Therefore, when God doesn't answer us at once, it's not that He doesn't hear us but out of His love and wisdom, He would want us to wait. Faith keeps us trusting at such times. Habakkuk was in the same situation in the 1st reading of today when he cried out: "O Lord, I cry for help but you do not listen." God was already telling His people what to do to be safe through the prophet but they were doing the opposite. Nice to know that at times, just as kids may receive "no" as an answer from their parents; God can also say "no" to our requests, just for our good. At such times, it is only the confident faith that will enable us to say, "thy will be done." For a lot of people, faith is not more than going for the Sunday Mass, but the faith we are all called upon to live on involves everything we do. It keeps our hope alive, helps us cope with impossible situations.

We are therefore called to continue to fan into flame the spark of faith received at baptism as the 2nd reading urges us. Following from this, we now go back once again to the Gospel where the Apostles made a very important demand from

Christ, thus, Lord increase our Faith! (Lk. 17:5). And so, reflecting on this request from the Apostles, Our Holy Father Pope Francis said, "I think that all of us can make this request our own. We, like the Apostles, also say to Jesus: 'increase our faith,' yes Lord, our faith is small, our faith is weak, fragile, but we offer it to you just as it is, so that you will make it grow." We are invited to play our own role as we ask for this growth in faith. The question is, what then are some of these roles or how do we help ourselves to grow in faith? First, just as the servant in the Gospel, we must put the will and pleasure of God first in our lives at all times. Second, we must not grumble and complain that we've been working for God all day long, hence, God is in debt to us. We can never put God in the position where He is in debt to us, rather, we should behave ourselves honorably, not out of hope of a reward, but out of love for God and zeal for His service. Finally, faith grows when exercised, and through regular nourishment. We nourish our faith chiefly by prayer and contact with the believing community. The community is a solid support group for believers. Let's with a pure love continue to support each other in realizing this in our faith community. May the Lord increase our confident faith in him! Amen.

The new Month Wishes: It's my utmost pleasure to welcome all our beloved parishioners to the new Month of October. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. We are encouraged to pray our Rosaries every day of this month. In fact, since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire month to special devotions. Read more about this devotion below and on the following pages. Happy new month of October to you all!

Praying for God's blessings and abiding grace upon you and yours in the week ahead! With my love and care.

FR. FREDDIE MBIERE

Rosaries as Decorations



QUESTION: I've seen people hang rosaries over the rear-view mirrors in their cars and a few of them wear them around their necks. Is it OK to do that?

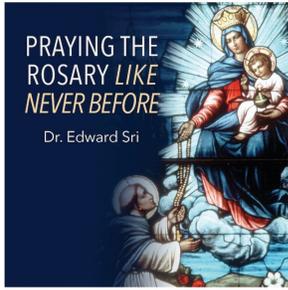
ANSWER: The practice of hanging a rosary or a religious medal off of the rearview mirror of one's car is a fairly popular custom across many cultures. While there is no particular rule approving or condemning this practice, we should also be mindful of the respect and reverence due to religious objects and devotional items (i.e. sacramentals).

An important point to consider would be the reason why one chooses to place a rosary or religious medal in our cars. Is it a reminder of the protection and intercession of Mary and the saints? Does it encourage us to be mindful of God's presence, even in such a mundane task as driving? Is it an outward expression of our more private devotions?

One advantage of having a rosary or religious medal in our cars is that it can also serve as a reminder to pray when we travel, asking for protection for ourselves and for other motorists or commuters. Certainly, invoking the protection and prayers of the saints is a wonderful practice for families, helping to reinforce our belief in the communion of saints and the care and concern we owe to one another.

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Praying the Rosary Like Never Before by Dr. Edward Sri

In this talk, Dr. Edward Sri discusses the main tenets of his book, *The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries*. He shares Pope St. John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the Rosary better so you can encounter Jesus more deeply in prayer.

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Women's SOCIETY

The Women's Society will be meeting Monday October 3rd at 6:30 PM. All women of the parish are invited.



PARISH WORKDAY

Saturday, October 8
8am - 12pm

From the SJV Parish Nurse

Nancy Barrett



THE ABC'S OF CPR

Thursday, October 13
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Activity Center

Informational CPR presentation
by American Heart Association
certified instructor

This is not a certification class, but will provide a basic understanding of the steps you can take if faced with an emergency situation. Please sign-up in the back of the church; walk-ins welcome. For further information, contact Nancy Barrett at 217-496-2452 or barrettncancy259@gmail.com.

SOCKTOBER

During the month of October (Socktober), the SJV Knights of Columbus Council 14024 will be collecting socks to distribute to the homeless. Gloves, scarfs, and stocking caps to provide warmth for the upcoming winter will also be collected. There will be a laundry basket in the back of the church and in the lobby of the Activity Center for donated items. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.



Save the Date!

Mark your calendar now for the St. John Vianney Women's Society 22nd Annual Cookie Walk, December 10th - doors open 8:00 am - Drawing throughout the morning - major raffle price @ 11:00 am. This year, the major raffle prizes are: IPAD with Wi-Fi, 64GB (Anonymous); \$250.00 Humphrey Market gift certificate (Anonymous); \$200.00 cash prize, Women's Society; \$200.00 cash prize Gatschenberger Plumbing and Heating; YMCA, 3 mo. Family membership; Club Car Wash, 3 mo. membership; The Muni, 2 season tickets. And numerous merchant prizes. Watch the bulletin for more news.



Olive Wood Items for Sale

On the weekend of Oct 15th & 16th a Catholic couple from the Holy Land will be visiting our parish to market olive wood hand carved religious articles made by the Christian artisans in the Holy Land. All proceeds will go directly to the Christian families and the artisans who are working in this type of hand carvings.

Olive wood religious art works such as Nativity scenes, Crucifixes, figures, rosaries, which are unique and not usually found in religious stores, will be available for purchase. Prices range is from \$5 to \$900. Checks and credit card are welcome.

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy, even if it is in the past, individuals are encouraged to call 217-321-1155. Individuals may also contact the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE, or contact your local police authority.

We have a new website!



Please check out our new website at
St. John Vianney - Sherman, IL
<https://sjvsherman.org>

St. John Vianney WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING September 24 & 25, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$	2,288.00
Loose Donations	\$	690.00
WeShare	\$	616.00
Total	\$	3,594.00
Weekly Budget	\$	4,788.46
Building & Maintenance	\$	125.00
Capital Improvements	\$	50.00
Church in Africa	\$	10.00

Thank you for your generous support of our parish needs and those of the greater Church.

Please consider remembering
St. John Vianney Parish in your will

Mass INTENTIONS



Ministry SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCT. 1

VIGIL MASS

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Pat Finnell †

SUNDAY, OCT. 2

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Respect Life Sunday; The Holy Guardian Angels

Ronald Cardoni †

MONDAY, OCT 3

Joanne Whisenhunt †

TUESDAY, OCT. 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Ura & Andy Bono †

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Anna Eleyidath †

THURSDAY, OCT. 6

St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Glenn Allison †

FRIDAY, OCT. 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Evelyn Sweeney †

SATURDAY, OCT. 8

VIGIL MASS

For the People (Pro Populo)

SUNDAY, OCT. 9

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

Dick Corbin †

	THIS WEEKEND	NEXT WEEKEND
Saturday 5:00 pm	October 1	October 8
Lector	Carol Shehorn	Dan Blentlinger
Eucharistic Minister	John Ausmus	Barbara Doud
Server	Connor Ausmus	Kade Gleason
Sacristan	Andy Krug	Cliff Shehorn
Sunday 8:30 am	October 2	October 9
Lector	Bev Hoffman	LaDonna Rowden
Eucharistic Minister	Larry Hoffman	Stacie Henderson
Server	Madison Kloba	Austin Grebner Ethan Grebner
Sacristan	David Sweeney	Andy Krug

READINGS

for the week of

October 2, 2022

WORD OF GOD

The Word of God is a light to the mind and a fire to the soul. —St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Sunday: 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: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Every Wednesday:

† 7 am to 6 pm—Adoration †

† 5:30 pm—Rosary † 6 pm—Mass †

THE GOSPEL FOR ALL AGES

All parishioners invited!

There is something for everyone

after the 8:30 am Mass

every Sunday



Adult Faith Enrichment

(formerly Bible Study)

Wednesday, October 5, 6:45 pm
in the Activity Center

THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October

What is the history of the Rosary? Where did this prayer come from?

Although a longstanding tradition attributed the rosary to Saint Dominic and the Dominican Order, the practice of using beads to count prayers predates the Dominicans by a few hundred years. In fact, it seems that what we now think of as the rosary (which means “garland of roses”) was first developed by illiterate peasants and religious brothers and sisters as a way of offering 150 *Our Fathers* to replace the praying of the 150 psalms in the Divine Office.

The practice of reciting 150 *Hail Marys* (which was later subdivided into 15 decades of 10 *Hail Marys*) arose during the late Middle Ages. Devotion to the rosary began to flourish in the nineteenth century, especially as new devotions to Mary began to spread throughout Europe and the New World. An annual liturgical celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary was introduced into the Church calendar in 1573 and it has been observed on the date of October 7 since 1913.

In the apostolic letter ***On the Most Holy Rosary***, Pope Saint John Paul II not only added five new mysteries to the traditional fifteen, but he also reminded Catholics that the rosary is, at its core, an opportunity to go deeper into the life of Jesus: “The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer ... It has all the *depth of the Gospel message in its entirety*, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of Mary’s prayer, her perennial *Magnificat* ... With the rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love” (no. 1).

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The Rosary is always visibly present here in St. John Vianney Church

Notice the stained glass windows at the back of the church (pictured below) that feature the three original mysteries of the Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, and the Glorious Mysteries. It wasn’t until 40 years after St. John Vianney Church in Sherman was built that Pope John Paul II added a new set of mysteries called the Luminous Mysteries, thus it is not depicted. Next time you are in the Church, take some time to contemplate on the beautifully illustrated windows.



The Mysteries of the Rosary

Have you ever wanted to explore the life of Jesus and Mary in a deeper way? Each decade highlights a sacred episode:

JOYFUL MYSTERIES: Through the Annunciation (1) and Visitation (2), we get a glimpse at Mary’s joyful yes to God. She gives birth to Jesus in the Nativity (3). Mary and Joseph present their son at the temple (4) and bring him there again when he is a teenager (5).

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES: Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River (1) before Mary gives him a nudge to his first miracle at Cana (2). Jesus proclaims the Gospel (3), is transfigured on Mount Tabor (4), and institutes the Eucharist (5). The light is shining!

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES: Jesus prays in agony in Gethsemane (1), knowing his hour of suffering has come. After his betrayal and arrest, Jesus is scourged (2) and crowned with thorns (3). He carries his cross (4), and Mary stands at the foot of the cross as he is crucified (5).

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES: Christ is risen in glory (1)! After appearing to those he loves, he ascends into heaven (2). Jesus’ followers receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (3). Mary, unaffected by original sin, is assumed body and soul into heaven (4), where she is crowned queen, humble mother of Christ the King (5).

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Please join in praying the Rosary 30 minutes before each weekend Mass at St. John Vianney Church during October