

*St. Mary's Catholic Church
Windthorst, TX*

St. Mary's / St. Boniface Vision Statement

To serve Christ and
promote
His teachings
through worship,
Education,
Training, Service,
and
Community
Involvement



*St. Boniface Catholic Church
Scotland, TX*

**Father Michael Moloney, O. F. S., Parochial Administrator, and
Donald Brown, Deacon**

Mailing Address for Both Churches

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General Information

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

on the **3rd Sunday** of the month at 8:45 A.M.
contact the office for dates and to register for classes

Marriage Preparation

contact the office at least **six to nine months prior** to
wedding date

RCIA

contact Florence Anderle @ 423-6310 or 423-6271

Funerals

in the case of a death in the family, please contact the
office as soon as possible.

Ministry to the Sick

contact the office immediately if you know of anyone
who is sick, hospitalized or home-bound

Confession

St. Mary's every Saturday 4:00 – 4:40 pm and
every Wednesday after evening Mass.
(or by appointment at the office.)
St. Boniface – **First Saturday** from 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Hispanic Ministry

Tuesday & Thursday in Convent
Call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183

Mass Schedule for the Week

Monday **October 10– St. Mary's**
7:25 am † Roberta Schroeder by Berta Lou Eaves

Wednesday **October 12– St. Mary's**
7:00 pm † Janice Luig by Geraldine Lindemann

Thursday **October 13 – St. Boniface**
8:15 am † Raymond Lindemann by
Anna Mae Veitenheimer

Friday **October 14 – St. Mary's**
7:25 am † Tina Neeb by Greg Stallcups

Saturday **October 15 – St. Mary's**
5:00 pm † Rose Schroeder by George Hoffs
7:00 pm Parishioners (Spanish Mass)

Sunday **October 16 - St. Boniface**
8:00 am † Mildred Koetter by James Losapis

Sunday **October 16 - St. Mary's**
10:00 am Intentions of C.D.A. #296 on
National C.D.A. Day by C.D.A. #296

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS

Monday Oct. 10, 2016 – Sunday Oct. 16, 2016

HOSPITALITY

Sat. 5:00 pm Greg & P.A. Vieth
Sun. 10:00 am Joey & Angel Veitenheimer

LECTORS

Mon. 7:25 am Gloria Schroeder
Wed. 7:00 pm Gina Wolf
Fri. 7:25 am Florence Anderle
Sat. 5:00 pm Chad Steinberger, Suzette Schreiber
Sun. 10:00 am Margie Berend, Chuck King

SERVERS

Wed. 7:00 pm Madelyn Anderle, Koda & Koen Sternadel
Thur. 7:25 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Fri. 7:25 am Koda & Koen Sternadel
Sat. 5:00 pm Brooke Schreiber, Kyle Wolf, Larson Vieth

Sun. 10:00 am Emily, Nathan & Thomas McCann

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Sat. 5:00 pm Michael Schroeder/Hosts, June Schroeder/Hosts, Richard Schreiber, Deb Schreiber, Tracy Schreiber, Brooke Schreiber, Brett Hoff/Choir Hosts, Betty Wolf/Choir
Sun. 10:00 am Tommy Schlumpf III/Hosts, Shelley Schlumpf/Hosts, Diane Hubbard, Sydney Wolf, Weston Schlumpf, Ted Neeb, Mike Schreiber/Hosts Choir, Sis Green/Choir

USHERS

Sat. 5:00 pm M. J. Geis, Roy Koetter, Jerry Anderle, Arthur Litteken
Sun. 10:00 am Terry Schroeder, Joey Veitenheimer, Trey Berend, Brad Hoffman

GIFT BEARERS

Sat. 5:00 pm Gary Wolf Family
Sun. 10:00 am Arthur Teichman Family

COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Sun. October 16th Donald & Laurie Veitenheimer
Sun. October 23rd Ann Hertel & Tracy Schreiber

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

Sun. October 16th Ann Hertel & Brooke Schreiber
Sun. October 23rd Marsha Frazier & Sydney Wolf

MONEY COUNTERS

Mon. October 10th Arthur Litteken, Darla Schroeder, Bill Veith

SUPPORT-Sunday Envelopes \$4253.00, Loose \$352.93, Children \$23.00, Building Fund \$160.00.

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS,

Monday Oct. 10, 2016 - Sunday Oct. 16, 2016

HOSPITALITY

Sun. 8:00 am Bertha Mae Schenk & Sis Smith

LECTOR

Sun. 8:00 am Keith Teichman

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Sun. 8:00 am Robert & Debbie Krah, Sarah Krah, Patsy Stallcup

SERVERS

Sun. 8:00 am Landon & Abby Brown

USHERS

Sun. 8:00 am A. J. Schreiber & Dennis Hilbers

GIFT BEARERS

Sun. 8:00 am Sis Smith & Family

MONEY COUNTERS

Sun. Oct. 16th Arthur Hemmi, Kenneth Veitenheimer, Donna Tettleton

SUPPORT – Sunday Envelopes \$1505.00, Loose \$106.00, Children \$6.00.

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT will burn this week in memory of Grandpa & Grandma Kuehler as requested by Dennis & Virginia Brooks.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS: Ralph & Clara Veitenheimer will receive the Chalice on **October 15th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.** They, as well as all of us, are asked to pray for vocations.

10-23 Joey & Angel Veitenheimer 10:00 a.m. Mass

10-30 Don & Benita Essler 10:00 a.m. Mass

CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS.

CHURCH NURSERY- The church nursery is open for ages 1 – 3 years of age. Drop off time starts at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday 10:00 a. m. Mass ONLY.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 12th – Adoration, Benediction, Devotion 6:00 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening Adoration Intentions: Unity in the Church.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY ADORATION INTENTIONS:

First Week for Respect for Human Life.

Second Week for Unity in the Church.

Third Week for Vocations.

Fourth Week for World Peace.

Fifth Week for the Intentions of the Holy Father.

WINDTHORST SENIOR CITIZENS meet **Tuesday, October 11th** in the K. C. Hall at 11:30 for lunch and games.

ST. MARY'S 125TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WILL BE JUNE 9, 10, 11, 2017. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS SOCIETY will be providing a potluck luncheon for students at the MSU Catholic Student Center on **Monday October 10th.** Members are asked to bring their dish to the Parish Hall between 7:30 and 9:30 that morning. The warmers will be available to keep your dish warm, if needed. Thanks to all members that participate in the outreach program.

3RD DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet on **Wednesday, October 12th** after Mass and novena services.

WINDTHORST VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT will have their 4 Wheeler dinner/dance on **Saturday, October 15th in St. Mary's Parish Hall.** Please check with a Fireman to purchase your ticket for the occasion.

ST. MARY'S IMPROVEMENT FUND —Many thanks to Mildred Lindemann for her donation to the Improvement Fund in memory of Dorothy Wolf and Louise Conrady and also to Margaret Beaman for her donation in memory of Louise Conrady. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are held once a month on a rotating basis. Alternating months the baptisms will be done during the Sunday Mass and the next month the baptisms will be on a Sunday after the Mass. Baptisms will be held on the following dates:

Nov. 13, 2016 Outside Mass
Jan. 8, 2017 Inside Sunday Mass
Feb. 12, 2017 Outside Mass

No Baptisms during Advent or Lent unless an emergency.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON TUESDAYS!

ST. BONIFACE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT—will burn this week for the health and well being of Tony and Gladys Wolf as requested by Jerry and Margaret Smith.

CHALICE FOR VOCATION: **Cathy Hoff** will receive the Chalice on **October 16th** at the **8:00 a.m. Mass.** She, as well as all of us, is asked to pray for vocations.

10-23 Lloyd & Rita Schreiber - 10-30 Robert & Edna Krahle
ST. BONIFACE 7-DAY LIGHTS: For Edwin Koetter by Elsie; For Jeremiah Raney we love you by Grandma; For good health for all the sick at St. Boniface & St. Mary's by Grady & Cherry; For Grandma by Bailey; For Geraldine & Berniece by Ann; For Dorthy Dell by Ann; Special Intention by Donor; For Special Intention by Donor; For Peace, Our Members by St. Boniface Christian Mothers' Society; Living & Deceased Members & Relatives of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #36.

THE ST. BONIFACE ALTAR SOCIETY will meet **Tuesday October 11th**, at 7:00 o'clock PM in the home of Mary Baumer. Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

FLU SHOTS — United Market Street Pharmacy will be offering **Flu Shots on Wednesday, October 12, 4:30 – 6:30 PM at Scotland K of C Hall.** They will offer different strains of flu shots and the clinic price without insurance would be \$30 (covers 4 strains) or \$25 (covers 3 strains). There is also a high dose that is available for anyone over the age of 65. Anyone 65 years of age or older will need a copy of their Medicare Card and children 7 and under will need a prescription from their doctor. Please bring a copy of your insurance card. For more information, contact Keith Teichman at 631-2498.

ST. BONIFACE 3RD DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meet on **Wednesday, October 12th** at 7:00 p.m.

SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS will meet on **Sunday, October 16th** at 12:00 noon at the K of C Hall. All are welcome.

ST. BONIFACE CEMETERY FUND — Many thanks to Elizabeth Schenk Moulton for her generous donation to St. Boniface Cemetery Fund. It is appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

APPOINTMENTS WITH FATHER MICHAEL — If you have a concern and wish to visit with Fr. Michael, please call the office for an appointment. Or you may e-mail Father at mmoloney@comcell.net.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions on First Saturday afternoon at St. Boniface. — Father Michael will have Confessions every Saturday afternoon from 4:00 – 4:40 at St. Mary's, and on Wednesdays after evening Mass at St. Mary's. Confessions at St. Boniface will be on the first Saturday of the month from 3:15 to 3:45 pm. If you are unable to make those times, please call the office at 423-6687 or e-mail Father Michael at mmoloney@comcell.net for a time convenient for both you and Fr. Michael

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE— will be in the home of **Harold & Patsy Stallcup** the week of **October 16th.** They are asked to pray for world peace, military, and vocations.

10-23 Bernice Hoegger - 10-30 Bertha Mae Schenk

NOTE: Those people going for elective surgeries in the coming weeks are encouraged to consider coming to **Confession** on Saturday afternoon (4:00 – 4:40) and return for an **Anointing** of the sick following Mass.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE - C.C.D. Thank you for sending your children to the Religion Classes and church services, Monday through Friday at 7:25 a.m. I hope they are bringing you the information that they are learning in C.C.D. class on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

On Thursday, Father usually has the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the readings and question and answer sessions. On Friday we are privileged to have the Holy Mass.

The Catechists and Church Helpers are so happy that you are teaching your children to be respectful as they come to church and to participate in the services by saying the responses and singing the hymns. We notice when they stand and sit and kneel with attention to what is happening on the altar.

We are so blessed to have these opportunities for our children Kindergarten through 5th grade to have God to start our days out right. "God is good, all the time." Clara

THANK YOU NOTE: The Family of Dorothy Dell Wolf would like to express their sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness they received. We were touched by the outpouring of flowers, food, kind words, prayers, and memorials. A special thank you to all of those who visited our Mom while she was in the Nursing Home these past few years. She was fortunate to have spent her life in a community filled with so many kind and caring people. Thanks to all of you!"

V. F. W. LADIES AUXILIARY — The Scotland-Windthorst Post #2676 will meet downstairs in the Windthorst K. C. Hall **Monday, October 19th**, at 7:00 p.m.

V. F. W. will meet **Monday, October 10th** at 7:00 p.m. in the K. C. Hall.

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Caroline Anderle, Zack Andrus, Conner Berardi, Andy Berend, Nellie Berend, Don Bilbrey, Patience Blake, J.C. Birkenfield, Teresa Lindeman Birkenfield, Daphne Borgman, Diane Borgman, Paula Bradley, Deacon Don Brown, David Carcaño, Maria Carcaño, Janette Carreira, Jesús Colchado, Sue Conrady, Freida Day, Brad Dennis, Karen Edge, Royce Gilmore, Marlene Ermis Marshall, Jeanne Fischer, Margie Frazier, Father Nicholas Fuhrmann, Kimberly Fulford, Sister Marie Green, Jerry Gibson, Artie Hallenbeck, Floyd Hilbers, Mildred Hilbers, Margie Himmels, Billie Hoff, Cathy Hoff, Ernie Hoff, Frosty Hoff, Marvin Hoff Sr., Wilfred A. Hoff, Willie L. Hoff, Bill Hoffman, Chris Hogue, Beth Holovak, Libby Ingram, Casey Jeter, Judy Koetter, Robert W. Krah, Braylen Lavy, Marie Loftin, Jim Lowe, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, Annette Meurer, Jess Meurer, Loretta Meurer, Frank Moer, Kathleen Moer, Anna Moloney, Geraldine Moore, Clyde Morbitzer, Mary Morbitzer, Skylar Mueller, Steve Munchrath, Kim Nelson, Travis Nelson, Lena Ostermann, Raymond Ostermann, Rita Pearson, Henry Pennartz, Troy Pennartz, Gina Phillips, Michelle Hubbard Riddles, John Rife, Terry Shefflett, Cassey Schenk, Roch Schenk, Rosalie Schenk, Gerald Schreiber, Mike Schreiber Jr., Nelda Schreiber, Conner Schroeder, Gail Schroeder, John (Hans) Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Richard Schroeder, Weldon Snyder, Caroline Stallcup, Kate Talley, Marie Teichman, Margaret Green Tift, Trent Tipton, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, Margie Vieth, Paul Wachsmann, Richard Wachsmann, Don Windham, Charles Winkles, Sarah Witten, Anton Wolf, Dorothy V. Wolf, Kellar Wolf, Kenny Wolf, Larry Wolf, Lorine Wolf, Martha Wolf, Pauline Wolf, Ronnie Wolf, Alphonse Zotz Jr., Chuck Zotz. If you wish your name removed or there are any changes, please call the office.

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord Jesus, we lift those on our weekly list to you; You are the healer of the sick and we keep praying and hoping for those who are ill. May we continue to pray for all who are sick and hurting and may your peace come to each and every one of us. Amen.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST – Taylor Anderson (Air Force), Charles Berend, Jr. (Navy), Fermin Estrada Jr., (Army), Sgt. Bill Foster, Capt. Sean Fuhrmann (Marines), Lt. Colonel Tony Garcia (Navy), Luke Grotelueschen (Army), Tracey Hoff (Navy), Sgt. Damian Hoffman, Ethan Hoffman (Air Force), Sgt. Whitney Jeter (Marine), Sgt. Nicholas Klein (Army), Jess Martinez (Army), Blake Newby (Army), Kenneth (K.J.) Nichols (Army), Major David Ogura (Army), Kyle Page (Marine), Frank Prokop, (Colorado Air National Guard), Sgt. Robert Rhinehart, Hank Schenk (Air National Guard), 1st Class Craig Slaten (Air Force), Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith (Air Force), Judy Solorio (Navy), Staff Sgt. Matthew Tubbs, Sgt. Ann Schreiber Turner (Air Force), Sgt. Matt Turner (Air Force), Ben Veitenheimer (Navy), Josh Winter (Army), Major Audrey Wolf (Army). (If there are any changes or additions please call the office.) Dear Heavenly Father, please protect our troops as they protect us. Bless them and their families for all that they are doing for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL FOR 2017 (formerly called Sharing in Ministry).

By making a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal this weekend, we all share in the work of our diocese and the mission of the Church. This appeal is a way for us to express our gratitude for God's love in our lives by making a sacrifice to share what we have received with others especially those most in need. Please give generously. The goal for St Mary's is \$16,397.00. The goal for St. Boniface is \$4,719.00.

Al hacer una donación este fin de semana al Annual Diócesan Appeal todos compartimos la obra de nuestra diócesis y la misión de la Iglesia. Esta campana de apelacion es una manera de expresasr nuestro agradecimiento por el amor de dios en nuestras vidas y hacer un sacrificio para compartir lo que hemos recibido con los demás, especialmene los mas necesitados. Por favor, sea generoso al hacer su donación.

PLEASE RETURN A CARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE EVEN IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE A DONATION. THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

THEOLOGY ON TAP – The next gathering of Theology on Tap will be **Thursday, October 13th** starting at 7:00 p.m. at Fuzzy's Taco Shop at 2611 Midwestern Parkway, Ste 305 in Wichita Falls. Presented by Michael Beutner.

SUBIACO ACADEMY – is hosting Shadow days on October 28 and November 18, 2016, for interested students and their parents to visit and explore the Academy's junior and senior high college preparatory program. Young men in grades 6-10 are invited to spend the night before Shadow Day in a residence hall and attend a day of shadowing students, touring the school, and other activities. Overnight accommodations are also available on campus for parents. The event is free of charge. For more information contact the Subiaco Academy admissions office at 800-364-7824, or email admissions@subi.org.

THE 4TH DEGREE K OF C will be having a breakfast on a Sunday in the next couple of weeks at the K of C Hall in Windthorst from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00. We will be serving Windthorst sausage in patties along with eggs and pancakes. We will also sell the ground sausage in 1 lb. packages to anyone who wishes to pre-order. Pre orders for the sausage can be made to Matt Schroeder at 940-632-8150. Stay tuned for the exact date.

RACHEL'S CORNER

Rachel Ministries at 817-923-4757. With over 57 million abortions in the U. S since 1973, and 1 in 3 women having an abortion, the numbers of hurting women and men are staggering. Come and find help and hope on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Next English Retreat November 4.

Rincón de Raquel

Con más de 58 millones abortos en USA desde 1973, y 1 de 3 mujeres han abortado, el número de hombres y mugeres que han sido afetados son totalmente fuera de lo comun. Ven y encontraras ayuda y esperanza en el Retiro el Vinedo de Rauuel. Ministerios de Raquel 817-886-4760.

ST. MARY'S 7-DAY LIGHTS: Sick Members, Increase in Priestly and Consecrated Life Vocations by C. D. A. #296; Marlene & Donnie Marshall by her parents; Special Intention by a Donor; Special Intention by Donor (Okla.); For help and my intentions by Donor; Conner Schroeder by Ann Veitenheimer; Prayers of thanks – Gail Schroeder by Anna Mae & Family; Safety of Ben Wolf by Lorine Wolf; Welfare of Jim & Jeanne Lowe by Donnie & Cindy; Paul & Rosalie Schenk, Jerry & Margie Vieth, Leonard & Vera Ann Schenk, Louise Schenk Family, Anna Moloney, Father Michael, Deacon Don & Helen, Conner Schroeder, Our Special Intentions by Ernie & Jolene; Our Family, Good health for Mom & Daddy, Compete recovery for Tanya, Conner Schroeder & his family, +Louise Conrady & her family, All the sick & hurting, A special intention by the Lenny Berends; Our Family, Mom & Dad, Good health for Grandma & Grandpa Schenk, Tanya Rueschenberg, For all the sick & hurting, especially for Louise Conrady family, Conner Schroeder & Jathan Fields, Special Intentions by Jay & Shawna Teakell; Speedy recovery & good results for Conner, All the sick & suffering of St. Mary's & St. Boniface's Parishes, Louise Conrady Family, Intentions of Adam & Hilary on their Anniversary, Traci & Baby Gracyn by Frank & Joyce; Our Children, Our Grandchildren, Raymond Ostermann, Louise Conrady Family, Jolene & Ernie Prescher, Conner Schroeder & Family, Lillie Wolf, Geraldine Lindemann, Marlene & Donnie Marshall, Charles Winkles, For all the sick, For World Peace, Good health, Special Intention by John & Maxine Veitenheimer; Happy Birthday Clara, Happy Birthday Gloria, For Bert & Elizabeth, Ralph & Clara, Geraldine, Gail, Joey & Bruce, For our Family, Our Brothers & Sisters and In Laws, Special Intentions, In Thanksgiving by Bill, Stella & Ron; **YEARLY LIGHTS:** The Holy Spirit's Daily Guidance in Endeavors for each member of my family by Donor; For World Peace and the safety of all our military, especially for Staff Sgt. Damian Hoffman (Army), Ethan Hoffman (Air Force) and Maj. David Ogura (Army) by Grandmommy; Our Family by Alfred & Cordella; For our Military Personnel by V. F. W. Auxiliary Post #267; For Students of W. I. S. D. & C. D. A. #296 Members by C. D. A. #296; Ben's Safety by Mom & Dad; For our Family by Joe & Lugenia Zotz; Living & Deceased Members of Alphonse and Caroline Zotz by the Family; For our Family by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; Arnold & Lillian Lindeman by the Family; Thomas & Leona Schlumpf by Danny Schlumpf Family; In loving memory of Rusty & Shannon and all dear departed of Lindemann & Green Families, For my Children & Grandchildren to always stay faithful to the Church and its teachings, don't fall away and to keep God in their lives, For peace, our beloved country, and all the brave military, For the sick & elderly of our parishes and for all my dear friends who are so kind and helpful to me, For all the faithful Priests and Religious and for more vocations by Geraldine Lindemann; For the Living & Deceased

Members of the Charles & Mary Lindeman Family, Safety of Ben Wolf, Gina Loran & Brett Hoff by Benny Lindeman; My Family by Ann Veitenheimer; For my Family and for Bruce by Anna Mae Veitenheimer; For my Family by Lena Ostermann; For my Family by Margaret Beaman; For my Family by Elmer Schroeder; For our Family by Henry & Mildred Pennartz; For the safety and welfare of Blake Newby (Army) by Grandma Dorothy V. Wolf; Joe Schreiber & Joseph Schreiber, Jr. by Agnes Schreiber; Mom by Johnnie & Alice; Janice, Ed & Catherine and Lois Luig and Geraldine's health by Eddie Luig; For our Family by Marvin & Elsie Hoff; Floyd Humpert by Betty; Sick and hurting of St. Mary's Christian Mothers Society by St. Mary's Christian Mothers; Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #30.

CATECHISM IN A YEAR

How does the Church understand the sacrament of Holy Orders?

The priests of the Old covenant saw their duty as mediating between heavenly and earthly things, between God and his people. Since Christ is the "one mediator between God and men" (1 Tim 2:5), he perfected and ended that priesthood. After Christ there can be an ordained priesthood only in Christ, in Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, and through a calling and apostolic mission from Christ.

A Catholic priest who administers the sacraments acts not on the basis of his own power or moral perfection (which unfortunately he often lacks), but rather "in persona Christi". Through his ordination, the transforming healing, saving power of Christ is grafted onto him. Because a priest has nothing of his own, he is above all a servant. The distinguishing characteristic of every authentic priest, therefore, is humble astonishment at his own vocation.

What are the degrees of the sacrament of Holy Orders?

The sacrament of Holy Orders has three degrees: bishop (episcopate), priest (presbyterate), deacon (diaconate).

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Branch #36 of Scotland**

PLENARY INDULGENCE: The remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven. A properly disposed member of the Christian faithful can obtain an indulgence under prescribed conditions through the help of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial if it removes part of the temporal punishment due to sin, or plenary if it removes all punishment.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER ARE:

Universal: That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

Evangelization: That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

The four conditions to receive a Plenary Indulgence after going through the Door of Mercy in a designated Church are: Praying the Apostles Creed, Praying for the Intentions of the Holy Father, Going to Confession within a couple of weeks, and receiving Holy Communion weekly.

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father and have told us that whoever sees you sees him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal: and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD: A common term for the practice of contraception or, when this fails, of abortion. Also the organized policy of governments and international cartels to coerce people by means of economic or other sanctions to practice contraception or abortion, or submit to sterilization.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

O Lord, I dare to stand before the throne of Your mercy, not because I am worthy but because You are Love. Cover me, dear God, with your wings of compassion, bind my wounds, relieve my sorrow, and fill me with Your peace.

You know my past and You know my pain and these too I commend to Your most merciful heart, confident you will hear and answer me. You who are all knowing forgiving and kind shower me now with Your grace.

Lord, You became human and shared our life that we might one day share Yours. Turn Your eyes of mercy toward us once again and see us whom You created in Your image that all the world may come to know You as the One, True and Most Merciful God. Amen.

THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY:

- 1 Give drink to the thirsty.
- 2 Clothe the naked.
- 3 Shelter the homeless.
- 4 Visit the sick.
- 5 Visit the imprisoned.
- 6 Bury the dead.
- 7 Give alms to the poor.

THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY:

- 1 Counsel the doubtful.
- 2 Instruct the ignorant.
- 3 Admonish sinners.
- 4 Comfort the afflicted
- 5 Forgive offenses.
- 6 Bear wrongs patiently.
- 7 Pray for the living and the dead.

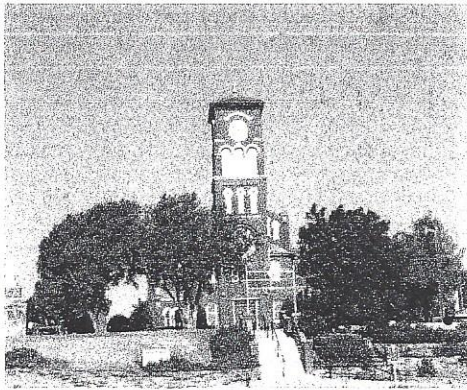
PRAYER FOR LIFE

Lord Jesus, come to our aid and bring an end to the horror of abortion and all the evils that flow from it. May every human being love and honor all human life, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death; May we, Your disciples always choose the Gospel of Life. Through the Eucharist, the great sacrament of life, let us be Your instruments in bringing an end to the culture of death. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO CONSECRATED LIFE

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. We give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of Inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever Amen.

ST. MARY'S ST. BONIFACE YOUTH NEWS



October Second Sunday

Join us **Sunday October 9th, 6:00 pm** in the **Parish Hall**. Think you know about our church, come for a church tour and kick ball. Invite your friends. Note the time change to 6:00pm.

NW Deanery Mass: St. Mary's will be hosting the Deanery Mass on **October 16th at 4:00 pm**. We will celebrate our Door of Mercy with our neighboring parishes. Hamburgers will be served after mass, then stick around for a game of Bunco. I would love to see a large group of our young people at this event.

Jr. High and High School religious education classes are Wednesday evenings starting at 5:45 pm.

St. Mary's/St. Boniface Youth Ministry is for all youth age 6th grade thru 12th grade. For more information regarding our youth ministry program contact Shelley Schlumpf at 940-423-6676.

OCTOBER 9, 2016 – NOVEMBER 5, 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9 Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time K.C. #1824 100 th Celebration w/meal after Mass Scotland Senior Citizens noon St. Mary's/St. Boniface Youth Group First Reconciliation meeting with parents and children	10 Mass at St. Mary's 7:25 am V.F.W. & V.F.W. Auxiliary meet 7pm	11 St. Mary's Prayer Group 7am <u>Church Office Closed</u> St. Boniface Altar Society 7pm	12 Adoration, Benediction & Devotion 6 pm, Mass 7pm Confessions after Mass. Adoration Intentions: Unity in the Church. Filu Shots at Scotland K. C. Hall 4:30 – 6:30 pm 6-12 Grade C.C.D. classes St. Mary's 3 rd Degree K.C. meet after Mass St. Boniface 3 rd Degree K.C. meet 7 pm	13 Chaplet of Divine Mercy St. Mary's 7:25 am Mass at St. Boniface 8:15 am	14 Mass at St. Mary's 7:25 am	15 Confessions at St. Mary's 4:00 - 4:40. MASS 5:00 PM SPANISH MASS 7:00 PM Windthorst Volunteer Firemen 4-wheeler Dance/Meal
16 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Youth Deannery Mass 4pm St. Mary's First Reconciliation meeting with parents and children.	17 Mass at St. Mary's 6:30 pm	18 St. Mary's Prayer Group 7am <u>Church Office Closed</u>	19 Adoration, Benediction & Devotion 6 pm, Word Service 7pm. Adoration Intentions: For Vocations. 6-12 Grade C.C.D. classes C.D.A. meet after Mass	20 Chaplet of Divine Mercy St. Mary's 7:25 am Mass at St. Boniface 8:15 am	21 Mass at St. Mary's 7:25 am	22 Confessions at St. Mary's 4:00 - 4:40. Schroeder/Hendrie WEDDING MASS 5:00 PM SPANISH MASS 7:00 PM
23 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reconciliation meeting with parents and children.	24 Knights of Columbus Mass in Rhineland	25 St. Mary's Prayer Group 7am <u>Church Office Closed</u> C.D.A. Nursing Home Party	26 Adoration, Benediction & Devotion 6 pm, Word Service 7pm. Adoration Intentions: World Peace. 6-12 Grade C.C.D. classes	27 Chaplet of Divine Mercy St. Mary's 7:25 am Mass at St. Boniface 8:15 am	28 Mass at St. Mary's 7:25 am	29 Confessions at St. Mary's 4:00 - 4:40. MASS 5:00 PM
P r e s b y t e r i a l A s s e m b l y						
30 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reconciliation meeting with parents and children.	31 Mass at St. Mary's 7pm (Vigil of All Saints Day) Care Givers Meet 6:30 pm	1 NOVEMBER All Saints Day Mass at St. Mary's 7:25 a.m. Mass at St. Boniface 7:00 pm St. Mary's Prayer Group 7am <u>Church Office Closed</u> Cemetery Visit St. Mary's 1pm Cemetery Visit St. Boniface 3 pm	2 All Souls Day Adoration, Benediction & Devotion 6 pm, Mass 7pm Confessions after Mass. Adoration Intentions: For the Holy Father. 6-12 Grade C.C.D. classes Mission Outreach 6 pm St. Mary's Mother's Society St. Boniface Ch. Mothers	3 Chaplet of Divine Mercy St. Mary's 7:25 am Mass at St. Boniface 8:15 am Food Distribution 8 – 11am	4 First Friday Mass at St. Mary's 7:25 am	5 First Saturday Confessions at St. Boniface 3:15 – 3:45 MASS 5:00 P.M. SPANISH MASS 7:00 P.M.

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St. Mary's/St. Boniface

One Minute Meditations

St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis was born in Assisi, Italy, in 1182 to a rich cloth merchant.

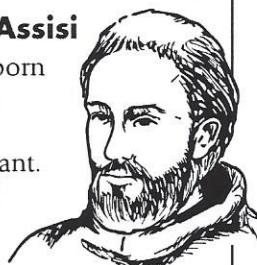
He enjoyed good food, fine clothes, and a busy social life. All that changed when he fell seriously ill on his way to a battle. St. Francis took the Gospel message literally and devoted his life to living in poverty. Followers gathered around him, wanting to imitate his way of life, and in 1210, he received approval to found the Franciscan Order.

Ignore

Ever notice how good it feels to walk away from a fight? That's why Jesus said, *"When someone strikes you on (your) right cheek, turn the other one to him as well"* (Matthew 5:39). Next time someone picks a fight, walk peacefully away.

"Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing..."

St. Therese of Lisieux



Love the Rosary during the month of the Rosary

The Rosary is a powerful prayer to which popes, saints, and Catholics over the centuries have turned for miraculous help in seemingly impossible situations. As a devotion, the Rosary is deeply ingrained in our Catholic identity.

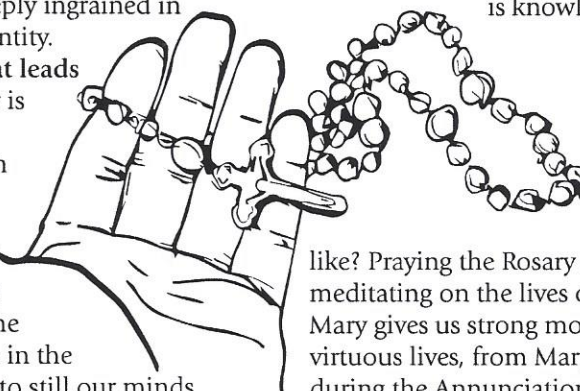
The prayer that leads to prayer. Prayer is key to a close relationship with God but it's difficult to raise heart and mind to him when we are distracted. The gentle repetition in the Rosary is meant to still our minds and direct our hearts to communion with God. This meditative prayer places our focus on God and takes it out of the world.

A connection to the Gospels. The mysteries of the Rosary describe the

events of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. By praying the Rosary, we visit these events as they are told in Scripture. To invert St. Jerome's famous quote, knowledge of Scripture is knowledge of Christ.

The prayer of virtue. We are called to be holy and virtuous, but what does that look

like? Praying the Rosary and meditating on the lives of Jesus and Mary gives us strong models of virtuous lives, from Mary's obedience during the Annunciation and her fortitude during the crucifixion, to Jesus' entire life of virtue – justice, temperance, and courage, in particular. Regular Rosary meditation opens us to the graces needed to acquire those very virtues.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics light prayer candles?

Ancient Jews kept a light perpetually burning near the Ark of the Covenant to show reverence for the presence of God. In a similar way, the lit candle symbolizes for us Christ's presence, recalling that he said, *"I am the light of the*

world" (John 8:12).

Votive candles in church also symbolize prayer intentions others have offered to God. Lighting a candle is a way of expressing our desire to remain present to God after we have left the church.



Love your neighbor AND yourself

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39) commands us to treat other people with love. In truth, we can only love our neighbor to the extent that we love ourselves. Do you have trouble believing that you deserve love? Consider this:

God doesn't make mistakes. By nature he is perfect and can't make anything bad. God created each of us and *"looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good"*



(Genesis 1:31). That means you, too.

Look with God's eyes. Don't chase after other people's approval. Too much of how we see ourselves depends upon how others see us. God loves us as we are and considers us precious. *"See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name"* (Isaiah 49:16).

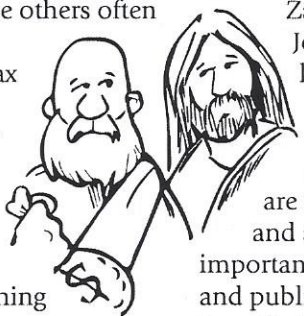
Love with God's heart. Spend time with Jesus by praying, reading Scripture, and attending Mass. When you let yourself be filled up with Jesus' love, you will find yourself so full that love will overflow to those around you – just like he commanded.

from Scripture

Luke 19:1-10, Jesus is the friend we want to be

Jesus didn't evaluate people the way others did. Instead of gravitating to the best of society, Jesus included in his inner circle of friends those others often excluded. Consider the example of Zacchaeus, a tax collector.

As the chief tax collector in Jericho, Zacchaeus was not a popular man. He probably took more in taxes than was required and became wealthy. Learning Jesus was passing through, Zacchaeus climbed a tree to get a better view of Jesus. Imagine the crowd's reaction when Jesus spotted Zacchaeus and invited himself to dinner at the tax collector's home. Jesus wasn't dissuaded



by the fact that Zacchaeus was unpopular and dishonest but saw him as a child of God. In return, Zacchaeus' eagerness for Jesus' friendship changed his life forever. He was inspired to make generous amends for his past sins.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to be open, forgiving, and accepting of others. It is important to look beyond the gossip and public perception. Try to adopt Jesus' habit of being quick to forgive and welcoming in your relationships with others. Perhaps a friendship with you can change someone else's life, just as friendship with Jesus changed Zacchaeus for the good.

Q & A How can I get more out of going to Mass?

Start by getting into the right frame of mind. You can do this by reviewing the readings before Mass to really absorb their message.



Next, notice and greet the people near you. A nod and a smile is a start but a handshake and "hello" is the right spirit. That tells others you're happy to be there and happy to see them, too.

Change your spot. If you normally sit in the back, move to the front. If you sit on the side, move to the center. Sometimes just a change of scene helps you take on a fresh perspective.

Sing every song. Pray every prayer. Mass is not a spectator sport.

Take with you a small pad. Then you can jot down prayer requests, intercessions, or thoughts from the homily to review later. Take the Mass home with you and live it all week long.

Receive Communion if your soul is in the proper disposition. (Go to Confession if you aren't sure.) That's the main point of attending Mass.

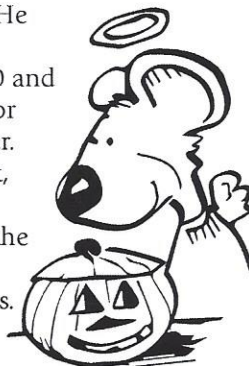
Feasts & Celebrations

Oct. 1 – St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1897). At the age of 15, Thérèse Martin became a Carmelite nun in Lisieux, France, and served others with "quiet acts of love." Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, is an easy read for older children.

Oct. 10 – St. Francis Borgia (1572). St. Francis was a nobleman who served in the Spanish imperial court. After the death of his wife, he gave away all his possessions and joined the Jesuits. He proved to be a good administrator, and

as superior general of the Jesuits, he helped to spread their presence all over Spain and Portugal.

Oct. 20 – St. Paul of the Cross (1775). Born in Italy to a poor, pious family, Paul felt called to start a religious order dedicated to the Passion of Christ. He founded the Passionists in 1720 and was elected superior general of the order. He became a priest, lived a penitential life, and cared for the poor and sick. He also worked miracles.



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Creciendo en la Fe

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Octubre de 2016

St. Mary's/St. Boniface

Meditaciones breves

San Francisco de Asís

San Francisco nació en Asís, Italia, en 1182, hijo de un rico comerciante de telas. Disfrutaba de la buena comida, ropas finas y una activa vida social. Todo eso cambió cuando enfermó gravemente cuando iba a la guerra. San Francisco se tomó literalmente el mensaje del evangelio y dedicó su vida a vivir en la pobreza. A su alrededor se congregaron seguidores que querían imitar su modo de vida y, en 1210, recibió la autorización para fundar la Orden Franciscana.

No hagan caso

¿Ha observado lo bien que sienta alejarse de una pelea? Por eso Jesús dijo: *"Si alguien te golpea en la mejilla derecha, ofrécele también la otra"* (Mateo 5:39). La próxima vez que alguien empiece a discutir, márchese en paz.

"Reciban la Comunión con frecuencia, con mucha frecuencia...es ahí donde se encuentra el único remedio si quieren ser curados. Jesús no ha puesto en vano esta atracción en su corazón..."

Santa Teresa de Lisieux



Amen el Rosario durante el mes del Rosario

El Rosario es una eficaz oración que los papas, los santos y los católicos a lo largo de los siglos han usado por su ayuda milagrosa en situaciones aparentemente imposibles. Como devoción, el Rosario está profundamente arraigado en nuestra identidad católica.

La oración lleva a la oración. La oración es clave para tener una relación cercana con Dios, pero es difícil elevar nuestro corazón y nuestra mente hacia él cuando estamos distraídos. La delicada repetición del Rosario procura calmar nuestra mente y dirigir nuestros corazones a la comunión con Dios. Esta oración contemplativa nos concentra en Dios y nos retira del mundo

Conexión con los Evangelios. Los misterios del Rosario describen los acontecimientos de la vida, la muerte y la

resurrección de Jesús. Al rezar el Rosario revisitamos estos acontecimientos como se nos cuentan en las Escrituras. Dándole la vuelta a la famosa frase de san Jerónimo, el conocimiento de las

Escrituras es el conocimiento de Cristo. La oración de la virtud. Estamos llamados

a ser santos y virtuosos, ¿pero qué aspecto tiene eso? Rezar el Rosario y meditar sobre las vidas de Jesús y de María nos da modelos sólidos de vidas virtuosas, desde la obediencia de María durante la Anunciación y su fortaleza durante la crucifixión, hasta toda la vida de virtud de Jesús, en particular de justicia, templanza y valor. La meditación regular del Rosario nos abre a la gracia necesaria para adquirir esas virtudes.



¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

¿Por qué encienden los católicos velas para orar?

Los antiguos Judíos tenían siempre ardiendo una luz cerca del Arca de la Alianza para mostrar reverencia por la presencia de Dios. De forma semejante, la vela encendida simboliza para nosotros la presencia de Cristo, recordando que dijo: "Yo soy



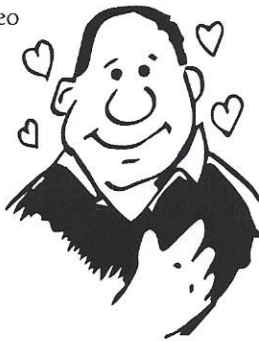
la luz del mundo" (Juan 8:12).

Las velas votivas en el templo simbolizan las intenciones que la gente ofrece a Dios en sus oraciones. Encender una vela es también una manera de expresar nuestro deseo de permanecer presentes ante Dios una vez que salimos del templo.

Ame a su prójimo Y a usted mismo

"Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo" (Mateo 22:39) nos ordena que tratemos a los demás con amor. En realidad sólo podemos amar a nuestro prójimo en la medida que nos amemos a nosotros mismos. ¿Le cuesta trabajo pensar que necesita amor? Tenga en cuenta lo siguiente:

Dios no comete errores. Es perfecto por naturaleza y no puede hacer nada malo. Dios creó a cada uno de nosotros y "vio que



todo cuanto había hecho era muy bueno" (Génesis 1:31). Eso significa que usted también lo es.

Mire con los ojos de Dios. No busque el visto bueno de los demás. Cómo nos vemos suele depender excesivamente de cómo nos vean los demás. Dios nos ama y para él somos valiosos. "Mira cómo te tengo grabada en la palma de mis manos" (Isaías 49:16).

Ame con el corazón de Dios. Pase tiempo con Jesús rezando, leyendo las Escrituras y asistiendo a misa. Cuando se llene con el amor de Jesús se hallará tan lleno de amor que impregnará también a los que le rodean, tal como él ordenó.

de las **E**scrituras

Lucas 19:1-10, Jesús es el amigo que queremos ser

Jesús no evaluaba a la gente como hacían los demás. En lugar de acercarse a lo mejor de la sociedad, Jesús incluyó en su círculo íntimo de amigos a otros que solían ser excluidos. Considere el ejemplo de Zaqueo, el recaudador de impuestos.

Como recaudador jefe de impuestos en Jericó, Zaqueo no era un hombre popular. Probablemente recogía más impuestos de los requeridos y se hizo rico. Enterado de que Jesús iba a pasar cerca de él, Zaqueo se subió a un árbol para ver mejor a Jesús. Imaginen la reacción de la multitud cuando Jesús vio a Zaqueo y se invitó a cenar en casa del recaudador de impuestos.



A Jesús no le importaba que Zaqueo fuera poco popular y deshonesto, sino que vio en él a un hijo de Dios.

En agradecimiento, la ilusión de Zaqueo por la amistad de Jesús le cambió la vida para siempre. Sintió la necesidad de enmendar con generosidad sus anteriores pecados.

Como seguidores de Jesús estamos llamados a ser abiertos, perdonar y aceptar a los demás. Es importante no prestar atención a las murmuraciones y a la percepción de la gente. En su relación con otras personas procuren adoptar el hábito que tenía Jesús de perdonar y de acoger a los demás.

P & R ¿Cómo puedo sacar más provecho de la misa?

En principio, vaya con el talante adecuado. Puede hacer esto repasando las lecturas antes de la misa para asimilar por completo su mensaje. A



continuación observe y salude a la gente a su alrededor. Un gesto con la cabeza y una sonrisa son un comienzo, pero un apretón de manos y un "hola" muestran el

espíritu correcto. Esto les indica a los demás que usted es feliz de encontrarse allí y feliz también de verlos a ellos.

Cambie de lugar. Si normalmente se sienta en la parte de atrás, pásese al frente. Si se sienta en un lateral, pásese al centro. A veces un simple cambio de escena ayuda a adoptar una perspectiva fresca.

Cante todas las canciones. Recite cada oración. La misa no es un deporte de espectadores. Llévese una libreta. Así podrá anotar las peticiones de las plegarias, las intercesiones o las ideas de la homilía y podrá repasarlas más tarde. Llévese la misa a casa con usted y vívala toda la semana.

Reciba la Comunión si su alma tiene la disposición apropiada. (Vaya a confesar si no está seguro.) Esto es lo más importante de la asistencia a misa.

Fiestas y celebraciones

1 de octubre – Santa Teresa de Lisieux (1897). A la edad de 15 años, Teresa Martin se hizo monja carmelita en Lisieux, Francia, y sirvió a los demás con "sencillos actos de amor". Su autobiografía, Historia de un alma, es una lectura fácil para los niños algo mayores.

10 de octubre – San Francisco Borgia (1572). San Francisco era un noble que servía en la corte imperial española. Tras la muerte de su esposa, cedió todas sus posesiones e ingresó en los jesuitas. Demostró ser un buen administrador y

como superior general de los jesuitas ayudó a extender su presencia en España y Portugal.

20 de octubre – San Pablo de la Cruz (1775). Nacido en Italia en el seno de una familia pobre y piadosa, Pablo se sintió llamado a fundar una orden religiosa dedicada a la Pasión de Cristo. Fundó los pasionistas en 1720 y fue elegido superior general de la orden. Se hizo sacerdote, vivió una vida de penitencia y se ocupó de los pobres y los enfermos. También hizo milagros.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2016

Monday 10-10-16 Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27 Luke 11:29-31, **Tuesday 10-11-16** Galatians 5:1-6, Luke 11:37-41, **Wednesday 10-12-16** Galatians 5:18-25, Luke 11:42-46; **Thursday 10-13-16** Ephesians 1:1-10, Luke 11:47-54; **Friday 10-14-16** Ephesians 1:11-14, Luke 12:1-7; **Saturday 10-15-16** Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 12:8-12

October 16, 2016 - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 147

Reading 1 EX 17:8-13 Reading 1 In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel. Moses, therefore, said to Joshua, "Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur. As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. Moses' hands however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other so that his hands remained steady till sunset. And Joshua owed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

Responsorial Psalm PS 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 R/ Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me? My help is from the LORD who made heaven and earth. R/ Our help is from the lord, who made heaven and earth. May he not suffer your foot to slip; may he slumber not who guards you: indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps, the guardian of Israel. R/ Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade; he is beside you at your right hand. The sun shall not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. R/ Our help is from the lord, who made heaven and earth. The LORD will guard you from all evil; he will guard your life. The LORD will guard your coming and your going, both now and forever. R/ Our help is from the lord, who made heaven and earth.

Reading 2 2 TM 3:14-4:2 Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

Alleluia HEB 4:12 R/ Alleluia, alleluia. The word of God is living and effective discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart. R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel LK 18:1-8 Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Love and Protection of the Unborn

The whole mission of the Catholic Church in the world—the theme and purpose and vocation of every institution and every Catholic individual—is **love**.

Why does the Church set up hospitals and adoption agencies and soup kitchens? Why have whole orders of nuns been founded to care for the elderly or the sick? Why did St. Damien offer to go to spend his last years serving in a leper colony in Hawaii? Why did Mother Teresa establish homes for men dying of AIDs?

It's not for money. It's not for recognition. It's not a plan to increase our numbers and our social influence. It's not even because the Church is committed to taking care of her own. It matters not at all to any of these institutions or individuals whether the people they're serving are Catholic. They don't have to be Catholic. They can even be anti-Catholic. We don't do it for ourselves; we do it for love.

We do it because we understand that each and every person is made in the image and likeness of God. Each, no matter how small or weak or wounded or messed up, is completely unique and infinitely precious.

We understand that all human life ----including every child in the womb----is a gift to be received, cherished, and *served*, not abused, not manipulated, not degraded, not destroyed.

Amor y Protección del Neonato

Toda la misión de la Iglesia Católica en el mundo – el motivo, propósito y vocación de cada institución y cada individuo Católico – es **amor**.

¿Por qué la Iglesia establece hospitales, agencias de adopción y comedores populares? ¿Por qué tiene completas congregaciones de monjas que han sido formadas para la atención de los ancianos o enfermos? ¿Por qué San Damían ofrece ir a pasar sus últimos años sirviendo en una colonia de leprosos en Hawai? ¿Por qué Madre Teresa establece hogares para los hombres que están muriendo de Sida?

Esto no es por dinero. No, por reconocimiento. No, es un plan para aumentar nuestros números e influencias sociales. Esto no es aún por qué la Iglesia está comprometida a cuidar de los suyos. A estas instituciones o individuos no les importa en absoluto si las personas que están sirviendo son Católicos. No tienen que ser Católicos. Aún, pueden ser no-Católicos. No lo hacemos por nosotros, lo hacemos por amor.

Lo hacemos por qué entendemos que todas y cada persona es hecha a imagen y semejanza de Dios. Cada uno, no importa cuán pequeño o débil, herido o desordenado, es totalmente único e infinitamente valioso.

Entendemos que toda vida humana ---- incluyendo cada infante en el vientre materno ---- es un regalo para ser recibido, apreciado y *servido*, no abusado, no manipulado, no denigrado y no destruido.