

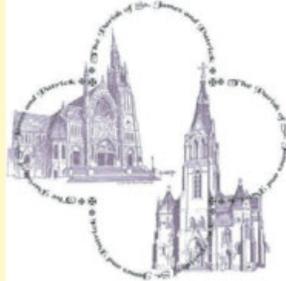
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# 29<sup>th</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"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

### Scott Hahn's Reflection on the Readings

The sons of Zebedee hardly know what they're asking in today's Gospel. They are thinking in terms of how the Gentiles rule, of royal privileges and honors.

But the road to Christ's kingdom is by way of His Cross. To share in His glory, we must be willing to drink the cup that He drinks.

The cup is an Old Testament image for God's judgment. The wicked would be made to drink this cup in punishment for their sins (see [Psalm 75:9](#); [Jeremiah 25:15, 28](#); [Isaiah 51:17](#)). But Jesus has come to drink this cup on behalf of all humanity. He has come to be baptized—which means plunged or immersed—into the sufferings we all deserve for our sins (compare [Luke 12:50](#)).

In this He will fulfill the task of Isaiah's suffering servant, whom we read about in today's First Reading.

Like Isaiah's servant, the Son of Man will give His life as an offering for sin, as once Israel's priests offered sacrifices for the sins of the people (see [Leviticus 5:17–19](#)).

Jesus is the heavenly high priest of all humanity, as we hear in today's Epistle. Israel's high priests offered the blood of goats and calves in the temple sanctuary. But Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood (see [Hebrews 9:12](#)).

And by bearing our guilt and offering His life to do the will of God, Jesus ransomed "the many"—paying the price to redeem humanity from spiritual slavery to sin and death.

He has delivered us from death, as we rejoice in today's Psalm.

We need to hold fast to our confession of faith, as today's Epistle exhorts us. We must look upon our trials and sufferings as our portion of the cup He promised to those who believe in Him (see [Colossians 1:24](#)). We must remember that we have been baptized into His passion and death (see [Romans 6:3](#)).

In confidence, let us approach the altar today, the throne of grace, at which we drink the cup of His saving blood (see [Mark 14:23–24](#)).



### FR. CHRIS' COLUMN

#### FIFTEEN PROMISES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN TO CHRISTIANS WHO FAITHFULLY PRAY THE ROSARY

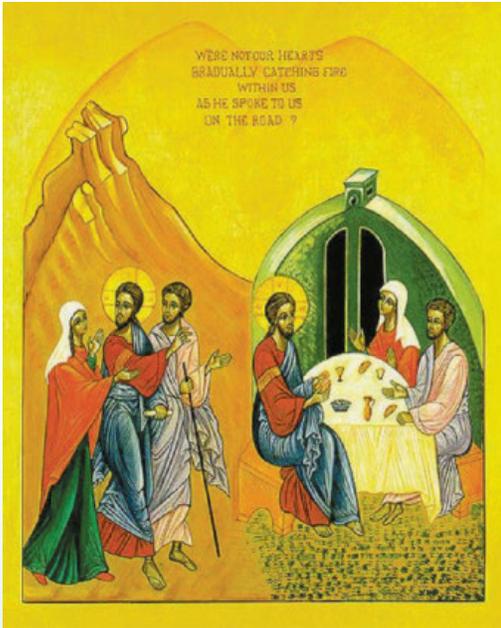
1. To all those who shall pray my Rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and great graces.
2. Those who shall persevere in the recitation of my Rosary will receive some special grace.
3. The Rosary will be a very powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin and dispel heresy.
4. The rosary will make virtue and good works flourish, and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies. It will draw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. Those who trust themselves to me through the Rosary will not perish.
6. Whoever recites my Rosary devoutly reflecting on the mysteries, shall never be overwhelmed by misfortune. He will not experience the anger of God nor will he perish by an unprovided death. The sinner will be converted; the just will persevere in grace and merit eternal life.
7. Those truly devoted to my Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite my Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces and will share in the merits of the blessed.
9. I will deliver promptly from purgatory souls devoted to my Rosary.
10. True children of my Rosary will enjoy great glory in heaven.
11. What you shall ask through my Rosary you shall obtain.
12. To those who propagate my Rosary I promise aid in all their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Son that all the members of the Rosary Confraternity shall have as their intercessors, in life and in death, the entire celestial court.
14. Those who recite my Rosary faithfully are my beloved children, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my Rosary is a special sign of predestination.

### Featured Saint

#### St. Paul of the Cross (Oct. 19)

Born in northern Italy in 1694, Paul Daneo was a soldier before developing a devotion to Christ's passion. That devotion nurtured his compassion and supported a preaching ministry that touched the hearts of many listeners; he was known as one of the most popular preachers because of his words and generous acts of mercy. In 1720, Paul founded the Congregation of the Passion, known as the Passionists. Their vows are to poverty, chastity, obedience, and to spread the memory of Christ's passion among the faithful. He died in 1775 and was canonized in 1867. More than 2,000 of his letters and several of his short writings have survived.





## MASS INTENTIONS

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In Memory Of

**St. James:** Deceased members of the Keck family

**St. Patrick:** Tina Gurley

### Monday, October 18

8:00 am at St. James  
Wayne Rhodes

### Tuesday, October 19

8:00 am at St. Patrick  
Michael Donovan

### Wednesday, October 20

8:00 am at St. James  
Sanctity of Life

### Thursday, October 21

No Mass

### Friday, October 22

11:15 am at St. Patrick  
Gary Bordner

### Saturday, October 23

4:00 pm at St. James  
Barb Curtis

5:30 pm at St. Patrick  
JoAnn Brown

### Sunday, October 24

8:30 am at St. James  
John Buzan

10:15 am at St. Patrick  
All Parishioners

### BAPTISM

Before an infant may be baptized, the parents are required to attend a Baptism Class. Please contact the Parish Office. Baptisms generally take place on a Sunday, the day of the Resurrection.

### MATRIMONY

Arrangements must be made six months in advance with the Pastor.

**PENANCE (Reconciliation)** Anytime by appointment or:

#### at St. James:

Monday 7:30 - 7:45am  
Wednesday 7:30 - 7:45am  
Saturday 3:15 - 3:40pm

#### at St. Patrick:

Friday 10:30 - 11:00am  
Saturday 10:00am - 11:00am

### Ill or Hospital Bound?

Please call the office so Father can anoint you if you have not been anointed recently. When you go to the hospital please register as a parishioner of Ss. James and Patrick. If you have not been visited by a priest within two days, please call the office.

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**Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation:** (217) 321-1155.

**Welcome New Parishioners:** Please register at the office during the week.

**Rest in peace:** May parishioners, family, and friends who have died be embraced with God's love forever.



### Daily Marriage Tip:

Research says it takes five positive comments to counteract one negative. Try keeping track for one day, and seek to affirm more than criticize.

[www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

## Gift of Treasure *Thank you for your generosity!*

Fiscal 2021-2022	Week	Year to Date	FY20-21
October 2/3 (14)	\$10,293	\$223,030	\$195,450
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**Long may you live, but please remember our parish in your will.**

## Parish School News

[www.decaturstpatrick.org](http://www.decaturstpatrick.org)

And on Facebook through the school website

**EPIC youth group** - The city-wide youth group will hold meetings at Holy Family Parish Center at the following times:

Junior High - Oct 17, Nov 7, Nov 21, Dec 12

High School - Oct 24, Nov 14, Dec 5, Dec 19

For more information, please contact Deena at 217 855-9845 or Ivy at 217 412-5188.

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**Tour St. James Church** - Come learn through slides of pictures of the building of St. James Church, a walking tour of the building, and 'tour guide' information of specifics in the church, including the sanctuary, windows, sacristy, and sacramentals. Learn more about the truths of our faith, what they represent, and the faith and devotion of those who built the church. St. James Church – Sunday, October 24 at 3pm. The event with slides and tour will last about 1 1/2 hours.

**World Mission Sunday** - We will celebrate World Mission Sunday on Sunday, October 24. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers.

**We Are St. T Dinner & Auction** is scheduled for Saturday October 23rd at St. Teresa High School. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets may be purchased by visiting [stteresa.org](http://stteresa.org) and clicking on the link for the Dinner/Auction. Your ticket includes a dinner buffet provided by Mac's Pigskin Diner and dancing to the band 'Imagine That'. We will have a plethora of items available for bid on our silent auction table. We will also have a live auction including fabulous items such as a tickets to Iowa vs Illinois and Notre Dame vs Navy football games, a trip to Las Vegas including rink-side seats to the Knights hockey game, incredible dinners, and variety of other items. Go to the website to see the full list of items available. We will also have our famous Dessert Dash! For more information, contact St. Teresa Advancement Office at 217-875-7950.

**Mission Mass** - This year's Mission Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27 at 11am at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. More information to follow.

**Tradition and Teaching on Catholic Funerals** - Join Fr. Chris on Sunday, November 7 at 3pm in St. Patrick Church to learn about our Catholic teaching and belief on funerals, the wake, burying the dead, cremation, and the journey of grief that follows a loss.

**Illinois Right to Life Action** cordially invites you to the 48th annual banquet which will be held on Friday, November 12 at 6pm at The Carlisle in Lombard. Rep. Avery Bourne will serve as master of ceremonies and former Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Thomas will be our keynote speaker. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to <https://illinoisrighttolifeaction.org/actionbanquet/> or call (312)-422-9300. For questions, please contact Sarah Brown at [sarah@IllinoisRightToLife.org](mailto:sarah@IllinoisRightToLife.org).

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2. Hover the camera over the QR code below
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**Faith in Action** is in need of those with a serving heart to volunteer in the following ways: driver, shopper, friendly phone caller/visitor. For more information, please contact Sarah 217 428-0013 or [ssanchez\\_dec@cc.dio.org](mailto:ssanchez_dec@cc.dio.org)

**Volunteers Needed** - The Southside Improvement Association (SIA) project is looking for volunteers to work on revitalization around St. James Church. For more information, contact Jeremy at 217 474-5007 or [Jeremy@jmorrisenterprises.com](mailto:Jeremy@jmorrisenterprises.com)

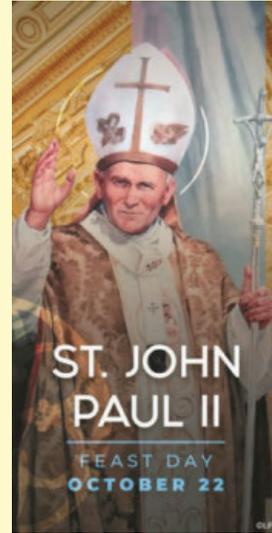
The **SPRINGFIELD DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** will meet on Wed., Nov. 3, 10am-1pm, at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 700 East Spruce St., Chatham, IL. The theme of the meeting is "2021 Year of St. Joseph." Brunch will be served at 10am followed by the meeting. All women of the Springfield Deanery are invited to participate. This gathering will give all the opportunity to get to know women from other parishes, learn more about the mission of the Council of Catholic Women, share what is happening in your parish, and further our devotion to St. Joseph. Please bring your face mask. If you plan to attend, contact Janet Zimmerman, President of the Springfield Deanery: [janetzim14@yahoo.com](mailto:janetzim14@yahoo.com) or 217-494-4743.

at St. James

at St. Patrick

**Sunday, Oct. 24 - Tour of St. James Church**

3pm @ St. James Church



**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17 October 2021**

Isaiah 53:10-11. Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22. Hebrews 4:14-16. Mark 10:35-45.

**What Do You Wish?** We go to Jesus all the time, asking, pleading, wanting. We ask to be healthy; we plead to be safe; we want this, that, and the other for ourselves and for those we love. In our going to him, Jesus asks: “What do you wish me to do for you?” Then he listens. Sometimes our asking is right on. Sometimes it is pushy, overly ambitious, seeking top-dog status. Then Jesus says, do not be a bad king or queen; instead, act like a slave, be a servant. Grasping the cross is the way to the Kingdom of God.

What honor or prestige do I want that I really do not need?

When next I ask Jesus for what I wish, what needs of others will I also add to the list?

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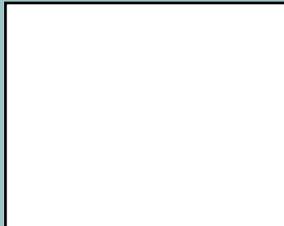
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