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**Sunday, October 3**

8:00 AM Judge John Driscoll  
10:30 AM Celebrant's Intentions  
(Live Streamed)  
12:00 PM Parish Family  
5:00 PM Celebrant's Intentions

**Monday, October 4**

7:00 AM Stephen Miller  
12:10 PM Celebrant's Intentions

**Tuesday, October 5**

7:00 AM Copper/Kricho Family  
12:10 PM Celebrant's Intentions

**Wednesday, October 6**

7:00 AM Members of the 816  
Expenditionary Air Squadron  
12:10 PM Celebrant's Intentions

**Thursday, October 7**

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intentions  
12:10 PM Peter DaPrato

**Friday, October 8**

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intentions  
12:10 PM Louis Fagas

**Saturday, October 9**

7:00 AM Steve Andaya  
5:30 PM Celebrant's Intentions

**Sunday, October 10**

8:00 AM Parish Family  
10:30 AM Bernard Seidenberger  
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12:00 PM Celebrant's Intentions  
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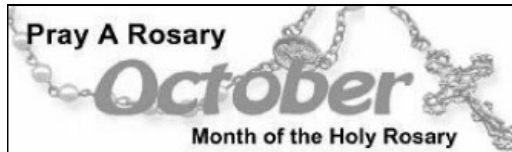


## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12  
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/  
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday  
Monday: St. Francis of Assisi  
Tuesday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest  
Wednesday: St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin  
Thursday: Our Lady of the Rosary  
Friday: Weekday in Ordinary Time  
Saturday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John  
Leonardi, Priest  
Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**The month of October  
each year is dedicated to  
the Holy Rosary.**

The feast day of the Holy Rosary is October 7th to commemorate the victorious battle of Lepanto in 1571.

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. The Rosary will bring great peace and holiness to your life.

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## FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

This Sunday's Scriptures teach us about the sacramental covenant of marriage and how it is a reflection of God's covenant with his creation, and a preparation for the eternal union all of us hope to enjoy with God in heaven. In Genesis, we see that God created man and woman for one another, that the two may become one flesh. Just as Adam and Eve named all God's creatures, parents have the opportunity to name their children, a name by which they will be referred to in this life and in the next.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus quotes this same passage from Genesis when speaking about the unbreakable bond of marriage. When faced with the question of divorce, Jesus says it is the hardness of the human heart that brought about divorce, but the marriage bonds made by God can never be broken or undone. God never withdrew his covenant love for Israel, no matter how unfaithful his chosen people became. Jesus tells us that, in the same way, we should never fail to love and forgive one another so that the two who have become one in marriage may remain united until death.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, we heard that Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, helps us to become perfect through suffering. Married couples and parents bear crosses particular to their vocation, as do those who are not married or parents. If we can draw upon the grace of God to carry those crosses far, faithfully, and well for the glory of God and the good of others, then there is no offense that cannot be forgiven and no wrong that cannot be made right.

Jesus reminds us to be childlike in our faith, accepting the kingdom of God like a little child so that one day we might enter into it. Children are quick to become angry, but almost as quick to forgive, forget, and move forward. The Lord reminds us to never lose and always cherish the awe and wonder with which children experience the world and others. That is where our faith can do the greatest good. Instead of seeing all that is wrong with the world, with ourselves, or with our marriage or our families, we can see what God sees through the eyes of mercy – the potential for holiness and greatness.

As Jesus said, *what God has joined together, no human being may separate*. It is the duty of each of us to see and serve Christ, *for whom and through whom all things exist*, by how we see, love, serve, and forgive one another. Then, as we recall how God's love for us in Christ has never failed us, we may draw strength from that to live in right relationship with him and one another.

Blessings on your week. Stay safe!

-Father Smith

## OLD CATHEDRAL HISTORY



*Bust of Bishop Joseph Rosati featured in the Old Cathedral Museum, currently under renovation.*

**This past week marked the 178th anniversary of the death of Bishop Joseph Peter Rosati who died in 1843, just nine years after the completion of the Old Cathedral.**

When St. Louis became a separate diocese in 1826, Rosati became its first bishop and the driving force behind the building of the Old Cathedral to replace the deteriorating brick church.

Bishop Rosati's influence extended throughout the community as he oversaw the creation of what would become DePaul Hospital and St. Louis University, and was instrumental the missionary work of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne.

He is buried beneath the Old Cathedral's Main Altar in a rubber-coated coffin encased in brick with a modest plaque above it. Rosati died in Europe and was laid to rest in Rome. He remained there until 1954, when Archbishop Ritter petitioned for his remains to be buried in the New Cathedral. Bishop Rosati reached his final resting place in 1971, when his remains were buried beneath the Main Altar of the Old Cathedral.

# SAINTS OF THE WEEK



**Saint Francis of Assisi, religious founder (October 4):** Saint Francis of Assisi, born Giovanni di Pietro Bernardone, informally named as Francesco, who lived from 1181/1182 to October 3, 1226, was an Italian friar and preacher. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of Clare, the Third Order of Saint Francis, and the Custody of the Holy Land. Saint Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in history.



In 1219, he went to Egypt in an attempt to convert the Sultan to put an end to the conflict of the Crusades. In 1223, Francis arranged from the first Christmas live nativity scene. In 1224, he received the Stigmata, during the apparition of Seraphic angels while in a religious ecstasy, making him the first recorded person to bear the wounds of Christ's Passion. Saint Francis died during the evening hours of October 3, 1226, while listening to a reading he had requested of Psalm 42.

At his canonization, Francis, along with Saint Catherine of Siena, was designated patron saint of Italy. He later became associated with patronage of animals and the natural environment. It is customary for Catholic churches to hold ceremonies blessing animals on his feast day.



**Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, priest (October 5):** Born in Germany in 1819, Francis Xavier Seelos entered the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) and was sent to North America. Ordained a priest in 1844, he began his pastoral ministry in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as assistant pastor of his confrere, Saint John Neumann (whom we remember on January 5), serving also as Master of Novices, and dedicating himself to preaching. He became a full-time itinerant missionary, preaching in both English and German in a number of different states. Blessed Francis Seelos died in New Orleans on October 4, 1867, and was declared "Blessed" by Pope Saint John Paul II on April 9, 2000.

**Saint Faustina Kowalska, virgin and religious (October 5):** Saint Faustina was born on August 25, 1905, and died on October 5, 1938. She was a nun and mystic. Her apparitions of Jesus inspired the devotion to the Divine Mercy and earned her the title of "Secretary of Divine Mercy."

Throughout her life, Kowalska reported having visions of Jesus and conversations with Him, which she noted in her diary, later published as *The diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul*. At the age of 20 years, she joined a convent in Warsaw. She was later moved to Vilnius, where she met her confessor, Father Michal Sopocko, who supported her devotion to the Divine Mercy. Canonizing her on April 30, 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter, Pope John Paul II established Divine Mercy Sunday on that Sunday of each liturgical year.



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**Saint Bruno, priest, hermit, religious founder (October 6):** Saint Bruno of Cologne (c. 1030 – October 6, 1101) was the founder of the Carthusian Order, and personally founded the Order's first two communities. He was a celebrated teacher at Reims, and a close advisor to his former pupil, Pope Urban II. He sought "to seek God assiduously, to find God promptly, and to possess God fully."

**Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin, religious founder (October 6):** Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher (October 6, 1811 – October 6, 1849) was a Canadian religious who founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Poor health prevented her from entering religious life in her teens.

Through the influence of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, in 1843 she was invited by Bishop Bourget of Montreal to found, with two companions, a new religious community dedicated to education.

Mother Marie-Rose faced many difficulties, but when he died on October 6, 1849, her 38th birthday, the community already had 30 teachers, 7 novices, 7 postulants, and 448 pupils in 4 convents. She was beatified in 1982.



**Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7):** On October 7, 1571, a combined Christian fleet (the Holy League) defeated an Ottoman fleet off western Greece, in what is called the Battle of Lepanto. The Holy League credited the victory to the Virgin Mary, whose intercession with God they had implored for victory through the use of the Rosary.

Admiral Giovanni Andrea Doria had kept a copy of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe given to him by King Philip II of Spain in his ship's state room. Pope Pius V instituted a new Catholic feast day of Our Lady of Victory to commemorate the battle, which is now celebrated by the Catholic Church as the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary..

**Saint Denis, bishop, and Companions (October 9):** Saint Denis, also called Dionysius, Dennis, or Denys, was Bishop of Paris in the third century. He was martyred, with his companions Rusticus (presbyter) and Eleutherius (deacon), in connection with the Diocletian persecution of Christians, shortly after AD 250. Denis is said to have picked up his head after being decapitated, and walked six miles while preaching a sermon of repentance the entire way, making him one of many cephalophores ("head-bearers") in hagiology. He is venerated as the patron of Paris, and as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers.



**Saint John Leonardi, priest (October 9):** Saint John Leonardi was from Lucca and founded in 1574 the Congregation of Clerics Regular of the Mother of God (OMD), today numbering about 100 members. In 1579, he formed the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, and published a compendium of Christian doctrine in use until the Nineteenth Century. He cofounded with Saint Philip Neri (whom we on May 26) at Rome the Collegio Urbano which, under the direction of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, trains priests for the foreign missions. Saint John Leonardi died in Rome in 1609.



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**All you holy men and women of God, pray for us.**

*We are meant to carry the Gospel out to the world*

*Readings from Jonah this week illustrate the missionary attitude God wants us to have*

**Archbishop  
Mitchell T. Rozanski**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We read the Book of Jonah this week. Often, when people talk about Jonah, their question is: “Do you think he really got swallowed by a whale?” But, interesting as that question is, to focus there is really to miss the point of the book!

In its historical context, the Book of Jonah was meant to diagnose and critique a mistaken attitude toward Israel’s relationship with God. It’s an attitude that can plague the contemporary Church as well, so it’s worth pondering.

From the beginning of their history Israel had known they were Yahweh’s chosen people. But, over time, they had come to realize that Yahweh was not just the god of their nation, but the one true God. The combination of these two ideas — election and monotheism — could give rise to two attitudes. The first — and more prevalent at the time of Jonah — was, “We are the only chosen people of the only God. Too bad for everyone else! Those sinners deserve whatever punishment they get.”

The first crucial detail of the book of Jonah, then, is the fact that Jonah was sent to Nineveh. Nineveh was the capital of Assyria, the historical and proverbial enemy of Israel. When Jonah was sent with the message that Nineveh was about to be destroyed, the typical reaction in Israel would have been: “Exactly what those sinners deserve!”

When Nineveh repents, however, and receives God’s mercy, Jonah embodies the reaction of Israel. He is furious. “Those sinners didn’t get what they deserved!” God tells him, in effect, “I want you to think about this: I’m the creator of everything and everyone. That means the people of Nineveh belong to me, too. I want them to repent, and be in a relationship with me. I rejoice when they do. You should, too.”

That was the other possible attitude someone could take: if Yahweh chose us, and Yahweh is the one true God, then maybe we have a mission to the entire world! A key point of the Book of Jonah is to critique the exclusive attitude, and promote this missionary attitude.

What lesson can we learn from that prophetic critique?

For much of theological history, the Church was spoken of as an ark. And that idea isn’t wrong. The Church is most definitely the ark of salvation!

But the image of an ark can also form a pattern of thinking and acting that closes us off from a mission to the world. We think: “As long as we stay safely in the ark, nothing can go wrong.” It becomes a modern version of the old exclusivism of Israel: “Too bad for everyone outside!”

Those of us who have the privilege of being in the ark of the Church, however, are not meant to stay there in the sense of closing ourselves off from everyone else. Instead, we’re meant to carry the Gospel out to the world, in order to invite others into the ark.

That’s why the Second Vatican Council spoke of the Church as “a sacrament — a sign and instrument.” Those terms — sign and instrument — establish a different trajectory in the imagination. A sign goes out to others. An instrument carries something out. The concepts of “sign and instrument” more readily capture the movement that the prophets were trying to establish in Israel. It’s a missionary movement that we very much need today.

This week concludes with readings from the prophets Malachi and Joel. One theme in those readings is that the day of judgment is coming.

When the day of judgment comes, the question will not be: Were you successful? Rather, the question will be: Did you try? Did you share the Good News? Did you put your talents to work or bury them in the ground? Did you make the ark your home base, or did you make it a hiding place?



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