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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,
"Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said,
"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for “love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self.” Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person’s story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.



Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God’s work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

Readings for the Week of October 10, 2021

- Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
- Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-4



Sunday, October 10

- 8:00am +Lee and Nicholas Cardinale
- 9:30am +Janice Sims (1st Anniversary)
- 11:30am +Joan Brunner; and Deceased of the Martinelli and Brunner Family
- 8:00pm Pro Populo

Monday, October 11 St. John XXIII

- 8:30am +All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, October 12

- 8:30am +Kathleen Murray

Wednesday, October 13

- 8:30am Robert Collier

Thursday, October 14 St. Callistus I

- 8:30am +For the Deceased of the Former St. Callistus Parish

Friday, October 15 St. Teresa of Jesus

- 8:30am Maria Solomon

Saturday, October 16 BVM on Saturday

- 8:30am +Margaret M. DiValerio
- 1:30 pm Poloni/Monaco Wedding
- 4:00pm +Edward and Marie Loney

Sunday, October 17

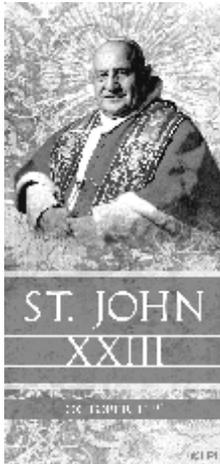
- 8:00am Pro Populo
- 9:30am Rev. Eugene Costa, O.de M.
- 11:30am +Lucia Bonfini
- 8:00pm Leslie A. Wade



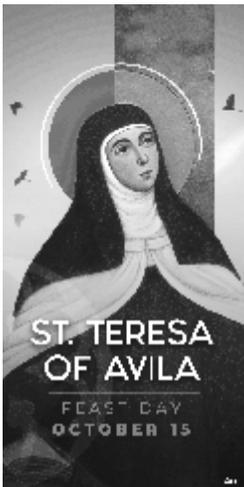
In observance of Columbus Day our parish offices will be closed on Monday, October 11th. In an emergency you can reach Father Michael at 585-474-3969



On October 11th, we celebrate John XXIII, the pope who was first a pastor. Born in Italy at the turn of the 19th century, he was ordained in 1904. His priestly assignments brought him in close contact with the faithful time and time again. He served as a seminary professor, an assistant to the bishop leading pilgrimages and social programs, and a medic and chaplain during World War I. After his ordination as a bishop, he served in Bulgaria, Turkey, and Greece to assist the Church there in her dialogue with Muslims and other Christian communities. John XXIII would bring this concern for personal dialogue into his papacy. He convened the Second Vatican Council to promote renewal in the Church as it faced the challenges of the modern world. St. John XXIII, pray for us!



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA | FEAST DAY OCTOBER 15



St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

St. Teresa of Avila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 23rd the guest celebrant for our 4:00 pm vigil Mass will be, His Eminence Cardinal Gerhard Ludwig Müller, the former Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Please join us for this special Mass!



November 1st Solemn Latin Missa Cantata for All Saints
 November 2nd Solemn Sung Latin Requiem Mass for All Souls
 Both Masses begin at 6:30 p.m.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

please remember the souls of the faithfully departed

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Dorothy Hardy, Kurt Mohammed, Patricia Nicholson, Colin Ramberan, Avery Lofton, Eugene Colombaro, Monica Ramberan, Yosan Gabriel, Jenell Sifontis, Cathy Norman, Sabrina Freeman, Leslie Wade, Esmond Family, Scott Stierbeim, Sr. Mary Charles, A.S.S.P., Mecca Taylor, Melissa Becker, Christian Laffy, Lisa Becker, Debbie Everett, Nigel Simon, Donald Graham, Jean Hargraves, Marvi Wade, Mary Frances Doran, Maureen Doran Hendrix, Melissa Potts, Cayla Wade, Theresa Gilliam, Suzanne Dupre, Indramattie Somwaru, John Bricker, Alina Simon, Carmelina Desiderio, Graham Family, Chuck Murrin, Samantha Johnson, Holly, Damon, and Stephen Anthony, Charles Epps, Ramona Wade, David and Gay Cooper, Lori Cooper, Jack Weber, Dolores M. Hasson, Miguel Pulido, Matthew Pulido, Alex Julius Wade, Bernadette Sanchez

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Is gossip a mortal sin?

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489).

When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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