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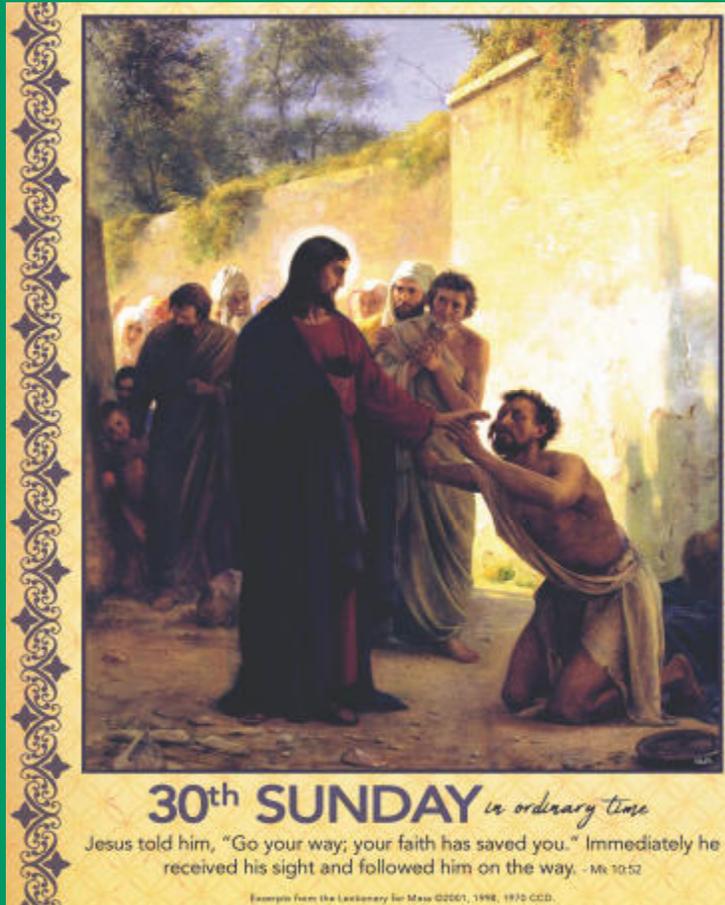
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## OCTOBER 24, 2021

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



**30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:52

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### MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

6:30AM (except Saturday)

8:30AM

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

5:30PM (Saturday)

SUNDAY MASS

7:30AM, 9:00AM

11:00AM, 12:30PM (Spanish)

5:30PM

Livestream Mass

See Page 5 for details

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# From Our Pastor

## Liturgy of the Word - Things We Do

(continued)

A couple of weeks ago we took some of our time to reflect on the homily as part of the Liturgy of the Word. Taking up where we left off, I thought it might be beneficial to address some of the characteristics of a homily.

When I was ordained more than a quarter of a century ago it was pretty much understood that when a community shared a common faith, the people who form that community might have a common way of interpreting the world around them. However, this is rarely my experience now. There are other “gospels” which lay claim on our allegiances, and which often become the lenses through which people interpret the Gospel of Jesus and the experience of faith. To invite people to interpret these other gospels and approaches to seeing the world through the lens of the Gospel of Jesus and through our faith is increasingly a challenge.

I am aware that I don't read enough, engage in enough conversation with people in other disciplines and shapers of our world, enjoy enough exposure to the arts, to news, to the manifold ways in which human experience is articulated in our world... There is simply not enough time in the day, nor opportunities enough to be fully steeped in such, and prepared to bring all of that into reflective conversation with the Gospel. Still, for all my own human limitations, I strive nonetheless to share the faith of the Church rather than my own ideas. I endeavor to be consistent in preaching the Gospel of Jesus rather than any other gospel.

From time to time, I am approached by people who share a desire to hear a particular kind of message from the pulpit. Most of the time, they are asking me to consider replacing a homily with another form of preaching called a sermon. There are those who yearn with a certain nostalgia for homilies that speak about moral and doctrinal issues from the pulpit. That approach, common in a time when we didn't read as much from the scriptures during our liturgies, is more complicated now that there is a greater integrity to the flow of scripture in our liturgies. I could certainly preach up a storm about a given topic or doctrine, but it would most likely be disconnected from the scriptures. That tends more to a form of sermon, centered on a pre-chosen message, rather than to a homily centered on the word proclaimed on a given day. It might call for us to open our catechisms rather than our bibles.

Because it presupposes faith, a homily is distinguished from other forms of preaching which might be directed

to people who have not yet heard the Gospel. Nor is it the same as that preaching which is directed to a deeper understanding of the faith or to its ethical implications. Because of the great diversity of people in our parish community, these effects might be felt from time to time, but the primary function of the homily remains grounded in the liturgy as it is celebrated by the gathered assembly in worship.

A homily is intended to flow from the scriptures proclaimed during a given liturgy, and as such, it forms part of the liturgical experience itself. It presupposes that the people who have gathered for worship form a community of faith, and as such it is hoped that the homily will bring those who have gathered to a deeper and fuller experience of the liturgy, and so be better prepared to share their Christian witness in the world.

Not only does a homily presuppose faith, it also presupposes that the homilist, even with their own limitations, can strive to offer people a word that can speak to their lives as well as to the homilist's own. That means that a homilist is somewhat aware of what is going on in the lives of the people that form the community of believers. This is not always easy, and it remains a consistent challenge within diverse communities of people.

Beyond knowing what's going on in the lives of my fellow parishioners, I also struggle to keep up to speed with all that's going on in our world, reaching for our attention, and to incorporate all of that into my thoughts and prayerful reflections. If I can't do this, then I risk sinking into platitudes of faith or degenerating into meaningless commentary on some abstract failure or sin in our world. This can be made to sound good, but it doesn't really serve the community when it doesn't touch our lives in such a way as to call us to deeper conversion of heart and will in service of the Gospel of Jesus. It is ever a challenge to come up with a message that provides a congregation with language that appropriately names something of their faith, and which also moves us to a human response to a given situation in our lives which is rooted in our faith.

I am grateful to God for the constant call to conversion and the capacity to share something of that ongoing conversion in my own life. I am grateful for the gift of the scriptures in which I find constant nourishment for the life of faith. I am grateful for the people who nurture my life of faith, and who cause me to reflect more deeply on the ways in which God moves in our lives. And I am grateful for the community of believers here in Northridge, who always challenge me to be and to become better still in breaking open the Word.

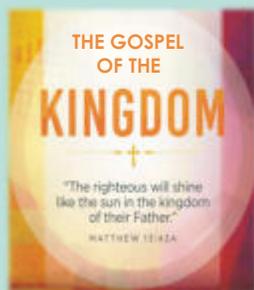
## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2021

- Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
- Monday:** Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
- Friday:** Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Next Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

### ONLINE BIBLE STUDY FIVE SATURDAY EVENINGS October 30, November 6, 13, 20, and 27, 7:00PM - 8:30PM

Course Materials, New American Bible: Revised Edition, Contact Anthony Dawahare at [1adawahare@gmail.com](mailto:1adawahare@gmail.com) with any questions. All meetings will be conducted through ZOOM. This Scripture study will focus on Mark's Gospel and what God's kingdom means for our lives as followers of Christ.



### TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call - to bring the Gospel to all. The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the

Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. As always your prayers are the most treasured gift to the Missions. Thank you for your generosity.

### COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR TUESDAYS, 9:05AM

Let's connect with a cup of coffee or tea and chat with our pastor. Simply access the Zoom link by visiting our [website](#) click on "Announcements, Visit Our Page For More News" and click on the graphic to join the Zoom link.



### ALL SOULS' DAY BILINGUAL MASS



### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 7:00PM

We invite you, your family and friends to join us for our annual Memorial Mass. (Masks are required.) We will have a candle ceremony remembering

those who have died in the past year and were buried from this parish. **Many parishioners have had deaths in their families that occurred in other parts of the country since last November 2.** If you would like to take part in this candle service, please contact Mary Ann Cummins at 818-702-5380. Note: Anyone who has lost a loved one prior to November 2, 2020 may participate by placing a loved one's name in a basket located in the Narthex. This basket will be placed on the altar and a communal candle will be lit in their memory. All are welcome to the All Souls' Mass.

The Mass will be available via Livestream.

**May the soul of your loved one and all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace, assured of Christ's promise of eternal life.**

### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Please stop by following the 7:30AM and 9:00AM masses for a cup of coffee and fellowship. Catch up with parishioners on what's happening in their lives and enjoy the java.



### ST. PETER CLAVER HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



**Saturday, November 6  
9:00AM - 5:00PM  
Sunday, November 7  
9:00AM - 3:00PM**

5649 Pittman Street, Simi Valley  
70 vendors will be selling crafts, gift items, clothing, jewelry, and home décor. There will be a food gift card basket raffle, baked goods, 50/50 drawing and photos with Santa. Ho Ho Ho!



### HALLOWEEN CANDY COLLECTION FOR VETERANS, DEPLOYED TROOPS, AND FIRST RESPONDERS, DRIVE-BY/DROP-OFF, STROUP HALL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 9:00AM - 12:00PM

We are accepting left over Halloween candy or newly purchased candies that are individually wrapped, fun or bite-sized. No powered candy such as Pixy Stix, Fun Dip, etc. please. Contact Carol with any questions at: [laddle@dslextreme.com](mailto:laddle@dslextreme.com) or 818-849-0545. To all of our Veterans, thank you for your service!

# Parish Family



## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Friday, 9:00AM - 5:00PM, closure for lunch from 12:00PM - 1:00PM**

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center, 18405 Superior Street, Northridge, California 91325  
 Phone: 818-349-1500 Email: parishcenter@ollnr.org, business manager: mnatera@ollnr.org  
 Visit our website at: <https://ollnr.weconnect.com> for current information.

## SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Have a Spooky and Safe Halloween

With Halloween right around the corner, here are a few tips to keep your holiday safe and fun!

Before they go trick-or-treating, talk with your children about safety and set the ground rules. Young children should always trick or treat with an adult. Join up with friends or family and stick to neighborhoods you know, with houses that are lit and ready for trick or treaters. Stay on sidewalks when possible, and if children have a hard time walking between houses, make a game of it — take big steps, or march from house to house. For more information, please visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesaz.org/item/140-tips-for-a-treat-filled-halloween>.

Contact Sandra Salute at: [Safeguard@ollnr.org](mailto:Safeguard@ollnr.org). "Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse 2021 - 2022" is available in the Parish Center Office.

For more information call Safeguard at 213-637-7508 or email [bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org)



## OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER



**The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**  
**9:00AM - 12:00 Noon and**  
**7:00PM - 9:00PM**  
**Monday through Friday**

Volunteers are needed hourly. Certain occasions such as funerals, etc. will impact the general schedule, but we hope that the resumption of the church

opening and the restoration of all day exposition in the Blessed Sacrament chapel, will allow for adoration on Saturday and Sunday also. Please contact Dianne at 818-349-1500 if you can help.

**Our Mass celebrations are possible because of you!**

**Volunteer opportunities in the following areas:**  
**Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Preparation of the Altar, and Ushers.**

Please contact Dianne Walker at 818-349-1500 or email: [dwalker@ollnr.org](mailto:dwalker@ollnr.org).

**There are also opportunities in Bereavement and Baptism ministries.**

Contact Anne Wing at 818-349-1500 X 112 or email: [awing@ollnr.org](mailto:awing@ollnr.org).

**We are looking for Livestream operators for the Sunday and weekday masses.** Please email John R. Walker at [oll\\_livestream@ollnr.org](mailto:oll_livestream@ollnr.org) if you are interested.

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Toran & Genesis Vargas	1
Louis & Erika Sloniker	2
Aaron & Christine Schwinn	7
Chris & Gigi Pratt	20
John & Niamh Anderson	21
Casey & Suzanne McCarthy	25
Ed & Delia Hernandez	28
Rolando & MaryAnne Sabater	28
Romano & Leia Sy	29
David & Rocella Gronkiewicz	33
Phil & Anne Nastasi	33
Don & Peggy Gustavson	34
Ren & Anne Capati	35
Richard & Rita Raddatz	39
Albert & Maria Sandow	39
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Happy Anniversary

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE AND GIVING TREE ORNAMENT PICK-UP

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

**DRIVE-BY/DROP-OFF**

**9:00AM - 12:30PM**

**STROUP HALL**



Canned (vegetables, fruit,) canned meat (tuna, chicken, chili,) granola bars, pasta, jam, peanut butter, boxed stuffing, boxed mashed potatoes, gravy packets, cranberry sauce. (No glass containers please.) Questions?

Please contact Dianne at 818-349-1500 or email; [parishcenter@ollnr.org](mailto:parishcenter@ollnr.org). Donations will benefit charities in our San Fernando Valley.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30AM

Monday - Saturday: 8:30AM

Vigil for Sunday 5:30PM (Saturday)

Sundays: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM (Spanish) and 5:30PM

All of our protocols will adhere to best practices and current guidance received from appropriate authorities, both civil and church.

### LIVESTREAM MASS

Monday - Saturday: 8:30AM

Sundays: 9:00AM and 12:30PM (Spanish)

To watch our masses live, just visit our [website](#).

The liturgies may also be viewed by pointing your browser to <https://vimeo.com/ollnr> where our liturgies will be available for 48 hours.

Our parish priests are praying for all of our parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes and all those listed on our Mass Intentions.



Wrigley Smith Dodd  
Brandon Michael Aguilera



Virginia Gonzalez  
Leslie Ann Verkere  
Liz & Charlie Tanata

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>October 23</b>	8:30AM	Dan Dunn (D), Mariko Arnold (D)
	5:30PM	Mitch Vukovich (D), Stanley Vukovich (D)
<b>October 24</b>	7:30AM	Augusto & Catalina Rojas (D)
	9:00AM	D'Sa Family
	11:00AM	Madeline DeMartinis (D), Vincent Vaspa (D)
	5:30PM	Anita Domingo (D) Margarita "Nanay" Angeles (D)
<b>October 25</b>	6:30AM	Bella Agustin
	8:30AM	Chrisanto Venzon (D), Fe Mary Macalino (D)
<b>October 26</b>	6:30AM	Edison Basilan, Luz Preziose
	8:30AM	Flornecia Venzon, Glorina Ganaban (D)
<b>October 27</b>	6:30AM	Lorenza Rodolfo (D), Alejandro Rodolfo (D)
	8:30AM	John Russel Walker
<b>October 28</b>	6:30AM	Wayne Tippie (D), Marilou Popera (D)
	8:30AM	Kathleen Nonn (D), Alejandra Jose (D)
<b>October 29</b>	6:30AM	Roger Rogelio Lopez (D) Buenaventura Agraviador (D)
	8:30AM	Glenn Lawson (D), Dolores Clarkson (D)
<b>October 30</b>	8:30AM	Helen Moriarity (D), Mariko Arnold (D)
	5:30PM	Julia Isabel Stotamas (D), Margarita Angeles (D)
<b>October 31</b>	7:30AM	Manuel Sr. & Terseta Dayrit
	9:00AM	Herminigilda Toleco (D), Melquiades Toleco (D)
	11:00AM	Raji Marienielle Toleco (D), Elsa Parreno (D)
	12:30PM	Edwin Josafat Jeronimo (D) Tom Christopher Jeronimo (D)
	5:30PM	Daniel Coronel (D), Mariko Arnold (D)



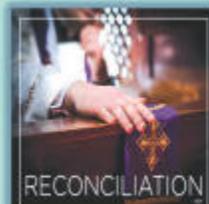
### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confession resumes in the Church Confessional Chapels from 4:00 - 5:00PM Saturdays

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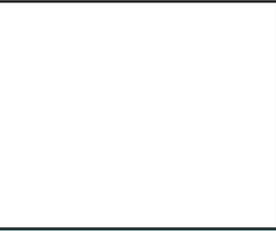
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# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

I will gather them from the ends of the world,  
with the blind and the lame in their midst. (Jer 31:8)

## PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled  
with joy. (Ps 126)

## SECOND READING:

No one takes this honor upon himself  
but only when called by God,  
just as Aaron was. (Heb 5:4)

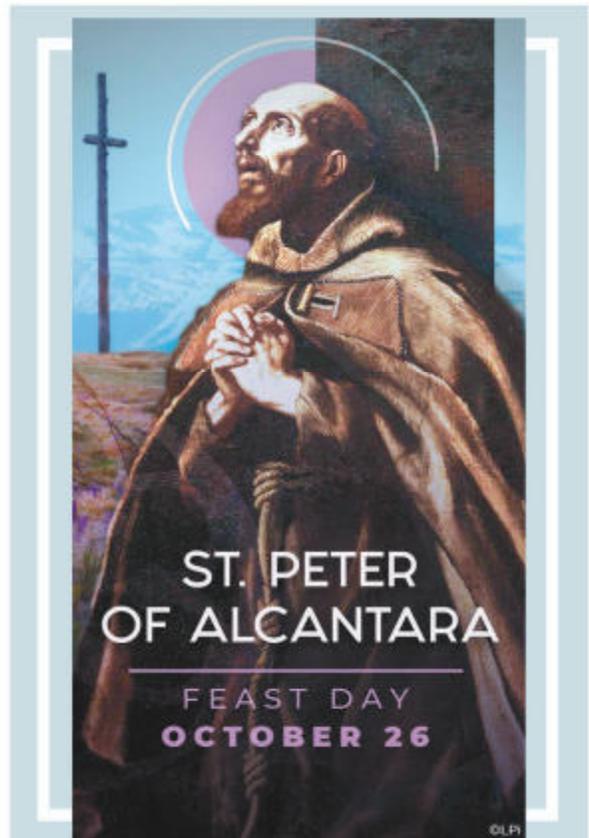
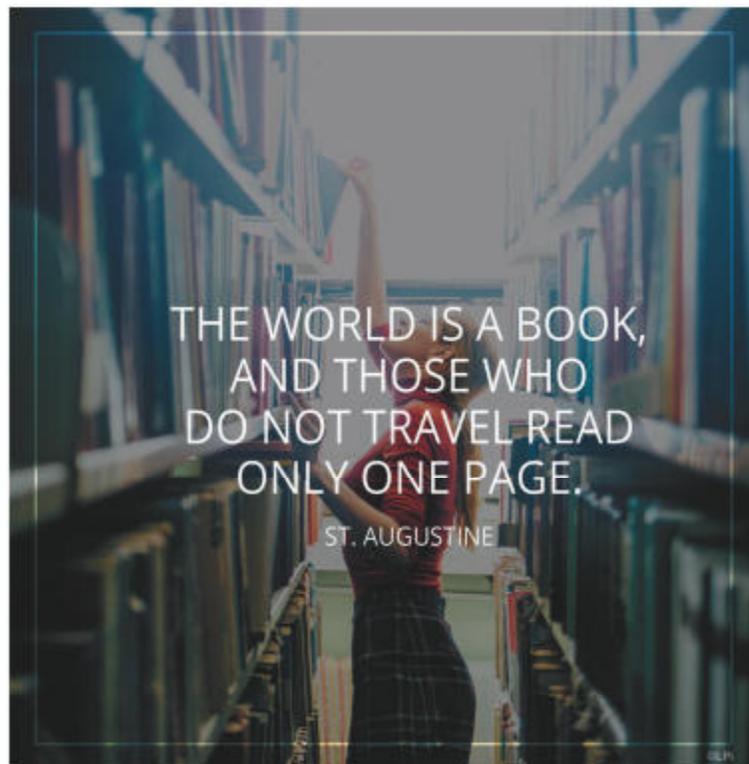
## GOSPEL:

The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."  
Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."  
(Mk 10:46-52)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2021

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday  
Thursday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles  
Saturday: BVM  
Next Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday;  
All Hallow's Eve



## Saint of the Week

St. Peter of Alcantara was born in Alcantara, Spain in 1499. His father was the Governor of the province and his mother came from a noble family. He was privately tutored and attended the University of Salamanca. After he returned home from university, he was accepted as a Franciscan Friar of the Stricter Observance in 1515. He was ordained as a priest in 1524 and in 1525 he became Guardian of the friary of St. Mary of the Angels.

Throughout his life, St. Peter of Alcantara took up his spiritual cross and preached with great success to the poor, but also spend much of his time in solitude. From 1553 to early 1555, he spent this time alone in meditation and prayer. Soon following, St. Peter made a pilgrimage to Rome, barefoot the entire way. While in Rome he obtained permission from Pope Julius III to establish friaries.

St. Peter was known for frequently experiencing ecstasy, a state where he was entirely consumed with the warmth and light of the Holy Spirit. These euphoric moments were common during his prayer and meditation.

When he was near death, St. Peter took to his knees and prayed. When he was offered water, he refused it, saying, "Even my Lord Jesus Christ thirsted on the Cross." He died while in prayer on October 18, 1562. On April 18, 1622, he was declared blessed by Pope Gregory XV and later canonized by Pope Clement IX on April 28, 1669.