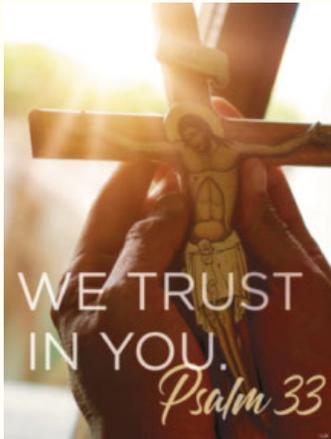


OCTOBER 17, 2021 | 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ST. CECILIA CHURCH

ENGLISH & SPANISH NEWSLETTERS



## MASS/MISA SCHEDULE

Daily (Mon.-Sat.) (Lunes-Sabado):

8:00 am English

Saturday (Sabado) Vigils:

5:00 pm English

7:00 pm Español

Sunday (Domingo):

7:30 am English

9:00 am English

10:45 am English

12:30 pm English

2:30 pm Español

Live streamed

Mass/Misa can be seen on the following platforms:

[Parish website](#)

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[YouTube](#)

[Roku channel](#)

## CONFESSION/CONFESION

Saturday (Sabado):

8:40 to 10 am and 3:30 to 4:40 pm

## STEWARDSHIP

You can tithe directly to our parish by visiting our website at: [stceciliachurch.org/donate](https://stceciliachurch.org/donate)

## PASTOR'S CORNER

*"How Great Are You?"*

"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you". These are the words of James and John as they requested to Jesus the most important places when Christ assumes his "glory". It's very clear that the two brothers had a very different understanding from Jesus as to what "glory" means. They were (continued)



## PASTOR'S CORNER (CONTINUED)

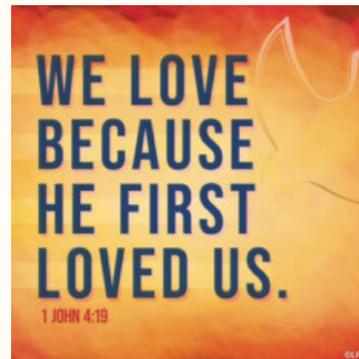
thinking of the worldly glory, when Christ assumes the political leadership in Israel. They saw Jesus as a political Messiah, who would liberate them from the hands of the Roman colonizers.

I wonder what was going on in their hearts as they say: "We want you to do for us whatever we ask of you"? It resonates entitlement and a deep sense of privilege, probably stemming from the fact that among the apostles they were blood relatives of Jesus. Scholars say that they were cousins of Jesus. If that's the case, we see in here a biblical example of potential nepotism, which Jesus would never approve of. Another possible reason for their bold request is they probably thought that they had given up everything for their mission, and they felt entitled to a special favor.

It's so easy to fall into the attitude of James and John, even in one's spiritual life. Spiritual entitlement can easily creep in, especially during moments of great difficulties: Why am I suffering when I've been so faithful to attending Mass? Why didn't I get the promotion that I was praying for, and why did he/she get it when he/she doesn't even believe in God? Entitlement comes when we see our relationship with God in purely transactional terms, a prize/reward dynamic. We follow the Lord not because of any reward in the end, but because we are convinced of who is calling us into relationship. We respond to God's invitation with love because Love (God) is calling us to enter in love. There are no other ways to respond to the invitation. Rewards

are causal consequences of the relationship, but it shouldn't be the main motivating factor in our relationship with God. To do so is to set ourselves up for frustration and disillusion because we won't always get what we pray for according to our own timelines.

What's your understanding of greatness? God's kingdom is an upside down kingdom. Jesus gives us the definition of greatness: "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." It is in embracing the path of humility and service that true greatness is manifested. It is in self-emptying that we become truly full and content. It is in self-surrender that we become truly free. It is in giving away that we become truly rich. Authentic greatness is to contemplate the Lord as our truest joy and wealth. How great are you? – Fr. Cary



## VOCATIONS DEVOTIONS

"What do you wish for me to do for you?"

If you are considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, let the grace of prayer encourage you.

## FUNERAL FOR RUTH ANN DOBRATZ

Funeral Mass for longtime parishioner, Ruth Ann Dobratz, is Monday, October 18 at St. Cecilia Church:  
10:30 AM Rosary; Mass at 11 AM

## JESUS I TRUST IN YOU



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed Monday evenings at 7pm in the Adoration Chapel.

All are welcome!

## CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

Contemplative Prayer Group will be meeting in person on the 2nd (October 13) and 4th (October 27) Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 pm in the Fireside Room in the Parish Center.

Welcome to new members to join silent prayer and open yourself to fruits of transformation.

For additional information, contact Marylyn Klesh at [kleshmr@comcast.net](mailto:kleshmr@comcast.net).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

You may start a prayer alert by calling one of the following team leaders:

Joye Boone----- (503) 645-7021

Margie Gallant----- (503) 848-3704

If you would like to join us in this ministry, please call any one of the above.



Dcn. Chuck & Carol Amsberry, October 1, 33 yrs.  
Bruce & Janis Collins, October 4, 35 years  
Bill & Judi Blair, October 5, 53 years  
Rey & Letty Soriano, October 7, 48 years  
Charles & Sharon Vedder, October 14, 54 years  
Larry & GaSandra Carlson, October 14, 41 years  
George & Sally Shafer, October 14, 32 years  
Jason & Melissa Vaillancourt, October 20, 19 yrs.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, October 17

7:30 AM - +Margie Reyes

9:00 AM - +Bill & Betty Eisert

10:45 AM - +Sam Tadros

12:30 PM - People of St. Cecilia

2:30 PM - Raymond Arellano & Family

### Monday, October 18

8:00 AM - Social Concerns

### Tuesday, October 19

8:00 AM - +David Hoff

### Wednesday, October 20

8:00 AM - Gary Lee Miller

### Thursday, October 21

8:00 AM - St. Vincent de Paul Members

### Friday, October 22

8:00 AM - Jennifer Clark

### Saturday, October 23

8:00 AM - +John P. LaMarte

5:00 PM - +Leona Dinges

7:00 PM - Carlos Arellano

## IRA - REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS (RMD)

If you're 70½ or older, you can transfer your 2021 RMD (up to \$100,000) to a charity at any time. The donation counts as your required minimum distribution but doesn't increase your adjusted gross income, which can be particularly helpful if you don't itemize and can't deduct charitable contributions. The money needs to be transferred directly from the IRA to the charity in order to be tax-free. If you withdraw it from the IRA first and then give it to the charity, you can deduct the gift as a charitable contribution (if you itemize), but the withdrawal will be included in your adjusted gross income. For more information, guidelines visit: <https://www.irs.gov/>

The 2021 IRA RMD form can be found at [www.stceciliachurch.org/donate](http://www.stceciliachurch.org/donate) under documents.



Dear Parishioners of St Cecilia,

The board of directors of Project Aurora wish to extend our deepest gratitude and thanks for your generous gift to support Rachel's Vineyard Ministry in Oregon. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer healing to women and men who have been affected by abortion. The retreats offer reconciliation with God and help them to honor the lives of their lost children. A past retreatant stated, "I healed more in one weekend than in 30 years of counseling and was given tools to continue healing". Another said, "I have never felt so loved and forgiven". Another said that "she would encourage anyone who has experienced an abortion to attend the retreat". Project Aurora collaborates with Mt. Angel in teaching seminarians about the trauma of abortion and how to respond to a person in their roles as priests after their ordination. The Archdiocese has over 40 priests who have attended a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. One current priest who attended a retreat while in seminary said that It changed him and his priesthood.

Your generous gift of \$4,000 will support retreat expenses and materials, priest training and scholarships for people who are unable to pay the cost of the retreat.

Project Aurora is sponsoring 3 retreats this year.

Portland: November 12-14, 2021

Portland: February 18-20, 2022

Medford/Spanish: March 25-27, 2022

If you or anyone you know would like to attend a retreat, please don't hesitate to reach out. Email: [projectaurora@aol.com](mailto:projectaurora@aol.com) or phone 541-942-2861.

Sincerely,

Project Aurora Board of Directors, Lori Eckstine, Father Ron Nelson, Karen James



From a "40 Days for Life Participant":

This was my first morning for a while at Lilith. Early morning is peaceful downtown. As it nears 8 a.m., the sidewalk becomes a little busier with people headed to work and into the medical building where Lilith Abortion Clinic is housed. We were able to give out several cards encouraging people to learn about Lilith and how abortion procedures are done. Very little animosity was expressed and even those who disagreed were mostly respectful.

Our educational campaign on the sidewalk is going well. While we may not always know why someone is going into the 511 Building, we can still reach out to them and give information. I know you would agree; everyone needs to understand the tragedy of abortion and be informed and empowered to fight against it.

Did I already share this story with you? Abby Johnson spoke about an abortion worker who called to say she was quitting. "Why are you quitting?" Abby asked. "Did someone talk to you?" She answered, "I was looking out the window and saw a woman kneeling on the sidewalk praying in the pouring rain. If she loved me enough to pray for me, on her knees in the rain, I can't be here another day." Not one word was said to this abortion worker. She was reached because a woman on the sidewalk "just prayed". Never doubt. You are being used by God as you pray.

For more information and/or to participate, please email:  
[ruesinktherese@comcast.net](mailto:ruesinktherese@comcast.net), [40dayswithjulie@gmail.com](mailto:40dayswithjulie@gmail.com)



St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is currently in need of:

- variety of soups
- Hamburger Helper
- pork & beans

Donations can be delivered to the food pantry between the hours of 9 and 11 am. Thank you for your generosity!

Are you retired or working from home? Do you have an hour or two to volunteer in our food pantry?

SVDP at St. Cecilia is currently in need of morning workers, Monday thru Friday, 9 to 11 am, to lift boxes (up to 40 lbs. in weight) to unload and reload the delivery truck.

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## St. Cecilia CYO Winter Sports

- Basketball and Hot Shots registration is now open  
[www.cyocamphoward.org](http://www.cyocamphoward.org)

### - Basketball

3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys & girls  
Practices start 11/22; Games start 12/4  
8 games + 1 tournament  
Cost \$250

### - Hots Shots (Basketball)

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys & girls (coed teams)  
Practices start 11/29; Games start 1/8  
7 games + 1 tournament  
Cost \$200

CYO is our school & parish's sports program for volleyball (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> girls), cross country (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>), basketball (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>), swimming (K-8<sup>th</sup>) and track & field (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>).

Any questions please reach out to Jeff Tinker, [stceciliaad@gmail.com](mailto:stceciliaad@gmail.com) or 971-322-4277



# 3RD GRADE SPOTLIGHT



**WE ARE STUDYING DINOSAURS AND FOSSILS, AND MADE SOME OF OUR OWN WITH ITEMS WE COLLECTED OUTSIDE. THE STUDENTS ARE LEARNING HOW SCIENTISTS USE FOSSILS TO LEARN HOW ANIMALS LIVED LONG AGO.**

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# **The CHOSEN**

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Discussion to be facilitated  
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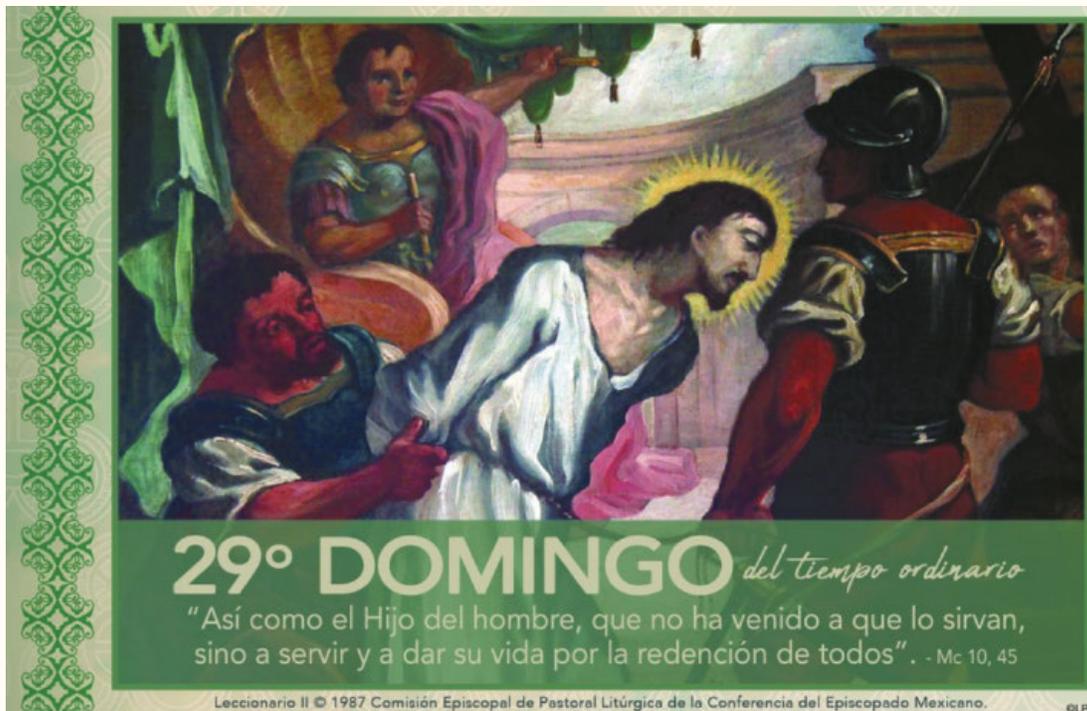
**Starting Tuesday  
October 12th 6:30 PM  
PARISH CENTER**



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# PARROQUIA SANTA CECILIA

SPANISH NEWSLETTER



## CARTA DEL COORDINADOR

DEL DIÁCONO BILL

Mis Queridos Hermanos en Cristo:

En el evangelio de hoy, los apóstoles discuten sobre cuál de ellos será el que tome el lugar de honor y prestigio al lado de Jesús en el reino de Dios. Triste-mente todavía siguen con la idea (y esperanza) de que podrán aprovechar la fama y el poder asociados con los reinos del mundo – como el imperio romano.

Jesús intenta hacerles ver y prepararse para algo muy diferente, como les ha estado diciendo desde la confesión de Pedro (que Jesús es realmente el Mesías, el Cristo de Dios); les ha indicado en TRES diferentes ocasiones que él tendrá que sufrir mucho y morir cruelmente, para luego resucitar. Sin embargo, obviamente todavía NO ENTIENDEN, o, a lo mejor, no quieren entender. Las consecuencias para ellos – como seguidores y discípulos – son algo que prefieren no considerar.

¿Hay dimensiones de ser un seguidor de Cristo que a mí me inquieta y me incomoda seriamente?  
¿Hay posibles sufrimientos (físicos o espirituales) que, como los apóstoles, NO QUIERO ACEPTAR?

Toma un tiempo en silencio y pídele al Señor la gracia y la fortaleza para reconocer, si es el caso, y poderlo recibir como un regalo. A lo mejor el Señor usará tu oración para otorgarte la valentía que necesitas, y para ayudar a otros que están luchando con algo semejante.

## **MINISTERIO HISPANO**

Sacerdotes: P. Cary Reniva, P. Pedro Julia  
Coordinador: Diácono Bill Richardson  
Secretaria/Recepcionista: Elizabeth Hernandez  
Teléfono oficina: 503-644-2619, Ext. 161 o 176  
Horas de oficina en español: normalmente,  
de Lunes a Jueves de 2:00 a 5:00 PM.  
Acceso es limitado.

## **ADULTOS: ¿DESEAN PREPARACIÓN PARA LOS SACRAMENTOS?**

Si usted es mayor de 18 años y necesita prepararse para recibir los SACRAMENTOS DE CONFESIÓN Y PRIMERA COMUNIÓN, o la CONFIRMACION, tenemos un programa para ayudarle.

Las clases se llevan a cabo los días DOMINGO empezando en Septiembre, desde las 12 hasta la 1:30 PM en el Centro Parroquial. Llame a la oficina parroquial para mayores detalles entre 2 y 5 PM lunes a jueves. Si tiene amigos o parientes que podrían aprovechar estas clases, hágales saber del programa. GRACIAS.

## **¿DESEAN BAUTIZAR A SU HIJO?**

Llame a la oficina parroquial (503-644-2619, extensión 161) para averiguar sobre la preparación y los trámites (sencillos) que son necesarios. Elizabeth le ayudará con mucho gusto.

Tenemos una PLÁTICA para padres y padrinos planeada para el Sábado, OCTUBRE 9.  
Necesitan anotarse en la oficina primero.

## **CONFESIONES EN SANTA CECILIA**

Hay 2 horarios para que la gente pueda confesarse, ambos el día SÁBADO. El primer "turno" es de 8:45 hasta 10 AM, en la iglesia. El segundo turno es por la tarde, de 3:30 hasta las 4:40 PM, también en la iglesia.

## **CATECISMO: LAS CLASES COMENZARON SEPTIEMBRE 8**

Todas las familias que NO han inscrito todavía a sus niños van a tener que ESPERAR hasta el PRÓXIMO AÑO para poderlo hacer.

## **¿DESEA SERVIR EN ALGO?**

Muchas personas han decidido tomar parte en las actividades de uno de los grupos organizados de la parroquia, les ha gustado enormemente, y les ha servido mucho.

Por ejemplo, han llegado a hacerse NUEVAS AMISTADES, han logrado conocer mejor al Señor y APRENDER más de su FE CATÓLICA, han desarrollado sus dones y talentos, y algunos han aprendido a ser líderes y servidores.

En Santa Cecilia tenemos un buen número de GRUPOS MUY ACTIVOS, pero cada uno con un enfoque distinto. Si le interesa averiguar más, puede hablar con algunos de los servidores que ve en la Misa, o puede pasar a la oficina parroquial y hablar con el Diacono Bill o con Elizabeth para más detalles y sugerencias.

## **GRAN ACONTECIMIENTO GUADALUPANO - OCT. 29 Y 30**

Con el Monseñor Eduardo Chávez, rector del Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupanos, Arquidiócesis Primada de México: Debido a un conflicto en la agenda del Monseñor, se ha tenido que POSTERGAR su venida a Santa Cecilia hasta el 29 Y 30 de Octubre. Mayores detalles se encuentran en un volante al final de este boletín.

Hagan planes para asistir, pues es una oportunidad muy especial.

## MENSAJE MARIANO

"¡Queridos hijos!

Hoy los invito a la oración. Que la oración sea un bálsamo para su alma, porque el fruto de la oración es la alegría, es dar, es testimoniar a Dios a los demás a través de sus vidas. Hijitos, al entregarse ustedes totalmente a Dios, Él se ocupará de todo y los bendecirá, y sus sacrificios tendrán sentido. Estoy con ustedes y los bendigo a todos con mi bendición maternal. Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado." Octubre 25, 2019.

## AUMENTEMOS NUESTRAS ORACIONES

... por todas las personas afectadas por el "covid", junto con sus familias. Hay un buen número en nuestra propia comunidad parroquial. Pidamos al Señor y a la Virgen por ellos, y por nosotros, para que busquemos siempre la voluntad de Dios en todas las circunstancias.



### EL GRAN ACONTECIMIENTO GUADALUPANO PARROQUIA SANTA CECILIA OCTUBRE 29 y 30 - 2021

LA PARROQUIA DE SANTA CECILIA TE HACE UNA CORDIAL INVITACIÓN



#### RETIRO PARA SERVIDORES

Día: octubre 29

Horario: De 5 pm a 9 pm

Tema: Liderazgo y Misión del Laico

- a. El laico a Imitación de San Juan Diego
- b. Santa María de Guadalupe nos une

A las 8 pm la Celebración Eucarística será presidida por el Monseñor Eduardo Chávez

#### CONFERENCIA GUADALUPANA

Día: octubre 30

9:00 am Rezo del Santo Rosario

10:00 am Inicia la Conferencia

- El gran acontecimiento Guadalupano
- Continúamos con la conferencia

12:00 pm Ángelus

- Continúamos con la conferencia

1:30 pm \*Almuerzo

2:30 pm Continúamos con la conferencia.

3:30 pm Exposición con el Santísimo

La misa de las 7 pm en español será presidida por el Monseñor Eduardo Chávez y el Padre Cary Reniva

\*Les invitamos a traer su propio almuerzo o ir algún lugar cercano a comprarlo ya que debido al COVID-19 no podemos proveerles comida. Sin embargo, si tendremos un área al aire libre para comer.

Monseñor y Canónigo Dr. Eduardo Chávez, postulador de la causa de canonización de San Juan Diego y Rector del Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupanos de la Arquidiócesis Primada de México.

Parroquia Católica Santa Cecilia:  
5105 SW Franklin Ave, Beaverton, OR 97005

Para más información puede comunicarse con Magdalena S. (503)608-2714  
GRACIAS Y QUE DIOS TE BENDIGA A TI A TU FAMILIA

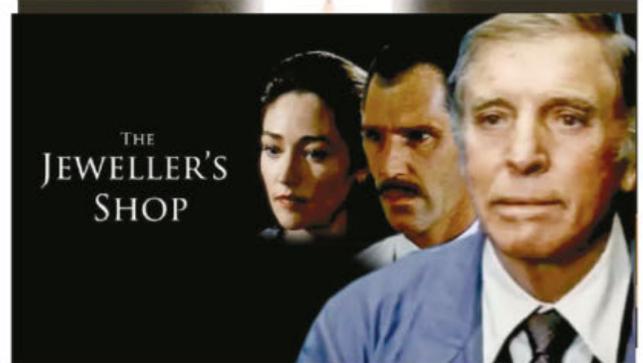


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### WATCH

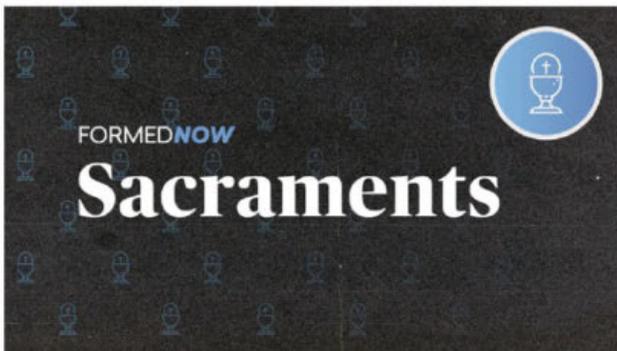
#### THE JEWELLER'S SHOP: A MODERN MYSTERY BY POPE JOHN PAUL II

Based on Pope John Paul II's best-selling book, this film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples. A mysterious Jeweller (Burt Lancaster) acts as a mystical advisor to the couples, encouraging them to keep love at the center of their lives. Beautifully filmed with an outstanding cast that includes Olivia Hussey and Ben Cross. John Paul II called it "the best possible film based on my play."



### LEARN

#### FORMED NOW: ST. LUKE AND THE EUCHARIST



Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they dive into the joy of the Eucharist found in the Gospel of St. Luke the Evangelist.

### LISTEN

#### SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT BY JASON EVERT

Discover the five great loves of Pope Saint John Paul II as Jason Evert, renowned Catholic speaker and author, shares remarkable stories about this saint's life from those who knew him, including bishops, students whom he taught, and Swiss Guards who interacted with him daily. Jason presents a wealth of insights about this holy man who promoted devotion to Divine Mercy and Marian consecration, helped defeat communism in Europe, wrote the Theology of the Body, and embraced young people like no other.



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# SUNDAYS AT HOME

PRAYING AS A FAMILY  
TAKEN FROM [52SUNDAYS.COM](http://52SUNDAYS.COM)

## SUNDAY READINGS

English readings [HERE](#)

Spanish readings [HERE](#)

## TAKE TIME TO CHAT

Do you think it was wrong for James and John to ask Jesus to do whatever they asked? Why or why not?

In the Bible, a “cup” is a metaphor for what God has in store for someone. What do you think Jesus meant when he told James and John that they will drink the cup that he will drink?

Jesus is asking leaders to be in the service of their people. In what way is this statement opposite of how people normally behave?

What inspires you about St. Ignatius of Antioch?

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK: *HUMMUS: SERVES 4-6*

1 lb. canned chickpeas  
1/3 cup tahini  
juice of 1-2 large lemons  
1 small clove garlic, minced  
Kosher salt to taste  
1/8 tsp. ground cumin (optional)  
2- 3 Tbsp. olive oil

Boil chickpeas in canned juice for five minutes on medium heat. Drain. Place chickpeas, tahini, lemon juice, garlic, cumin, and salt in a blender to make an almost smooth thick paste. Place hummus in a shallow bowl and garnish with parsley, radishes, pickles, or toasted pine nuts. Drizzle with olive oil. Serve with warm pita bread.

## MEET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: *ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH* *(FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 17)*

Ignatius was born in Syria and was a convert to Christianity. In the year 107, Emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians there to choose between death and apostasy (denying the Christian faith). Ignatius would not deny Christ and thus was condemned to be put to death in Rome. Ignatius allowed soldiers to bind him in a rickety cart and lead him to Rome for martyrdom. As his cart rolled into towns, local bishops and Christians came to meet and encourage him.

Ignatius is well known for the seven letters he wrote on the long journey from Antioch to Rome. They urge the Christians there to remain faithful to God and to obey their superiors. He was very concerned with unity in the Church; the letters warn against heretical doctrines, providing solid truths of the Christian faith. Ignatius also wrote that Christ was present in the Church, in each member, and in the Blessed Sacrament. He called himself “the bearer of God.” Ignatius was devoured by wild beasts in the Roman amphitheater.

## FAMILY PRAYER

The month of October is the Month of the Rosary. Pray the rosary as a family, reflecting on the Glorious Mysteries.

Visit: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-anddevotions/rosaries/a-rosary-forlife-the-glorious-mysteries>



## The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,  
at the word of an angel,  
you lovingly took Mary into your home.  
As God's humble servant, you guided  
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,  
welcomed Jesus as your own son  
in the shelter of a manger,  
and fled far from your homeland  
for the safety of both Mother and Child.  
We praise God that as their faithful protector,  
you never hesitated to sacrifice  
for those entrusted to you.  
May your example inspire us also  
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard  
God's most precious gift of life.  
Help us to faithfully commit ourselves  
to the service and defense of human life  
—especially where it is  
vulnerable or threatened.  
Obtain for us the grace  
to do the will of God in all things.  
Amen.



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

*October 18*

Early historians said this author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles was born to a pagan family in Antioch (Turkey) and converted to Christianity. According to Paul's letters and Acts, he was a doctor and Paul's companion during his later journeys and imprisonment in Rome. Luke's New Testament writings in Greek were for gentiles, extending to them the salvation promised to Israel. He is the patron of physicians and surgeons and, because of a legend that he painted a Marian icon, of painters.

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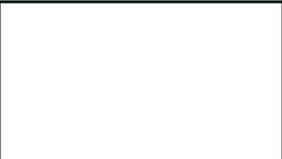
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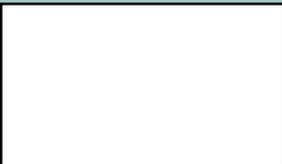
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