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October 24, 2021

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

Reflections for the 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Jeremiah lived during one of the most difficult times in the history of Israel, which included the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple (587 BC) and deportations to Babylon (597 & 587 BC). God commissioned him to prophecy these events, which made him a very unpopular figure among the ruling classes. These ruling classes perpetrated the acts of idolatry (including child sacrifice), which Jeremiah condemned, and which eventually brought about the destruction of Israel. The reading for this Sunday draws from the section in Jeremiah that consoles the people, promising the coming of the New Covenant and a Messiah who would redeem Israel from its sins (Jeremiah 31:31-34). In this section, the prophet Jeremiah delivers God's promises to His chosen people. He is a generous God, whose fatherly love does not diminish, even though the people of Israel fail to love him and reverence him in return. God reaches out to the Israelites in order to bring them closer to his heart. Time and time again, the Israelites promise to be faithful to him, but then refuse to give him the love and adoration that he is owed. Even still God, calls the people back to himself. For this reason, he promises them the New Covenant, in which he will recapitulate, or bring under his Headship, all peoples, both Israelites and Gentiles. Our movement toward God in difficult times is a sign of a deep faith. We can use periods of suffering in our lives as opportunities to strengthen our faith and make honest assessments about where we stand before God. It is very difficult to trust in God at all moments, especially when we encounter some unforeseen suffering or pain. We must work to increase our faith in God's merciful love, begging his forgiveness when we fail and fall into sin. Having considered all that God has said here, we can echo the sentiments of the opening verses and "shout with joy...proclaim your praise and say: The Lord has delivered his people." By His faithfulness, God has truly given us reason to rejoice. We should always give thanks to God for being part of his people, the ones to whom he has given his saving message. His love tests us in trials but rewards us, too, with heavenly gifts.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

The end of Hebrews 4 spoke of Jesus Christ as the new and eternal High Priest, who stands before God's throne in heaven. The author of Hebrews states that Jesus's High Priesthood is in "the order of Melchizedek." While this comparison may strike as odd, the symbolism is actually very rich. The letter was written to Jews and attempts to show that Jesus is both Messiah and God. It is full of Old Testament references to underscore the validity of the Christian claims about Jesus to this Jewish audience. So why all the discussion about the priesthood of Jesus? Because the Jews held that only a male from the tribe of Levi could be a priest (see Numbers 3). Since Jesus was of the tribe of Judah he could not be a priest, especially not a High Priest, according to the Law! Therefore, the author has to justify his claim - the Christian claim - that Jesus is the new and permanent High Priest who offers a new sacrifice at the Cross and a New Covenant at the Last Supper. Melchizedek is described in Genesis 14 as the priest-king of Salem. Thus, he preceded the Levites by hundreds of years, which means that he exercised the priesthood of the first-born sons. The Levitical priesthood was only established after the first-born sons failed to give right worship to God after the incident with the Golden Calf at the base of Mt. Sinai (Exodus 32:29). The Book of Hebrews is making the point that Melchizedek represents to an older priesthood than the Levites, which means that Jesus also belongs to this priesthood, because he is the firstborn Son of God. Just as Melchizedek had offered bread and wine to God with Abraham in Salem, so also Jesus, the new high priest and king, offered bread and wine - His Body and Blood - at the Last Supper in the new Salem (Jeru-Salem). In the place where Melchizedek had been priest-king in the time of the father of Israel, Abraham, Jesus is now the new priest-king. This would have been a striking and even arresting argument to the Jews of the first century in Palestine.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Although Mark's Gospel is the shortest, he is the only one to record the name of the blind man as Bartimaeus (literally, "son of Timothy"), and he, alone, records the eventual encouragement from

the crowd when Jesus calls him, "Take heart; rise, he is calling you." And Bartimaeus then "threw aside his cloak, jumped up and came to Jesus." After Bartimaeus's encounter with Jesus we are told, "Immediately he received his sight and started to follow him [Jesus] up the road." Mark loves the immediacy of Jesus's power. The word "immediately" is used repeatedly at the beginning of his Gospel, and suggests the imminent arrival of the Kingdom. Jesus passes through Jericho like a new Joshua, who conquered Jericho on his way into the Promised Land. At Jericho, Jesus brings forgiveness to Zacchaeus (see Luke 19) and sight to Bartimaeus and his blind companion (see Matthew 20). Just as Rahab the harlot (who shows up in the genealogy of Jesus) was saved by Joshua when Jericho was conquered, so now the outcast tax collector, Zacchaeus, finds salvation in his encounter with this new Joshua. Bartimaeus, as the last disciple to join Jesus before He goes to Jerusalem and the death awaiting Him, becomes an icon for all those Gentile believers who, as latecomers, go the way of Christ. Even though they are late in following Christ, they have come to see him as the "Light of the world." Indeed, through Christ, "the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light" (Matthew 4:15-16). The juxtaposition of light and darkness is a prominent theme in the Gospels, especially John 1. Jesus heals Bartimaeus and the man born blind, while the Pharisees, in contrast, are called "blind guides." In the story of Bartimaeus, we see this light theme connected with trusting faith. It is Bartimaeus's persistent faith in the "Son of David" that brings him into the light. This image of light in connection with faith impressed the early Christians so deeply that they called those catechumens who were preparing to receive Baptism "Photizomenoi," which literally means, "those who are coming into the light." The Greek word "photismos" was used in reference to Baptism, because it was considered to be an enlightening. St. John sees the light as necessary to avoid stumbling in the darkness (John 11:10), and Bartimaeus shows us that, with Christ, we are given the light to follow him, even though it leads to the Crucifixion.

Reflection: The imagery of sight and blindness pervades the readings for this Sunday. The Church uses this metaphor to help us understand how we are blinded by sin and are in need of Christ's light in order to follow him. In modern society, we think of freedom as the absolute ability to do whatever we want, as long as we don't hurt anyone else. As Christians, this gravely distorts our understanding of sin. It follows from that definition of freedom that there really is no sin; as long as what we do affects ourselves, then it cannot harm anyone else. This is not a Catholic understanding of sin and freedom. We believe that we are only free as far as we are able to do the good freely. We grow in freedom the more that we resist evil and choose what is good. Moreover, sin is not private, because it gravely offends our relationship with God, it hurts our union with others, and we only hurt ourselves by sinning. In the Bible, we see attachment to sin described as blindness. The one who is full of sin is actually made blind to reality. The more we sin, the less we are able to see the truth clearly. Through Jesus Christ, we are able to overcome our blindness and step into his light. Do we have the spiritual strength to let go of our petty attachments, and choose Christ above all else? - LPi

**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO
THE CELEBRATION OF AN
ALL SOULS DAY MASS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021
AT 6:30 PM.**



The Mass will be celebrated for all deceased members of our faith community. The names of those who have passed between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020 will be read.

Please extend an invitation to this special Mass to all family members. Candles, to carry to the altar in remembrance of your loved ones, will be provided by the church.

READINGS FOR THE 30th WEEK

IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
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 BVM
Sunday:	Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/ Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

The Pope's Intention for October MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

We pray that every Baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of of the Gospel.



Diaconate Discernment Nights

Are you, or someone you know, being called to become a deacon? Men seeking to discern this call are encouraged to attend the Diaconate Discernment Night on

10/28/21 St. Catherine of Siena, Kissimmee
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday—Friday

8:00 AM (English)

Tuesday

6:30 PM (Spanish)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM (English)

Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 AM (English)

12:00 PM (Spanish)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil 7:00 PM (Bilingual)

Holy Day

8:00 AM (English)

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays 7:15 PM

Fridays after 8:00 AM Mass

Saturdays 3-4 PM

or any time upon request



A COMMUNION PRAYER



Jesus, although You have existed with the Father and the Holy Spirit from the beginning, You came among us in Your human nature and showed us the depth of divine love. With amazement, I think about how You, Almighty God, became man. Even more, with astonishment I recall Your words to Your disciples that to have eternal life, we have to eat the bread that is You. Jesus, I have now received the miracle of Your flesh and blood in this Holy Communion. May I grow in the awareness that your divine life is now within me. Please let my attitude reflect Your presence in me.

Lord Jesus, I believe that You are truly present within the consecrated bread which has been blessed and broken. Through the eyes of faith, I affirm that what I have received is Your Body and Blood.

Lord Jesus, in this celebration of faith, I have received the cup of blessing. It is the new and eternal covenant of Your love. May I proclaim, once again, this day that you are the Christ, the anointed One of God, who has come to me. Amen.

—Source Unknown

Dr. Scott Hahn will be speaking at St. Paul Catholic Church, in Leesburg, on **Saturday, Oct. 30th at 8:30 am**. Registration is required, and it will be a **FREE** event. To register, please go to



<https://stpaulcenter.com/leesburg/>



The rosary is said before each weekday and weekend Mass. Please join us for this devotion.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

And unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

St. Mary of the Lakes Gifts for the Soul

OUR RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE is open after all Masses, Sat. & Sun. Come to browse, to shop, or to just share with us a cup of coffee and a snack.



Next week's second collection will be for St. Vincent dePaul.

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SCHEDULE FOR THE CATECHESIS OF THE NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY

If the pandemic has left you tired & scared;
If you are worried about the future;
If you ask yourself why nothing makes you happy; or
If you find yourself alone and you feel like God has left you,
COME AND LISTEN

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED

Mondays and Wednesdays
September 20 — November 8
Meetings will be in the Parish Center
from 7:30 — 8:30 p.m.



The Thrift Store is open every Wed., Thurs., and 1st Sat. of each month from 9-1. Thank you for your support with merchandise and purchases. The proceeds help to fund St. Luke's Clinic.

The Thrift Store is going to spill out into our parking lot on Sat., Nov. 20, from 9 am-3 pm. It is an inventory reduction sale - wonderful merchandise at a fraction of the cost. Lots of BOGO!

Last Week's Collections

Offertory: \$5,743.50

Second Collection: \$2,311.51

Other Income: \$5,395.00



Readers are needed for the 4:00 Saturday Vigil Mass. If

you would like to help with this Liturgical Ministry, please call the Parish Office (352-483-3500) and leave your name and telephone number for Anne Yearwood. She will get in touch with you. Thank you for helping and God Bless you.

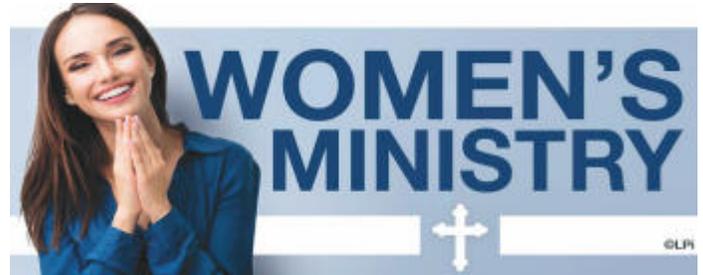


Monday, October 25
 Faith Formation grades K-5, 5:30-7 PM
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Tuesday, October 26
 Pre-Confirmation classes, 5:30-7 PM
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Reflexiones para el domingo 30 En tiempo ordinario

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO: ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

El mundo ha llorado mucho en estos dos años de pandemia. Después de tanto sufrimiento, Dios nos sigue invitando al cambio en nuestro corazón. La hemos pasado mal, muchas familias lloran aún a sus familiares que perdieron la batalla, otros miles siguen buscando trabajo. La lucha no termina y la esperanza en medio de todo es que volvamos a Dios, tal como el pueblo de Israel en la primera Lectura: "Partieron en medio de lágrimas, pero los hago regresar contentos" (Jeremías 31:9). Ya es tiempo de gozar del amor y la misericordia eterna de Dios. Fijémonos, en todo lo bueno y noble que hemos aprendido en este tiempo y trabajemos por una sociedad más justa.

El Evangelio también nos presenta el amor y la compasión de Dios por medio del ciego de Jericó que grita a la orilla del camino. "¡Hijo de David ten compasión de mí!" El ciego es símbolo de todas las personas que sufren en el mundo. Jesús, le pregunta: ¿Qué quieres que haga por ti? La respuesta del ciego: "Maestro, que pueda ver". Eso es lo que seguimos pidiendo: que podamos ver todas las injusticias de la sociedad, que podamos dialogar y buscar soluciones juntos, para poder vivir con paz y tranquilidad y así simbólicamente tirar el manto y escuchar su invitación: ánimo, ten fe, levántate. Jesús sigue llamando a cada uno, porque a todos nos toca ahora ver qué podemos hacer por los que nos rodean. El papa Francisco lo resume así: "Fijarnos en Bartimeo y su grito de búsqueda de Jesús. Hacerse prójimos en el camino de fe para acompañar. Testimoniar, fijándonos en los discípulos que le dirigen a Bartimeo solo tres palabras, ánimo, levántate, que te llama" (10/28/2018).

VIVIR LA LITURGIA : INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

"Enamorarse de Dios es el mayor romance; el buscarle la mayor aventura; el encontrarle el mayor logro humano." Estas palabras de San Agustín son eternas. Todo ser humano sin duda se beneficiaría de la sabiduría si se diera cuenta de quién los llama y a quién pertenecen. Solo hay una forma de satisfacer el anhelo más profundo del corazón humano y es en una relación con nuestro Creador. Cuando buscamos a Dios con verdadera sinceridad de corazón y Dios nos pasa por nuestro camino, clamaremos: "¡Jesús, Hijo de David ten compasión de mí!" Instintivamente sabremos que es solo nuestro Divino Maestro quien puede restaurar nuestra vista y sanarnos. El ciego se enamoró de Jesús, se embarcó en esta aventura de salvación de vida para alcanzarlo y logró una meta que muchos solo remotamente pensaban posible. Esta es la misericordia en acción. No importa cuán lejos nos desviemos o cuán ciegos nos volvamos, Dios espera pacientemente para consolarnos, guiarnos y sanarnos. Todo lo que tenemos que hacer es desearlo a Él con todo nuestro corazón.

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DÍA DE TODOS LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

Todos los feligreses están invitados a la celebración de la Misa del Día de los Difuntos el lunes 1 de noviembre de 2021 a las 6:30 p.m.

La Misa se celebrará por todos los miembros fallecidos de nuestra comunidad de fe. Se leerán los nombres de quienes hayan fallecido entre el 1 de octubre de 2019 y el 30 de septiembre de 2020.

Extienda una invitación a todos los miembros de la familia. La iglesia proporcionará velas para llevar al altar en recuerdo de sus seres queridos.

Lecturas de la Semana

XXX Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: Rom 8, 12-17/Sal 67, 2 y 4. 6-7. 20-21 [21]/Lc 13, 10-17

Martes: Rom 8, 18-25/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6 [3]/Lc 13, 18-21

Miércoles: Rom 8, 26-30/Sal 12, 4-5. 6 [6]/Lc 13, 22-30

Jueves: Ef 2, 19-22/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5 [5]/Lc 6, 12-16

Viernes: Rom 9, 1-5/Sal 146, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/Lc 14, 1-6

Sábado: Rom 11, 1-2. 11-12. 25-29/Sal 93, 12-13. 14-15. 17-18 [14]/Lc 14, 1. 7-11

Domingo siguiente: Dt 6, 2-6/Sal 17, 2-3. 3-4. 47. 51 [2]/Heb 7, 23-28/Mc 12, 28-34

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 24 de octubre de 2021

Jueves: San Simón y San Judas, apóstoles

Sábado: BVM

Domingo siguiente: 31er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Domingo del Sacerdocio;

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Si desea bautizar a su hijo(a) favor llamar a la oficina parroquial 352-483-3500.

*La próxima clase es el **6 de noviembre 2021.***

9 a.m. Muchas gracias.

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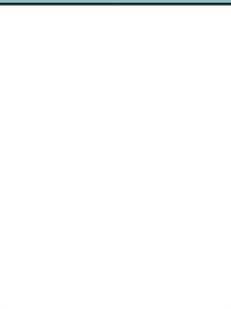
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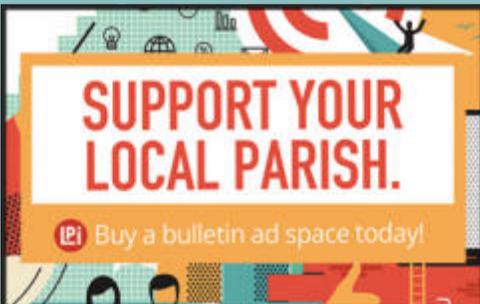


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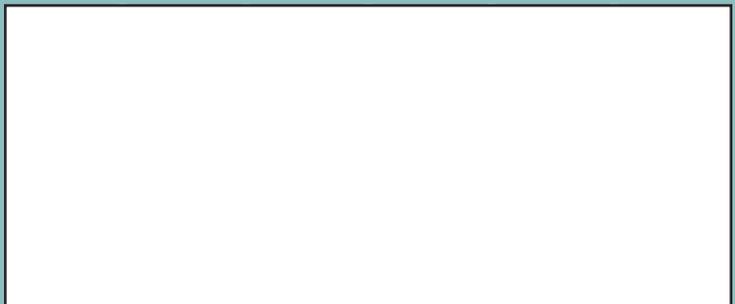
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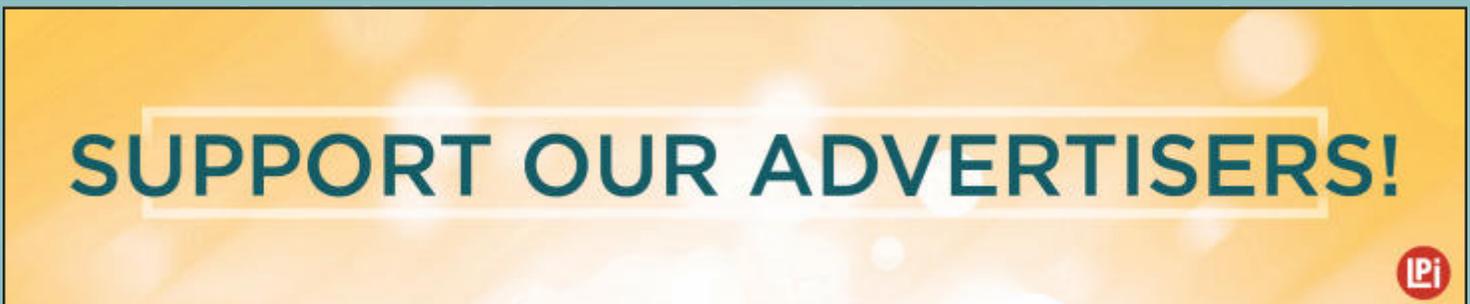


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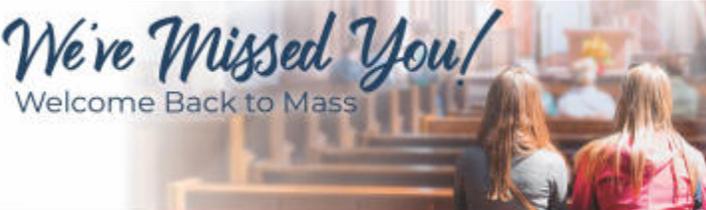


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Ministry to the Sick	- Tim & Donna Simpson	352-483-3500
Museum (After Weekend Masses)	- Joyce Welch	352-483-3500
Prayer Blankets	- Connie Prudhomme	352-483-3500
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Radio Station Ambassador	- Sue Hooper	352-483-3500
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St. Vincent de Paul Society (Tues. and Thurs. 10 AM—12 PM)	- Jill Stephenson	352-589-2603
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Thrift Store (Wed. & Thurs. 9 AM - 1 PM) (Also 1st Sat. of each month 9-1)	-Judith Kellogg-Furey	352-357-2146
Youth and Young Adults	- Monica Vega	352-483-3500

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, 8:00 AM	October 25 †Maureen Hay †Leo Blatz
TUESDAY, 8:00 AM 6:30 PM	October 26 Spec. Int. for Claire Courneya Spec. Int. for the Mike Ramirez Fam.
WEDNESDAY, 8:00 AM	October 27 †Ivonne Otero
THURSDAY, 8:00 AM	October 28 †Aleyamma Abraham †Sherman Ozner
FRIDAY, 8:00 AM	October 29 †Anthony Stedrak
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM	October 30 Our Parishioners
SUNDAY, 8:00 AM	October 31 †Jack Preston †Ricardo MasCanosa
10:00 AM	Spec. Int. for George & Family †Rick Catalano †Jose & Manuel Tomé
12:00 PM	†Mirtelina (Tata) Garcia †José Luis Ojeda In thanksgiving to St. San Lorenzo

All parishes are asked to remember our deceased priests who were incarnated for the Orlando Diocese, or who are buried at the San Pedro Center. For October they are:

October 03, 1988 Rev. Philip J. Stegeman
October 04, 1978 Rev. Neil A. Sager
October 05, 2015 Rev. Joseph Aiden Nolan
October 09, 2019 Rev. Raymond James O'Leary
October 11, 2010 Msgr. Paul Kamide
October 13, 1993 Rev. Louis Dunleavy
October 13, 1985 Rev. Bernard Hickey
October 24, 2019 Rev. Michael Giglio
October 26, 2008 Msgr. Mathew John Connolly
October 27, 2002 Rev. Patrick J. O'Reilly
October 30, 2008 Msgr. Charles Aloysius Bartok

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



We pray for the repose of the soul of **Maria Lucia Portillo and Erminio Jimenez**. May God welcome them home, fill them with peace, and bless those who will miss them.