

30<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment." - Mt 22:37-38

The Catholic Community of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	4:00 P.M.	Rose Burgess
<b>Sunday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Karen Heeney Jesse Perez
<b>Monday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	12:10 P.M.	Richard Coolidge
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	12:10 P.M.	Rev. Fr. John "Jake" Foglio
<b>Thursday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	11:00 A.M.	John Bastiyita
<b>Friday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 A.M.	For People of the Parish
<b>Saturday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	4:00 P.M.	Chuck Dadswell
<b>Sunday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	For People of the Parish Joseph Choma

*\*\*Please note that Father still does Mass intentions in a private Mass when no public Mass is held.*

## PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Kym Piggot, Margaret Marshall, Aydin Weyer, Kari Olney, Florence Eifert, Phil Shier, Timothy Williams, Fr. Ioane Sagarara, Anne Hentkowski, Deacon Tom Feiten, David Schroeder, Jack Boulas, Arnulfo Rodriguez, Jay Jensen, Andrew David, Linda Baldwin, Aly Perry Gloria Schultz, Joan Coolidge, Steve Coolidge, Lauralee Sanders, Nancy Hammock, Larry Poxson, Merlin & Kaye Batdorff, Dorothy Burch, Calvin Hoard, Andrea Hartman, Jeanne Angevine, Tim Schullen, Katie Ceccanese Shields, Donna Hancock, Georgina Butflock, Deanna Monday, Wilder Burgess Umbarger, Ted Shutes, Lou Bartolacci

*Please contact the office if you have a seriously ill relative or friend to be added or for any updates to the current list.*

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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

### Saturday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 4:00 P.M.

<b>Sacristan</b>	Theresa Seman
<b>Lectors</b>	Scott Eckhart, <b>Need 1</b>
<b>EM</b>	Deacon Chuong Nguyen
<b>Greeters</b>	Sara Goodman, Dean Baker, <b>Need 2</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Margaret Weyer, Marilee Soltis, Pat & Irene Morrison
<b>Music Tech</b>	<b>Need 1</b>

### Sunday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30 A.M.

<b>Sacristan</b>	Ron Slnke
<b>Lector</b>	Jason Satkowiak
<b>EM</b>	Rosemary Atwood
<b>Greeters</b>	Mary Schwalm, Connie Schaerer, Pam Wilson, <b>Need 1</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron Sinke, William Schaerer, Fred Wilson, Gary Keiser

### Sunday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 10:30 A.M.

<b>Sacristan</b>	Ruth Olney
<b>Lectors</b>	Stephanie Gibbs, Bill Sheridan
<b>EM</b>	Deacon Chuong Nguyen
<b>Greeters</b>	Sue Powers, <b>Need 3</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Margaret Weyer, Paul Schnipke, Pauline Bowyer, Alfred (Al) Dionise
<b>Music Tech</b>	<b>Need 1</b>



# LITURGICAL LIFE

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### First Reading

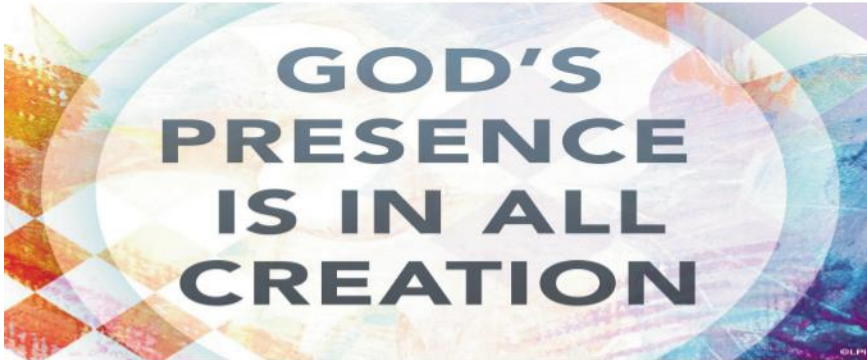
Today's reading is an excerpt from the many laws Moses received at Mount Sinai. We learn that God expects empathy and compassion for the most vulnerable in society. How do you show care for those in need?

### Second Reading

Paul saw the believers in the city of Thessalonica as models for the faith in the surrounding regions of Macedonia and Achaia. Who would you hold up today as a model Christian?

### Gospel Reading

Jesus teaches the religious leaders in Jerusalem that love of God and love of neighbor and self are the greatest commandments. Which of these two commandments do you find more challenging?



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25TH



### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:2-26

Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

1 Thes 1:5c-10

Mt 22:34-40

### Monday

Rom 8:12-17

Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21

Lk 13:10-17

### Tuesday

Rom 8:18-25

Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6

Lk 13:18-21

### Wednesday

Rom 8:26-30

Ps 13:4-5, 6

Lk 13:22-30

### Thursday

Eph 2:19-22

Ps 19:2-3, 4-5

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

Lk 14:1, 7-11

### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

1Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12a



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Group Reading Discussion



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What does Maintenance to Mission mean?  
How do you fit in?**

We have heard Father talk about Divine Renovation and Maintenance to Mission, but how much do you really know about it?

Join us as we explore Divine Renovation and put it into action. Reading and discussing the book Divine Renovation, written by Fr. James Mallon, is a great starting point. The objective of the book is to share the story of a parish and its spiritual and structural transformation, which led to improved communal and personal engagement of its faith community.

**Tuesdays at 7:00pm - Online  
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Upcoming Events  
for Mason Council:



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To learn more about Mason #9182

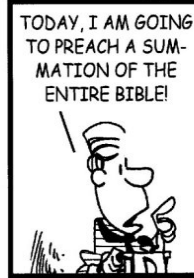
Knights of Columbus Council

visit [www.masonknights.org](http://www.masonknights.org), or contact any Mason Council #9182 member at Church.

# R.O.C.K.

**ROCK**, available for all high school students, will now be held inside the church in the youth room, masks required. **Sunday** evenings from **5:30pm – 7pm**. Please come for food, fellowship and faith based discussion. Contact Nicole Retz or Neal Dreisig at 989-239-8071 for additional detail.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Please check out the our daily & weekly  
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### Mason Campus:

Mon-Thurs 11:30am  
Friday after 9am Mass  
Saturday 9am

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**(71 EFTs, 48 envelopes from 793 registered households)**

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Year to Date Last Year \$165,906.57

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Why do we have to go to Sunday Mass?" That's a good question and one which I have been attempting to answer this week through a new series of seven talks which you can follow on the Diocese of Lansing website and through our social media channels such as YouTube. I hope you and your family find them useful.

Attending Holy Mass on a Sunday is a solemn and binding obligation upon all Catholics. This grave obligation may be suspended or dispensed at times due to pandemics or for other significant reasons. Such is the case presently within the Diocese of Lansing until, at least, the First Week of Advent, November 29.

Still, it is worth our time to reflect on why participation in the Sunday Mass is so important that the Church would make it an obligation at all? The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (106) from the Second Vatican Council speaks to the importance of the proper observance of Sundays:

*"By a tradition handed down from the apostles, which took its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, which day is appropriately called the Lord's Day or Sunday. For on this day Christ's faithful are bound to come together in one place. They should listen to the word of God and take part in the Eucharist, thus calling to mind the passion, resurrection, and glory of the Lord Jesus, and giving thanks to God ..."*

It is fascinating that the real obligation of Sunday is that we worship God. It is not primarily about receiving the Eucharist, though that indeed is a great blessing for which we prepare ourselves by belonging to the community, by sharing the faith of the Church, and by being reconciled to God and the Church and freed of our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This priority of the Sunday obligation is because we really do have a duty to worship God. And Jesus has given us the most perfect way to accomplish this – the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the renewal of his own sacrifice of his body and blood to the Father for our salvation. Now, some may say that they can worship God alone. Pope Saint John Paul II addressed this in his 1998 letter *Dies Domini* (31):

*"It is not enough that the disciples of Christ pray individually and commemorate the death and resurrection of Christ inwardly, in the secrecy of their hearts. Those who have received the grace of baptism are not saved as individuals alone, but as members of the mystical body, having become part of the people of God. It is important therefore that they come together to express fully the very identity of the Church, the ekklesia, the assembly called together by the Risen Lord who offered his life 'to reunite the scattered children of God,' (John 11:52)"*

It is good for us to recall the duty we owe to our Creator, the one who redeemed us and is even now sanctifying us for our final journey home to heaven. While I have presently dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, we all still remain bound to keep holy the Lord's Day. So, if you remain home, celebrate and honor the Lord's Day, keeping it as a day of prayer and rest. I do not write this to lay a burden on anyone. Rather, I pray that this may serve as a reminder of God's call to each of us to live as members of the body of Christ.

Of course, there are many reasons why we may exempt ourselves from the Mass in these trying times, particularly for those who are vulnerable to COVID-19. The Church and our Lord understand and accept these reasons. But for those of us who are ready and able to return to Sunday Mass, welcome back and welcome home. Let us pray for one another, especially for those who will be away from us a while longer that God's blessings may be poured out upon them. Assuring you of my prayers, I am sincerely yours in Christ, Earl, Bishop of Lansing



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A Gift of the Camino  
by Anne M. Schmidt

In the musical, *Godspell*, the woman asks Jesus, "Where are you going? Can you take me with you?" The Pharisees had presented her, an adulteress, to Jesus, stating she should be stoned for her actions. When Jesus said that the one who was without sin could throw the first stone, they all walked away. The woman is so moved that she wishes to become one of Jesus' followers. In a show of her commitment, she promises to "put a pebble in my shoe and watch me walk. I can walk and walk."

I thought of these words as we walked the Camino through Portugal and Spain. The trail was not always easy - sometimes steep, sometimes cobblestones, sometimes rocky and slippery. Every day was so much longer and the distance so much farther than I had imagined when starting out in the morning. We walked 175 miles in 12 days. Not only did I feel every pebble that found its way into my shoes, I never hesitated to stop to remove them.

Periodically, we came across individual mounds of small stones. "Cairns," my husband said. Sometimes a cairn would be quite elaborate. Sometimes, the stones were but a small pile on top of a rock fence, as if someone had stopped for a drink of water and decided to mark their presence by piling together ones that they found nearby. Whether elaborate or mindless, I quickly learned that it is near impossible to add additional stones to a cairn without causing it to tumble. As if to say that yes we're traveling the same path, but we are not on the same journey.

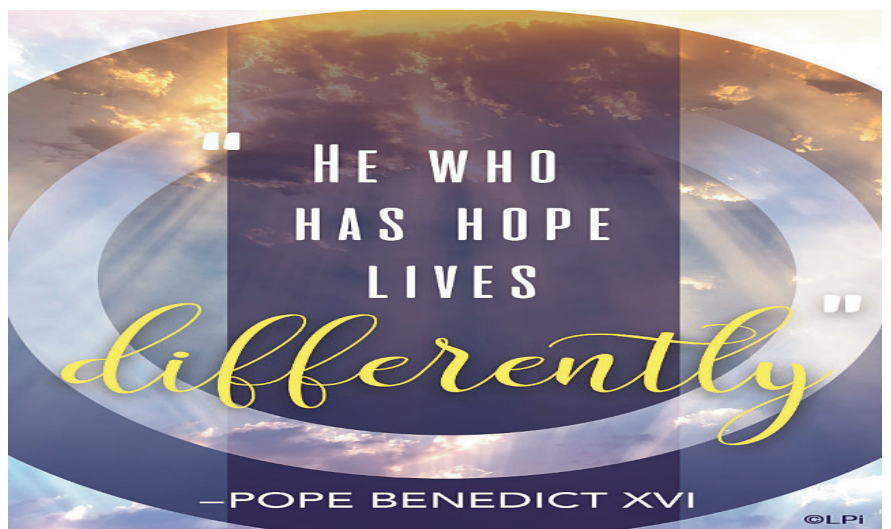
"I shall call the pebble Dare," the woman says. "Dare shall be carried."

No two individuals walk the same Camino. There are seven established Camino routes all of which end at the cathedral in Santiago de Compostello. Within each route, there are several stages that can be traveled all together, separately or in a combination of others. We chose to walk the last two stages of the Portuguese Way, beginning in Porto. Some travel alone while others walk with a companion or small group. Some choose to follow the Way of St. James while carrying their belongings on their back, never knowing for sure where they will stay each night. Others, like ourselves, secure nightly lodging well in advance, along with arrangements to have our luggage transported each day. Some choose to travel as young adults as they are starting out in life while others choose to do so towards the end of life. Whatever the route, the Camino is not for the weak-kneed. Or the weak-minded.

Just like the individual paths are different, the reasons for walking the Camino are also unique to each Pilgrim. Most, but certainly not all, walk searching for spiritual awakening or reflection. Many carry with them burdens of their everyday life, either their own or on behalf of others, including the loss of a loved one, addiction, unhealthy relationships, self-esteem issues, poor work environment. Pilgrims carry these burdens in the form of written petitions or letters, pictures of their loved ones, stones placed in their backpacks or shells, the symbol of the Camino, attached to their backpack. At certain spots throughout the Camino there are places that have been traditionally set aside for the placing of these burdens. These sites include crosses and altars, often provided by nature itself, where Pilgrims place the burdens. Imagine hundreds of individuals carrying these burdens, on the Camino and in life, and laying them down or lifting them up to the Lord, who eases their pain by absorbing or sharing it.

To be clear, I do not believe that one can escape their problems by walking a Camino. One cannot, for example, leave a toxic work environment or a loved one showing signs of diminishing health and expect everything to be resolved after they finish the Camino. The way of the Camino is hard - long days, slow, repetitious pace, withdrawal from social media and comforts, navigation by bright painted arrows. By its very nature, however, the Camino provides opportunities for quiet reflection and prayer. Such thoughts lead to clarification, and such prayers lead to comfort and hope. After the woman walks with the Lord for a while, she will take the pebble from her shoe and say "Meet your new road." Gram-matically, she is speaking to the pebble but poetry does not always lend itself to proper such proprieties. And, the joy with which she speaks - "finally glad . . .that you are here.. .by my side" - suggests that she knows her life will be transformed. This realization that one does not walk alone is perhaps one of the greatest gifts of the Camino.

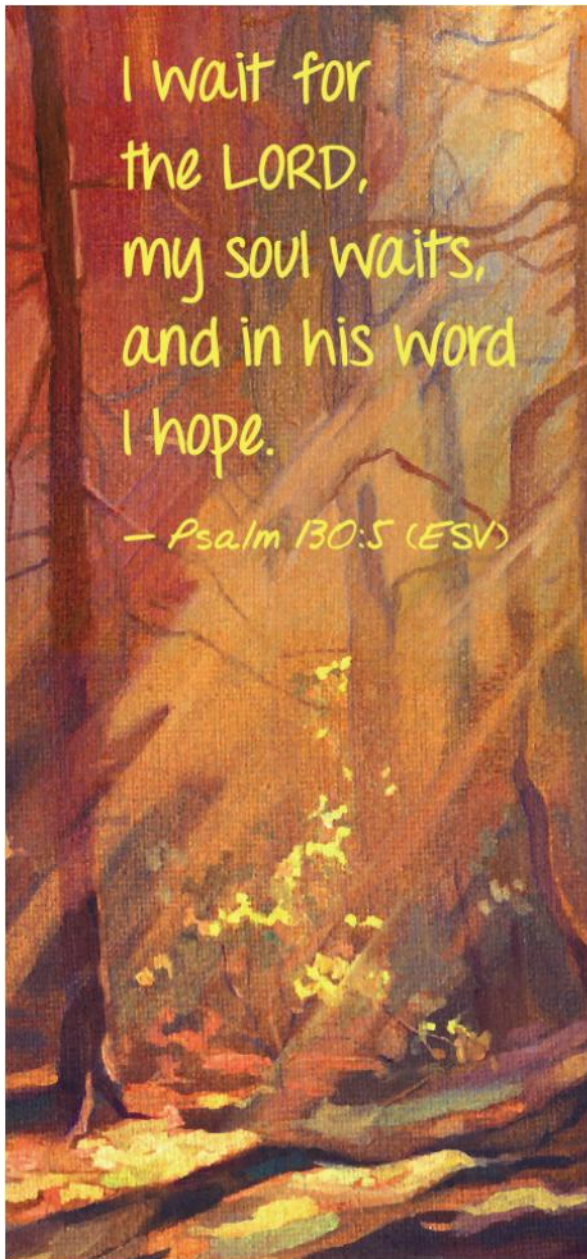
(By *My Side*, Lyrics by Jay Hamburger and music by Peggy Gordon.)





I wait for  
the LORD,  
my soul waits,  
and in his word  
I hope.

— Psalm 130:5 (ESV)



## HELP & HEALING!

If you or anyone you know has been the victim of child sexual abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, contact appropriate law enforcement. You may also contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator. We will listen to your needs & support you. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Please believe in the possibility for hope, help & healing.

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