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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

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Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

### Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

### Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

### Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

#### Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

#### Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)  
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)  
11:30am English (organ & cantor)  
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

### Weekdays

#### Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

#### Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

# 2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

OCTOBER 5, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, October 6

8:30 a.m. Salud para Maribel Mejia, Luis Maldonado, Brayden Vidal, Edward Vidal, Joshua Vidal, Ruby Maldonado (L)

12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit, the Mercy of God, and God Almighty

### Tuesday, October 7

8:30 a.m. Angel Maldonado (D), Pablo Mercedes (D)

12:00 pm

### Wednesday, October 8

8:30 a.m. Fidel Mejia, Mancia Policarpio, Daniel Mejia, Edwin Mejia, Graciela Mejia, Florentino Mejia (D)

12:00 p.m.

### Thursday, October 9

8:30 a.m. Acción de gracias a Jesus Sacramentado

12:00p.m.

### Friday, October 10

8:30 a.m. Ana Felicita Hernandez - conversión y liberación, Fernando Hernandez, Anastacio Montereo, Maria Josefa Parache (D), Cesar Augusto Rojas (D)

12:00 p.m.

### Saturday, October 11

7:45 a.m. Maria Den (D)  
7:00 p.m. Julio Cesar Abreo (D), Ana Jerez, Pedro Antonio Almonte, Rosa Jerez, Humberto Fernandez (D), Jose Maria Villegas Garcia (D), Maxima Dolores Reyes, Maria Agustina Ramos, Felis Antonio Reyes (D)

### Sunday, October 12

8:00 a.m. People of SNT  
9:30: a.m. Marcoas Esquijarro (D), Rafael Diego Garcia (D), Atanacia Montilla & Alberto Montilla (D), Acción de gracias a la Milagrosa, Victor Rosario (D)  
11:30 am Margaret Grossenbacher (D), Thanksgiving for Kasongo Family  
1:30 pm Phero Luc & Ana Thuy (D)

## READINGS

### First Reading:

The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hb 2:4)

### Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

### Second Reading:

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

### Gospel:

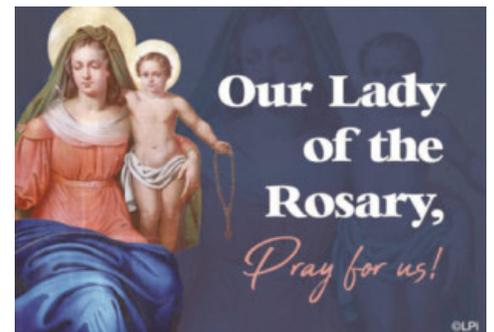
"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Lk 17:6)

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## Readings for the week of October 5, 2025

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10  
Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE  
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** “Increase my faith.” I’ve said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated. Easy faith — that’s what I’m asking for, and lots of it, please. But easy faith isn’t faith at all.

**The Father Who Knows What You Want**

It’s easy to give your kid what he’s asking for. It’s hard to give him what he wants.

If a kid asks to eat an ice cream cone, there’s nothing wrong with giving him one. But if he’s grumpily demanding an ice cream cone at 7:45 in the morning, what he wants — whether he realizes it or not — is some protein and whole grains and a little encouragement to get him going on his day.

So you give him eggs and toast, and you watch him struggle to accept it. Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn’t, but either way, you’ll be here. You’ll forgive him for whatever names he calls you and you’ll put the healthy breakfast in the fridge, waiting for him when he’s ready to eat it.

“Increase my faith.” I’ve said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated, an acceptance of truth that is unshakeable. Easy faith — that’s what I’m asking for, and lots of it, please.

But easy faith isn’t faith at all, and faith that you aren’t strong enough to hold will break your arms. And what God will never do is say, “Sure, kiddo, here you go,” and pass off a false gift as the real thing, just to make us both feel good. He won’t hand me something I’m not strong enough to hold.

That would be a classic lazy-father move. That would be an ice-cream-cone-at-7:45 a.m. move.

Instead, He watches carefully while I navigate the bumpy terrain of the spiritual life, ready to whisper directions in my ear. He holds his breath while the challenges of this world create deep grooves in my soul — and then He irrigates those grooves with the life-giving waters of grace, transforming them into valleys of consolation and respite.

Sometimes I call Him names. Sometimes I refuse what He’s offering. It’s not what I asked for, after all.

But it’s what I want. Luckily, He knows that better than me.

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**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Luke 17:5-10**

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, “I was just doing my job.”

His words brought to mind Jesus’ teaching this week in Luke 17:10: **“So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”** In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us.

— Father John Muir

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don’t really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work?

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