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## October| 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## 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 Spanish12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

## SACRAMENTS

### Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

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.

# 2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

October 25, 2026

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 26
8:30 a.m. Victoria Morales(D)
12:00 p.m San Antonio favor recibido

Tuesday, October 27
8:30 a.m Olinda Salcedo, Anastacio Montero, Fernando Hernandez (D), Ana Felicita Hernandez - conversion, Victoria Morales (D)
12:00 p.m All Souls (D)

Wednesday, October 28
8:30 a.m. Ricardo Reyes (D)
Dario Rodriguez (D)
12:00 p.m Trinidad Tapongot, Carmito Tapongot, Virginia Yatol (D)

Thursday, October 29
8:30 a.m Jose Peguero Montero, Juan Francisco Peguero Sosa (D)
12:00 p.m

Friday, October 30
8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31
7:45 a.m. Gioan Chat & Maria Nghi Daminh
7:00 p.m. Susan Tanco (D)
Samuel Mendez Reyes, Rodolfo Mendez Cruz, Antonia Reyes Sanchez (D), Accion de gracias al Espiritu Santo, Pascual Antonio Nunez (D), Accion de gracias para Fatima Mesa-cumpleanos, Vicenta Castillo (D)

Sunday, November 1
8:00 a.m. People of SNT, Gioanbaotixita
9:30 a.m. Arturo Flores Manzaba, Miguel Angel Vichay Tovar, Manuel Ignacio Vichay, Teresa Acevello (D), Alvin Ortiz, Jr (D), Accion de gracias a la Milagrosa
11:30 a.m. Rita & Clarence Simpson (D)
Robert Ortiz (D)
1:30 p.m. Isave Day & Phero Mi (D)

## READINGS

First Reading:
"You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.
If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me,
I will surely hear their cry.
My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword;
then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans." (Ex 22:21-23)

Psalm:
I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading:
For they themselves openly declare about us
what sort of reception we had among you,
and how you turned to God from idols
to serve the living and true God
and to await his Son from heaven. (1 Thes 1:9-10)

Gospel:
"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind." (Mt 22:37)

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### Readings for the week of October 25, 2026

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

### New Sewing Group!

Fridays after 8:30 am mass!
9 am at St. Rita's center.
Hand sewing group with coffee and conversation every Friday.
Embroidery, clothes making, and stitching classes to come.

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:34-40

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37). He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.
— Father John Muir
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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Love God First**

When the iconic Notre-Dame Cathedral of Paris burned in 2019, some made the argument that the money necessary to rebuild it would be better spent by the Church on providing services to the poor.

"After all," I heard someone argue. "History is important, but humanitarianism is our religion."

Close, but — as my father likes to say — no cigar.

Humanitarianism is actually not our religion, and you should never let anyone tell you it is. It's a small mistake, but it can become a big one, fast. Humanitarianism is wonderful — it describes a set of principles animated by an underlying belief in the value of human life. But this is not sufficient. We can't start with loving people and work our way up to God.

Why? Because I promise you, we will never end up reaching God.

If you have any doubt about this, you can consult literally any history book. Every war, every famine, every political disaster since the dawn of time has resulted from an attempt to put people first. "We're putting our people first," governments say — always right before they do something really, really heinous.

For what it's worth, the Church hasn't owned the Notre-Dame de Paris since the French Revolution. It was seized and rededicated to the Cult of Reason — the atheistic state religion that, it assured everyone, put people first (and put those people who disagreed to death at the guillotine).

We can't start with love of people, because we will always displace some of the other people. Only by starting with love of God — heart, soul, and mind — can we enter the narrow gate of correctly loving other people.

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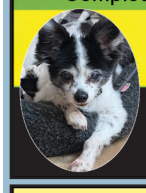

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