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Thirty-second 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.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

November 8, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 9

8:30 a.m. Ricardo Santos (D) Cristobal, Elpidia, Serafina, Hermogenes Gonzalez Sosa (D)

12:00 p.m

Tuesday, November 10

8:30 a.m All Souls (D) Terexa Thai & Giuse Dam (D)

12:00 p.m Gioanbaotixita (D)

Wednesday, November 11

9:00 a.m. Brunilda Gonzalez Sosa, Francisca Sosa, Hilaria Reyes (D), Cirilo Abrea, Elena Abrea, Cresus Abrea, Jane Weiss (D)

Thursday, November 12

8:30 a.m Acción de gracias al Sagrado Corazón de Jesus, Teresa Chio, Telly Williams, Wilfredo Adames (D), Marianita Agudo (D)

12:00 p.m Margaret Grossenbacher (D)

Friday, November 13

8:30 a.m. Jose Ulises Garcia, Jose Ramon Garcia, Maria Tereza Alvarez, Felix Remigo Batista (D), Rafael Lora (D)

12:00 p.m. Haxhari family (D)

Saturday, November 14

7:45 a.m. Phero Luc, Ana Thuy & MariaTu (D)

7:00 p.m. Rigoberto Garcia Altamirano (D), Cecilia Jimenez, Domingo Jimenez, Brigida Jimenez, Pascual Jimenez (D), Leon Tapongot, Trinidad Tapongot, Decuta Abrea, Regina Abrea (D)

Sunday, November 15

8:00 a.m. People of SNT

9:30 a.m. Jose Salvador De La Cruz (D) Manuel Barbecho, Rosa Barbecho, Juan Pablo Tigre Flores (D) Bendicion de aniversario de boda- 46 años Julio & Esbelin

11:30 a.m. San Anthony, Cruz Negron Filomena, Ricardo Reyes, Angel Maldonado (D), Sanchez, Caraballo, Suarez, Santago, Calderon, Martinez Families

1:30 p.m. Matta Anh & Maria Phuong (D)

READINGS

First Reading:
Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

Psalm:
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thes 4:14)

Gospel:
"Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13)

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Readings for the week of November 8, 2026

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-

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.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 25:1-13

My first instinct upon waking is to grab my phone and start scrolling. Sometimes I do it for 20 or 30 minutes, and it makes me feel distracted and agitated. I feel guilty, too, for wasting my first moments of the day. So recently, I committed those minutes to reading a book that would focus my mind on Jesus. I enjoy the fact that I am not scattering my attention as much. I feel more peaceful and focused on God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about attention. He contrasts wise and foolish virgins, and then sums up the teaching by saying, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). The basic currency of the human heart is attention. The foolish bridesmaids are not immoral or malicious; they are unfocused, distracted, and unprepared. They assume that borrowed oil will suffice, that someone else's readiness can make up for their own lack. But the attention which is love cannot be outsourced. A relationship with God requires personal attentiveness cultivated over time.

This Gospel leaves us with an honest question. What am I giving my attention to each day, and am I forming a heart that is awake, watchful, and ready to meet the Lord when He comes? How can I use key moments of my day to focus my attention where I need it to be?
— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Outside the Wedding Feast

Every time my husband tells me he needs to take our car in for an oil change, I groan: "Didn't we just do that, like, six months ago?"

"Yeah," he replies. "And like I told you six months ago, that's roughly how often it needs to be done."

If I didn't have him, I would forget to change that oil until the engine came to a grinding halt in the middle of the interstate. It's not that I'm incapable — I remember when we're about to run out of butter, when we need to scrub out the kitchen sink so it doesn't get nasty, when it's time to schedule the kids' annual doctor visits. I just don't even think about the oil.

Why would I? My husband's on top of it.

Our brains reflexively prioritize certain tasks, delegating the rest to the care of others we trust. I do it with the oil in the car. My husband does it with the groceries.

Sometimes — too often, in fact — we do it with our spiritual lives. We let it go. We don't think about it. We trust. God's got us. We'll focus on that tomorrow.

It's beautiful to have a relationship with God based in confidence, not in anxiety. But do we sometimes take this further than is healthy? In trusting that God loves us unconditionally, do we slip into the habit of de-prioritizing him? Do we linger too long outside the wedding feast, trimming our neglected lamps, forgetting that once the door closes, it also locks?

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