

Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Jon 1:1–2:1–2, 11

Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday

OCTOBER 8

Weekday

Jon 3:1–10

Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

OCTOBER 9

Weekday

Jon 4:1–11

Lk 11:1–4

Thursday

OCTOBER 10

Weekday

Mal 3:13–20b

Lk 11:5–13

Friday

OCTOBER 11

Weekday

Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2

Lk 11:15–26

Saturday

OCTOBER 12

Weekday

Jl 4:12–21

Lk 11:27–28

Sunday

OCTOBER 13

Twenty-eighth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14–17

2 Tm 2:8–13

Lk 17:11–19

Dear Padre,

My parish has become so multicultural, I hardly recognize it anymore!

This is happening across the United States. Immigrant populations are joining parishes, bringing their culture and values with them.

Years ago, Catholics strongly identified with a particular culture: Irish, Polish, Italian, for example. They built churches and sometimes found their own priests. They supported their own schools, teaching and praying in their own language. These ethnic parishes gave security to people in a new land.

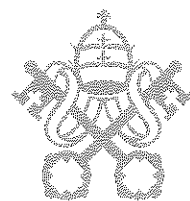
However, people died, went to war, or left the neighborhood, changing the parish population. But the parish didn't die. Newcomers arrived, people who didn't share the same background or language. Catholic means "universal." It can never be identified exclusively with one particular parish church. A parish isn't a country club with an unspoken charter written by those who have been there the longest. One may have loyalty to a parish, but this should be rooted in love of the gospel.

When people experience change, they seek security. In parishes, however, security can lead to possessiveness. But the parish, as it exists, isn't meant to threaten newcomers with its norms and customs. A word of encouragement from you, a long-standing parishioner, can help overcome these tensions. You're encouraged to welcome these people and let them know that we all practice a faith that's Catholic—in the fullest sense of the word.

—The Redemptorists
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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A Word from Pope Francis

Perhaps you will be challenged by [our immigrants'] diversity. But know that they also possess resources meant to be shared. So do not be afraid to welcome them. Offer them the warmth of the love of Christ....I am certain that, as so often in the past, these people will enrich America and its Church.

—Meeting with United States bishops, September 23, 2015

Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 6, 2019

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Hab 1:2–3; 2:2–4

2 Tm 1:6–8, 13–14

Lk 17:5–10

The Attitude and Faith of Humble Servants

What's the difference between a believer and an atheist? What separates one who is indifferent to religion from a fervently religious person? Faith! To believe is no small thing and a tremendous gift. "Father, you are lucky you have faith!" an atheist friend once said to me. "I have tried often, but I just can't bring myself to believe."

We are indeed lucky, because having faith in Jesus opens us to heaven, to life after death, to finding hope and sense in suffering. Faith allows us to trust something bigger than ourselves and to be at peace even when all around us is crazy. Faith and acceptance is the difference between deep, interior harmony and a radical frustration.

We have received everything from God, which is why Jesus invites us to have the attitude of humble servants. He uses an example that's clear to his listeners: a servant works hard all day, comes home, and prepares and serves dinner. In so doing, he is merely performing his job. Jesus isn't endorsing the insensitive nature of the master but offering a model in the humble service of the domestic helper

who faithfully fulfills his position. Since he receives everything from the master, he can only be grateful for the chance to work. Such is our position before God. We have no place being proud or demanding before God since all we have is from him: life, family, health, our talents.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Water of Life Discourse*, 1600s–1700s

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For Reflection

Am I humble enough to recognize my position before God, as his beloved child, but also his servant?

How can I live with greater faith in him and charity toward those who offer me their service?

[Jesus said,] "Is [the master] grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you."

Luke 17:9–10

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Horas De Oficina

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm

Friday 9:00am-2:00pm

Cyndi in office Tues & Friday

10-2pm & by appointments.

Patty in office Tues-Fri 9-2

Carol in office Tues-Thurs 2-6

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:40pm Tues-

Fri before daily Mass 7:30-7:45am

Confessions: in GS Lometa

Sunday 7:30-7:55am

Kitchen Hours/ Horas de Cocina:

Tues- Fri 6:00-11:00am

Food Pantry/Dispensa de Comida:

Wed & Fri 9:30-11:30am

Shared Blessing:

Wed & Fri 9:30am-2:00pm

Baptismal Class

Call the office for date.

Clase de Bautismo

Llamar la oficina para la fecha.

Adoration: Every Wednesday after 8:00am

Mass to 5:00pm and Thursday for one hour

after the 6pm Spanish Mass.

Adoración: Todos los miércoles después de

la Misa de 8:00am hasta las 5:00pm. Y los

jueves después de la misa de las 6:30pm

For Those Who Have Died

Julia Aguilar, Reynaldo De La Cruz, Luis Torres,

Espiririon Moreno, Robert Maldonado,

Mike Medina, Mario Gill Josephine Valadez,

Nick Hull, Mike Valles, Edna Deanda, William

Clayton, Joe Wittenburg, Bobby Dyer,

Helen Kiley, José Torrez, Adela Garrison,

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday/Lunes, October 7

8:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday/Martes, October 8

8:00am: Communion Service

Wednesday/Miércoles, October 9

8:00am: Communion Service

6:00pm (GS) NO MASS

Thursday/Jueves, October 10

6:00pm: †Joaquin Martinez

Friday/Viernes, October 11

8:00am: †Margaret Medina

Saturday/Sábado, October 12

5:30pm: †Julia Aguilar

Sunday/Domingo, October 13

8:00am: (GS) †Joaquin Martinez

†Annie Klepac

10:00am: Jessica Jordan Birthday

12:15: † Eduardo y Aracely Arevalo

†David Brizuela Ortiz

Sacrificial Giving: September 28/29

1st Collection: \$2172.75

Children's Collection: \$37.84

Counters: October 8

Robert & Emily Stluka

LECTORS October 5/6

Sat 5:30pm: Wanda Bunting

Sun 10:00am: Clara Gamez

Eduardo Arevalo

Dom 12:15pm: NO MASS

Lectors October 12/13

Sat 5:30pm: TEEN MASS

Sun 10:00am: KOC

Dom 12:15pm: Estela Montiel

Kika Romero

EMHC October 5/6

Sun 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros

Carmen Coonrod

Sun 10:00am: Donna Caughron

Edwin Rivas

Dom 12:15pm: NO MASS

EMHC October 12/13

Sat 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros

Carmen Coonrod

Sun 10:00am: KOC

Dom 12:15pm: Nancy Miranda

Bernarda Abreu

Eduardo Arevalo

Those Who Serve Our Country

Jarren Morua, Anthony Morua, Mark

Argo, Jose Argo, Colton Currier, Luke

Argo, Lawrence Olivarez, Jesus Garcia,

Trenton Cavness, Dyrnan Self, Brandon

Crawford, Graham Hibbert, Edwin Rivas-

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Announcements

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS: Meets second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the KOC hall

GUADALUPANAS SOCIETY: Meets every first Saturday of the month @ 11:30am, starting with Rosary, Devine Mercy, Mass and ending with Meeting.

GRUPO SAN BENITO: Ven a sentir el abrazo de Jesús, nos reunimos en los Lunes 7:00pm en el pasilo arriba de la cafeteria.

MENS PRAYER GROUP: Men's prayer group, meets every Thursday morning @ 6:00am in in the upstairs hall.

ROSARY CRUSADE: Every Wednesday @ 6:00pm, Please feel free to join us.

CRUZADA DEL ROSARIO: Cada Miercoles, las 6:00pm. Por favor no dude en unirse con nosotros

RCIA CLASS: Mondays @ 7:00pm

FALL FESTIVAL: TODAY AFTER MASS, all are invited to come out and have some fun, there will be music, food, beer, silent auction, loteria and games for the kids.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: MANDATORY meeting Sunday, October 13 @ 4:00pm. Must attend if you are planning to go and (if you will be between the ages of 16 & 18 by July 2022) you must bring at least one parent.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP: Looking to put together a second Bereavement Group. This second group will be called upon to help first group or take over in case first group is not available for that particular day. If interested in heading or joining the second Bereavement Group please call the office.

GRUPO DE AFLICCION: Buscando armar un segundo grupo de Aflicción. Este segundo grupo será llamado a ayudar al primer grupo o a tomar el control en caso de que el primer grupo no esté disponible para ese día en particular. Si está usted interesado en dirigirse or unirse al segundo grupo de Aflicción, por favor llame a la oficina.

ALL SOULS DAY: Mass at 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 2, in the church, afterwards we will be doing the blessing of the cemetery. If you wish to bring pictures of your deceased loved ones so that we may keep them in our prayers during this time, there will be a special place to display them during the month of November.

CONMEMORACION DE TODOS LOS FIELES

DIFUNTOS: Misa a las 12:00 del mediodía del Sábdo 2 de Noviembre en la Iglesia, despueés estaremos hacienda la bendición del cementerio. Si desea que pueda traer fotos de sus seres queridos fallecidos para que podamos mantenerlos en nuestras oraciones durante este tiempo. Habrá un lugar especial para mostrarlos durante el mes de Noviembre.

Thank you to all who have contributed towards offsetting the costs of the Commercial Freezer and Cooler we purchased for the St. Mary Food Pantry. We are now able to offer our pantry guests more healthy meat, fruits, vegetables, eggs and cheese choices. We're always grateful for your continued support as we serve our neighbors in need.

HOLY DAY MASS ONLINE FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Is someone you love unable to join us at church for the November 1 Holy Day Mass in celebration of All Saints Day? Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to experience the spiritual comfort of this joy-filled Catholic Mass. Online video will be available at www.HeartoftheNation.org all day. (For those who can attend at church, the online liturgy will not fulfill the Holy Day Mass obligation.)

TEXAS VOCATION DAY 2019:

We invite young women Juniors in High School to age 32, to meet the Sisters and learn about Religious Life! October 12, 8:15am – 4:30pm, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Priory, 5505 E State Highway 29, Georgetown. Lunch will be provided, (but those with special dietary needs will need to bring their own sack lunch). Register at www.sistersofmary.org, \$30 per person.

CAN ANYONE OUT-COOK NELDA DERISSO?

Save the date!!!! November 9, 2019, 1st Annual "TASTE OF ST. MARY/GOOD SHEPHERD" FOOD FAIR. (More details coming soon).

Good Shepherd Announcements

Lectors: Tom Griess

Altar Society: Rebecca Britton

Flowers: Rebecca Britton

EMHC: Adela Perez, John Vasquez, Nelda DeRiso

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE: Please join us Thursdays @ 4:15 in the Family Life Center

WEEKDAY MASS: NO MASS THIS WEEK

2019 Public Square Rosary Crusade: Please join us in praying for our nation on October 12, at 12 noon at 318 W Main in Lometa.

DONATION BREAKFAST: Youth group will have a breakfast fundraiser to help with the cost for DCYC. Please join us for some breakfast and support the youth group after Mass, Sunday, October 13

Sacrificial Giving: September 29

Weekly Offering: \$860.00

September Children's Collection: \$38.00

For Our Sick/Nuestro Enfermos

Pauline Swift, Joshua DeZarn & Family, Teri Clayton, Felix DeLeon, Father Jim Robertson, John Michael Maldonado, Trinidad Rangel, Noah Garcia, Julia Aguilar, Teresa Velasquez John Tracey, Cindy Sawyer, Ed Reigle, Jason Moreno, Shannon Barnett, Anthony Ray Torrez, Fred Bartell, Willie Nuñez, Mary Tobin, Dorothy Jeter, Gilbert & Rudy Lozano, Teresa Gronau, Bennie & Nancy Hromadka, Luis Lopez, Bill Nors, Robert Vasquez, Adrian Torrez, Chris Longoria, Robert Ramirez, Mary G Cortez, Tom Rogers, Ann Hughes, Arielle Dayrit, Felix Gonzales, Felipe Rodriguez, Madisyn Morua, Adolfo Torrez, Evelyn Ahearn, Ann Wilson, Anita Hyatt, Anna & Daniel Little, Richard Salazar, Melanie Bartek, Barbara Folks, Maggie Lopez, Henry Langford, Sylvia Reber, Truman Crawford, Lilly & Raul Olivarez, David Hernandez, Mary S & Jesse Ramirez, Andres Moreno, Diana Harlow, Carlos Jasso, Arturo Aragon, James Fioroni, Annabel Salazar, Marie Berger, Juan Torres, Donna Brewer, Lupe Rodriguez, Oliva Garcia,

Prayer: All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God. You have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever Amen