

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2020

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.

— Philipians 4:6

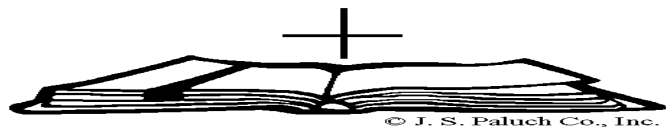
THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD

Matthew's Gospel today expands on Isaiah's ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark's Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: "This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders."

Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him—Jesus—and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah.

"And this," says Matthew's Gospel, "is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel." The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth—Israel included.

Mass Intentions



Sat., Oct. 03, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Connie Tyler, Louis Perschall Sr., Ruthi Olson, Willo Lindsey Crawford, Frank Minyard and for the living: Fr. Robert Cavalier, Special Intention, Mehaffey Family, Melanie Jennings, Marjorie Rainey, Karge Family, Jason Stein

Sun., Oct. 04, 7:30 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule', Carol Pieri, Al Satches, Gloria Fabre, Ruthi Olson, Frank Minyard, Vivian Boudreaux, Eddie Arndt, David Tucker, and for the living: Fr. Robert Cavalier, Jon Craig, Yolanda Bourgeois, Soveig Hauson, Zelig Hauson, Scott Hanson, Glen Hauptmann

Sun., Oct. 04, 9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Oct. 04, 11:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon

Mon., Oct. 05, 8:00 a.m. Jaci Forgac

Tues., Oct. 06 NO MASS

Wed., Oct. 07, 8:00 a.m. Jason Brown (L)

Thurs., Oct. 08, 8:00 a.m. Ivy Doucet

Fri., Oct. 09, 8:00 a.m. Louise Plessala

PRAYER LIST

James Michael Cole	Dot Willie
Scott St. Romaine	Freddie Addotto
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Kenneth Vicari	Nita Addotto
Joseph Hadad	Yolanda Bourgeois
Roy M. Piazza	Pam Addotto
Brandy Touns	LeLe Kopfler
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Smith and Family	
Tommy Smith and Family	

Weekly Collections

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Bldg. and Pres. Fund	\$ 150.00
E-giving	\$ 360.00

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THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary: Joseph Marino

Blessed Mother: Ruthi Olson

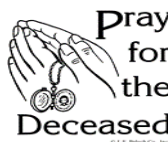
St. Joseph: Frank Minyard

St. Ann: Jason Stein

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE IN HONOR OF

Jason Brown



Please pray for **Claudette Arcement**, who entered peacefully into eternal rest. Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. [John 11:26]

POPE FRANCIS' OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION

The Laity's Mission in the Church: "We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church."

**PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS
LET US PRAY,**

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. **AMEN**

ALL SAINTS DAY FLOWERS

The Altar Society is asking for donations to help with the cost of the flowers for All Saints Day. Any donations will be greatly appreciated and may be placed in the box on the wall in back of church or in the collection containers on both Jonathan Hall's entrance tables.

ALL SOULS MEMORIALS

If you would like your loved ones remembered at all Masses during the month of November, then please write their names in the back of the church or the book on each one of Jonathan Hall's entrance tables. Or if you prefer you can pick up a memorial slip from the church credenzas or Jonathan Hall's entrance tables and take it home to lists the names of those to be remembered, then please return it before November 1st.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Thanks to all who accepted a baby bottle last weekend. Please return the bottles(s) to church on October 10th and 11th. We do need the bottle(s) regardless of the amount in the bottles. Thank you for your generous support for life.

9-HOUR NOVENA FOR LIFE

Everyone is invited and encouraged to join the Knights of Columbus in church on Wednesday, October 14th in praying a 9-Hour Novena for Life. You may attend the entire novena or just come for whatever amount of time you have available. The novena will begin at 10 a.m. with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Rosary. The Rosary, the Angelus and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed every hour on the hour with intercessory prayers and reflections on the sanctity of Life. The novena will end following the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. Also, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available between 11 a.m. – noon and 4-5 p.m.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Our Lady of the Rosary
October 7 – Memorial

In 1453 the thick, high walls of Constantinople were breached. The Turks let loose on the city, slaves were taken, churches desecrated, the Hagia Sophia turned into a mosque, and the last Roman Byzantine Emperor, ironically named Constantine XI, was killed. New Rome having been taken, Old Rome was next. All of Europe now lay before the Turks like an empty table. No one and nothing stopped the Ottoman Turks until Our Lady did. The naval battle of Lepanto was the "September 11, 2001" moment of its generation. On the first Sunday of October, 1571, the ships of a Holy League of Catholic Kingdoms and the Papal States defeated the Ottoman navy decisively in the seas off of Greece. Islam was stopped in its tracks. There would be no repeat of 1453 in Old Rome. No desecration or pillaging, no murder of the Pope. A line had been drawn which has still yet to be crossed.

Pope Saint Pius V, a Dominican, animated and organized the Holy League. He implored the faithful throughout Europe to pray the rosary, and himself led a rosary procession in the Eternal City, for Christian triumph. The ships of the Holy League were outmatched and outnumbered and needed all the divine assistance prayer could muster. These prayers were answered. The doors to the Mediterranean, and to the Atlantic beyond, were shut on the Turks. In thanksgiving for this miraculous victory, Pius V instituted the "Feast of Our Lady of Victory," later changed to "Feast of the Holy Rosary" and finally "Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary." Pope Leo XIII added the title "Queen of the Most Holy Rosary" to the Litany of Loreto in honor of Mary's powerful intercession through the rosary.

REMINDERS

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thurs. 7 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meet Thurs., Oct. 8th, 7 p.m. in Odilo Hall

PSR classes every Wednesday, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

On Monday, October 5th at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall, our Church history class will study the collapse of the Roman Empire in the west as well as the conversion of the Franks and King Clovis to the Catholic Faith. We will also look at the life of St. Patrick.