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Marriage: arrangements must be made a few months in advance **Baptism:** by appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions: By Appointment

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. Oct. 3	4:00 pm	SM	Intention of Phyllis Dobson on her 90th Birthday by James Decker
Sun. Oct. 4	9:00 am	SM	For Ben Sosa by the Perkins Family
Sun., Oct. 4	11:00 am	SP	For the People of the Parishes
Mon. Oct. 5	8:00 am	SM	For James Cleary by Phyllis Dobson
Tues. Oct. 6	8:00 am	SP	For Gisele Rainville by David Rainville
Wed. Oct. 7	8:00 am	SM	For Andy Kilcer by his Family
Thurs., Oct. 8	8:00 am	SP	For Carmaline Arquitt by Pat & Ed Hoppell
Fri., Oct. 9	8:00 am	SM	For Engracio Samala by Hermilo & Lydia Jazmines
Sat. Oct. 10	4:00 pm	SM	For the People of the Parishes
Sun., Oct. 11	9:00 am	SM	For Robert McKeever by Phyllis Dobson
Sun., Oct. 11	11:00 am	SP	For Lynn Patrick Sr. by Virginia Martin

Faith Formation - A letter and registration form has been directed to the parents of students outlining the proposed start-up of classes.

WORLD SMILE DAY

WORLD SMILE DAY is the first Friday of the month; this year it was October 2. Although it has passed, the idea and sentiment is meant for every day. It is a relatively new secular holiday with a fascinating story. Created by a commercial artist named Harvey Ball, the day came about as a response to his creation of the Smiley Face. These little yellow faces are more than just a symbol, they are a statement about the power of smiling.

In 1963, Harvey Ball from Worcester, Massachusetts, created the Smiley Face symbol that we all know. It exploded into the world of popular culture, becoming one of the most well-known symbols in the world. It appeared in the movie, "Forest Gump" and used as a motif in the novel, Watchmen.

When one says, Smiley Face, most people think of that yellow face with the dot black eyes and simple curve for a smile (although the original face's smile was more elongated). It went on to symbolize good will and good cheer, knowing no politics, no geography and no religion. But Harvey became concerned that the over-commercialization of his symbol would lose its original meaning of good will and good cheer.

Thus Harvey decided on a World Smile Day®. He wanted each of us throughout the world to devote one day a year to smiles and acts of kindness. He chose the first Friday of October to serve this purpose. In 1999, World Smile Day® became an official holiday...the day to encourage people to smile and make small acts of kindness worldwide. His idea was that one would smile and in return, that would make someone else smile...brightening the day of both.

Everyone can make a difference on World Smile Day® just by being compassionate, caring and helping those around them have the best day they can have. Missed the actual day? Not a problem as this day can be celebrated over and over 365 days a year.

St. Mother Teresa was very fond of smiles and referred to them frequently. The following quotes are attributed to her:

"Peace begins with a smile."

"Every time you smile at someone, it is an act of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."

"Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."

"Smile at each her. Smile at your wife, smile at your husband, smile at your children, smile at each other-it doesn't matter who it is-and that will help to grow up in greater love for each other."

There are hundreds of languages around the world, but a smile speaks them all.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL HAVE A TAKE OUT SPAGHETTI DINNER ON SAT. OCT. 10TH FROM 3:30 TO 6:30PM.

Pease Pray for the Sick & Homebound, Especially:
 Josh Allen; Mary Ann Bach; Amanda Burnard; Don Briant; Susanne & John Bush; Randy Butler; Bernadette Call; Aubree and Joyce Dogan Jim Decker, Madeline Drake; Steven Garceau; Karen Hall; Suzanne Hall; Nicholas Heldt; Dillon Hesse; Terrie Kirk, Barbara Lawler; Jacqueline May, Leslie McKeever; Jill McMahon; Deborah Nichols; Laurie Pickert; Monine Rodriguez; Addison Rounds; Bruce Simmons; Jeanne Watson, Alice Wood; Alice Young.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- If today you hear God's voice harden not your hearts. Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest or religious. Talk to Father Vicente Jazmines or Fr. Christopher Carrara at (315) 393-2920, ext. 1340/ ccarra-ra@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315)393-2920, ext. 1450/ crussell@rcdony.org. See us at www.myvocation.net.

Taking Communion to Shut-ins Father is now encouraging those who take communion to shut-ins to check in with them and if they are comfortable with you coming to their home, please do so. Only those parishioners in their own homes can be visited, none in assisted living or nursing homes. Also, if you have a family member that is unable to attend Mass and wishes to have you bring the Body of Christ to them, simply bring a pyx to Mass and request a consecrated host from Father.

BISHOPS FUND Three families in our parish have made a gift or pledge to the 2020 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Our parish goal is to have 65 or more families participate in this important Appeal. Please prayerfully consider supporting the 2020 Bishop's Fund Appeal with a pledge or one-time gift. Convenient four payment plans are available. You can make your gift online as well by visiting <https://www.rcdony.org/bfa.html#donate>. The Bishop's Fund Appeal supports ministries, activities and programs that serve people throughout the Diocese in ways that we as an individual parish could never do alone. Any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund which assists families in need in our community and throughout the Diocese.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: Did you know that St. John Paul II made St. Francis of Assisi the patron saint of ecology in 1979? St. Francis of Assisi's life reflected his boundless love for animals and nature as well as his incredible love for those he met on his path in his life. His feast day today concludes the global Christian Season of Creation that began on Sept. 1. The theme of "Jubilee for the Earth" calls us to continue the task of RENEWING, REPAIRING AND RESTORING the damages that some of our human activities have inadvertently inflicted on God's creation. This task includes prayer and work. Check the diocesan webpage or <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/files/SOLO.pdf> to connect with the Prayer Service today to celebrate St. Francis and this Season.

OCTOBER 4 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Readings: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
 Isn't it wonderful to see how God never gives up on us? He continually provides us with the time and space to come to conversion, to recognize where we have fallen short of God's call to us. God continually reaches out to us, through scripture, through Christ and through the gift of the Sacraments. Cardinal Dolan spoke at the Synod of the New Evangelization in 2012 and suggested that the "primary sacrament of the New Evangelization is the sacrament of penance.... The sacrament of reconciliation evangelizes the evangelizers as it brings us sacramentally into contact with Jesus who calls us to conversion of heart and inspires (us) to answer his invitation to repentance." In today's reading, the tenants are being called to conversion and to bear good fruit. We are being called to conversion. We have been given all we need to follow God's call ... are we listening?

Of course attending Mass is best and most proper, but while we cooperate and continue to slow the spread of coronavirus, you can participate via television, internet and radio. Bishop LaValley has extended the dispensation for Sunday Mass until further notice. Here are some options for you, if you choose to not attend Mass at your Parish at this time.

- EWTN: Mass is aired at 12am, 8am, 12pm and 7pm on Spectrum channel 460, DirectTV channel 370, Dish Network channel 261 and is available via streaming at <https://video.ewtn.com/>

- CatholicTV Network: Internet live streaming at <https://www.watchthemass.com/>.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH: Resources to promote family peace October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Even before the added stress and isolation of COVID-19, one in four women and one in nine men experienced severe intimate partner physical violence, as reported by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Domestic abuse and violence refer to the physical, sexual, or psychological harm by a current or former partner or spouse including teen relationships.

Faith communities are called to offer hope, help, and healing to all harmed by domestic abuse and violence. We must learn to recognize domestic abuse, respond with compassion, and refer people to the proper services that are prepared to help them.

Catholics for Family Peace Education and Research on Domestic Abuse is offering ways to promote family peace, respond to domestic abuse, promote prayer for families and provide resources. To learn more, please visit www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org

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Dear Padre,

Aren't we discriminating against other Christians when we don't celebrate the Eucharist with them?

You have to keep the Church's intentions in mind: Are we excluding to make people feel left out, or are we excluding to uphold the dignity and sanctity of the Eucharist?

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the Eucharist—there's only one part they can't participate in. That might sound like a cop-out, but Catholics believe that the Eucharist is the actual Body and Blood of Christ. For it to be true Communion, everyone who receives it must believe the same thing about it.



In its Guidelines for the Reception of Communion, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says, "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily

not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission" as outlined in canon law. "All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another" (GRC).

—Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Many members of our communities yearn to receive the Eucharist at one table, as the concrete expression of full unity. We experience the pain of those who share their whole lives, but cannot share God's redeeming presence at the Eucharistic table....We long for this wound in the Body of Christ to be healed.

—JOINT STATEMENT, CATHOLIC-LUTHERAN
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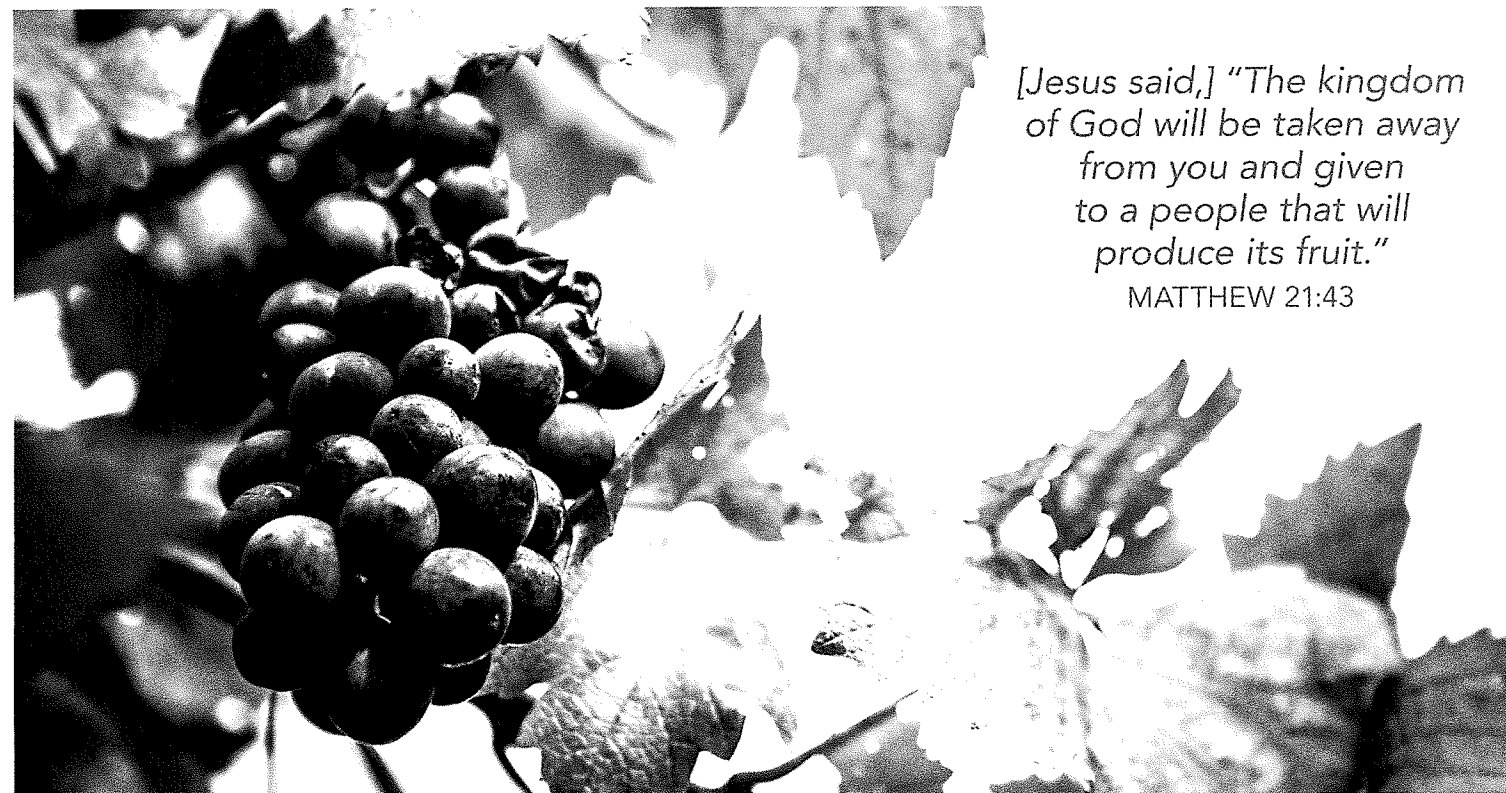
Calendar

- Monday**
OCTOBER 5
Weekday
Gal 1:6–12
Lk 10:25–37
- Tuesday**
OCTOBER 6
Weekday
Gal 1:13–24
Lk 10:38–42
- Wednesday**
OCTOBER 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14
Lk 11:1–4
- Thursday**
OCTOBER 8
Weekday
Gal 3:1–5
Lk 11:5–13
- Friday**
OCTOBER 9
Weekday
Gal 3:7–14
Lk 11:15–26
- Saturday**
OCTOBER 10
Weekday
Gal 3:22–29
Lk 11:27–28
- Sunday**
OCTOBER 11
*Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Is 25:6–10a
Phil 4:12–14,
19–20
Mt 22:1–14
or 22:1–10

Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 4, 2020

Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 5:1–7 | Phil 4:6–9
Mt 21:33–43



[Jesus said,] "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."
MATTHEW 21:43

Caring for God's Vineyard

Today's readings are troubling texts. This is not because of what they say, but because of how they have been interpreted through the ages. In the first reading, despite everything the owner has done, the vineyard identified as Israel/Judah has brought forth wild grapes. In the Gospel the issue is with the trustworthiness of those who work and care for the vineyard. It is clear that Jesus is criticizing the leaders of his day with a failure of leadership. For this reason, leadership will be taken from them and given to others.

Both of these readings have been interpreted as condemnation of the Jewish people. This has sometimes resulted in anti-Semitism. We must remember that both readings reflect internal problems—something that all religious bodies experience. Despite their failure, the people of Judah

were still called God's "cherished plant" (Isaiah 5:7). In the Gospel, leadership was taken from some Jews and given to other Jews—not to outsiders. One religious tradition didn't replace another.

We experience similar struggles in today's Church. As the vineyard of God, what kind of fruit do we produce? After all God has done for us, how do we respond? How faithful are we in caring for God's vineyard? This is a difficult time with respect to religious leadership, but how supportive are we of genuine local Church leadership? You and I have been entrusted with the growth and health of the Church. How good have we been at caring for that vineyard?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * *We are the Church. How do we handle some of its internal problems?*
- * *We pray for the leaders of the Church at every liturgy. Make those prayers your own.*

