

# Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## October 4, 2020

Date	Intentions	Requested by
Sun. 10/4 11:00	John Powers +	Lynn Katz
Wed. 10/7 9:00	Special Intention	Keri Allen
Thurs. 10/8 12:10	Helen Pfeifer +	Ellen Nolan
Fri.. 10/9 9:00	Bob Jados +	
Sat. 10/10 4:00	Roland Galam +	Claire Galam

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Join us 20 minutes before the weekend Masses to pray and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In this time of Covid-19 please consider making your offertory donations on-line. Visit our website: [www.olmhighlands.com](http://www.olmhighlands.com)

The Parish Council meeting for October has been CANCELLED.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Sunday** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43  
**Monday** Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c; Lk 10:25-37  
**Tuesday** Saint Bruno Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Lk 10:38-42  
**Wednesday** Our Lady of the Rosary Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4  
**Thursday** Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 11:5-13  
**Friday** Saint Denis and Companions Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 11:15-26  
**Saturday** Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 11:27-28  
**Sunday** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

### Our Lady of the Mountains

#### Guidelines and Precautions during the Covid-19 Pandemic

- We are taking the following precautions to keep everyone safe at Mass.
1. The obligation to attend Mass is still lifted.
  2. Social distance of 6ft is observed at all times.
  3. Seating is limited to every other pew to facilitate social distancing.
  4. Sanitizing hands is encouraged upon entering and leaving. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances.
  5. The wearing of masks is highly encouraged. Masks are available at the entrances.
  6. Reusable items in the pews have been removed, such as hymnals and missals.
  7. Congregational singing is suspended.
  8. All physical contact between congregants is suspended such as hand-holding at the Our Father and the Sign of Peace.
  9. The priest sanitizes his hand between households during the distribution of Holy Communion.
  10. Distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended.
  11. All high-contact surfaces are disinfected after Mass.

### Saint of the Week

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska's Story

St. Faustina's name is forever linked to the annual feast of the Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy chaplet, and the Divine Mercy prayer recited each day at 3 p.m. by many people.

Born in what is now west-central Poland, Helena Kowalska was the third of 10 children. She worked as a housekeeper in three cities before joining the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. She worked as a cook, gardener and porter in three of their houses. In addition to carrying out her work faithfully, generously serving the needs of the sisters and the local people, Sister Faustina also had a deep interior life. This included receiving revelations from the Lord Jesus, messages that she recorded in her diary at the request of Christ and of her confessors.

At a time when some Catholics had an image of God as such a strict judge that they might be tempted to despair about the possibility of being forgiven, Jesus chose to emphasize his mercy and forgiveness for sins acknowledged and confessed. "I do not want to punish aching mankind," he once told St. Faustina, "but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart." The two rays emanating from Christ's heart, she said, represent the blood and water poured out after Jesus' death.

Because Sr. Maria Faustina knew that the revelations she had already received did not constitute holiness itself, she wrote in her diary: "Neither graces, nor revelations, nor raptures, nor gifts granted to a soul make it perfect, but rather the intimate union of the soul, but constitute neither its essence nor its perfection. My sanctity and perfection consist in the close union of my will with the will of God."

Sister Maria Faustina died of tuberculosis in Krakow, Poland, on October 5, 1938. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1993, and canonized her seven years later.

## Father's Column

### Feast of the Holy Rosary

Out of a spectacular history was the Feast of the Holy Rosary born. For Pope St. Pius V, who reigned from 1566-1572, the stakes for preserving Catholic Europe could not be higher as the threats to its existence could not be graver. Within Europe, clashes between perennial Catholicism and newly-emerging Protestantism were tearing the seams of Christendom. Further, such divisions stymied a unified defense against another existential threat, this time posed by the ever-aggressive Muslim religion and the Ottoman Empire.

To meet this threat, in March of 1571, Pius engineered the forging of the Holy League, a military pact between various Catholic nations, to be a check to Ottoman expansion across the Mediterranean and further invasion into Eastern Europe. Into Our Lady's hand he entrusted their efforts.

The main contest would be at sea. The Ottoman fleet of 328 ships, headed by the Sultan Selim II, was preparing to winter in Lepanto, located in the Gulf of Patras in the Ionian Sea between Italy and Greece. Don Juan of Austria, half-brother to the King of Spain, prepared the Catholic fleet of 206 ships off the coast of Sicily. Preparations were not only martial in nature, but spiritual. Each man carried a rosary, fasted for three days, and availed himself to the sacraments. The soldiers also enjoyed the prayers of all Catholic Europe who were solicited by the Pope to pray the rosary for the victory of the impending battle likely to determine

Europe's future.

So, on October 7th, a favorable wind carried the Christian fleet to their adversary. The Turkish ships, having heard of the advancing enemy, arrayed themselves in a crescent moon and prepared to give battle, which would be one of ramming the enemy, boarding their vessels, and fighting hand-to-hand. Don Juan himself led the charge onto the Turkish flagship and was eventually victorious. Victory soon spread all along the line of battle. The collapse of the right flank of the Ottomans led to a rout and then the destruction of nearly the entire fleet.

While a messenger bearing the good news of victory would not reach Rome for some time, the Holy Father, seemingly through supernatural illumination, announced the victory of all and, in gratitude for Our Lady's heavenly aid, he thus inaugurated this great feast.

### Father Barone's Wish List

HELP US GET NEW VESTMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH

- \* **Black**— Payment Donated
- \* **Green**— Payment Donated
- \* **White**—Payment Donated
- \* **Red**—Payment Donated
- \* **Violet**—Payment Donated
- \* **Rose**—\$600 LAST ONE!

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

James Urbanski, Sandy Powers, Griffin Harper, Nick Klingler, Shawn Webster

Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray. Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.

Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.

Helen Pfeifer, John Powers, Fr. Carl Beavers, Earl Goodrow and Ron Simmons, Lee Smith, Harry Vaughn