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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays

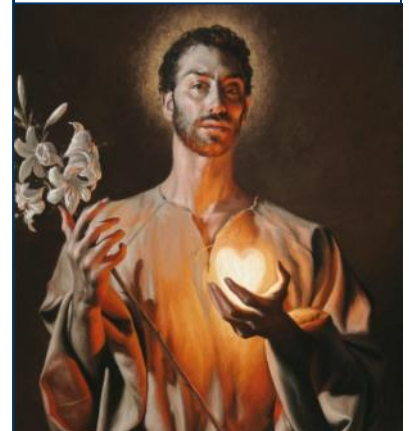
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days
of my life. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of
going hungry,
of living in abundance and of being in need.
I can do all things in him who strengthens me.
(Phil 4:12-13)

Gospel:

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads
and invite to the feast whomever you find." (Mt 22:9)

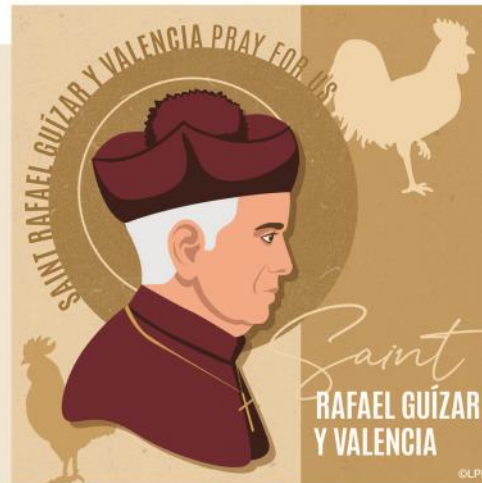
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The goodness and mercy of God are gifts He
wants to share with each one of us, but we have
to be ready to receive them. Let's be prepared for
whatever the Lord will ask of us this week.

Observances for the week of October 15, 2023

- Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
- Tuesday:** St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Luke, Evangelist
- Thursday:** Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday



Saint of the week

Saint Rafael Guízar y Valencia was a Catholic bishop who cared for the poor in Mexico. He bravely continued his mission while in exile, in the face of constant life-threatening conflicts with the Mexican government.

Prayer

Our Lord and God, In Saint Rafael Guízar
You have given us a model of a shepherd for
the children, the poor, the sick, and those far
from You. Grant us through his intercession
that we may live united in our families; that
the Mexican nation may have peace and
harmony; that the sick who live in our homes
be lovingly cared for and receive healing
from their diseases; that marriages that
have been broken find a reason to fight and
overcome the evil that stalks them.

Attend to our supplications and hear our
needs so that one day, like Saint Rafael
Guízar, we can all contemplate the beauty of
Your glory in eternity.

We ask you through your Son Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit and God the father, for ever
and ever.

Amen.

*(Prayer Source: <https://www.facebook.com/SanRafaelGuizarV/posts/654984824967963/>,
translation by LPi.)*

Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

Sunday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday:

Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday:

Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday:

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Lk 10:1-9

Thursday:

Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Lk 11:47-54

Friday:

Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday:

Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/
Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday:

Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/
1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life *matters*. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There *is* a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

— *Father John Muir*



“You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.” 2 Cor 9:11.

Feed-a-Baby Food Drive: Thank you for the amazing support of our baby product drive! Combined with the School’s Diaper Drive, we collected over **25 shopping carts** of food and other baby products. **\$1,475 in cash donations** were used to purchase additional baby products requested by Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings.

Nov. 18 - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: **DRIVERS NEEDED.** As a parish community, we will support 65 families for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Can you help us deliver? So meaningful to kids! Please contact Jill Salinaz (562) 822-7367 or jmsalinaz@yahoo.com

Family Adoptions: Would you like to adopt a family to support Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter? Questions? Call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Rose Bauss cr.bauss@verizon.net

Oct. 22-23: New Blanket Drive: Collecting new blankets for our Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution.

Please call Tim Clark to learn about many opportunities to serve, (562) 431-4385 **Please be attentive to Skip-a-Meal donations during the holiday season!**



World Mission Sunday 2023
October 22nd

Next weekend, we will unite with the global Church in celebrating World Mission Sunday. This year, Pope Francis illuminates our path with the theme: **“Hearts on fire, feet on the move.”** As we prepare to observe this special day, we are reminded to ignite our hearts with Christ’s love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable corners of our world. Your fervent prayers and upcoming generosity in the collection for the society for the propagation of the Faith will bolster the missionaries working in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and certain regions of Latin America and Europe. Let us come together to support them in their mission of love and service. Thank you!

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ON THEIR NET RETREAT
THIS SUNDAY. LET US
INTERCEDE ON THEIR
BEHALF IN FAITH ASKING
THE LORD FOR THEIR
SPIRITUAL GROWTH.**



**"Every child who is born, from the beginning of time to the end, is born from the loving thought of our Heavenly Father, who holds us in his gaze, looking upon each of us as one of his own, a beloved son, a beloved daughter."
-Archbishop José H. Gomez**

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Safeguard The Children

Help Protect
Vulnerable Adults
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Protecting vulnerable adults

While a primary focus of those in ministry is on protecting children from harm, protecting vulnerable adults is just as important. This includes adults living with mental, emotional, or physical disabilities, adults who have court-appointed guardians, elderly adults in vulnerable positions, and anyone else who may be unable to consent to or understand what is happening to them. Every year, nearly 500,000 reports of abuse against vulnerable adults are made to the Adult Protection Service, and even more go undetected. The same steps and processes outlined for protecting children can help vulnerable adults as well — know the warning signs, screen all employees and caregivers, and monitor environments for safe practices. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Protecting Vulnerable Adults” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



St. Joseph Grief Support

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Bereavement classes will end October 31.
Two special holiday presentations upcoming for
Thanksgiving and Christmas

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Seniors Group

The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on **Monday, October 23rd** in the hall. The activities will begin at 11:00 am and will include Bingo, many kinds of card games, Mexican train, and lots of socializing. Bring your brown bag lunch, and coffee, tea, water, snacks and dessert will be provided. We look forward to seeing all our members and any new friends who would like to join us.

We are planning our **Christmas meeting** for **Monday, December 11th**, and will be taking paid reservations for lunch (\$10). We are also collecting hand knit blankets for babies and other baby and small children items of new clothing or toys. These will be distributed to the Movement for a Better World families that the Parish supports during the Holidays. Thank you for your generosity!



Sacred Heart Novitiate
Work Day

Come help the Sacred Heart Sisters

Saturday, November 4 (8:00am to 2:00pm)
(Breakfast & Lunch provided)

Bring your friends and join us in a day of cleaning, gardening, planting, spreading mulch, fellowship and more!
Teens are welcome to come for service hours.

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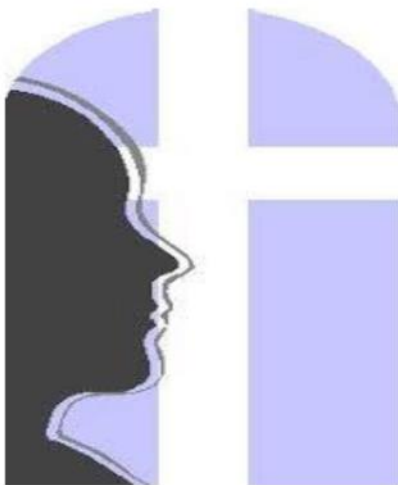
Have you ever thought about what unnatural birth control methods really do to your body?
To your marriage?

The Couple-to-Couple League has the answers and more. Attend a short course and learn a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. Great for achieving as well as postponing pregnancy.

A new online course starts
Wednesday, October 25th.

For more information and registration, visit www.ccli.org or contact Deacon Greg and Beth Gath at (562) 377-5877 or bethgath@gmail.com.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Are you or someone you know searching for-

- A community of believers?
- An opportunity to explore Catholic beliefs?
- Ways to form a closer relationship with Jesus Christ?
- Preparation for becoming a Catholic?

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OCIA is a process for exploring Catholicism in weekly small group sessions. OCIA is open to any adult who is

- Unbaptized
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