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— LUKE 17:19 —

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday, we are invited into the story where Jesus heals 10 lepers and only one, a foreigner, returns to give thanks to God. We also meet Naaman, a foreign commander, who is also afflicted with leprosy. He trusts in the word of the prophet Elisha, bathes in the Jordan River and his skin is cleansed. Both characters come to a new sense of belonging to God through their healing and recognizing the power of God in their lives. Both these lepers represent us, as we are invited to come to our sense of belonging to God, redeemed and saved in the Lord's love.

Next Sunday, the universal Church celebrates World Mission Sunday, a moment when Catholics worldwide unite in prayer and generosity to support the Church's mission. This year's theme, "Missionaries of Hope among the Peoples," was chosen by the late Pope Francis, and now carries new meaning under the papacy of Pope Leo, who spent most of his priestly ministry as a missionary in Peru. His witness reminds us that the Missions are the Church's primary way of awakening missionary responsibility among all the baptized. We need only to recall that it was 2 to 3 centuries ago that missionaries came through Southern California and established the Catholic Church among us. Envelopes are in the church, or you can go to Parish Soft, our electronic giving system to support the Holy Father's Missions in over 1100 missionary territories across Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and the Middle East. Let us pray for the missions to continue religious formation, catechists training, Catholic education for children, medical care and the building of Parish Churches.

For your Fall, spiritual enrichment, we have invited Cyndi Peterson, a renowned author and speaker, to offer an Evening of Recollection. The same presentation will be offered twice. Please scroll down and see the flyer for further details.

Let us go forth as missionaries of hope to a world that is longing for God's peace, mercy, and love.

I'm praying for you,
Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan
seven times
at the word of Elisha, the man of God.
His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child,
and he was clean of his leprosy. (2 Kgs 5:14)

Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)

Second Reading:

If we have died with him
we shall also live with him;
if we persevere
we shall also reign with him. (2 Tim 2:11-12)

Gospel:

Then he said to him, "Stand up and go;
your faith has saved you." (Lk 17:19)

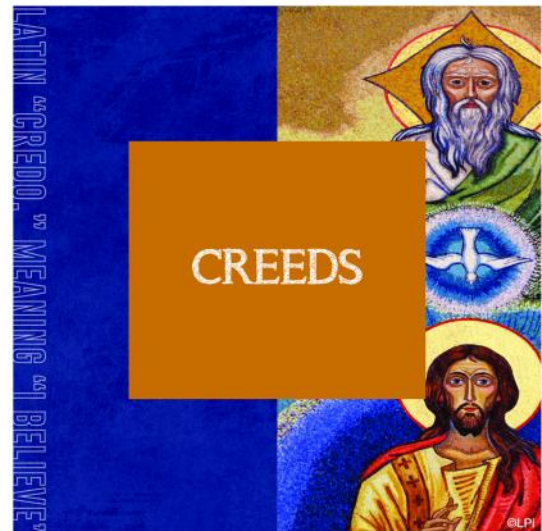
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

If we have faith, we call out to God and we beg him for healing. But when our faith is rewarded, what then? Do we take our miracle and run? No, we must return to the source of our healing to say, "You have changed me, Lord. Now help me change others."

Observances for the week of October 12, 2025

Sunday:	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day
Tuesday:	St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Wednesday:	St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Friday:	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Luke, Evangelist
Next Sunday:	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

A creed (from the Latin "credo," meaning "I believe") is a summary of the most important articles of faith agreed upon by a group of people who hold them as truth. Tradition has given us not just the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, but many more.

Prayer of Gratitude

Dear Lord,
Every day is full of blessings from Your generous hands. Thank You for waking us this morning, filling our lungs with breath. Thank you for the ways You are healing our past, working in the present, and opening possibilities for the future.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 12, 2025

Sunday:

2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/
2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

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:

Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46

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:

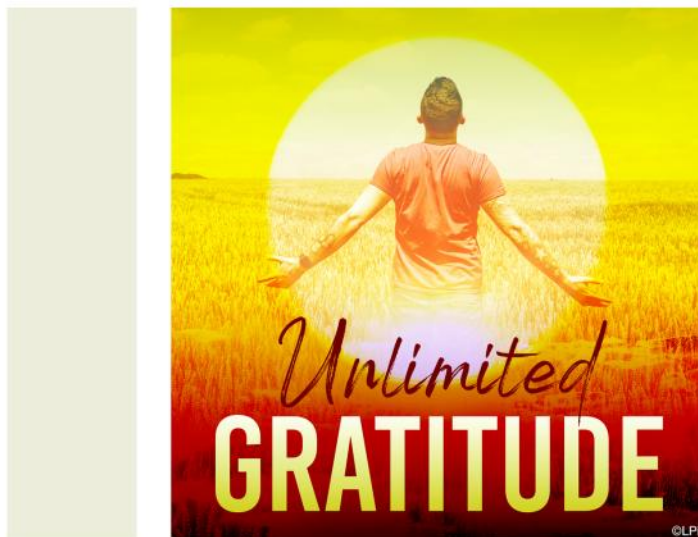
2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Lk 10:1-9

Next Sunday:

Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift — this tiny, miraculous life — but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, **“Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.”** This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver.

Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.

Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: “It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks.” Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025 | 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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ST. JOSEPH'S EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

A time of renewal & faith

WITH GUEST SPEAKER
CYNDI PETERSON



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST AT 7PM OR
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND AT 9AM**

PODCASTER, AUTHOR, SPEAKER

Cyndi Peterson is a wife, mother, and retired board certified dermatologist residing in Southern California with her family. She regularly shares the personal story of her life and the dramatic changes her faith underwent through the lives of her two beautiful daughters Kelly and Sarah. Your faith will be ignited as Cyndi's testimony both inspires and challenges you to move deeper in your relationship with Christ.

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6PM-8PM



Hello St. Joseph Family!

Our Youth Group is hosting a community Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 25th, 6pm - 8pm, and we need YOUR help! Whether you're crafting a cool trunk or dropping off candy, your support helps us share God's love in a fun and safe way!

Here's how you can join in:

 **Volunteer your trunk! Decorate it, dress up, and hand out candy with joy**

Some Candy will be provided. Candy donations are appreciated.

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Sign up or get more info here: <https://signup.com/go/JdEVeUc>

Contact: Youth Minister, Liz Moreno (562)598-0519 Ext 2

***Thank You to the Women & Men of Team #5
for Amazing
Welcome Christ Renews His Parish Retreat Weekends.***



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***Talia Smith, Liz Ferletic-Frith, Stephanie Wright, Katie Kasprzyk, Patti Brunter, Toni Hanson
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Retreat #6 Registration Begins January 3, 2026



“Charity is the form, mover, mother and root of all the virtues.”

-St. Thomas Aquinas

Feed-a-Baby Food Drive: *Thank you* to all who supported the School’s and last weekend’s baby food and products drive! We collected 12 shopping carts of food, diapers and other baby products for Catholic Charities, Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach. Cash donations of \$1,771 were used to purchase items requested by Catholic Charities!

Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: *DRIVERS NEEDED.* As a parish community, we will support 70 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 rhbauss@gmail.com

Oct. 25-26- Blanket Drive: Collecting new blankets for our Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution to over 100 families. For many opportunities to serve, please call Tim Clark, (562) 431-4385

Please be attentive to Skip-a-Meal donations during the holiday season!



The final chapter of the construction project is the fire hydrant tie-in on Willow Street. This timeline has been extended until complete. During the hours of Construction (8:30 AM – 3:30 PM) there will be two lane closures on Willow Street from Woodruff past the field, the PLC and the school. One lane will be open going eastbound. Please drive slowly and follow the traffic control signage. Entrances into the Saint Joseph’s parking lot will not be affected. Thank you for your patience and care during this time.



Did You Know?

About the Take It Down Act

The federal TAKE IT DOWN Act was recently signed into law. It criminalizes the publication of nonconsensual intimate images, including AI-generated images. Anyone who publishes or threatens to publish such images online can be charged with a crime and prosecuted. Websites are also required to take down nonconsensual intimate images, if a victim asks, within 48 hours of the request. This new law is important for protecting minors and all potential victims of sexual abuse or violence. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article “The Take It Down Act: Combating Non-Consensual Intimate Imagery and Sexual Exploitation” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



Senior Group



**Our next get together will be at the
El Dorado Restaurant on
Monday, October 13th at 9:30 am.**

Please join us for a nice time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. When you arrive, tell the server that you are with St. Joseph and he/she will direct you to the area we are gathering in. Everyone will order and pay for his/her own breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there. For future reference, we meet there on the 2nd Monday of every month, at the same time. Looking forward to seeing you!



Meditation



St. Joseph's Meditation Group currently meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00PM via Zoom. Our weekly session is based on the teachings of Fr. John Main, OSB. Meditation is an age-old Christian practice and open to everyone. No experience is required and beginners are welcome. For more information, contact Frank McKown at (310) 633-1744 or frmckown@gmail.com

NEW VIDEO SESSION: LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Losing a spouse is a unique and life-altering pain. If you are grieving, you don't have to face it alone. Our bereavement group offers a supportive space for focused encouragement and healing.

Session Details:

Date: Tuesday, October 14
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Location: PLC Building

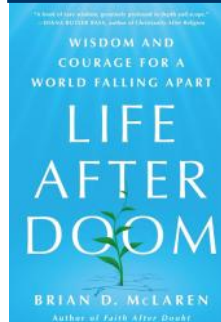
For more information, please contact May Pace at 562-833-6370. You are not alone—join us for understanding, support, and hope.



Book Club

Our next Book Club meeting is
Wednesday, November 19th
at 7pm on Zoom

Life After Doom: Wisdom and Courage for a World Falling Apart by Brian D. McLaren



"Blending insights from philosophers, poets, scientists, and theologians, *Life After Doom* explores the complexity of hope, the necessity of grief, and the need for new ways of thinking, becoming, and belonging in turbulent times." *Life After Doom: Wisdom and Courage for a World Falling Apart*: McLaren, Brian D.: [9781250893277](https://www.amazon.com/dp/9781250893277): Amazon.com: Books

All are welcome. For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com



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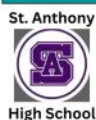
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Mass Schedule

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

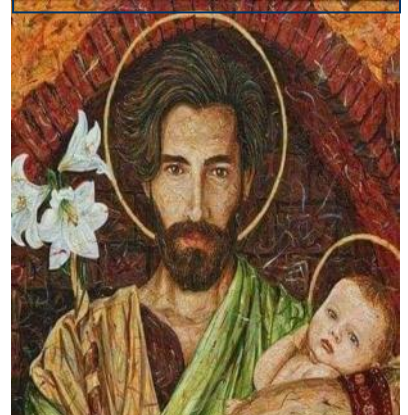
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3:45-4:30 p.m.

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