



SOME THOUGHTS ON THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL

“What do you wish me to do for you?” Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It’s an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer. Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today’s Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God’s attention. That’s not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It’s a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God’s kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God’s Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to go heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words “thy will be done” will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God’s eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God’s definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.



WEEKLY PRAYERS

Readings for the week of October 17, 2021

- Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45
Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Observances for the week of October 17, 2021

- Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Monday: Saint Luke
Tuesday: Saint Paul of the Cross
Wednesday: Saint Hedwig or Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque
Thursday:
Friday: **Saint John Paul II** or dedication of Consecrated Churches
Saturday: Saint John of Capistrano or Our Lady
Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It's the positions of power and great authority that people often admire. We equate success with six figure incomes, high positions, management, and influence. We even go above and beyond to find favor with our bosses so that we can get a little extra recognition and maybe the next promotion when it comes up. This is the way of the world. Those who have their values set on earthly things are going to work by earthly rules. We forget that it doesn't work that way in the Kingdom of God. Success is measured not from the place of status, influence, or prestige but from the place of humility, service, and sacrifice. The authority that one hopes to achieve is not an authority over others but an authority that comes from wisdom and developing one's relationship with God. Jesus flips the tables on our priorities. Even the first disciples had a tough time understanding this. They really thought that they would somehow receive a privilege or bonus from being faithful. We often operate under that same illusion

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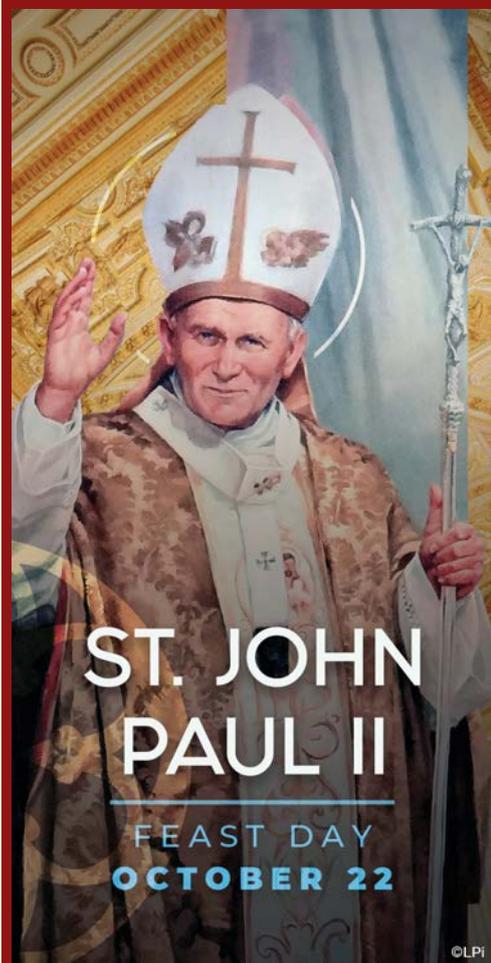
QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: *Isaiah speaks of our redemption through the suffering of the Lord's servant. When have you experienced God's presence in your suffering?*

Second Reading: *Hebrews tells us that Jesus is able to sympathize with our weaknesses because he, too, "has been tested in every way." What are some ways that you are tested in life?*

Gospel: *Jesus uses the request of James and John as a teachable moment for his disciples on the importance of humility and service to others. What other qualities do you think are necessary for true discipleship?*

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyła in the small Polish town of Wadowice. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946, appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and three years later he was made a cardinal. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, where he took the name John Paul II. St. John Paul II made evangelization a key part of his papacy and made pastoral visits to all parts of the world. In 1981, he was shot twice in an assassination attempt. Following Jesus' example of compassion, he later met with his would-be assassin in his prison cell, where he forgave him for what he had done. St. John Paul II was well-known to be an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking and skiing well into his 60s. In 1992, his health began to decline, and it was later discovered that he suffered from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system. Near the end of his papacy, it became difficult for him to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, and he was declared blessed on May 1, 2011. He became a saint on April 27, 2014.

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LEARNING ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

What is a Sacramental?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1667 *"Holy Mother Church has, moreover, instituted Sacramentals. These are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments. They signify effects, particularly of a spiritual nature, which are obtained through the intercession of the Church. By them men are disposed to receive the chief effect of the sacraments, and various occasions in life are rendered holy."*

Example of sacramental catechism teaches us that sacramentals are *"holy things or actions of which the church makes use to obtain for us from God, through her intercession, spiritual and temporal favors."*

A sacramental is anything set apart or blessed by the church to excite good thoughts and to help devotion.



It is through the prayers of the church offered for those who make use of these sacramentals, as well as through the devotion they inspire, that they convey and obtain God's grace and blessings.

Three Things you might not know about sacramentals

1. *Sacramentals are more than just blessed objects:* Religious (and sometimes ordinary) objects that have been blessed by a priest are sacramentals. But other things are too. A sacramental can be an action, time, place, or event – anything used by the Church to open us up to God's grace. So, for example, fasting, genuflecting, or making the sign of the cross is a sacramental, as is a sacred place like the site of an approved Marian apparition. There are also blessings of the home or vehicles, or special blessings and objects associated with saints.
2. *Sacramentals blessings come partly from the disposition and the devotion of both the priest who gives the blessing and the person who is receiving the sacramental.* Of themselves they do not save souls, but they are the means for securing heavenly help for those who believe and use them properly.
3. *Sacramentals also obtain blessings from God from the prayers of the Church:* Your disposition is not the only thing that counts. It is through the prayers of the church offered for those who make use of these sacramentals, as well as through the devotion they inspire, that they convey and obtain God's grace and blessings.

Sacramentals are not essential in the way sacraments are. They are extra help. God wants to give us everything He possibly can to help our faith. Sacramentals are **not magic charms**, or a way to coerce God into doing our will. They're just little channels of grace to help unite us with God.

Catholic Doctrine & Dogma (wordpress.com)/ <https://canonlow182.wordpress.com>

Disposing of Sacramentals:

A blessed crucifix, a blessed statue, a medal, a rosary are not just ordinary items: they are blessed items. And blessed objects should be treated with reverence. When a material sacramental becomes so worn that it can no longer be used as a sacramental, one should not casually toss it into the trash. To prevent desecration, the sacramental should be returned to the earthly elements. Holy water, for example, should be poured into a hole dug in the earth, in a spot no one would walk over. Combustible sacramentals, such as scapulars and holy books, should be burned and then buried. Larger sacramentals that do not burn should be altered so that their form no longer appears to be a sacramental (for example, a statue should be broken up into small pieces) and then buried.

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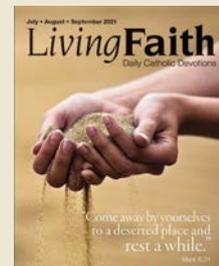
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PARISH INFORMATION:

Living Faith booklets (Oct - Dec)

We have received the Living Faith booklets for the months of October through December 2021. These booklets are a great resource to support your daily faithful living.

Booklets are available in the Parish Office or in the Narthex. Suggested donation for the booklets: \$3.00.



Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP)

Invites families and individuals in our Parish Community to join in a seven-year journey of ecological conversion in action by promoting and enrolling in the platform. On October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (Patron Saint of Ecology), a 40-day LSAP prayer and promotional campaign began in view of the upcoming opening of the registration for participants on November 14, 2021, the World Day of Prayer for the Poor. For further information visit: <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/> or contact St. Patrick's representative Jeannette Nixon at jnenviro@telus.net

DIOCESAN INFORMATION:



World Mission Sunday (October 24):

Next week is World Mission Sunday. It is a global celebration of the universal church. Your prayer and donations will assist churches, hospitals, schools, and the training of priests. The donations that the Catholic communities throughout the world receive through World Mission Sunday, will assist them to be self-sufficient and continue to flourish. By sharing your gift of faith, we can bring love and compassion to those who need it most. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and give generously in next week's collection for the World Mission Sunday by visiting: catholicyc.ca/WorldMissionSunday or use the assigned parish envelopes.

Missionary Discipleship

In October, the month during which the synodal process begins and World Mission Day is celebrated, the Holy Father explores in depth the evangelizing nature of the church and calls us all to be precisely missionary disciples.

This mission, to which all the baptized are called, is centered above all on being "available to answer His call and to live united to the Lord in the most common daily things—work, meeting other people, our daily duties, the chance events of each day—allowing ourselves to be guided always by the Holy Spirit." Being a missionary means seeking out and fostering personal, face-to-face encounters, person to person.

Please pray the Pope's intention for October 2021: **We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.**

