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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH UPDATES- 11 OCTOBER, 2026

PARISH MINISTRY

Mass Intentions/Activities

10Oct.	Sat	**6:30pm**		**14Oct.**	Wed	**6:00pm**	
		7:30pm	Syro-Malabar Mass	**15Oct.**	Thu	**6.00pm**	
11Oct.	Sun	**10.00am**	All Parishioners	**16Oct.**	Fri	**6.00pm**	Holy Mass & Adoration
12Oct.	Mon	**5:00pm**	Holy Communion Class	**17Oct.**	Sat	**6.30pm**	
		6:00pm	Thanksgiving Day				
13Oct.	Tue	**6.00pm**				**7.30PM**	

Syro-Malabar Holy Mass on the 1st and 3rd Saturday at 7:30 PM. Adoration every Friday after Holy Mass.

OCTOBER — MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is traditionally dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**. Throughout this month, our parish will pray the **Holy Rosary every day at 5:30 p.m., before Holy Mass**. Let us come together as one parish family and place our lives, our families, and our parish under the loving care of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**. We warmly invite everyone to join us in this beautiful prayer and to make the Rosary a special part of our daily lives. May Mary, Our Mother, lead us closer to her Son, Jesus, and help us grow in faith, hope, and love.

THANKSGIVING DAY: OCTOBER 12

This Thanksgiving, our parish turns its heart to **Ephesians 1:3-10**. Beyond the earthly harvest, we praise God for the spiritual blessings He has showered upon us: adoption into His family, total forgiveness, and His beautiful plan to bring unity to all things in Christ. We are profoundly grateful for the gift of each of you, our parishioners, who make the body of Christ visible in our community. Wishing you a peaceful and grace-filled Thanksgiving!.

WORLD FOOD DAY: OCTOBER 16 FRIDAY

World Food Day is like Mirroring Christ's Mercy. It is observed globally on **October 16**. As Christians, our response to food insecurity is deeply rooted in our faith. In the Gospel of Matthew (Mt. 25:35), Jesus reveals that when we feed the hungry, we are feeding Him. This year's theme**, *"Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow,"*** reminds us that sustainable change starts with conscious everyday actions.

How you can act today:

1. **Donate:** Drop off personalized offering envelopes in the church's collection basket during offertory or to the Rectory office.
2. **Reduce:** Be mindful of food waste in your household this week.
3. **Pray:** Keep the 645 million people facing global hunger in your daily prayers

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: OCTOBER 18

World Mission Sunday is an annual global celebration in the Catholic Church dedicated to **prayer, solidarity, and financial support for overseas missionary territories.** Established in 1926 by Pope Pius XI, it is celebrated on the penultimate (second-to-last) Sunday of October. Key importance and purpose of World Mission Sunday are for Global Solidarity, Universal Mission Awareness, and Vital Financial support.

Our parish joins Catholics globally to celebrate the **100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday**. Reflecting Pope Leo XIV's theme, *"One in Christ, United in Mission,"* we are called to support more than 1,100 vulnerable dioceses worldwide. Please pray for global missionaries and give generously to next week's second collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

There will be a **Women's Retreat on Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at Sacred Heart Cathedral and the CYO Hall. The retreat will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the cathedral with a Holy Hour of Adoration, including praise and worship and an opportunity for confession. The remainder of the program will take place in the CYO Hall. For more information or to register, please contact **Claire Caudle** at clairecaudle@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: OCTOBER 17–23, 2026

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated from October 17 to 23, 2026, with the theme **"The Power of the Holy Spirit,"** inspired by Romans 15:13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Catholic education brings faith and learning together, helping students grow in knowledge, faith, freedom, and moral responsibility. This important mission begins in the family, is nurtured in the parish, and is strengthened in our Catholic schools through the shared commitment of parents, teachers, clergy, and the entire Catholic community. During this special week, let us pray for our students, teachers, parents, and all those who contribute to Catholic education. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them in their mission of forming young people in faith, wisdom, and hope.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Oct. **14 –** Ferial: **St. Callistus** – oversaw the first Christian cemetery in Rome.

Oct. **15 –** Memorial: **St. Teresa of Jesus –** also known as Saint Teresa of Ávila, was a 16th-century Spanish nun, mystic, and religious reformer who became the first female Doctor of the Church. Established 17 reformed convents across Spain despite heavy opposition.

Oct. **16 –** Memorial: **St. Marguerite d' Youville –** is the first Canadian-born saint, celebrated as the "Mother of Universal Charity" and founder of the Grey Nuns. Canonized on December 9, 1990, by Pope John Paul II, making her Canada's first native-born saint.
Oct. **17 –** Memorial: **St. Ignatius** – also known as Theophorus ("God-bearer"), was an early Christian Apostolic Father and the third bishop of Antioch. His letters on the Church are considered treasures of early Christianity.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:

***For Mental Health Ministry*:** Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.



POPE LEO XIV

MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV ON THE OCCASION OF THE 100TH WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we mark World Mission Sunday, we give thanks to God for the abundant fruits he has bestowed upon the Church since my predecessor, Pope Pius XI, established this annual celebration 100 years ago. He desired that it would foster, in every Diocese and parish, a deeper understanding of the greatness of the missionary task, fervent prayer for the work of evangelization, encouragement for the missionary vocation, and support for the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

Indeed, the realization of Pius XI's aim has borne fruit in my own life. Looking back on my youth, I can see how the prayers offered to the Lord of the harvest mysteriously helped prepare my heart to hear Jesus' call to follow him as an Augustinian missionary. Moreover, the prayers and contributions of the faithful encouraged and sustained my missionary work in Peru, as well as that of countless others throughout the world. For this reason, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported World Mission Sunday over the years.

In this centenary year, the present theme, "One in Christ, United in Mission," invites us to reflect on the fundamental task of nurturing the Church's unity in following Christ, particularly in our commitment and responsibility to spread the Gospel message of salvation to all people.

Indeed, through Baptism, each one of us becomes a member of the Body of Christ and has a unique role in contributing to Jesus' saving work. Our Lord calls us to cooperate as one family, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to bring everyone everywhere into a communion of faith in Christ.

I reiterate, therefore, the special appeal I made in the Message for World Mission Sunday: "Let us all commit to contributing to the great mission of evangelization — which is always a work of love — according to our own vocation and the gifts we have received. Your prayers and practical support… will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most

in need." (*Message for the 100th World Mission Day*, 25 January 2026).

Finally, as we celebrate this centenary, I thank you for all that you will do to carry on the legacy of World Mission Sunday and to support generously the evangelizing mission of the Church throughout the world.

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you for ever. Amen.



"Our Lady of Victory, pray for us!"