



SHUTTERSTOCK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The pro-life banner covers all life

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago called life a “seamless garment,” referring to the “tunic without seam” stripped from Jesus at his Crucifixion to remind us that a pro-life position is broader than vigorously protecting the life of the unborn. He called people to also oppose capital punishment, euthanasia, economic injustice, and unjust war. In an election year, one may wish to vote on the basis of a single issue, but the Catholic citizen should prayerfully and thoughtfully consider the whole picture. Pope Francis said, “Politics . . . though often denigrated, remains a lofty vocation and one of the highest forms of charity, inasmuch as it seeks the common good.” Vote for those who embody this vision.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10 (141)*. “We have done what we were obliged to do.”

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

Refugees in search of Samaritans

We live in the midst of a terrible refugee crisis. Migrants by the millions are fleeing war, drought, famine, dead-end economies, drug gang violence, and terrorism. Yet, as Jessey Carey points out in *Relevant magazine*, nearly half of Christians recently polled expressed fear about the idea of refugees coming into the United States. One only needs to tune into political coverage to hear distrust and even hostility in discussions about refugees. But our faith tradition is clear on the mandate to help the stranger, the foreigner, to remember that we too were once “strangers in a strange land.” Don’t just *admire* the Good Samaritan who stopped to help someone he had been taught was the “enemy.” Be that good Samaritan!

TODAY’S READINGS: *Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37 (461)*. “A Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.”

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Sing a hymn of creation

Francis is a saint for all seasons, without a doubt, but never more so than in this age of global warming and climate change. In 1979, Pope John Paul II declared Saint Francis the patron saint of ecology. In 1990, he said that Francis “offers Christians an example of genuine and deep respect for the integrity of creation. . . . As a friend of the poor who was loved by God’s creatures, Saint Francis invited all of creation—animals, plants, natural forces, even Brother

Sun and Sister Moon—to give honor and praise to the Lord.” Be a friend of the environment on this day dedicated to its patron.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42 (462)*. “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing.”

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Meet at the corner place

If you want to get to know someone better or discuss something with a friend, you find a comfortable setting where you can talk. It’s no different when you want to talk and listen to God. You find a site that feels inviting and secure so that it’s easier to tell God what’s on your mind and in your heart. Religious educators suggest a “prayer corner” with some sacred objects and a copy of the Bible (CCC 2691). If you don’t already have one, make a prayer corner somewhere in your home.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4 (463)*. “One day, Jesus was praying in a certain place.”

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

MEMORIAL OF BLESSED MARIE-ROSE DUROCHER

You are called to be a saint!

At 18, Rose Marie Durocher began to act as housekeeper for her brother, a priest. Her generosity and kindness earned her the nickname, the “Saint of Beloeil” (a district near Montreal). Later she formed a community of sisters using her natural compassion, intelligence, strong will, and common sense. You’d recognize such a woman on the street as a saint, not because of a halo but by the good she does. You are called to be nothing less than a saint like her. Saints are not made first by piety, but by walking in Christ’s footsteps and abandoning what gets in the way. You can do that much, can’t you?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13 (464)*. “God chose us in Christ to be holy before him.”

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Blessed are you

It’s one of the most memorable visits in history: An angel greets a young girl and says, “Blessed are you among women.” And so she is, because Mary trusts God’s word to her will be fulfilled. In this she follows in the footsteps of her great father in faith, Abraham. But Mary’s not just a follower. She’s also a leader, offering her maternity to the church as the first best example of discipleship. When we pray the Rosary, we study in the school of Mary. Spend a decade (of the Rosary) with your Mother today.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26 (465)*. “Those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham who had faith.”

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Joy is a holy mystery

Good news arrives at our doorstep, out of the blue and marvelous. A beloved visitor comes to lend support, enfolding us in a happy embrace. A baby is added to the family circle, buoying up our hearts. A child shows the first signs of promise, and we’re in awe of what the future may hold. One who seemed lost to us is gratefully restored, and we all learn important lessons from the separation. These are the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Consider praying them this week in honor of Rosary Month.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28 (466)*. “Blessed is the womb that carried you . . .”



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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CatholicMom.com Gospel Activity - Luke 17:5-10



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| APRON | COMMANDED | FAITH |
| FINISHED | GRATEFUL | IMMEDIATELY |
| INCREASE | MULBERRY | MUSTARD |
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| PREPARE | SEED | SERVANT |
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Please Help People In Need Keep Warm This Winter!

St. Vincent de Paul Society 30th Annual Blanket Sunday Collection, October 8-9, 2016



How you can help...

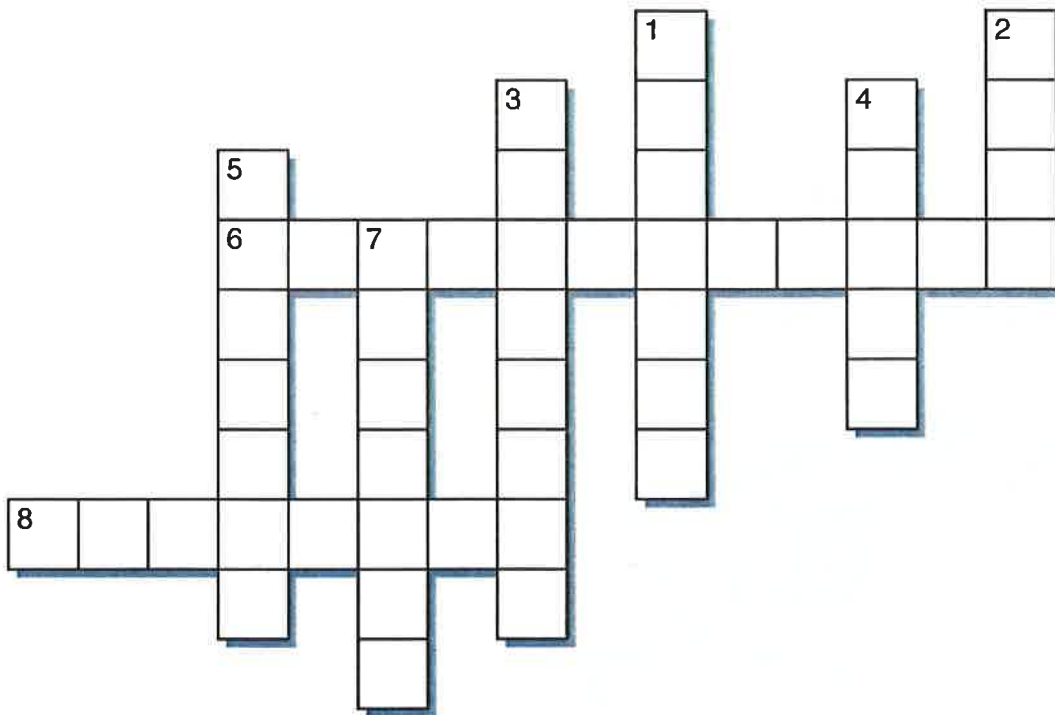
Make a contribution at Church on the weekend of Saturday, October 8 or Sunday, October 9. Your generous monetary donations make so much possible. Thank you!

Your care, concern, and generosity will help disadvantaged people in many ways this winter, as thousands of blankets, hats, gloves, socks and other items (purchased in bulk with your donation) will be given directly to the homeless and needy through St. Vincent de Paul Society's Ozanam Centers, Catholic Charities agencies and other organizations helping the homeless in the Cleveland, Akron and Lorain/Elyria metropolitan areas.

All help provided is given without regard to religious affiliation. We just help people!



CatholicMom.com Gospel Activity – Luke 17:5–10



Across

- 6. 'We are ____ servants'
- 8. The apostles said to the Lord, "____ our faith."

Down

- 1. "We have done what we were ____ to do"
- 2. This week, we read from the Gospel according to ____.
- 3. In this reading, Jesus was teaching the ____.
- 4. "Come here immediately and take your place at the ____"
- 5. "If you have faith the size of a _____ seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."
- 7. "_____ something for me to eat"

Prayers of the Rosary

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Five Joyful Mysteries

(Said Mondays & Saturdays)

- 1 The Annunciation
- 2 The Visitation
- 3 The Birth of Our Lord
- 4 The Presentation of Our Lord
- 5 The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

The Five Luminous Mysteries

(Said Thursdays)

- 1 The Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan
- 2 Jesus' Self Manifestation at the Wedding Feast at Cana
- 3 The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God and Call to Conversion
- 4 The Transfiguration
- 5 The Institution of the Eucharist

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tuesdays & Fridays)

- 1 The Agony in the Garden
- 2 The Scourging at the Pillar
- 3 The Crowning with Thorns
- 4 The Carrying of the Cross
- 5 The Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord

The Five Glorious Mysteries

(Wednesdays & Sundays)

- 1 The Resurrection
- 2 The Ascension
- 3 The Descent of the Holy Ghost
- 4 The Assumption of our Blessed Mother into Heaven
- 5 The Coronation of our Blessed Mother

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!
Our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve,
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley, of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this our exile
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus;
O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Amen.