

Can You Drink the Cup?

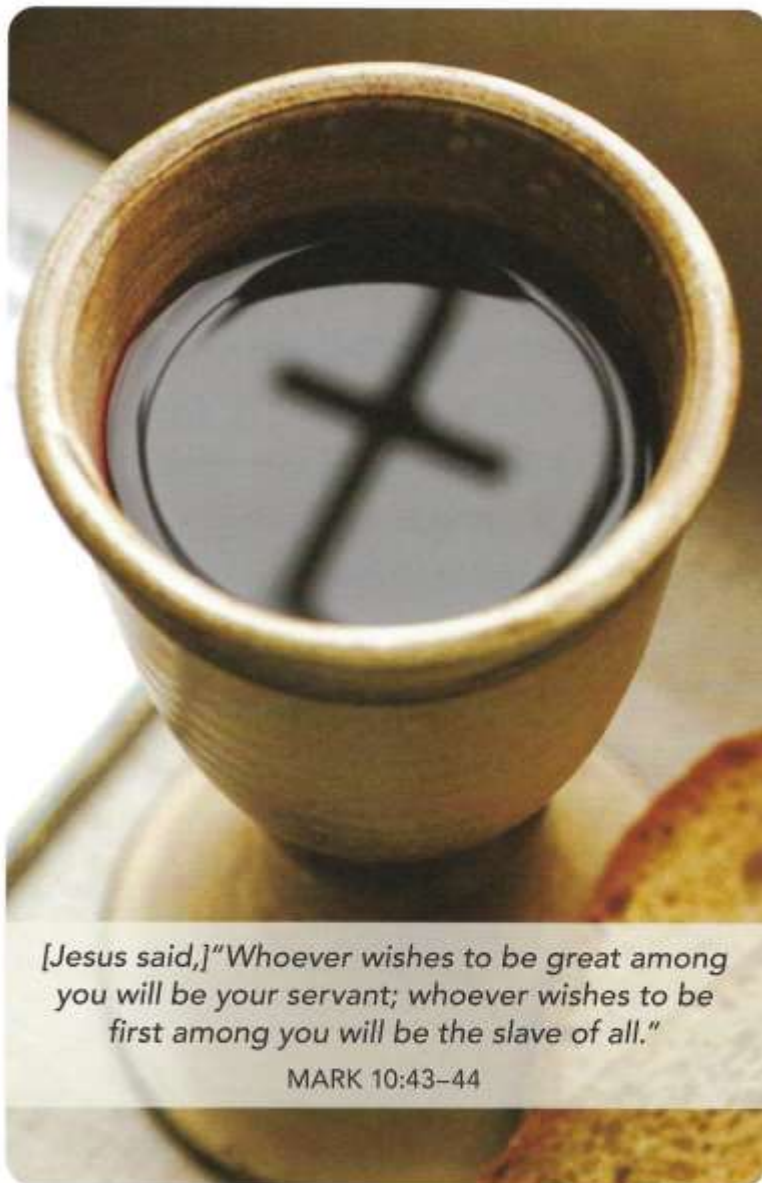
That is the question in today's Gospel that Jesus posed after James and John, two of his closest followers, asked for places of honor. They wanted to be recognized for their loyalty. Don't we all? Jesus asks them: "Can you drink the cup?" (Mark 10:38). Can you pay the price? And they both say: "We can" (10:39). Such confidence and self-assurance!

This is a Sunday that focuses on hardship—not the hardship that comes from the burdens of life itself, such as economic distress, racial and gender bias, or the loss of loved ones. Jesus was certainly concerned about these. However, today's readings have a specific focus. He asks: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" Can you face and endure what I must? Can you follow me to suffering?

Isaiah refers to the servant of the Lord, that mysterious individual who suffers at the hands of others precisely because of his loyalty. However, his suffering is not in vain: "Because of his anguish...my servant, the just one, shall justify the many" (53:11). The spirit of this servant lives on in many stories about Jesus. It certainly does this Sunday. Like the servant, Jesus will suffer for the sake of others. How ready are James and John, you and I, for such a role?

Jesus then turns the values of society upside down. You want to be great? Then you have to serve others. You want to be first? Then, for the sake of others, you have to put yourself last. To follow Jesus means to follow him even through suffering. "Can you drink the cup?"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



[Jesus said,] "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."

MARK 10:43-44

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Think of times when the welfare of another made you forget about yourself.*
- ✦ *Do you always seek praise? Are you indignant when others are praised? What can you do about this?*

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 Wyoming Street, Bluefield, WV 24701



Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00am–4:00pm, Friday 9:00am–12:00pm

Food Pantry Hours: Wednesday 10 am – 2:00 pm

CONFESSIONS: First Saturdays: 10:00-11:00am or by appointment

October 16 & 17, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, Oct 16 - 6:00 PM – Elizabeth Linkous by Pauline Trace

Sunday, Oct 17 - 9:00 AM – Bill & Mary Albert by Bill & Cindy Albert

Tuesday, Oct 19 - 12:00 – People of Sacred Heart

Wednesday, Oct 20 - 6:00 PM – People of Sacred Heart

Saturday, Oct 23 - 6:00 PM – Kathleen McCoy & Timothy Donahue by Virginia Chryssikos

Sunday, Oct 24 - 9:00 AM – People of Sacred Heart

SATURDAY, SUNDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FIRST FRIDAY MASSES
ARE OPEN TO ALL

SUNDAY THRU FRIDAY MASSES ARE AVAILABLE ON
LIVESTREAM <http://facebook.com/sacredheartbluefield>

Princeton Sacred Heart will offer Mass

Tuesday at 6pm, Thursday at noon, and First Friday at noon.
Weekend Masses remain Saturday at 4pm and Sunday at
11am. All are livestreamed and open to the public

UPCOMING Events

October 17 - Opening of the Synodal Church in the Dioceses of
Wheeling Charleston

October 18 –Vicariate Meeting in Beckley. Office will be closed
10am – 2pm

October 20 - 2:15pm -Liturgy Meeting

October 21- 6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

October 24 – World Mission Sunday (Second Collection)

October 25 – 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting in the lounge.

October 28 – 6:00 pm Finance Council meeting

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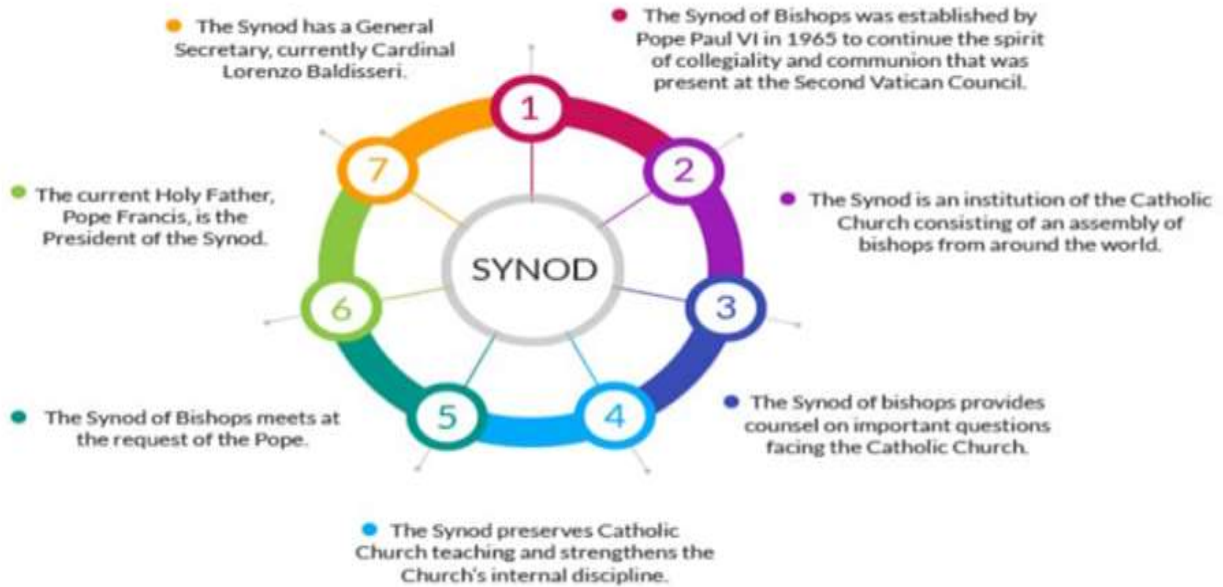
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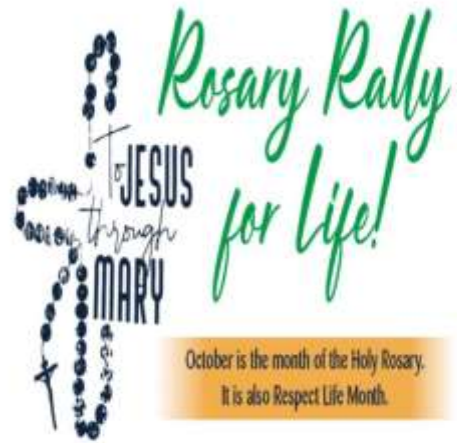


What is a Synod?



“A synodal church is a *listening church*, aware that listening is more than hearing. It is a reciprocal listening in which each one has something to learn.” – This is why the listening sessions are being conducted and are so important to the process.

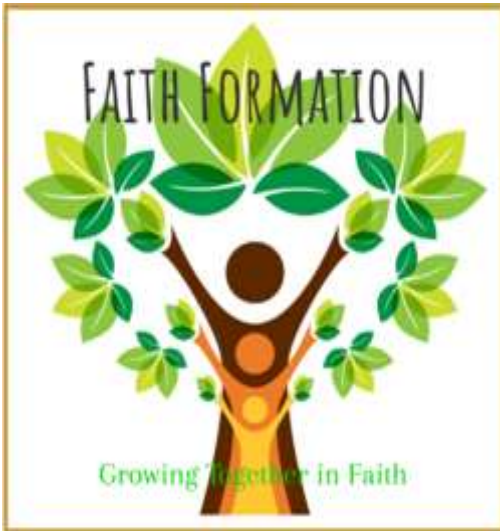
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Envelopes	4,090.00	180,003.52	188,000.00
Maintenance	252.00	5,922.00	6,400.00
Loose Offertory	141.00	8,961.00	7,333.33
Total Offerings & Contributions	\$ 4,483.00	\$ 194,886.52	\$ 201,733.33
Food Pantry	249.00	39,334.05	0.00
Diocesan Scholarships	3.00	223.00	0.00
Dioc: Catholic University	2.00	182.00	0.00
Dioc: Universal Missions	2.00	257.00	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 50	9am 73	



“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” – Jeremiah 1:5

Upcoming Second Collection - October 24: World Mission Sunday

In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. The Mission Sunday collection is always taken on the next to last Sunday during the month of October. That day is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.



Faith Formation 2021-2022

Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed

Our Zoom meeting class schedule each Sunday is as follows:

Grades K, 1, and 2 ~ 10:30 – 11:00am

Grades 3-4 ~ 11:15 – 11:45am

Grades 5-7 ~ 12:00 – 12:30pm

Grades 8-9 ~ 12:45 – 1:15pm

Dates for the Fall:

October 17, 24 ~ Zoom Sessions

October 31 ~ **NO** Faith Formation zoom session for All Saints Eve

November 7, 14, 21 ~ Zoom Sessions

November 28 ~ **NO** Faith Formation zoom session for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 5, 12 ~ Zoom Sessions

December 19, 26 ~ **NO** Faith Formation zoom session for Christmas Holiday

January 2 ~ **NO** Faith Formation zoom session for New Year's Holiday

Grades 8-12 ~ Youth Ministry will be planning a youth meeting sometime in October depending on the covid situation and if we can determine a safe way for it to happen.



The RCIA Team is seeking individuals interested in joining the Catholic faith. Come on a journey with us to Catholicism. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process for welcoming new members. An inquiry session is scheduled for October 19 at 5:00 pm. If you know someone who may want to start the process this fall, please give their name to Claire Lampert at 304-921-2455 or Julia at 304-327-5623.



Music for the weekend of October 16-17

Entrance Hymn: Rain Down

Psalm: PS 33: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Offertory: Servant Song


Mystery of Faith: When we eat this bread....

Lord's Prayer: recite

Communion: Shelter Me, O God

Recessional: Blest Be the Lord

END OF LIFE PLANNING



TOPICS:
Wills
Living Wills
Medical Power of Attorney
Durable General Power of Attorney
Medical Directives
And Other End of Life Options



The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality

The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality invites you to “Celebrate the Spirit”. “...We tried to carry this message...” The AA Big Book. Join us Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm by ZOOM to deepen your insights and explore the spirituality of the 12 steps. Joe D. is our 12th Step speaker. ZOOM # will be given upon registration. ZOOM opens at 10:15 am. Register by emailing: wvisreg@gmail.com or by calling: (304) 345-0926 or texting (304) 552-9661. Free will offering.

Inner Peace in Divine Love: A Four-Week Ignatian Retreat.

Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU will direct the four-week long retreat praying with **The First Spiritual Exercises** by Michael Hansen, S.J. The retreat will be offered Saturdays from October 30 thru mid-November from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm via Zoom.

This retreat program invites you to pray daily with selected scripture passages, spending time each day reflecting on where and how God is leading you both through the texts and through the events of your daily life. Donation is \$50.00. You will also need to purchase the book, **The First Spiritual Exercises** by Michael Hansen, S.J. You can register directly at:


<http://wvis.org/upcoming-programs/>.

Singing to Death: Music as partner to grief and loss.

A Zoom Conference presented by Dr. Tom Octave, D.S.M. and Sister Carole Riley, CDP, Ph.D, AAPC-Fellow, LPC,ALPS. The Conference will be held Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 8:30-3:30. Approved for LPC (6 CEUs), RN (7.5CEUs) & MSW (5 CEUs). Through using music as a healing agent, this seminar will address death, complicated grief, feelings of loss, and how to use the principles of music therapy to return to a new normal. Donation \$50. If interested, please email WVIS at wvisreg@gmail.com or call our office at 304-345-0926 or you can register directly at: <http://wvis.org/upcoming-programs/>.

Please sign up today!
When: Sunday, November 7th
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Sacred Heart Narthex

Sign-up sheet in the back of the church or contact Gina Boggess



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The St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston present the **Together in Holiness Formation series**

Year-round marriage enrichment for small communities of spouses that equips them with the formation, encouragement, support, and practical tools to grow together in holiness and to form their children in the Catholic faith.

To get involved, contact Daniel Maul at dmaul@dwc.org.

Also available for Spanish-speaking couples through captioned videos and translated materials

thformation.forlifeandfamily.org

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Southern Region

Bluefield Sacred Heart
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October 11, 2021

Hello Friends at Bluefield Sacred Heart,

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Hopefully this message finds everyone well and enjoying the first weeks of Fall. Our first quarter of this fiscal year was very busy. Below I'll give you an update of our services so far. Thanks to everyone for your generous support.

- As the weather is beginning to cool down, the Princeton office would like to assemble 'blessing bags' to distribute in the community. These bags will be designed to help a person face cold weather and will be especially beneficial to those experiencing homelessness. Some things we would like to include are in the bags are: scarfs, hats, gloves, socks, handwarmers, non-perishable food items, masks, tissues, cough drops, hand sanitizer, and lotion. If you would like to donate items or make a financial contribution to the project, please reach out to me. Any help would be greatly appreciated.
- Our Loaves & Fishes Outreach in Hinton is hosting a free coat distribution October 11 - 31. If you know anyone who needs a coat for the winter, please let me know and we'll see what we have for them.
- We are currently seeking volunteers who might be interested in serving on our Regional Advisory Council. Members of the RAC assist with community outreach and fundraising. Please reach out to me directly if you'd like more information. My e-mail address is matwood@ccwva.org and phone is 304-425-4306 Ext. 3.
- During the first quarter of FY22 (July, Aug., Sept.), the Southern Region processed **296** applications through our Emergency Assistance Program. This help included **128** electric bills, **109** grocery vouchers, **26** water bills, **15** sewer bills, **5** gas bills, **4** work clothing purchases, **4** heating fuel purchases, **3** rental assistance, **1** prescription assistance, and **1** education expense.
- **130** families received **1229** pounds of hygiene and laundry items through our Personal Care Pantry at Princeton; **734** food boxes were given out at our food pantry in Hinton; **171** food boxes were given out at our food pantry in Webster Springs; through our Adult Learning Center in Welch, **24** students logged **65** educational achievements and **119** learning hours.

Feel free to reach out to me anytime! God bless you all.

Please Pray for:

Parishioners: George Aiello Sr, Jeanne Ameli, Nick Ameli, Linda Angelelli, Peggy Austin, Stephanie Blevins, Loretta Carrigan, Bruce Cerny, Tony Colobro, Cathy Cook, Donella Crigger, Victoria Crofcheck, Teresa Derenge, Fran Derenge, Louis Eller, Alex and Joanne Ercoline, Angie Genovesi, Katie Goodwin, Mary Claire Keenan, Susan Kerr, Daniel Kirk, Rick & Tommie Jo Longworth, Fr. Greg Lyttle, Harold Mabardy, Sue Mazol, Mary McGonagle, Aalannah McPeak, Annette Morgan, Shane Neal, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Pochick, Tommy Pochick, Nancy & Dr. Anthony Rasi, Jerry Rasi, Johnny Rasi, Mosie Rocchetti, Virginia Shumate, John Stacy Sr., Joe Thomas, Jason and Clay Thomason, Patricia Zande, Kara Zande and Analeigh Dawn, Joan Zingale

Homebound Parishioners: Sam Gattuso, Dolores Pritchett, Dina Rasi, Mosie Rocchetti, Theresa Soulis

Friends & Family: Andrew Arczynski, Jeffery Arkland, Robert Below, Mike Blanton, Maggie Blankenship, Cara Blankenship, Allison Bowling, Donald Bowles, Darryl Bradbury, Chris Buckner, Zac Carter, Sandy Cassidy, Sandy Chasse, Irene Charney, Michelle Coker, Chuck Comer, Lisa Dalton, Rachael Denton, Christina Easton, Virgil Ellison, Mike Farmer, Tina Fitzgerald, Phil Gesotti, Larry Gillem, Lori Hale, Loretta Hedrick, Alexis Herald, Alpha Jean Holly, Shannon Honaker, Jim & Marsha Houchins, Josh Husband, Sherry Khatib, Sandy Kegley, Donita Karras, Melonie Koch, Charlotte Kohlmeyer, Zoe Kotsko, Michael Kovach, Dawn Lawless, Elaine Lilly, James & Pam Linkous, Jaysen, Marshall, Kim & Doug Miller, Scott Morris, Jane Murphy, Ane Montarroyos, Chris Froy, Breanna Mooney & Avett Froy, Scott Morris, Shane Neal, Jonny Phillips, Tripp Ramsey, William Ray, Mayra Rolon, Charles Rose, Brian Richard, Cathy Richards, Mariam Salaita, Grace Salas, Brittany Scott, Courtney Shade, Raymond Shumate, Leanna Smith, Brandon Stowers, Adam Stuart, Laurie Stuart, David & Teresa Taylor, Evelyn Turnbough, Robert Shade, Ellie Spencer, Larry & Hilda Sutphin, Terry Thomas, Cathleen Underwood, Jane Walthall, Nicoletta Wanja, Charlotte Woolwine, Virginia Wyatt

- **The First Lector listed, please read the First Reading and the Intercessory Prayers.**
- **The Second Lector listed, please read the Second Reading, The Prayer of Spiritual Communion to the live streamers (only at 9am Mass), and the Announcements.**
- **For those Masses where only one Lector is listed, please read all of the above.**

October 2021 Ministry Schedule						
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary	Altar Server	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Hospitality
10/16 - 6 pm	Purita Buenafe	Theresia Lowery	Purita Buenefe	Tom Behrmann Anthony Peretti	Cork Hudak	John Monaco
10/17 - 9 am	Claire Lampert	Mary Malamisura	Jackson & Hadley Wills	Claire Lampert	Linda Mariotti	Randy Albert
10/23 - 6 pm	Purita Buenafe	Deborah Garton	Purita Buenefe	Tom Behrmann Anthony Peretti	Deborah Garton	Ida Pascasio
10/24 - 9 am	Mary Malamisura	Cheri Mulkey	Ethan & Rhys Aiello	Ashley Rebuck Bob Buzzo	Linda Mariotti	Ron Ciccolini
10/30 - 6 pm	Theresia Lowery	Deborah Garton	Dave & Davey Kelley	Tom Behrmann Anthony Peretti	Feleesha Moran	Ida Pascasio
10/31 - 9 am	Greg & Callie Winfree	Mary Malamisura	Mary Malamisura & Madison Rebuck	Ashley Rebuck Theresa Bales	Cynthia Stacy	Ron Ciccolini

Dear Padre,

Can a minister of holy Communion who visits hospitals bless a doctor? I was recently asked to do this. I didn't know how to say no, so I said a prayer over him even though I'm not ordained. Was that OK?

You did the right thing. The Church's *Book of Blessings* gives guidelines for a variety of blessings, some of which may be given by laypeople (see page xxviii). For example, parents may bless their children. Baptized laypeople



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who carry out functions on behalf of the Church may also give blessings: catechists may bless their students, and eucharistic ministers who visit the sick may bless them.

Laypeople may give various other blessings, including blessing the sick, food, a new home, seeds at planting time, and throats on the feast of St. Blaise. A layperson may distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday, though the actual blessing of the ashes is reserved for the clergy. Also reserved for

the ordained are blessings of liturgical vessels and parishioners entering ministry as readers, altar servers, ministers of holy Communion, or musicians. Blessings of the cathedra (the bishop's chair in the cathedral church) and the consecration of the sacred chrism are reserved for bishops.

If you're trained to minister in the hospital and are there with the approval of your pastor and the hospital's pastoral team, you can give blessings. The *Book of Blessings* has texts to guide your words.

Fr. John Schmidt, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The way of service is the most effective antidote against the disease of seeking first place....Therefore, as disciples of Christ, let us receive this Gospel passage as a call to conversion, in order to witness with courage and generosity a Church that bows at the feet of the least, in order to serve them with love and simplicity.

ANGELUS, OCTOBER 21, 2018

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Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 18
St. Luke, Evangelist
2 Tm 4:10-17b
Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday

OCTOBER 19
Sts. John de Brébeuf
and Isaac Jogues,
Priests, and
Companions, Martyrs
Rom 5:12, 15b,
17-19, 20b-21
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

OCTOBER 20
Weekday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

OCTOBER 21
Weekday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48

Friday

OCTOBER 22
Weekday
Rom 7:18-25a
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

OCTOBER 23
Weekday
Rom 8:1-11
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday

OCTOBER 24
Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 31:7-9
Heb 5:1-6
Mk 10:46-52