



Best Friends

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Henry David Thoreau was a naturalist and philosopher who lived in Concord, Massachusetts, in the early 1800s. He spent a year living in a small one-room cabin in the woods at Walden Pond “because,” he said, “I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear.” Thoreau seems to have sought the same reality pursued by the author of the Book of Wisdom, who preferred Lady Wisdom to power, deemed riches to be nothing, and loved wisdom more than health or beauty.

Like the man who comes to Jesus wanting to know what he must do to inherit eternal life, most of us have a difficult time surrendering that to which we cling. It may be our possessions, our power to control others, the need to be youthful and stylishly dressed, or an addiction to drugs or gambling or pornography—anything that has become our “best friend.” Just as the apostles wonder who can then be saved, all of us wonder, because we, too, have one or another such “best friends.” It is God who breaks through, says Jesus. It may be a painful breaking through; it may be an upheaval; it may not be until the end of our lives. Always, it is God who ultimately turns us around. ●

Reflect

Who or what is your “best friend” that replaces God in your life?

[Jesus said,] “Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

MARK 10:21

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

OCTOBER 12 & 13, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 12- 6:00 PM

✠ Fr. James Murphy by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Sunday, October 13- 9:00 AM

✠ Frank McClendon by Louie & Vickie Bolyard

Tuesday, October 15 - Noon

✠ NO MASS

Wednesday, October 16 - 9:00 AM

✠ Edith & Howard Butler by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Saturday, October 12 - 6:00 PM

✠ Tom Pochick by Dan Pochick

Sunday, October 13 - 9:00 AM

✠ Kathy Richards by Ron & Sherry Ciccolini



Office Hours: 304-327-5623

Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Confession:

Before Weekend Masses

During Eucharistic Adoration

First Saturday's of Month

By Appointment

Food Pantry Hours:

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 14: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

October 17: PPC Meeting 6 pm

October 19-20: 2nd Collection: World Missions

October 21-25: Priest Retreat *No Mass*

October 26: Fall Festival 7 pm

October 28: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

November 1: All Saints Day Mass 6 pm

November 2: First Saturday Reconciliation 10-11 am

November 2: Centennial Church & School Tours 11-2 pm

November 3: Centennial Mass w/ Bishop Brennan 4 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Friday's from 6:00-7:00 PM

October 18: Princeton November 8: Princeton

October 25: Bluefield November 15: Bluefield

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To our non-Catholic friends, we extend a warm invitation to for you to come forward and receive a Blessing when our Catholic brothers and sisters come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please come up to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with your hands folded across your chest, so we will know that you wish to receive a Blessing. We are grateful for your presence.

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VIRTUS[®] *Online*



If you have recently logged into your VIRTUS account, you may have noticed that you might have a new training module assigned for you to complete and/or some bulletins to read.

Why are volunteers and staff with older training being asked to update? There are actually a couple of reasons:

First, some of the information regarding Safe Environment has changed over the years. For example, trainings now include information about online safety which wasn't even a consideration in the 1990s when Safe Environment training and protocols first began. Second, the definition of Safe Environment has changed over the years. No longer is it just about children/youth; it now includes vulnerable adults. Also, as experts research and learn more information regarding Safe Environment best practices, VIRTUS trainings are periodically updated so they reflect the newest information. Finally, when the Diocese is audited yearly for Safe Environment compliance, we consistently have been marked as deficient in this category for not having employees and volunteers updated with the latest information to help keep our children, teens, and vulnerable adults safe. Therefore, the Bishop decided that the best option at this point was to ask all employees and volunteers to update their VIRTUS trainings to VIRTUS version 4.0 and complete yearly training modules thereafter.

Again, individuals who have completed VIRTUS training after 2022 already have the latest training, so there is nothing for them to do for 2024. For those of us that completed training before 2022, we can update our training by logging into our online VIRTUS accounts (www.virtusonline.org) and clicking on the link under our Training Module block and completing the new training. Another way to update your VIRTUS training includes an in-person option at your parish or school. A third option for completing training involves receiving and reading the training module in printed material form and signing an acknowledgement form.

The Diocesan Office of Safe Environment and the Bishop have also asked volunteers and staff to begin reading monthly VIRTUS bulletins. You might have noticed that this block also now shows as needing attention on your VIRTUS home screen when you log in. You can read the monthly bulletin from your logged in account. You may also pick up or read a printout of the monthly bulletin at a designated location in the parish or school, as indicated by parish staff. Your parish or school might include the monthly safety bulletin once a month in the parish bulletin that is regularly distributed at Mass. The purpose of these monthly safety bulletins is just another way to raise awareness and keep current with the latest information about keeping our children, teens, and vulnerable adults safe. The information presented in these bulletins is truly excellent knowledge for everyone.

Visit www.virtusonline.org/virtus

As always, if you have questions regarding this latest update or need assistance logging into your VIRTUS account, **please contact Kim Hickman**. We have been asked by the Bishop to have our VIRTUS accounts updated to Version 4.0 no later than 6 January 2025. After that date, a yearly module will be required for all employees and volunteers based on the date you completed VIRTUS Version 4.0.

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation 2024-2025

*Theme – “Lord, When Did We See You Hungry”
Matthew 25:37b*

The schedule for September through January 2024:

October 13, 20, and 27 ~ Regular Sessions

October 26 ~ Fall Festival at 7 pm

November 3 ~ **NO** Faith Formation – Church Centennial Celebration

November 10 ~ Regular Session

November 17 ~ **VIRTUS Lesson** first part of class. **All teachers please be present.**

November 24 ~ Regular Session

December 1 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 8 ~ Regular Session

December 15 and 22 ~ Practice for Christmas Eve Children’s Mass in the Church

December 24 ~ Children to participate at 4pm Christmas Eve Mass

December 29 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday

January 5, 12 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday

January 19, 26 ~ Faith Formation Regular Sessions

OCIA

Formerly known as RCIA



If You are interested in the OCIA process please contact, Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office.

Our Next Meeting will be Wednesday, October 16 at 4:30pm in the school building.

THREADS OF LOVE



We are in need of your help. If you are having or know of anyone having surgery or of anyone needing a prayer shawl or blanket, please let us know. These special gifts are handmade, blessed, and give comfort and joy to those that receive them and we don’t want to forget anyone. Please call Angie Genovesi at 276-970-0893, Barbara Lynch at 304-228-2082, or the Parish Office at 304-327-5623 to inform us of anyone in need Thank you and God Bless.

Honoring Our Loved Ones

The centennial committee is offering spaces in the new church History Book to honor or memorialize a person or persons. The cost is fifteen dollars a space. There will be representatives at the back of the church after each mass if you are interested.



Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers were donated by Hobe and Susan Bauer in loving memory of the deceased members of the Bauer and Gianato Families



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Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance



Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/saint-teresa-of-avila-a-study-in-perseverance>



Church Directory

To go along with our Centennial Celebration this year we will be compiling a new church directory.

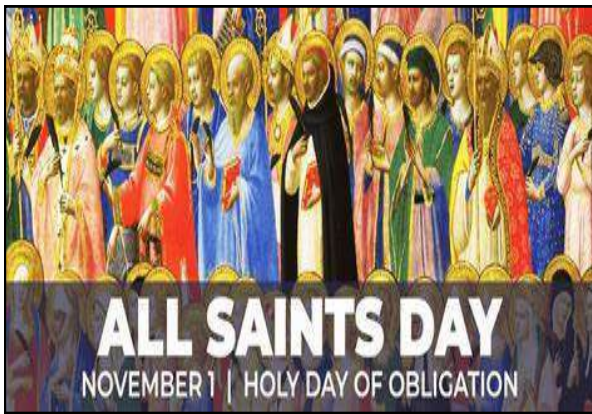
We need a family picture submitted digitally, if you already have one. It can be a picture taken with you cell phone.

We will not have picture packages or sales team involved.

Email
shcc_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com
to submit a digital picture

If you need a picture taken, please call the church office or email the above address. We need a list so we can plan picture times.

If you are unsure how to turn your hard copy pictures digital, you can either email the above address or call the church office



All Saints Day

Friday, November 1

12 Noon - Princeton

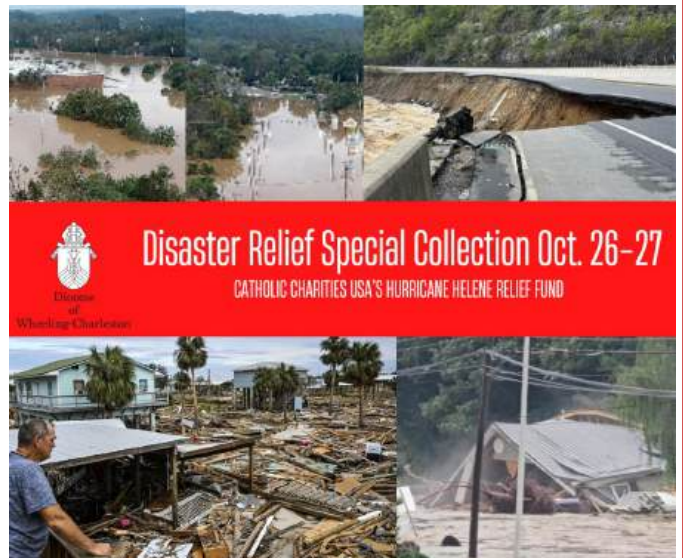
6:00 PM -Bluefield

Please join us on this special Holy Day as we celebrate all the Saints!

**Disaster Relief Special Collection
October 26-27**

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of October 26th-27th, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred. Checks should be made out to your respective parish with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Donations can also be made securely online by visiting dwc.org and clicking "Click Here to Donate to Hurricane Helene Relief" button.

Proceeds from this collection will support the long-term humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities Hurricane Helene Relief Fund. The fund assists organization on the ground in the immediate aftermath to support individuals and families who have lost nearly everything. Every dollar contributed will be used to provide essential services like shelter, food, and medical care to those affected.



OCTOBER ROSARY INTENTIONS

IN HONOR OF OCTOBER BEING THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO RECITE THE ROSARY EVERY DAY, ALONG WITH THESE SPECIAL ROSARY INTENTIONS THAT CORRESPOND WITH EACH DAY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

1. FOR THE END OF WAR AND FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
2. FOR BISHOP MARK BRENNAN, THE PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS AND LAITY OF THE DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON
3. FOR GREATER VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND CONSECRATED LIFE
4. FOR FATHER SEBASTIAN, LEADERSHIP, VOLUNTEERS, AND OFFICE STAFF OF OUR PARISH.
5. FOR ALL FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY
6. FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN
7. FOR ALL NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS AND FOR THE GREATER CONVERSIONS OF NON-BELIEVERS TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH
8. FOR THE HOMEBOUND, THOSE SUFFERING PAIN AND ILLNESS, AND THE DYING
9. FOR THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS
10. FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES
11. FOR GOOD HOLY MARRIAGES
12. FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONE, MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND FOR ALL POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY
13. FOR FRACTURED FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS. MAY THE GRACE OF GOD OFFER HEALING AND FORGIVENESS.
14. FOR THE HEALTH AND INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS
15. FOR THE HEALING OF THOSE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH
16. FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES, FOOD BANKS AND ALL WHO MINISTER TO THE POOR
17. FOR A GREATER LOVE AND DEVOTION TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST
18. FOR ALL CATECHISTS THAT ECHO DOWN THE FAITH SO THAT CHRIST MAY REIGN IN ALL HEARTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
19. FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF THE IN THE UNITED STATES AND ALL NATIONS, MAY GOD GUIDE OUR REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR DECISIONS FOR THE GOOD OF ALL
20. FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM NATURAL DISASTERS MAY GOD HELP THEM REBUILD THEIR HOMES AND LIVES, AND HAVE MERCY ON THE SOULS WHO PERISHED.
21. FOR ALL WHO SUFFER ANXIETY, FEAR, DEPRESSION, AND WORRY.
22. FOR ALL THOSE PEOPLE LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT AND A PURPOSE IN LIFE, AND THAT THEY TRUST IN THE LORD TO LEAD THEM AND PROVIDE FOR THEM
23. FOR ALL MINISTRIES OF OUR PARISH, MAY GOD BLESS THE HANDS AND HEARTS OF THOSE WHO SERVE OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST
24. FOR FAMILIES BLESSED BY ADOPTION, FOR THE ORPHANS WHO ARE WAITING FOR HOMES, AND FOR THE FAMILIES WHO WAIT TO BE REFERRED A CHILD, FOR THE PARENTS WHO PUT THEIR CHILD UP FOR ADOPTION AND MOST IMPORTANTLY FOR THE WELFARE AND GOOD CARE OF EACH CHILD.
25. FOR ALL THOSE ENTERING RCIA AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS THIS YEAR AND FOR THE RCIA TEAM
26. FOR ALL CAREGIVERS WHO TEND TO THE HEALTH AND NEEDS OF OTHERS. MAY GOD BLESS AND PROVIDE FOR THEM IN A SPECIAL WAY
27. FOR THE GRACE OF DETACHMENT FROM ALL THE VICIES OF THE WORLD,
28. FOR THOSE IN PRISON AND FOR THEIR REHABILITATION, FOR THE WRONGLY ACCUSED, AND FOR ALL VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES.
29. FOR THE END TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND FOR THE HEALING OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SEXUAL ABUSE.
30. FOR ALL THOSE WHO QUESTION THEIR FAITH, MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT INFLAME THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS WITH WISDOM AND FAITH
31. FOR THE CHILDREN, COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS OF OUR PARISH



Sacred Heart Fall Festival

Covered Dish Dinner

Saturday, October 26

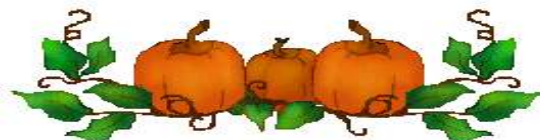
7:00pm ~ In the Gym

- ★ Costume Judging for Adults and Children
- ★ Pumpkin Decorating Contest
Be sure to enter your carved pumpkin!
- ★ Cake Walks and Crafts
- ★ Games and Delicious Food



***This Festival is not just for children
It's great fun for our entire parish family***

***Please bring a dish that will serve 10-12 People
& treats for 30 children to Trick or Treat***



October Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
Sat. 10/12 6:00 pm	P. Peretti	D. Garton	Dave	Tom	1.P. Peretti	J. Monaco	David Duritz Rocky Malamisura
			Kelley	Behrmann	2.C. Saunders 3.T. Hager		
Sun. 10/13 9:00 am	The Winfree's	B. Musolin	R. West	T. Bales	1.M. Romeo	S. Copolo	
			K. Oaks	C. Ott	2.S. Romeo 3.TBA		
Sat. 10/19 6:00 pm	T. Lowery	M. Zalduondo	Purita	Feleesha	1.L. Mariotti	The Pascasio's	Delores Shumate Marilyn McCoy
			Buenafe	Moran	2.D. Garton 3.T. Hager		
Sun. 10/20 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	L. Ajulo	M. Malamisura	R. Albert	1.C. Havens	R. Malamisura	
			E. Husband	R. Ciccolini	2.TBA 3.TBA		
Sat. 10/26 6:00 pm	P. Buenafe	P. Buenafe	A. Peretti	Connie	1.T. Behrmann	J. Monaco	Wendi Aiello
			E. Peretti	Saunders	2.F. Moran 3.J.McCloud		
Sun. 10/27 9:00 am	The Winfree's	L. Ajulo	R. Aiello	A. Rebuck	1.S. Copolo	B. Buzzo	
			A. Zinsmeister	M. Rebuck	2.W. Aiello 3.G. Aiello		

Church Directory

Mark Your Calendar

The following group pictures will be taken on

Sunday, October 27
after the 9am Mass

We will start around 10:15am, please plan to attend if you are a member of one of these groups

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| Altar Servers | Sacristans |
| OCIA Team | Rosary Leaders |
| Cantors | Lectors |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Hospitality Ministers |
| Handbells | Youth Group |
| Family Life | Bereavement |
| Collection Counters | Pastoral Visitation |
| Faith Formation Teachers | |



2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday

October 19-20

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in all Catholic 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.

Please donate if you can.

Sacred Heart Prayer List

Parishioners: Linda Angelelli, Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Loretta Carrigan, Ron Ciccolini, Carl Cook, Benny Disibbio, Angie Genovesi, Valerie Hager, Daniel Kirk, Claire & Terry Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Mary Malamisura, Cindy McGraw, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha Moran & Family, Claude Morgan, Sharon Rothausen, Carolina Ferrare

Homebound Parishioners: Linda Angelelli, Richard Canterbury, Alex Ercoline, Joanne Ercoline, Lou Ercoline, Mary Claire Keenan, Sue Mazol, Joan Monaco, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch, Joan Zingale

Friends & Family: Donald Bowles, Shelby Bowles, Teddy Bradshaw, Patrick Clark, Chuck Comer, Carolyn Crigger, Christina Easton, Fr. Chapin Engler, Jason Fortney, Beth George, Dolly Hager, Steve Hamm, Larry Hicks, Yael Issacs, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Stan Lawson, Bill Lester, Bob Mahood, Connor McKenzie, Ken Mulkey, Laura Lee Null, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, Leanna Smith, Larry Sarever, Abby Taylor, Judy Tolbert, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Steve Vaught, Alma Wheeler

If there is anyone you would like to add to our prayer list, please call the parish office at 304-327-5623 or you may email Lucy at lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org

Weekly Collection	Weekend Oct 5-6	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	6,175.00	209,598.20	181,750.00
Loose Offertory	588.00	17,845.20	18,500.00
Total Contributions	\$ 6,763.00	\$227,443.40	\$ 200,250.00
Food Pantry	492.00	21,030.00	0.00
DWC: Catholic University	30.00	517.00	500.00
Attendance:	6pm: 55	9am: 93	

EXTRA HELP NEEDED!!

Looking for a few extra people to help take pictures of parish events



You don't need a fancy camera, your cell phone will do

If you are willing to help out; call the church office or email shcc_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com


Sacred Heart Catholic Church Building Committee

History Book Church Building Pictures

We are looking for pictures of:
Weddings
First Communion
Confirmation
Baptism
Any event that was in the Church

Email
shcc_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com
 to submit a digital picture or any memories you would like to share

If you are unsure how to turn your hard copy pictures digital, you can either email the above address or call the church office





CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

We have raised \$35,436 for the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Which has surpassed our goal of \$24,620!

Thank you everyone for your generous donations. Please continue to donate if you can!

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED, PLEASE CALL:

Parish Office (304) 327-5623

Princeton Office (304) 425-3664

In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying: {Please consider, with Fr. Sebastian out of town, it will take longer to contact a priest. Please call the church office as soon as you can} The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

In case of illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes & Hospitals: are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

Dear Padre,

When should confirmation take place? I read that baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist were received all at the same time in the early Church.

Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation. The other two are baptism and Eucharist. In the early Church, all three sacraments were usually received at the same time because most people receiving baptism were adults. As infant baptism started to become the norm, this sacrament was separated from the other two. After Vatican II, the trend moved the age of confirmation into the teenage years, so that in many places, confirmation takes place in seventh or eighth grade, or even later. There is still an argument among liturgists, educators, and theologians about whether such a separation should exist. Some think of confirmation as a coming-of-age sacrament, marking, as it were, the transition from childhood into adulthood in the Church. The theology of this sacrament, however, is based upon baptism and connects it to the commission to go out and touch the world with our faith. The ideal age for confirmation is the age at which we can, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, conscientiously and reasonably witness to our faith. ●



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The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 14	October 15	October 16	October 17	October 18	October 19	October 20
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Teresa of</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Ignatius of</i>	<i>St. Luke,</i>	<i>Sts. John de</i>	<i>Twenty-ninth</i>
Gal 4:22–24,	<i>Jesus, Virgin</i>	Gal 5:18–25	<i>Antioch, Bishop</i>	<i>Evangelist</i>	<i>Brébeuf and Isaac</i>	<i>Sunday in</i>
26–27, 31–5:1	<i>and Doctor</i>	Lk 11:42–46	<i>and Martyr</i>	2 Tm 4:10–17b	<i>Jogues, Priests,</i>	<i>Ordinary Time</i>
Lk 11:29–32	<i>of the Church</i>		Eph 1:1–10	Lk 10:1–9	<i>and Companions,</i>	Is 53:10–11
	Gal 5:1–6		Lk 11:47–54		<i>Martyrs</i>	Heb 4:14–16
	Lk 11:37–41				Eph 1:15–23	Mk 10:35–45
					Lk 12:8–12	or 10:42–45'



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

A faith without giving, without gratuitousness, without works of charity makes us sad in the end: just like that man who returned home “sorrowful” with a fallen countenance, even though he had been looked upon with love by Jesus in person. Today we can ask ourselves: “At what point is my faith?”

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 10, 2021