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Family Faith Focus

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Dates to Remember

- October 15: Memorial of St. Teresa of Avila
- October 17: Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch
- October 18: Memorial of St. Luke the Evangelist
- October 19: Memorial of Sts. John Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
- October 20: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time — FCFE Liturgy and Formation Session, 8:00 - 10:30 AM

Food for Thought

"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing alarm you. Although all things fade away, God is unchanging. Be patient and you will gain everything, for with God in your heart nothing is lacking. God meets every need."

—St. Teresa of Avila

St. Teresa of Avila, (1515-1582), born at Avila in Castile, Spain, became a Carmelite nun at the age of 20, and following a powerful conversion when she was 39, devoted herself to reforming the Carmelite community to one of strict poverty and prayer. An author of four books, and a mystic who devoted herself to prayer rooted in a special relationship with God, she is considered one of the most important religious figures of her time, Canonized in 1622, St. Teresa of Avila was the first woman to be named a Doctor of the Church in 1970. Her feast day is October 15.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

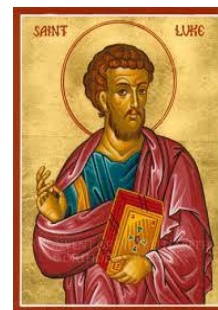
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Call to Faithful Discipleship

Over the past several Sundays, the readings from Luke's Gospel have underscored the demands of living as true disciples of Christ. We are not to seek positions or places of honor; or place too much attention on loving the things of this world. Neither can we serve both God and the things of this world. Nor can we ignore the needs of others, but rather must have a servant attitude, centered on caring for our brothers and sisters. Like the prodigal son, we are to understand that we are all sinners who are loved and forgiven by our heavenly Father.

Luke's gospel focuses on the humanity of Jesus and his compassion for the poor and the lowly, the outcast and sinners, his concern for women, and for those who are marginalized by society. He calls all who wish to be his disciples to repent and to be faithful in following him that we may receive the promise of God's salvation and eternal life.

We celebrate the feast day of St. Luke the Evangelist on October 18.



Sunday Gospel Connection: October 13, 2019

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Luke 17: 11-19

Gospel Background: Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places.



Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

Family Connection: Children fluctuate between moments of deep, heartfelt gratitude and an attitude of entitlement. These fluctuations are normal. Among our tasks as parents is to help foster the gift of gratitude, particularly gratitude to God for all God's goodness to us.

Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:11-19. Make a poster showing some of the gifts from God to your family. Display this poster in a prominent place and, as a family, write a prayer of thanksgiving for all of God's goodness to you.

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Harvest Blessing

God our Creator,
who never cease to bestow your bounteous fruits
from the rains of the heavens and the riches of the soil,
we thank your loving majesty for this year's harvest.
Through these blessings of your generosity
you have fulfilled the hopes of your children.
Grant that together they may praise your mercy without end
and in their life amid the good things of this world
strive also after the blessings of the world to come.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

— *Book of Blessings*



October — Month of the Rosary



The Church traditionally dedicates the month of October to our Blessed Mother and devotion to the Rosary, and celebrates the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. This feast was first established by Pope Pius V in 1573, in thanksgiving for the victory at Lepanto, a major turning point in the ongoing conflict between Europe and the Ottoman Empire, when the Christians defeated the Turks after praying the rosary. In 1716, Pope Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church.

The rosary, as we know and pray it today, developed over several centuries and began during the Middle Ages as a way of praying the 150 Psalms found in the Book of Psalms in the Old Testament of the Bible. Eventually, the Our Father was prayed instead of the Psalms, and strings of beads were used to keep count of the prayers. Soon, meditations about Jesus and Mary were added to the prayer and the mysteries of the rosary

developed, focusing on Jesus and Mary from the time of the Annunciation to the Resurrection and the Assumption. Further development led to the Hail Mary being prayed ten times (a decade) preceded by each meditation (mystery) and the Our Father. The rose, a symbol of joy, referred to Mary, and so the devotion became known as praying the rosary.

In 1569, Pope Pius V formally established the rosary as a form of prayer and standardized the 15 *Joyful*, *Sorrowful*, and *Glorious* mysteries we know today. In the centuries that followed, other popes devoted much attention to the rosary, and in 1974 Pope Paul VI issued a papal exhortation, *Marialis Cultus*, reminding the Church that the rosary is a “prayer with clearly Christological orientation.”

It was Pope John Paul II, however, who brought significant renewed attention to the rosary when he declared a “Year of the Rosary” from October 2002 through October 2003. He introduced the *Luminous* mysteries, known as the *mysteries of light* “to bring out fully the Christological depth of the rosary”, including mysteries that focus on “Christ’s public ministry between his Baptism and his Passion.” The name *Luminous* for this group of mysteries was chosen as a reference to Jesus speaking of his public ministry, “While I am in the world, I am the light of the world” (John 9:5).

During this month of October, introduce your children to this form of devotion and teach them how to pray the rosary. The focus on the mysteries of the rosary helps them to remember and understand the significant events in the life of Jesus and Mary.

For more information about praying the rosary with your children, go to:

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Decorate your car and
share some candies for
the ghosts and goblins

Free games and prizes for
kids

Adult costume contest

All Are Invited
October 26, 2019

4:00 PM Mass (wear your costumes)

5:00-5:45 PM Trunk Treating

5:00-8:30 PM Games, Music, Fun &
Food & Drink available for purchase

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