



The Catholic Community of Divine Savior

Family Faith Focus

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Dates to Remember

- October 7: Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
- October 11: Memorial of St. John XXIII
- October 13: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- October 13: Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 - 11:00 AM

Food for Thought

"God desires us to follow the examples of the saints by absorbing the vital sap of their virtues and turning it into our own life-blood, adapting it to our own individual capacities and particular circumstances."

—Pope St. John XXIII

Saint John XXIII, (1881-1963), Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, was born into a humble farming family in northern Italy. Ordained a priest in 1904, Fr. Roncalli studied and worked in Rome until World War I. Following the war, he became a papal diplomat until he was named a Cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953. Elected pope in 1958, he became John XXIII, and in just five years, changed the course of the Church by convening the ecumenical council known as Vatican II. He did not live to see its completion and the changes that resulted, but in his short papacy became a beloved leader who won the hearts of the world. John XXIII was canonized by Pope Francis in 2014. His feast day is October 11.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

The Lord replied,

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,

you would say to this mulberry tree,

'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your servant

who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field,

'Come here immediately and take your place at table'?

Would he not rather say to him,

'Prepare something for me to eat.

Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink.

You may eat and drink when I am finished'?

Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded?

So should it be with you.

When you have done all you have been commanded,

say, 'We are unprofitable servants;

we have done what we were obliged to do.'"



Blessing of Pets

Please join us Saturday, October 5th at 10:30 AM for our annual Blessing of Pets to commemorate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of all animals. St. Francis was affectionately known as "the friend of God and the brother of creation" for his great love and respect for all God's creatures.

So bring your salamanders and your snakes, your goldfish and your gerbils, and of course your cats and dogs and all the living creatures in your household, to our annual Pet Blessing.

Sunday Gospel Connection: October 6, 2019

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Luke 17: 5-10

Gospel Background: In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.



Family Connection: There is much in today's Gospel that resonates in family life. In our daily attempts as parents to live up to the confidence and trust that our children place in us, we come to know the wonders that God can do with just a little faith. In family life we also learn about obligations that are their own rewards. The daily tasks that family members do for one another and for the household are simply the manifestations of our responsibilities to one another.

Take a turn with each member of the family and identify some of the little things that each family member does that make a big difference in your family life.

Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:5-10. Talk about how each person is called upon by God to believe that God can work miracles in our lives, that God can use us to make a difference in our world.

Together as a family, pray Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer of Generosity. Ask that God will work through your family to make a difference in the lives of those around you.

Prayer for Generosity

*Eternal Word,
only begotten Son of God,
Teach me true generosity.
Teach me to serve as you deserve.
To give without counting the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To labor and not to seek reward,
Except that of knowing that I do your will.
Amen.*

St. Ignatius of Loyola

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<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>

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:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/scripture-and-tradition/devotions/praying-the-rosary>



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TRUNK OR TREATING



GAMES | FOOD | FUN

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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