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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 25, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

In the second century AD, a non-Christian named Aristides wrote to the Emperor Hadrian about the Christians. He said, "Christians love one another. They never fail to help widows; they save orphans from those who would hurt them. If one of them has something, he gives freely to those who have nothing. If they see a stranger, Christians take him home and are as happy as though he were a real brother. They don't consider themselves brothers in the usual sense, but brothers through the Spirit, in God. And if they hear that one of them is in jail or persecuted for professing the name of their Redeemer, they give him all he needs. This is really a new kind of person. There is something Divine in them." -- No wonder the non-Christians of the first century used to tell one another, "See how these Christians love one another."

The first reading, taken from Exodus, explains the second greatest commandment, namely, loving one's neighbors, especially the underprivileged, as one loves oneself. The chosen people of Israel should remember that once they were aliens in the land of Egypt. Just as God protected them and treated them kindly, so they are to protect others and treat them with kindness. Thus, they should become a humane society rooted in the basic religious concept of loving God living in their neighbor. In the second reading, St. Paul congratulates the Thessalonians on the positive effects of their example of loving one another as Jesus had commanded them to do. Their mutual love and their loving reception of Paul himself and their response to his preaching, he tells them, has bolstered the Faith of Christians elsewhere who have heard about them. In the Gospel today, Jesus combines the commandment to love God with the commandment to love one's neighbor and gives the result as the one Commandment of supreme importance in Christian life. Jesus underlines the principle that we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves because, as God's children, both of us bear God's image, and to honor God's image is to honor Him. Love for our neighbor should not be a matter of feelings, but of deeds through which we share with others the unmerited love that God lavishes on us.

Life messages: 1) **We need to love God:** Loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, in response to His total love for us, means that we should place God's will ahead of ours, seek the Lord's will in all things, and make HIS WILL, not our own, paramount in our lives. There are several means by which we can express our love for God and our gratitude to Him for His blessings, acknowledging our total dependence on Him. We need to keep God's Commandments, and offer daily prayers of thanksgiving, praise, and petition. We also need to read and meditate on His word in the Bible and accept His invitation to join Him in the Mass and other liturgical functions. 2) **We need to love our neighbor:** God's will is that we should love everyone, seeing Him in each of them. Since every human being is the child of God and the dwelling place of the Spirit of God, we are giving expression to our love of God by loving our neighbor as Jesus loves him or her. This means we need to help, support, encourage, forgive, and pray for everyone – without discrimination based on color, race, religion, gender, age, wealth, or social status. Forgiveness, too, is vital. We love others by refusing to hold a grudge for a wrong done to us. Even a rebuke can be given as an act of love, if it is done with the right heart. We also express love through encouragement and by helping others to grow. We express agápe love in meeting the needs of others by using the talents and blessings God has given us to comfort each other, to teach each other, and to share the Gospel with each other, in deeds and in words.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
Rosary at 9:25 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday (Spanish)
Rosary at 12 noon
Mass at 12:30 p.m.

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m., followed by Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
& 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:30 p.m. in English
7:30 p.m. in Spanish

Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed
every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or
by telephone conference call. Mass immediately
follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call
the church office for details.

Children's Rosary

The Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays
when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Organizations/Groups Monthly Meetings

Altar Society - 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm (Sept - May)
Knights of Columbus - 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Men's Group - 3rd Thursday at 6:45 p.m.
Women's Group - Last Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group - Every Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the
women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the
church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations,
just in case you may need to retrieve one.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean,
Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Maria
Lezama, Shirley Long, Rich Legler, Kamicia Lunceford,
Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie,
Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando
Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Matthew
Williams, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Oct 24	5:00 p.m.	Maria Elena Soon+
Sun	Oct 25	10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Parish
Sun	Oct 25	12:30 p.m.	Diane Gunter+
Tue	Oct 27	12:30 p.m.	Hope & Lee Chestnut+
Thu	Oct 29	5:00 p.m.	Billie Maggio+
Fri	Oct 30	12:30 p.m.	Richard Cramer+
Sat	Oct 31	5:00 p.m.	Chase Barnes+

Parish Giving

October 18, 2026

1st Collection	\$3,691.11
2nd Collection	\$ 481.00
3rd Collection	\$ 464.00
Children's Collection	\$ 58.87

Collections

2nd Collection	Oct 25	Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales
2nd Collection	Nov 01	Emergency Fund
2nd Collection	Nov 01	Lawn Care Maintenance

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 65
10:00 a.m. 134 and 12:30 p.m. 138

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;
Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey

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De Sales (M.S.F.S.), also known as Fransalian Missionaries, an international religious order with headquarters
in Rome and the Provincial House in Atlanta, Georgia. for more information, visit www.fransaliansusa.com
or www.wellspringcommunity.net.



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



Gentleness towards ourselves makes us moderate in our feelings toward ourselves and regulates all violent, impetuous and passionate thoughts.

St. Francis De Sales

News and Notes

All Souls Remembrance in November

Please submit the names of your deceased loved ones who you want to be included in the *All Souls Book of Remembrance* by October 29. Please use the All Souls envelopes and print legibly. Thank you.

All Souls Day Mass

Monday, November 2, is All Souls' Day. A bilingual Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. The Masses celebrated in November will be offered for the souls of those whose names appear in the Book of Remembrance placed in front of the altar.

Holy Rosary in October

Remember, October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. You are all invited to cultivate the devotion to the Holy Rosary and try to recite it every day, and if possible, more than one during this month.

Altar Society Reflections Counter/Gift Shop News

We are now accepting credit cards for purchases! Perfect for your personal devotional purchases and holiday gift-giving. We are open after all Saturday evening and 10:00 a.m. Sunday Masses, and after the 12:30 p.m. Masses on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Receive a free holy card with every purchase of \$10 or more.

Altar Society Advent and Christmas Fund Raiser

The Altar Society's Advent and Christmas Fund Raiser will be held on the weekends of November 28/29 and December 5/6 after each Mass. Please help by donating good quality Christmas items and other items that would make nice Christmas gifts for the sale. Drop off your donations from October 1 through November 20: weekdays at the church office and weekends at the Gift Shop in the church. Include a suggested price for each donated item. Contact Mimi Plumb 903 316-3744 or Glenda Means 903 830-0926 with questions. We are grateful and thankful for your generosity.

Building Expansion

Based on the survey received from our parishioners in which most of our members felt the need of and were in favor of expanding our current community hall and adding a few classrooms, Fr. Luke had several discussions with parish councils, those experienced in construction, and the previous contractor. A final but a preliminary plan and estimates were given by the contractor. Fr. Luke is also in contact with the diocese as part of the process. He will be meeting with the Diocesan Building Committee soon and will get back with us with the result of the meeting. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers for the successful completion of this important project of ours.

From the Diocese of Tyler Catholic Charities

The second collection on November 22 is for Catholic Charities whose mission is to promote the sacredness of life and the dignity of the human person within the 33 counties of the Diocese of Tyler, especially those struggling with poverty. Last year Catholic Charities served 59,128 people thanks to your generosity.

Advent Retreat

The Office of Faith Formation is hosting an Advent Retreat on November 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the St. Paul Meeting Room at the Chancery. All parish ministry leaders are invited to attend, including catechists, OCIA teams, deacons, seminarians, youth ministers, and young adult leaders. Registration is \$30 (lunch included). Register at the dioceseoftyler.org/events.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.

The Rosary is prayed before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass.

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner

Answers for October 11

Kids: a. From the power of Midian
b. 70

Correctly answered by: Natalia Gutierrez, David and Victoria Gutierrez.

Adults: a. 22,000
b. Because he was hidden

Correctly answered by: Neri Gutierrez, Maria Gutierrez, Issac Gutierrez, Anali Gutierrez, Eriselda Gutierrez, Kevin Ramsy, Carolyn Barrett, Omar and Fatima Gutierrez, Theresa Cheatham, Linda and Leo Rossler, Mimi Plumb, Andrea Gustafson.

Questions for October 25 (Judges 16-20)

Kids: a. Who was the lady who deceived Samson?
b. How many years did Samson judge Israel?

Adults: a. Where did lie the strength of Samson?
b. Who destroyed the city of Laish?

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