

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026

Let the hearts
that seek the Lord rejoice!



Masses For The Week

Sun 25 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

08:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)
For Rain (Belia Flores)

Thr 29 Weekday

12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

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The tax collector, completely aware of his unworthiness, beats his breast and prays, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." Where does he get the confidence to do this? His experience of limitation and failure has led him not to despair, but to depend. He remains certain that there is something beyond "every evil threat" and that the Lord will rescue him. Maybe he had in mind the promise of Sirach: "The Lord hears the cry of the oppressed. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds." This is why the formerly anti-Christian Paul can say without boasting: "From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me." For "whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

October 25, 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Exodus 22:20–26 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10 /
Matthew 22:34–40

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"Love makes the world go 'round." Or another saying: "Love is all you need." Love, so necessary, so welcome, and seemingly so elusive. How can something be so needed, so valued, and so treasured and at the same time be so rare and even, at times, so difficult? Philosophers, poets, and scribes all provide different insights, each capturing something of the truth yet remaining somehow incomplete.

Jesus changes the context: love understood not as a feeling or as an emotion, but as a commandment. In God's kingdom, love is not something you pursue or something you hope to find. Living in God's kingdom, love is something you do. It is core; it is essential. It is how you live. It is how you form your judgments and perceptions. It is what energizes your choices and your decisions.

We come closer and closer each day to loving God fully when we understand the need to embrace the "unspoken" commandment: "[Jesus said,] 'For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it'" (Matthew 16:25). ●

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ALL SOULS DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE

Pick up your **All Souls Day Mass Remembrance** envelopes located in the entrances of the church. Please

deposit them in the collection basket. All Souls Day will be celebrated on November 2, 2026, Monday, at 12:05 p.m. Remember to include deceased loved ones. Thank you

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco, Michelle Angela Nelson and Renee Chapa.



Intentions

MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR THE YEAR 2027

On **Tuesday, November 3, 2026**, the Mass Intention Book for 2027 will open. During the first week, the faithful are limited to only three individual intentions. During the second week, another three intentions will be allowed. After the third week, you may choose as many dates that are available. The purpose of limiting is to give all the parishioners an opportunity to get an intention for their loved ones. If you have intentions you would like to offer during a Mass, please bring them to the Parish Office. **NO intentions will be accepted by phone. All intentions must be made in person (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9a-12p & 1:30p-4:00p).** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Fr. Nolasco.



SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE YEAR 2027

Anyone interested in making a \$10.00 donation to have the Sanctuary Candle burning weekly in memory of a loved one or for a special intention may do so in person in the Parish Office during regular hours on or after November.

2026 Catholic Sharing Appeal Report as of September 2026 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

2026 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

Building The Kingdom Together

\$ 10,595.00 - Our Gifts to Date
\$ 12,410.00 - Our Pledges to Date
\$ 2,996.00 - Our Parish Goal
32-Families Participating

LOVE the LORD your GOD
your neighbor

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Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 1,301.00

Loose: \$ 46.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 2.50

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,349.50

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 812.71

Dear Padre

October 25, 2026

I occasionally need to be reminded why I should remain Catholic. Can you help?

Whether our faith was inherited at birth or adopted later, it's healthy to periodically reexamine our beliefs and practices with the intent to grow closer to God. Saint Paul uses the metaphor of moving beyond milk to solid food to explain our maturing faith. (See Hebrews 5:12–14). Questions or doubts are not necessarily signs of crisis or disloyalty to God or the Church. Indeed, it's often when we challenge pat answers that God moves us to a deeper meaning and stronger relationship—that is, if we're steadfast on the path to holiness. People remain Catholic for numerous reasons, including:

- the Church's belief in God's goodness to us through the sacraments;
- a 2,000-year tradition of living the gospel in a universal, multicultural community of faith;
- a proven track record as an agent for personal and spiritual growth and social transformation.

When Church members' behavior is contrary to Christ's mission, and our confidence to remain is tested, it's good to recall that the Church is divinely fortified and humanly composed. People remain Catholic because the Church exists to bring us into full communion with God, through Christ, by working toward the fullness of the kingdom. "The Church 'is the visible plan of God's love for humanity,' because God desires 'that the whole human race may become one people of God, form one body of Christ, and be built into one temple of the Holy Spirit'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 776). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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