Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2026

My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God!

Masses For The Week

Sun 08 Thirty-Second Sun in Ordinary Time
08:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)
+Rosa Aldaco (Irma Arizola)

Thr 12 St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker

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Why don't the five wise virgins share their oil with the five foolish ones? Because it represents our love for Christ. We cannot substitute someone else's personal union with Jesus for our own. Fortunately, such wisdom is not a secret commodity only attainable by a few, but is "readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." If only the foolish virgins had remained and confessed, "Lord, Lord, we have been foolish. But we know that you yourself can be our light! Have mercy on us!" Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, "with a word of command" can wake us up and take us to be with himself. If we bless him while we live and call upon his name, it will not be in vain.

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in Memory of
+For All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

November 8, 2026
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Wisdom 6:12–16 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 or 4:13–14 / Matthew 25:1–13

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We have entered that time of year when the readings turn our attention toward the "end of time"—that moment we await in which all of God's dreams for us will be realized. The "kingdom of God come." Jesus, like prophets before him, compared this moment to a wedding feast. In Jesus' time, marriage was the most decisive event of one's life, and the wedding feast was the greatest feast families ever celebrated. There was nothing better than a good wedding party—and nothing more embarrassing than a bad one. So much at stake!

In the parable in today's gospel, Jesus focuses on the role of the bridesmaids in making the wedding feast a spectacular event—or not. They are trusted to provide a parade of light to greet the groom as he arrives at his family's home with the bride, but it turns out that not all have prepared adequately.

The parable forces us to consider our own commitment to the Christian life. In baptism, we, too, were given a special role to serve the coming kingdom of God. We, too, were entrusted with a light and told to "keep it burning bright" until that time in which we "come out to greet him." At the beginning of our faith journey, we often embrace this role with much fervor. But we forget that the Christian life takes a good bit of endurance and involves a lot of waiting. We will need oil to keep that light burning bright—the oil of prayer, participation in the sacraments, time spent in study and renewal. No one else can nourish your relationship with God for you. It is something you will need to do yourself. ●

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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.



"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

In honor of all who served and continue to serve. Thank you & God Bless!



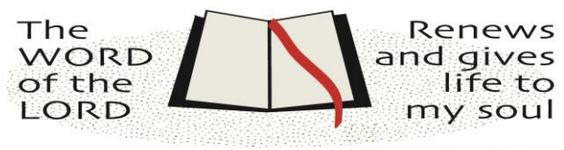
MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR THE YEAR 2027

Mass Intention Book for 2027 is now open. During this second week, the faithful are limited to only *three* individual intentions. After the third week, you may choose as many dates that are available. 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.

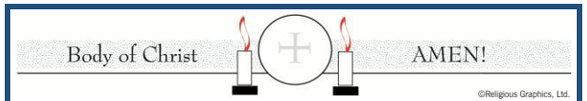


SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE YEAR 2027

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.



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Last Sunday's Collection
Envelopes: ***$ 1,236.00***
Loose: ***$ 58.00***
Children's Envelopes: ***$ 2.20***

Total Sunday Collection: $ 1,296.20

Total Expenses Last Week: $ 4,034.85

Dear Padre

November 8, 2026

What happens to the sacred treasures in a deconsecrated Catholic church?

When a diocesan bishop deconsecrates a church, he issues a decree that removes a church's dedication and relegates it to "profane but not sordid use" when it "cannot be used in any way for divine worship and there is no possibility of repairing it" (*Code of Canon Law*, 1222). The impossibility of repairing a badly damaged church doesn't mean only an architectural impossibility. Inadequate finances to maintain the church properly, an insufficient number of parishioners to foster ecclesiastical vitality, and a shortage of priests are also grave causes for a church's closure. Decorative appointments and sacred treasures in these relegated churches often find new homes in other churches and religious institutions.

This traditional custom of dissemination is a sign of solidarity with the broader Church and in continuity with its rich heritage. It honors the faith and sacrifices of the charter members when the church was built and the generations that followed. Remaining religious items in a relegated church, such as an unmovable altar, "lose their dedication or blessing if they have been destroyed in large part, or have been turned over permanently to profane use by decree of the competent ordinary or in fact" (*CCL* 1238). Stained glass windows, mosaics, and other sacred art that remain in a repurposed church don't lose their aesthetic beauty and evocative power, however. "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever," wrote the poet John Keats. ●

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