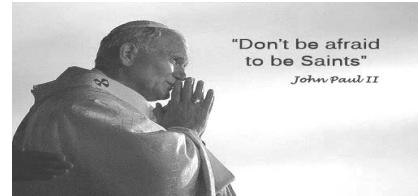


TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

F Twenty-Ninth Sunday in O. T.
Oct 20, 2019
I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me? My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
— Psalm 121:1-2

A *Our Lady of Fatima*
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.



St. John Paul II-Oct. 22nd

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M **Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule**
Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

A **Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator**
Very Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson

T **Parish Secretary**
Carol Z. Smith

O **Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:**
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

W **Our Lady of Fatima Church is open**
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM
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Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

8:00 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 Noon
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday : 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

PERSISTENCE

Today's readings are about persistence, passionate persistence. Exodus tells of a battle won despite weariness because Moses, with help from Aaron and Hur, held his hands raised. Timothy asks that same persistence of his community and us. Luke tells of a court case won by a widow, despite the dishonesty of the judge, because she will not leave him alone. The psalm reminds us that God is everywhere, guarding us from harm day and night, coming and going, now and forever. The readings are about persistence, the relentless, unwavering pursuit of what must not be lost. The readings are about God's passionate persistence in pursuing us, seeking to win our hearts.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although the hours of daylight are rapidly dwindling, many people would say that these October days bring the year's most splendid weather. Americans are riders and joggers, not strollers, and so the pleasures of the season are often lost on us. This is not the case with many Jewish people, who observe an ancient rule in walking to synagogue on the Sabbath. On city streets and suburban sidewalks in many cities, we may notice around sunset the nicely dressed families walking and chatting on Friday afternoon. After a short prayer at dusk, the families stroll home again for a relaxing and festive meal. They return to synagogue in the morning, and then spend an afternoon in family leisure until three stars appear in the night sky and Sabbath ends.

Catholics, on the other hand, pile into the car and drive even a short distance to Mass; some even divide the family to participate at different hours. For Jews, the leisurely walk marks a dividing line between hectic life commitments and a day of abundant joy and enrichment. Before we became an automobile culture, Catholics embraced a similar pace, and in most places walked to church. These lovely days of fall invite us to tap into an old and life-giving tradition. If you live within a mile of your church, walk next week. If you must drive, park at a good distance and walk the rest of the way. Talk about your life, greet strangers, notice the crunch of leaves under your shoes. You may be surprised at how different Sunday Mass feels when it is framed by leisure!

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Forgiveness is the fragrance a violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.

—Mark Twain

Prayer to St. John Paul II

Oh, St. John Paul, from the window of heaven, grant us your blessing! Bless the church that you loved and served and guided, courageously leading it along the paths of the world in order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus. Bless the young, who were your great passion. Help them dream again, help them look up high again to find the light that illuminates the paths of life here on earth.

May you bless families, bless each family! You warned of Satan's assault against this precious and indispensable divine spark that God lit on earth. St. John Paul, with your prayer, may you protect the family and every life that blossoms from the family.

Pray for the whole world, which is still marked by tensions, wars and injustice. You tackled war by invoking dialogue and planting the seeds of love: pray for us so that we may be tireless sowers of peace.

Oh St. John Paul, from heaven's window, where we see you next to Mary, send God's blessing down upon us all. Amen.

OCTOBER 20, 2019
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS
Readings: Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8
Today's Intention - Carol Riley

OCTOBER 27th, THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN O.T.
Readings: Sir 35:12-14,16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14
INTENTION: Catherine Burr, (Janet Belsey)

Cathedral Mass Intention

October 21, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21
6:45 AM Mildred Lipari (Mike & Sherry Byrne)
12:00 PM Marian Clemens Ann. (Daughter)

October 22, Tuesday: St John Paul II, Pope

Readings: Rom 5:12, 15, 17, 19-21; Lk 12:35-38
6:45 AM NO MASS
12:00 PM Sr. Caroline Caritas- (All Sisters of Life)

October 23, Wednesday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Readings: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
6:45 AM NO MASS
12:00 PM Delphina Rutolo Birthday (Family)

October 24, Thursday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Readings: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
6:45 AM Dave Petrak (6:45 Mass Attendees
12:00 PM Janet Tomlinson (Donald & Mary Smithmyer)

October 25, Friday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 7:18-25; Lk 12:54-59
6:45 AM Jack Bell, Anniversary (Family)
12:00 PM Ann Frendzel (Skip Cowan)

October 27, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9
8:00 AM Lori Crilley, Anniversary (Sister Pam)
12:00 PM Rose Civerella (Donna & Dave Taddy)

Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Sir 35: 12-14,16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14
5:00 PM Myra Mangiacarne (Phil & Annetta Fleck)

CATHEDRAL MASS CHANGE

The 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, October 27th will be celebrated at Our Lady of Fatima Church, due to the Vienna Boys Choir Concert. Please make note of this.

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

October 20, 2019 Scripture Reflections

Today's liturgy celebrates the virtue of perseverance. In the reading from Exodus, the Israelites face an attack from the Amalekites, a nomadic tribe they encountered in their wanderings through the desert. Through Moses' perseverance, as he interceded with God in prayer, the people of Israel finally triumph over their enemy. In the Gospel reading, a widow's perseverance wins as well. Three groups of people were considered the most vulnerable and in need of support: the widow, the orphan, and the stranger. In the justice system in Israel was expected to give special attention to each of these groups. This makes the judge's lack of attention to the widow's pleas even more outrageous. Despite his rejection, the widow persists. Finally, the judge gives in, not because of the justice of her cause but because she had worn him out.

The message of these two accounts could be easily mistaken. They both advocate persistence in prayer. A literal reading of these accounts may convey that persistence in prayer will change God's mind, but this is nonsense. The God we believe in is a God of love, who promises fidelity to his covenant people. God's love for us never fluctuates (see James 1:16-17). God's love is always constant. Persistence in prayer, we change and deepen our faith and trust in God, his promises, and love for us.

Paul also calls on his coworker, Timothy, as he exercises his ministry of proclaiming the word, to "be persistent, whether it is convenient or inconvenient, convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teachings."

- Why are we called to persevere in prayer?

AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 135.

Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.

Stewardship Reflections

God does not answer our prayers merely because we continuously ask and plead for solutions to our earthly needs. Often our asking is answered by a call from God instead. Jesus calls us as disciples, to a new way of life of which stewardship is a part. Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually by name. Each one of us, clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child, has a personal vocation. The challenge then, is to understand our role, our vocation, and respond generously to this call from God. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did the least brother of mine, you did for me'. (Mt 26:40)

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"Arise Together in Christ" Session 3 begins Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 PM at the Rectory conference room. Please come and enjoy talking about "In the Footsteps of Christ". No need to signup now, just show up on Tuesday. We would love your company. If you decide not to return, we ask no questions. Most of the folks that were here in lent enjoyed themselves and are returning! Please come.

Religious Ed PK-8 Donations of tissues, paper towels, hand sanitizer/wipes, and Lysol cleaning products are needed with the start of the season. Please help if you can.

F.I.R.E

Sunday October 27th, our High School Students will be serving a hot meal to those less fortunate in the Cathedral church basement from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM. (This will replace our evening FIRE Class).

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September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12. Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM, Pre-Kindergarten thru 8. Sunday Evening 6:15 PM- 8:15 PM Grades 9 thru 12.

Catholic Ministry Drive Goal = \$9,271.00 - Report for EOM Sept. 2019. - We received \$6,220.00 in one time gifts and pledges. Still owing -\$3,051.00

(corrected date) Oct 13th Weekly Collection \$1463.20

Oct. 20th Total Weekly Collection \$1,683.45

BIRTHDAYS: 10/23 John Waksmonski; 10/26 Vince Bur, Jr.; 10/27 Helen Carper; 10/27 Stan Sral; 10/27 Bernice Biem; 10/27 Ericka Leap;

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"Concerts Under the Dome" Performance!

The world-famous Vienna Boys Choir will be passing through Pennsylvania from Allentown to West Virginia on their US tour in October, and will present a concert in the Cathedral on Sunday, October 27, 7:00 pm. The concert is free, but a free-will donation would be appreciated.

St Pope John Paul II

The Pre-Pontifical Years

Everyone knows John Paul II: his face, his characteristic way of moving and speaking; his immersion in prayer and his spontaneous cheerfulness. Many of his words have become indelibly engraved in our memories, starting with the passionate cry with which he introduced himself to the people at the beginning of his pontificate:

Date of birth: 18 May 1920

Birthplace: Wadowice, Poland

Died: 2 April 2005

Age: 84



Pope Saint John Paul II is considered a patron of World Youth Day (Co-Patron)

Feast day 22 October

1920

Karol Józef Wojtyła was born on May 18, in Wadowice, Poland, the youngest of three children. His older sister, Olga, died in infancy before he was born.



1929

Young Karol lost his mother a month before his ninth birthday. She died of heart and kidney problems.

1932

His only sibling, his brother Edmund, a physician, dies after catching scarlet fever from a patient, a loss which affected Karol deeply.

1938

Karol attended Krakow's Jagiellonian University where he studied Polish language, literature, theater and poetry.

1941

His father dies of a heart attack at age 61.

1939

His studies were interrupted when Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

1940

With the Nazis having closed Jagiellonian University, Karol earns a living as a stone cutter in a quarry in Krakow and later works at a chemical plant. He met Jan Tryanowski, a tailor who became his spiritual mentor and introduced him to the writings of St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Avila.



1942

He began studies for the priesthood in the underground seminary.

1946

Karol is ordained as a priest. Weeks later, he heads to Rome to continue his doctoral studies.

1955

Consecrated as auxiliary bishop of Krakow, the youngest bishop in the history of Poland.

1964

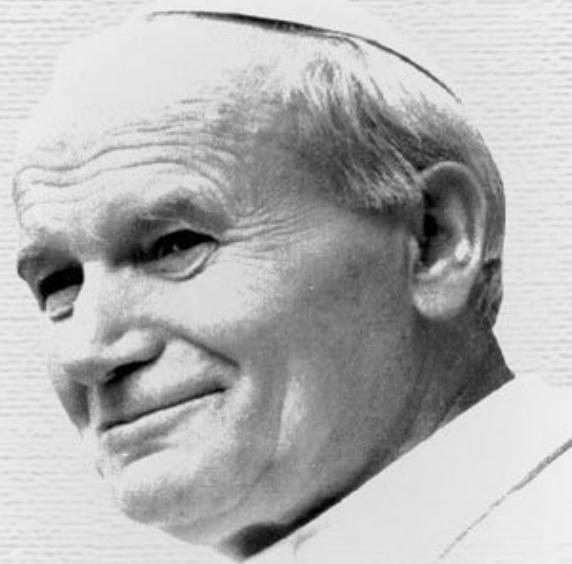
Appointed Archbishop of Krakow.

1967

Consecrated as a cardinal by Pope Paul VI.

1978

Cardinal Karol was elected successor to Pope John Paul I, on October 16, and took the name John Paul II. He was the 263rd successor to Peter, and was to have one of the longest pontificates in the history of the Church, lasting nearly 27 years.



“After her death and, later, the death of my older brother, I was left alone with my father, a deeply religious man. Day after day I was able to observe the austere way in which he lived ...his example was in a way my first seminary, a kind of domestic seminary.”



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