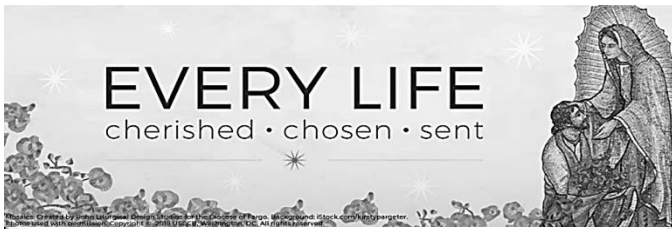


# October 7 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



## RESPECT LIFE MONTH

This October, Catholics nationwide celebrate Respect Life Month with the theme "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent." Today, we see the dignity of human life disregarded. Unborn children are destroyed through abortion, and ill people are encouraged and assisted to take their own lives. How do we respond?

The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by God. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.

God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is chosen.

We are called to be messengers of God's love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. Every person is sent.

Let us embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love.

As Our Lady of Guadalupe said to St. Juan Diego in 1531 so she says to us:

"You who are my messenger, in you I place my absolute trust."

## GOD'S CHILDREN

Children are the living hope of the future. That is why "a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body." Facing the future together as a family is becoming harder in our time. How can we approach God's life if we do not experience the difference between childish and childlike? To be childlike is to gain access to holiness. Jesus showed us how to be God's children. Happy are we! (Text, Philip Sandstorm, STD, 2000, OCP. All rights reserved.)

## PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Oct. 10	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., Oct. 12	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Oct. 6	4 PM	Myrna Kohlman
Sun., Oct. 7	10 AM	Caleb Kramer
Sat., Oct. 13	4 PM	Mildred Richey
Sun., Oct. 14	10 AM	Louis Dickman

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – October 13 at 4:00 PM

*Greeters:* Ken and Terry Harmeyer  
John and Linda Wagner

*Server:* Kayla Simon

*Cantor:* Rachel Toops

*Lectors:* Dottie Hellmich, Jack Ferkinhoff

*Euch. Ministers:* John Wagner, Gene Moorman  
Judy Steuri, Terry Harmeyer

### Sunday – October 14 at 10:00 AM

*Greeters:* Steve and Ann Wagner - *back*  
Mark and Lorrie Gilland - *back*  
Ray and Mary Merkel - *side*

*Servers:* Logan Cobler, Machaela Cobler

*Cantors:* Gene and Patty Simon

*Lectors:* Cindy Weisenbach, Sharon Miller

*Euch. Ministers:* John Muckerheide, Paige Simon  
Katie Spreckelson, Scott Simon

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2604.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 10.65
Loose Collection	\$ 682.50
Total Regular Collection	\$3297.15
Capital Improvement	\$505.00
Religious Ed	\$40.00

## The Lord Bless You!

"God will love you, of course, even though you do not love him, but remember if you give him only half your heart, he can make you only 50 percent happy. You have freedom only to give it away. To whom do you give yours? You give it either to the moods of the hour, to your egotism, to creatures, or to God." ~ Fulton Sheen

**STEWARDSHIP** – The phrase in today's psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that *every day* is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** – The sanctuary light will burn October 7 through October 14 for Francis Spreckelson.

**SECOND COLLECTION** – As stated last weekend, the second collection today is for the victims of natural disasters both in the Carolinas and in Indonesia. You can also send a check directly to Catholic Relief Services. Pray for our brothers and sisters who are suffering greatly, and speak a word of gratitude to God for your many gifts.

**BLOOD PRESSURE** – You can get your blood pressure checked this weekend in the St. Anne Room following the Masses. Roseann Wirth and Jodi Meister will be there to assist you.

**THEME SONG** – As you saw in last week's bulletin, the theme for this year is "**Growing in Faith, Living in Hope and Acting in Love.**" The song that we will sing occasionally throughout the year is the refrain from "Set Your Heart on the Higher Gifts." The words are:

**"Set your heart on the higher gifts, on the things that come from your Maker in heaven. These three gifts are all that remain: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest is love."**

**MEETINGS** – Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 PM: Liturgy Meeting.

Thursday, October 18, 4:30 PM: Faith Formation Meeting.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – There are no classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, October 10. Enjoy your Fall Break!

Classes for Grades 6 through 12 next Sunday, October 14, 8:30 AM.

**YOUTH MINISTRY** – The September youth outing to Rascals Fun Zone had 20 youth and 4 adults attending on Sunday. What great fun for all! Thanks to the adults who planned this event.

**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY** – There will be a Public Square praying of the Rosary for America on Saturday, October 13, at 12:00 noon in front of St. Maurice's Parish Lobby. As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help. All are welcome.

**FALL RAFFLE** – As of today, **\$1,545.00** has been raised from the Fall Raffle. Keep working for the good of the parish. Thank you.

**COHORT PAGE** – Are you glancing at the cohort page to read about the events of surrounding parishes and/or archdiocesan happenings?

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – An elderly man went to his doctor and told him he was worried because he was getting forgetful. "I'm never sure where I put my eye-glasses, where I left my car keys, where I'm going or what I'm supposed to do once I get there. I need your help. What can I do?" he said.

"I'll run some tests on you," the doctor replied. "Please pay me in advance." (The Joyful Noiseletter)



### **SUNDAY REFLECTIONS**

**When Pope Francis took the name of St. Francis, it seems he also took up the Lord's direction given amid the ruins of a small chapel in Assisi. "Go, rebuild my church." He is rebuilding the church by facing today's needs. He said the key is to hold justice and mercy together, not becoming obsessed with the fine points of legal interpretation.**

**Today's Gospel speaks about the sanctity of marriage. But, in the U.S., about half of first marriages and 80 percent of re-marriages end in divorce. Divorced Catholics want to be in full communion, but many find themselves marginalized by the church. The U.S. bishops have made marriage a national pastoral initiative. (Deacon Dick Folger)**