



ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

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October 5, 2025

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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and St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish Office
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Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM
11 AM

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 AM

Reconciliation Saturday 4—4:45 PM



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Saturday: 8:30 AM—12:30 PM; Sunday: closed.

MISSION STATEMENT: "To do God's will as a unified, vibrant parish, and to foster an intentional relationship with Jesus through worship, witness, service, discipleship, and community."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 4

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Phyllis Gossy
+Nery Rodriguez
+Eric Velazquez, Jr.
+Joyce Rossi, +Carl and +Rose Rossi
5 PM ST. CELESTINE
+Frances R. Campagna
+Victor Zavala
+Eileen Anne McMahon and Family
+Frank and +John Kucera
+Eddie Mizejewski

Sunday, October 5

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

+John Szeszol
+Patrick Brennan, Anniversary
+Edward Patock
Rompala Family, +Chester, +Lottie,
+Dennis, +Allan

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Angela Libreri
+Roland Wiemerslage
+Eric Velazquez, Jr.

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Frank Pudlo
+Ann Marie Egan, Anniversary
+Anne and +Martin Egan
+Martin T. Kulick, Birthday
+Dominic Michi, Birthday

Monday, October 6

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Louise E. Czarnecki

Tuesday, October 7

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Elmer and +Lillian Swiatkowski,
Anniversary

Wednesday, October 8

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

Visitacion Quiacos, Birthday

Thursday, October 9

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

People of the Parish

Friday, October 10

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Fr. Bernard White
3:30 PM ST. CELESTINE
Heizel Lemus, Quinceañera

Saturday, October 11

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Phyllis Gossy
+Nery Rodriguez
+Sergio Bigolin
+Joyce Rossi, +Carl and +Rose Rossi
5 PM ST. CELESTINE
+Walter Gutkowski, Anniversary
Allen Bruno, for Health

Sunday, October 12

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Craig Bastek
11 AM ST. CELESTINE
+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Frank Pudlo
+Zygmunt Ignaczuk
Deceased members of the Galenski
Family
+Eddie Mizejewski



St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish

Welcome! If you are new to our churches or just visiting, please introduce yourself. We are happy to share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not home to you, we are open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. We invite you to become a part of our parish. Register by calling the parish office at 708-453-2555 or online on our website, stguerinparish.org.

Bulletin Deadlines

Please send information to Kim at khagerty@stguerinparish.org.

October 19 is due on Wednesday,
October 8 at 9 AM

October 26 is due on Wednesday,
October 15 at 9 AM

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Suicide Prevention
1-800-273-8255
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1-800-252-8966
www.AddictionResource.net
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Mass Intentions

During the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass, we hear that this Mass is being offered for the repose of the soul of someone who has died, or for someone requesting prayers for a particular intention.

If you would like a Mass offered, please call either office to schedule a Mass for your particular intention. The usual donation is \$10. Mass cards are available as well.



Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Monday, Wednesday, Friday after Mass at St. Celestine
7:30 AM Tuesday and Thursday before Mass at St. Cyprian
Second Wednesday of the month 7 PM at St. Celestine

From the Pastor's Desk: Fr. Paul Cao

Receive the Holy Spirit Please pray for the 61 young people of our parish who will receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation today (Sunday) at 1:30 PM. I am grateful for Bishop Lawrence J. Sullivan, Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and former pastor of St. Celestine, who will confer the sacrament. Congratulations to the Confirmation class of 2025!!!

October is the month of the Rosary. The Church invites us to set aside this month to pray the Rosary to ask for the intercession of our Blessed Virgin Mary to pray for peace in the world, for our country, for our community and for our family. The rosary is a good weapon to fight against evils in the world. It has been an active ingredient in the formation of holy lives for centuries. Simply by meditating on the lives of Our Lord and Our Lady, an individual is invited into a deeper understanding of God's profound love for each of us—something we all need to be reminded of again and again.

Last year, I had a chance to go on pilgrimage to Lourdes and Fatima. It felt blessed to be in those two holy places to experience the healing power of God through our Blessed Mother. One of the messages that Mary, our Blessed Mother told the three children at Fatima was to pray the Rosary each day to bring peace to the world and to bring an end to war. Let us dedicate this month to praying the rosary with our family and asking for our Mother's intercession to protect our family and our country. We pray that Mary will help us to be closer to her son, Jesus Christ. Queen of Peace, pray for us.

October is Respect Life Month not to say that life should not be honored and respected every day. This month we are asked to reflect upon the sacredness of human life—all of life—in every form and stage without exception—from conception until natural death. I am grateful to the members of our parish's Respect Life Committee who work to make us more conscious of life issues that frequently become overshadowed by human sinfulness.

Mass of Healing/Anointing of the sick Life is precious and we not only care about the baby in the womb but also for the elderly, for the sick, and those in need. On Saturday, October 18, at 4 PM at St. Cyprian, we will have a communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. During this healing Mass we gather as a community to pray for those who are sick and suffering in different ways. Anyone who is seeking spiritual, emotional, and physical wellness is most welcome to attend. If you know anyone among your family and friends seeking the healing power of God, please invite them to this anointing Mass where we will pray for the sick that they will feel God's love and healing power.

Feast of St. Mother Theodore Guerin Friday, October 3 was the Feast Day of St. Mother Theodore Guerin, the patron saint of our parish. A few years ago, I led a pilgrimage to the motherhouse in St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana, where St. Mother Theodore Guerin founded her order. She was known for her advancement of education, especially in Indiana and Illinois, where she founded numerous schools. Her order founded Mother Guerin High School in River Grove, and she was also known for her care of the orphaned, the sick, and the poor. St. Mother Theodore Guerin, pray for us.



Pilgrimage On Monday, October 6, a group of 30 people, including myself, from our parish will be going on a pilgrimage to Italy for the Jubilee Year 2025 as "Pilgrims of Hope." We'll be visiting the Basilicas of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Mark in Venice. Afterward, we will go to Assisi to the Basilica of St. Francis and venerate the body of St. Carlo Acutis, the newest saint to be canonized by Pope Leo. We will also go to San Giovanni Rotondo to visit the tomb of Padre Pio and to Pompeii, the site of a catastrophic volcanic eruption in 79 AD. In Rome, the high point of our pilgrimage, especially during this Jubilee Year, will be crossing the Holy Doors of the major basilicas—St. Peter's, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls—to receive indulgences for spiritual renewal and reconciliation. We will also attend an audience with the Holy Father, Pope Leo, which will be the highlight of our pilgrimage.

We will return to Chicago October 17. I will pray for all of you and for St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish during the pilgrimage. Please pray for our safe travels!

May God bless you and your loved ones!

In prayer, Fr. Paul

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The rash one has no integrity;
but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hb 2:4)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

Gospel:

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you." (Lk 17:6)

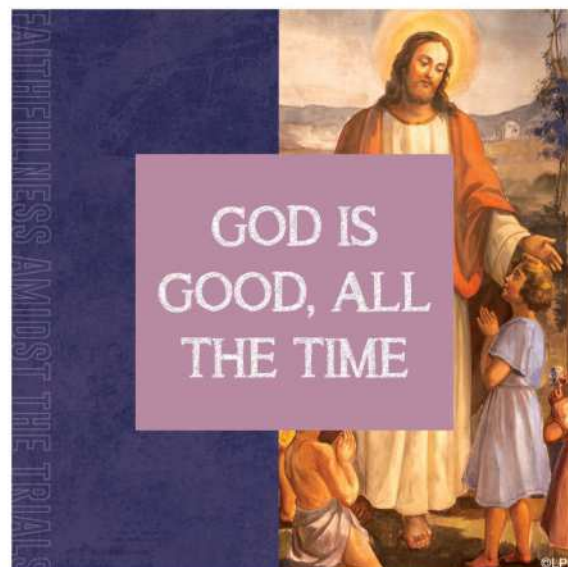
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work?

Observances for the week of October 5, 2025

- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday
- Monday:** St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher,
Virgin
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of the Rosary
- Thursday:** St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Saturday:** St. John XXIII, Pope
- Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

This popular phrase is an affirmation of God's faithfulness amidst the trials of life, a theme that is presented again and again in Scripture: come what may, God will be with us.

Prayer to Respect Life

Dear God,
Help us to hear Your voice,
especially when You speak on
behalf of the voiceless,
the overlooked, and the forgotten.
Keep our ears attuned, and work
through us in a way that loves,
blesses, assures, supports, and
strengthens LIFE.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: “Increase my faith.” I’ve said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated. Easy faith — that’s what I’m asking for, and lots of it, please. But easy faith isn’t faith at all.

The Father Who Knows What You Want

It’s easy to give your kid what he’s asking for. It’s hard to give him what he wants.

If a kid asks to eat an ice cream cone, there’s nothing wrong with giving him one. But if he’s grumpily demanding an ice cream cone at 7:45 in the morning, what he wants — whether he realizes it or not — is some protein and whole grains and a little encouragement to get him going on his day.

So you give him eggs and toast, and you watch him struggle to accept it. Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn’t, but either way, you’ll be here. You’ll forgive him for whatever names he calls you and you’ll put the healthy breakfast in the fridge, waiting for him when he’s ready to eat it.

“Increase my faith.” I’ve said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated, an acceptance of truth that is unshakeable. Easy faith — that’s what I’m asking for, and lots of it, please.

But easy faith isn’t faith at all, and faith that you aren’t strong enough to hold will break your arms. And what God will never do is say, “Sure, kiddo, here you go,” and pass off a false gift as the real thing, just to make us both feel good. He won’t hand me something I’m not strong enough to hold.

That would be a classic lazy-father move. That would be an ice-cream-cone-at-7:45 a.m. move.

Instead, He watches carefully while I navigate the bumpy terrain of the spiritual life, ready to whisper directions in my ear. He holds his breath while the challenges of this world create deep grooves in my soul — and then He irrigates those grooves with the life-giving waters of grace, transforming them into valleys of consolation and respite.

Sometimes I call Him names. Sometimes I refuse what He’s offering. It’s not what I asked for, after all.

But it’s what I want. Luckily, He knows that better than me.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

Answer:

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the “Via Dolorosa” (“The Way of Suffering”) or the “Via Crucis” (“The Way of the Cross”), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of “The Way of the Cross” were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 5, 2025

Sunday:

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday:

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday:

Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 11:5-13

Friday:

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday:

Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday:

2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/
2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, “I was just doing my job.”

His words brought to mind Jesus’ teaching this week in Luke 17:10: **“So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”** In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us.

— Father John Muir

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

- Lk 17:5-6

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Habakkuk is encouraged to be patient and trust in the Lord's timing. Is patience one of your virtues?

Second Reading:

Paul urges Timothy to live his life of faith with courage and self-control, especially in difficult situations. How might you support a family member or friend struggling this week?

Gospel:

Jesus taught the Apostles that one way to increase your faith is to have the attitude of a servant. How would you describe your attitude most days?



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Prayer

Lord, I believe you will help me.

Mission for the Week

I will remind others that God will help them.

Sharing the Gospel

God wants you to have faith and trust him completely. Jesus said, "If your faith is as small as a mustard seed, you can tell a tree to grow in the ocean, and it will." A mustard seed is smaller than a freckle. You trust your school bus will go to your school. You have faith that clowns will make you laugh. You just need a little bit of faith and God will be there for you.

Now color
the picture!



What letter **begins** each picture name? Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.



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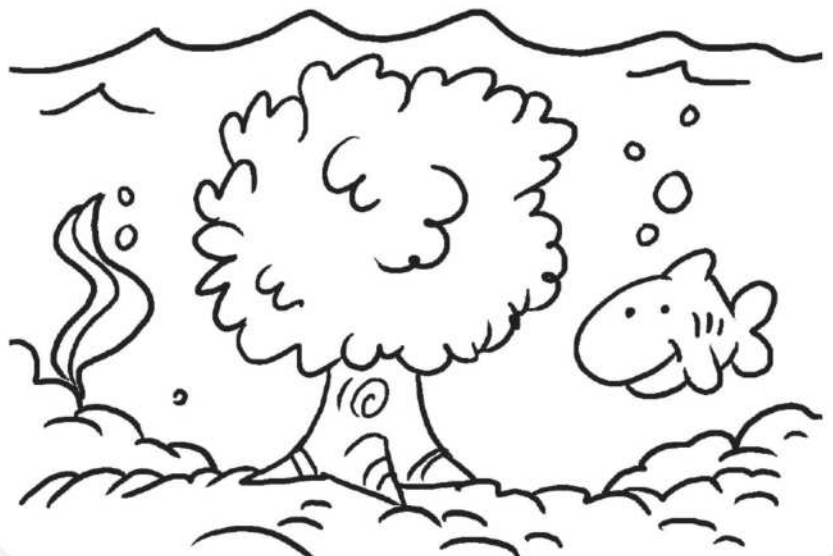


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Catechetical Sunday and Confirmation Retreat

Teachers and catechists were blessed at the 11 AM Mass on September 21, and a retreat for 61 students preparing for Confirmation took place after Mass. Thanks to Lois DeFelice for coordinating the retreat and to our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Ruthanne Swiatkowski and her volunteers for helping to make this a great day to prepare to receive the sacrament.





LADIES mark your calendar!

To All Our Ladies...

The Women's Club will be hosting a
**"Calm before the Chaos,
Pre-Holiday Party"**
on
Sunday, November 9, 2025
12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Treat yourself to a fun, relaxing
afternoon with fellow ladies and
their friends before all the hustle
and bustle of the holidays begin.

Look for details
in next week's bulletin!



Women's Club Coat Drive



When: October 11–19
Where: St. Cyprian Cry Room and St. Celestine at the back of church
What: Any gently used or new coats, jackets, hats, gloves, and scarves (men's, women's, and children's)
Who: Donations will be given to St. Malachy + Precious Blood, our sharing parish

Thank you for your generosity!

Memorial Gardens

Have you seen the beautiful Memorial Gardens at St. Celestine on 76th Court? There is one for our deceased love ones right next to the Pastoral Center and one for our pets who are no longer with us under the trees by the church sign.

If you would like a stone hand-lettered with the name of your loved one on it, please drop a note in the collection basket or call or come into the parish office at 3020 N. 76th Ct. and one will be made for you. The suggested donation is \$10. Thanks to the Maraviglia family so making this garden so beautiful!



Monastic Experience Weekend: October 10–12, 2025; Monastery of the Holy Cross, 3111 South Aberdeen, Chicago. Join the Benedictine Monks of Chicago in their daily round of liturgical and personal prayer. For men ages 20–35 who are interested in learning more about contemplative monastic life. To register, please visit www.chicagomonk.org or contact us at vocations@chicagomonk.org.

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*Behold, I am the servant of the Lord;
 let it be done to me according to your word.*

Pray the Rosary with
 Lena Roy
Wednesday, October 8 at 7 PM
 St. Celestine Chapel

Enter off of 76th Court



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for the

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Pray for Them

Sick

Please remember the following people who are seriously ill. If you wish to add a name with the person's permission, please call the parish office. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.

Angelo L'Abbate	Justine Kucera	Morgan Schlanger
Michael Binder	Robert Kucera	Joseph Serwa
Julie Boyce	Larry Lemanski	Mary Skelly
Edward Bray	James Nasti	Julie Spaargaren
Elene Dimperio	Larry Nestor	Heidi Stringham
Cathy Downing King	Ron Nichols	Brian Swatek
Eleanor	Sr. Louise Noesen	Colleen Schlanger Thomas
Patsy Galecki	Brendan O'Brien	Dorothy Vessini
Tammy Garcia	Sherry Olsen*	Judy Virgilio
Maciej Gondek	Carolyn Paprocki	Robert Virnich
Peter Gonzalez	Robert Paprocki	Lillian Wardzala
Grace Hensley	Adrienne Pudlo	Jim Waterloo
Karl Humowiecki	Betty Quartello	Jim Wazorick
Renee Iman	Sr. Rita Mae Rabitoy	Sue Weber
Cindy Indurante	Aida Rivera	Joshua Wilmes
Kathy Johl	Austin Rose	Tamycka Ortega Zapata
Adele Johnson	Sarah Rotolo	
Judy Kaner	Warren Sarbacker	
Lisa Kostrzeski	Kathy Sassolino	

Faithful Departed

Susan Shotsberger

Military

Col. Stephen Acosta	Marines
Staff Sgt. Lawrence G. Campbell	Air Force
Senior Airman Cory McCambridge	Air Force
Lt. Col. Peter Anderson	Army
Sgt. Kenneth G. DiCristifano	Army
Spec Michael Migliorisi	Army
Pvt. John Cerrone	Marines
PFC Paul J. Lagoda	Marines
PFC Sophia M. Garcia	Marines
Lt. Robert Reynolds	Army
Staff Sgt. Alberto Boy	Marines
Staff Sgt. Natalie Borrini	Air Force
Cpl. Brian Macaluso	Marines
Lnc. Cpl. Meghan Jennings	Marines
Lnc. Cpl. Michael Casanave	Marines
Pvt. Nicolas Casanave	Marines
ABEAN Melanie Hodges	Navy
PFC Vincent Negron	Marines
Pvt. Matthew Meyer	Army
Master Sgt. Scott A. Cross	Air Force
Dario Rodriguez	Air Force
Ensign Devon Zych	Coast Guard
Lnc. Cpl. Andrew D. Nordlie	Marines
Luis N. Burciaga	Army
PFC Rudy De La O	Marines
Jose Flores, Jr.	Air Force
Carmelo Flores	Air Force
AB Ethen N. Ortiz	Air Force
Lnc. Cpl. Michael Joshua Barajas	Marines
Sgt. Cody Krawczyk	Army
Lnc. Cpl. Jake Kola	Marines
Airman Kaden Turocy	Air Force
A1C Rhian Frnzn Vengua	Air Force
Private Nicholas Drust, Jr.	Army
Private Jesse J. Mendoza	Army
Lnc. Cpl. Edward Romano, Jr.	Marines
A1C Jose Manuel Lagunas, Jr.	Air Force
A1C Jordied Velez-Rosado	Air Force
Pvt. Noah Wardisiani	Army

*recently added

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for October 5, 2025

Luke 17: 5-10

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: mustard and trees. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

INCREASE
MULBERRY
PLANTED
SERVANT
FIELD
PREPARE
DRINK

OUR FAITH
TREE
THE SEA
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OBEY YOU
SHEEP
TABLE
I EAT
COMMANDED

MULBERRY TREE

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I O H P O A V E K I N A
N M T L K T R A W F T R
C M I A P R E P A R E D
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Parish Weekly Events

Sunday, October 5

1:30 PM ST CEL Confirmation in the Church

Monday, October 6

3 PM ST CEL Troop 45488 in the Annex
5 PM ST CEL Troop 47219 in the Annex
6 PM ST CEL Lions, Tigers, Wolves in the Lower Meeting Room

Tuesday, October 7

7 PM ST CEL Parents Club in the Annex
7 PM ST CYP Teen OCIA in the Rectory

Wednesday, October 8

6 PM ST CEL Troop Meetings in the Lunchroom

Thursday, October 9

6:30 PM ST CEL Good Grief Bereavement in the Fireside Room
7 PM ST CYP OCIA in the Rectory

Saturday, October 11

10 AM ST CEL Special Religious Education in the Gym and Annex

BOTH Coat Drive in the Churches

Sunday, October 12

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Secular Franciscan Order

"The Mass has ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord." How do we do that? Since 1959, members of the St. Juliana Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order have sought to follow the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi by "going from Gospel to life and from life to Gospel." If following the Rule of St. Francis might interest you, the SFO fraternity at St. Juliana meets once each month. For more information or just to visit, please contact Bob Mitchell at robertpmitchell1@gmail.com.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, October 11

4 PM St. Cyprian

Altar Servers

Isaac M.
Diego M.
Sr. Carol Meyers
Peg Gurnig
Ruben Monterroso

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

5 PM St. Celestine

Altar Servers

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

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Holy Hour: First Friday of each month at 3 PM at St. Celestine Church.

Baptisms: To schedule, contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski at rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org or call 708-453-2555 x 5017. Baptisms take place at 12:30 PM on the second and fourth Sundays monthly at St. Celestine and the third Sunday of the month at St. Cyprian. Baptismal Prep classes take place on most first Wednesdays of each month at 7 PM at St. Cyprian; please call the office to sign up for the class.

Masses: See cover.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:30 PM at St. Cyprian and 4 PM at St. Celestine.

Weddings: Engaged couples are encouraged to call a year in advance of a preferred date. The couple must talk to Deacon Mike DeLarco before a wedding date can be reserved. Participation in marriage preparation is essential.

Rosary: Second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the chapel at St. Celestine, after the 8 AM Mass Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at St. Celestine, at 7:30 AM before the 8 AM Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Cyprian.

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