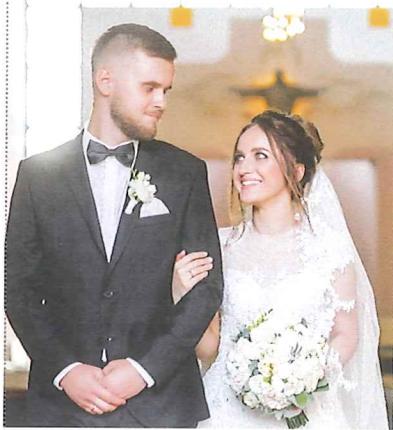


Dear Padre,

Why should we be married in the Church?

At baptism, every Christian is called to be not just Jesus' disciple, but an apostle. While it's easy to see how priests and religious sisters and brothers serve as missionaries, a man and woman joined in the sacrament of matrimony are also missionaries. Saint Paul noted the way a husband and wife love each other reflects how Christ loves his bride, the Church: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church" (Ephesians 5:25).

The first beneficiaries of the missionary vocation of marriage are the husband and wife. Through their exclusive love, they support each other.



Their relationship is open to sexual expression, allowing the body and soul of two to become one. And, if God wills, children will benefit from the Christian bond of their parents. They bring their children to baptism, then teach them about their faith at home through example and instruction.

Those who encounter a couple throughout their lives—relatives, friends, coworkers, parishioners, and even strangers—benefit from their Christian marriage. How often have we been touched by the sight of an older couple walking hand in hand?

God will reveal to them only in eternity how many lives have been impacted by their love.

Jesus praised matrimony as part of the initial vocation given to humanity (see Mark 10:6–9). Without reproduction, there would have been no human race. But humans, created in God's image, lead lives reflecting God's love. In the couple who says, "I do," God's love shines brightly as a light to the world.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Marriage isn't just a social act. It's a vocation that's born from the heart, a conscious decision for the rest of one's life that requires specific preparation....God has a dream for us, love, and he asks us to make it our own. Let us make our own the love which is God's dream for us.

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION, JUNE 1, 2021

Calendar

Monday
OCTOBER 3
Weekday
Gal 1:6–12
Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday
OCTOBER 4
St. Francis of Assisi
Gal 1:13–24
Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday
OCTOBER 5
Weekday
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14
Lk 11:1–4

Thursday
OCTOBER 6
Weekday
Gal 3:1–5
Lk 11:5–13

Friday
OCTOBER 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 3:7–14
Lk 11:15–26

Saturday
OCTOBER 8
Weekday
Gal 3:22–29
Lk 11:27–28

Sunday
OCTOBER 9
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 5:14–17
2 Tm 2:8–13
Lk 17:11–19

DAYbreaks

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent.

Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.



Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 2, 2022

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Hb 1:2–3; 2:2–4

2 Tm 1:6–8, 13–14; Lk 17:5–10

Have Faith

That is so easy to say and so hard to do. This might be because we misunderstand what faith is and what it might do. Today's readings offer us three glimpses into what the Bible means by faith.

The reading from Habakkuk and the Gospel passage seem to contradict each other. The Gospel suggests that one can do wondrous things if one's faith is strong enough. Many people understand this literally and then are confused and terribly disappointed when things do not turn out as they wanted. Habakkuk is in a dire situation. He had turned to God, but it seems to no avail: "You do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2). What response did he get? "Don't give up. Don't lose faith."

Paul's letter was written to Timothy, one of Paul's own converts to faith in the risen Lord. Paul encourages Timothy to remain steadfast in that faith. It's clear that faith is not solely a set of beliefs and doctrines; it is a way of life—one that follows and is

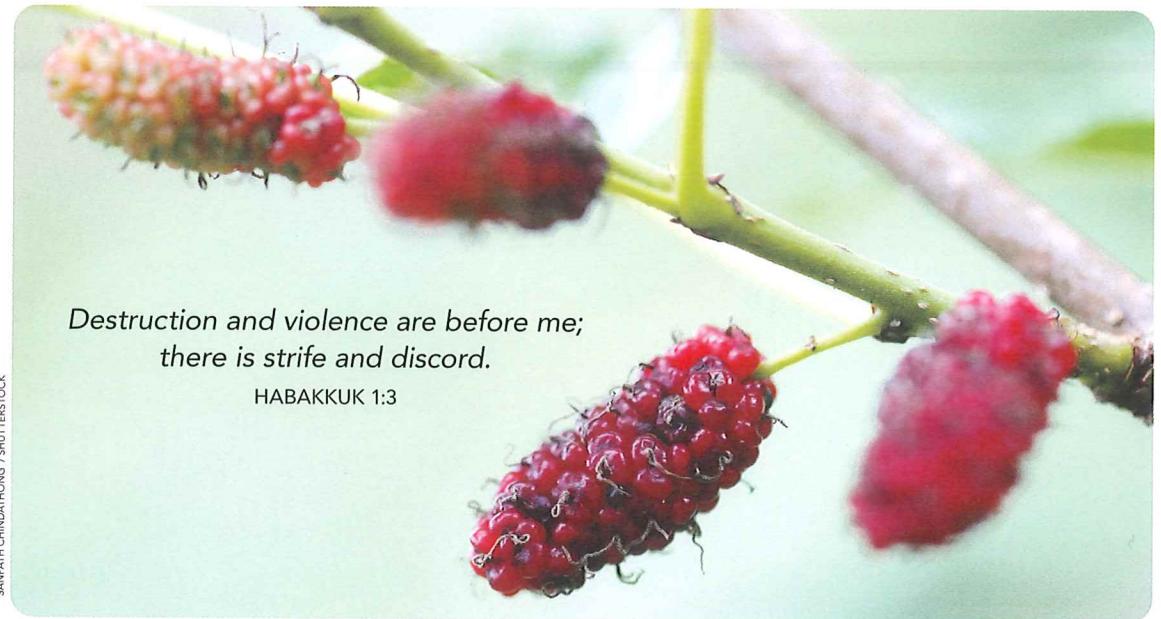
inspired by the example Jesus' life provides. It is also clear that living such a life might be dangerous, as evidenced by Paul's own imprisonment.

Reading the Gospel passage again after considering these reflections, one might understand the power of faith in a new way. Perhaps the mulberry tree stands for the struggles that had to be endured by Habakkuk, the danger that Timothy faced in a hostile world, and the hurdles that challenge our own faith. It assures us that if we don't lose faith, we also can do wondrous things.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * *For you, what is the difference between faith as what you believe and faith as how you live?*
- * *How might your faith help you get beyond life's hurdles?*



Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife and discord.

HABAKKUK 1:3



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Oct. 1	4:00 p.m.	Eddie Calin
Sunday, Oct. 2	9:00 a.m.	Sue Bergkamp
Monday, Oct.3	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Tuesday, Oct.4	8:30 a.m.	Anna Sack
Thursday, Oct. 6	No Mass	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Friday, Oct. 7	8:30 a.m.	Sid Rice
Saturday, Oct. 8	4:00 p.m.	Bill Terwort
Sunday, Oct. 9	9:00 a.m.	Leon Martinez

**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 (color: Green)**

10/01/2022 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Lucy Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

Reader: Gwen Waechter

10/02/2022 –Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Cade Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Kyle Berning

**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 (color: Green)**

10/08/2022 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Volunteer, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

Reader: Karen Burden

10/09/2022 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller, Volunteer

Reader: Mike Broeckelman

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –OCTOBER 2, 2022

GOD IS LOVE

My friends, In this Sunday’s Gospel reading (Luke17:5-10) the disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus tells them that if they even had a tiny amount of faith they could do great things. Jesus then seems to go off on a tangent, telling them a story about how a master doesn’t have to be grateful for the efforts of his servants. After all, they are simply doing what was expected of them. Sounds kind of thoughtless. But then Jesus brings the story full circle, turning it back on the apostles by saying, “When you have done all that you have been commanded, say,

‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’”

Can we say the same? Do we know who we are in this kingdom? Do we know what God expects of us? Do we have the same expectations of ourselves? Do we love, do we serve, because that is “who we are” -- or for some other reason? Put simply . . . Do we truly have faith?

My friends, faith is not simply what we believe about God. That’s not really it at all. Rather, it’s much more about what we are willing to do for God and the motivation behind those actions. And it has absolutely nothing to do with what’s in it for me. And when I put it that way --- I realize that I might not have as much faith as I thought.

Fr. Peter

COLLECTION for September 25, 2022: Envelopes: \$530; Loose: \$507.80; Online Giving: \$351.72; Total \$1,389.52; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under -371.65

CHURCH PROJECT GOAL \$52000—Building Fund To Date: \$15,293.26

Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.

ADULT CONFIRMATION & RCIA

- Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially taken the step to become Catholic?
- Have you been away from the Church, and have now returned, but want to know more?
- Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?
- Have you joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church? If any adult Catholic who hasn't been confirmed and would like to be confirmed this coming Easter Please call Fr. Peter (620-355-6405) or Mrs. Karen Burden (355-6388) On behalf of the Catholic faith community of the St. Anthony, we look forward to welcoming you.

VOCATION VIEW The Spirit of God makes us strong, loving and wise. How will you use these gifts to serve the gospel? Consider being a sister, brother, priest or deacon (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14)

STEWARDSHIP When will I have given enough – of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.'"

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (adapted from Healing Prayers by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate) Lord, my faith has always been important to me. For much of my life, I have gone to church and prayed, confident of your power and presence in my life. At times, however, my faith is not as strong as I would like it to be. Sometimes it's really hard to apply the message of the gospel to my daily life. Help me to overcome my doubts. Make me a stronger and better Christian. Open my mind and heart to your word and power. Guide me toward the people and resources that will ease my confusion and strengthen my faith. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Luke 17: 5-10)

Trees in the sea It's not clear why Jesus' followers ask for more faith. They might feel overwhelmed by what Jesus expects of them – helping the poor, not causing scandal (vv.1-2), and readily forgiving people (vv.3-4). They might instead want greater faith so that they can do amazing deeds, like casting trees into the sea. It's also not clear from Jesus' reply if he thinks these followers do have great faith or if he thinks their faith is weak. In any case, Jesus doesn't increase the faith of his disciples. Instead he tells them how powerful faith can be, then warns that even if they have perfect faith and can command trees to go here, there, and everywhere, they are still only doing what God expects of them.

No claim on God Here servant means slave. Slavery in this cultural world wasn't based on race. Some slaves held respectable positions. Some were even held in higher esteem than free persons. Nonetheless, slaves were in a very different situation from wage-earners. Even day laborers could expect to be compensated for their work, but slaves were to do everything their master demanded without expecting praise or even a little spending money. The master in this scenario seems to have only one or two slaves because normally slaves who plowed fields or herded animals didn't also cook and wait at table. This slave must have had his hands full, but however hard and well he works, he can't expect anything from his master. We can't expect anything, either. Since everything we have is from God, we can't do anything that doesn't ultimately come from God.

Note on "apostles" We don't know why Luke uses the word apostles in this passage instead of disciples (v.5). He might have wanted to distinguish between all of Jesus' followers (who are called disciples, including the Twelve) and the future leaders of these followers (apostles). Even if Luke is making this distinction, Jesus' words still apply to all who put their faith in him. (www.oursundayreadings)

UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING (Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4b)

Why is this happening? Habakkuk spoke in the late seventh/early sixth centuries BC. As he examines the state of his people, the Israelites, he sees injustice, disunity, and violence. He cries out to God for an explanation. How can a faithful, loving God permit such wickedness and suffering? Why doesn't God do something? God replies that he will use the Babylonian Empire to punish the Israelites for their sins. (The Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem in the early sixth century BC.) God commands Habakkuk to write down what will happen so that when it does, everyone will know that God is in charge.

Faith makes a person patient Once Israel has been cleansed of its sin, God will show his power over the Babylonians, too. None of this will happen overnight, but it will happen. Habakkuk and others who live justly must wait patiently for things to change. People who lack faith in God's all-powerful goodness don't believe that any justice is coming. Faith-filled people see beyond the immediate situation to a time when God will change things, even if they don't know when or how this change will come about. (www.oursundayreadings)

The Diocesan Matrimony Anniversary Mass will be celebrated Oct. 16, 3:00 pm, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City. Bishop John Brungardt invites couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, or other significant anniversary in 2022, and guests, to this special Matrimony Anniversary Mass and dinner.

Register by Oct. 7 online @ www.dcdiocese.org (click on Diocesan Liturgies icon) or mail in form below.

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Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Parish _____ Yrs. married _____ Total # attending _____
Preferred Language for Certificate _____

"...Could you not keep vigil with me for one hour?" Matthew 26:40

You Affect The Lives Of Every Person In The World During your Holy Hour

The Eucharistic Holy Hour, More Powerful Than Anything Outside Of The Eucharistic Sacrifice ---The Holy Mass From the quotes of our Popes and Saints concerning Holy Hours of adoration, we can see how much importance they placed on adoration for a healthy spiritual life. The power of each Holy Hour that we make can be gleaned from these writings. These writings tell us that our Holy Hour is more powerful than anything is this world outside of Mass.

6.5 Billion People Graced 6,775,078,000. Over 6.5 Billion. Remember this number each time that you may have any doubts whether your sacrifice of time in volunteering to cover a Holy Hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament was a productive hour. Why is this number important? It is the number of people living in the world that you affected by your simple visit to our beloved Lord, even if it was for a short time. According to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that every man, woman, and child living on earth receives a new effect of God's grace. This is the power of your hour. You alone have affected the lives of every person on earth through your sacrifice of an hour spent before our beloved Lord. If we ever wanted to stop wars, bring peace to earth, stop abortions in the world, stop evils of all kind throughout the world; this is the way to do it. Where else, outside of The Eucharistic Sacrifice, can you have such a huge influence on human history? Because of your hour, God has given to every one on earth, a grace they need to bring them closer to heaven and thus influencing them to stop any evil they may be involved in.

Souls, On The Precipice Of Hell, Go To Heaven Instead A Holy Hour of adoration is so powerful that many souls in the world, that were going to Hell, instead are graced enough to be in the hands of God and on their way to Heaven. This revelation, about any Holy Hour of adoration, was given by our Lord to Blessed Dina Belanger during one of the many Holy Hours she made. Not only are all people in the world graced because of a Holy Hour, but many are so graced that their whole life is turned completely around as to be on their way to Heaven. Just think, if we had not made a Holy Hour this very day, this may not have happened for many people and may not happen during their entire life. Our Holy Hour may be the only chance for Heaven that many in the world have.

You Influence Men and Women To Enter Religious Life This is a result of holy hours of adoration that many of our Saints have emphasized. Studies throughout the world show that in Dioceses where Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is very prevalent, many vocations are abundant. For example, in the Kalamazoo Diocese, Michigan, adoration of the Eucharist has grown throughout the 1990's into the 21st Century resulting in 20 Seminarians in a few years. This doesn't count the men and women who have entered religious life from the Diocese in the same time period.

You Can Bring Your Family Closer Together Our Saints have always emphasized that a Holy Hour is not a personal solitary "Jesus and me" encounter, but rather one that involves the entire Church. Our adoration reaches out to our families and our community, they say, and as a result, our families are very blessed and brought closer together. This is another aspect of adoration that many people don't realize. People heavily involved in the different Perpetual Adoration Programs throughout the world often report of a loved one, who had left the Church, coming back because of those involved in Perpetual Adoration. Jesus will use many means to try to bring each of us to Heaven. He may be waiting for you to sign up for a Holy Hour of Adoration to bring one of your loved ones back to the Church.

You Make Up For Great Evils Of The World We read often in the newspapers of many evils that are perpetrated on innocent people throughout the world. Our saints teach us that not only does our adoration grace everyone in the world, but actuality repairs for many evils that might otherwise go unrepaired and unchecked. Your Holy Hour is very important to Jesus. He depends on you to help counter evil throughout the world. It is said that everyone in life is given a mission by Jesus to fulfill. If we don't entirely accomplish this mission, it goes unfulfilled into eternity. There are numerous evils in the world to be repaired and made up for. You may be the only one to make up for some of them. Jesus may be counting on your Holy Hour to repair these evils.

You Open The Floodgates Of God's Mercy One of the most important graces that God showers upon the earth, through your Holy Hour, is that of His great Mercy, according to Blessed Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II. In other words, your Holy Hour opens up the floodgates of His Mercy onto everyone in the world. For many people in the World, this may be the first time, or maybe the only time, they are ready to accept this grace. It also has been said, by our Saints, that God's Mercy is infinite, but that His Justice is total. God may be counting on your to extend His time of mercy for yet another day to many people in the world before He will try to use His Justice to save them.

You Help Convert America And Save The World Asked "What will convert America and save the world?", Blessed Mother Teresa answered without hesitation that we need everyone to come together in Holy Hours of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Our spare time is always valuable to us, but it is much more valuable to our beloved Lord. He wants America to be converted, but it is up to us to come before Him to help bring this about.

You Help Stop Abortions Throughout The United States Eucharistic Adoration is a very strong antidote specifically to the evil of abortion. If all Catholics in the United States would make adoration of the most Blessed Sacrament a weekly occurrence, all abortions in the United States would stop, according to Blessed Mother Teresa. We know that all Catholics will not do this, but we can at least do our part, in stopping as many abortions as possible, by sacrificing an hour of our time, each week, in coming before our beloved Lord in adoration.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Your wild and precious life

Today bears many names: Respect Life Sunday. Gandhi's birthday. International Day of Non-Violence. World Habitat Day. This cluster points to one precious idea: that all people bear the divine image and their welfare matters. We honor the whole fabric of life issues protecting each person from conception to death. The United Nations recognizes Gandhi's birthday with a call for nations to abandon aggression and embrace peace. This year's "Urban October" extends the work of Habitat Day in achieving a carbon-free world by focusing on cities, where 70 percent of emissions are generated. Respect life with every decision. (Prepare the Word)

VIGÉSIMO SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Tu vida indomable y preciosa

El día de hoy lleva muchos nombres: Domingo del Respeto a la Vida. El cumpleaños de Gandhi. Día Internacional de la No Violencia. Día Mundial del Hábitat. Todo ello apunta a una idea preciosa: que todas las personas tienen la imagen divina y su bienestar importa. Honramos todo el tejido de la vida protegiendo a cada persona desde la concepción hasta la muerte. Las Naciones Unidas reconocen el cumpleaños de Gandhi con un llamado a las naciones para que abandonen la agresión y abracen la paz. El "Octubre Urbano" de este año amplía la labor del Día del Hábitat para lograr un mundo libre de carbono centrándose en las ciudades, donde se genera el 70% de las emisiones. Respeta la vida con cada decisión.