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OCTOBER 25, 2020



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.” - Mt 22:37-38

Not liberal.

Not conservative.

Simply Catholic.

Catholic citizenship & your vote

We have a dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens. As Catholics, our baptismal commitment to bear public witness to the values of Jesus Christ requires our active participation in the democratic life of our nation. As Americans, we have a serious moral obligation to vote. This brief insert is intended as a starting point to help us respond to our choices in the current political landscape.

There are many issues before us ...



The Right to Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Innocent human life is destroyed by abortion, euthanasia, “fertility treatments” such as in-vitro fertilization, experimentation using stem cells from human embryos, and cloning to manufacture human body parts. Catholic teaching about the sanctity of human life also leads us to oppose the death penalty, genocide, torture, unjust wars, and economic policies that ignore the needs of the poor and vulnerable.

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

The family, which emerges from marriage between a man and a woman, is the original and basic unit of society. Social and economic policies should work to strengthen the family rather than weaken it.

Rights and Responsibilities

Every human being has the right to life and to religious freedom. Everyone has a right to refuse to participate in actions contrary to one’s religious beliefs and to share and defend one’s creed and moral principles in the public forum. Everyone has the right and duty to participate fully in all aspects of life: political, social, cultural, and economic.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

We must have special concern and charity toward the unborn, persons with disabilities, the dying, refugees, long-term unemployed, prisoners, and all who are marginalized in our nation and beyond. Today, the situation of immigrant workers is especially urgent.

Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers

Economic justice includes the opportunity for dignified work at wages sufficient to support a family, workplace safety, and the right to take time for religious observances. Workers also have the duty to provide a fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay.

Solidarity

Loving our neighbor has global dimensions and requires us to eradicate racism and address the extreme poverty and disease plaguing so much of the world. We are called to welcome the stranger among us, including immigrants seeking work, a safe home, education for their children, and a decent life for their families. We are called to promote peace and pursue justice.

Caring for God’s Creation

As stewards, not owners, of the earth, people have an obligation to cherish and care for the environment. The earth yields forth many resources needed for human flourishing, especially energy and the capacity to produce food. These precious resources must be used prudently, fairly, safely, and with a constant concern for future generations.



... but every issue is not equal.

- **Issues that directly affect human lives**, such as abortion and euthanasia, are fundamental and demand serious consideration.
- Our Constitution heralds **religious liberty** in the First Amendment, yet increasingly people of faith are having to fight to retain this basic right.
- Our nation has **redefined marriage**. The marriage of a man and a woman is the foundation of the family and an essential core element of a flourishing society.
- The **growing disparity between rich and poor** means most of the world's resources are in the hands of a small percentage of its people. The federal budget is a moral document and we prioritize the poorest and most vulnerable among us.
- The **millions of undocumented persons** living in the United States deserve our compassion. Our immigration system is broken, and we need a humane solution to it.
- **War, terror, and violence** have caused thousands of lost lives. We must work for just solutions to conflict in the Holy Land, throughout the Middle East, and beyond.



As Catholic citizens, we should remember three things:

1. **Respect for the dignity of each person** is the core of Catholic social and moral teaching. This is our most basic principle.
2. **We focus on the common good**, not our own personal interests. We ask, how can we make the world a better place? Not, how can I improve my own personal situation?
3. **We have a responsibility**, a true obligation, to form our consciences and participate in the civic life of this nation.



Here are ways to form our consciences and participate in civic life:

- **Be true to the teachings of the Church.** Read Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, teachings from the Holy See, and the statements of our bishops. Read “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship” at faithfulcitizenship.org. We need to be sure that our reasoning and judgments are well-grounded in our faith.
- **Stay well-informed about issues** through judicious and reasoned engagement with the immense world of information in the 21st century. Just as all issues are not equal, all sources are not equal. For example, an individual's blog, while potentially very insightful, may not have the same fidelity to factual truth as our media sources that hold themselves to professional standards of journalistic ethics, imperfect though they are.
- **Remain in contact with our representatives** in local, state, and federal government. Our responsibility to form our consciences leads to an obligation to be active citizens.
- **Engage in reasoned, compassionate, and loving dialogue with others**, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, about the issues and choices that we are facing as a nation. Remember that we are all called first to witness the Gospel, and through that witness, to share our social teaching to highlight the moral dimensions of issues, and to participate in debate on public policy.

MASS RETURNS

Inside the Church

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

INDOOR MASS

Space is limited to 100 people.
First come first served.
Face covering required.

Daily Monday - Saturday

6:45 am in English
8:30 am in English

Wednesday

5:00 pm in Spanish

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm in English
7:00 pm in Spanish

Sunday

6:45 am in English
8:00 am Traditional Latin
9:30 am in English
5:00 pm in English

OUTDOOR MASS

Bring your own chair.
Face covering required.
Moved inside if bad weather.

Sunday

11:00 am in English
12:30 pm in Spanish

LIVESTREAM MASS

On Facebook and YouTube

Monday - Saturday

6:45 am
In English; filmed inside

Wednesday

8:30 am School Mass
In English; filmed inside

5:00 pm

In Spanish; filmed outside

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm
In English; filmed inside

7:00 pm

In Spanish; filmed inside

Sunday

8:00 am
Latin; filmed inside

9:30 am

English; filmed inside

PARK & LISTEN

Tune in to 87.9 FM

Park in the parking lot or side streets within a block of the church and tune in to 87.9 FM to listen to Mass.

WALK IN COMMUNION

Pray with Livestream Mass or listen from the parking lot on 87.9 FM.
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Arrive exactly 45 minutes after Mass begins to receive Communion.

CONFESSION & ADORATION

Inside the Church.
Face covering required.

Monday - Friday

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Saturday

9:30 am - 10:30 am

DAILY ZOOM ROSARY

12:00 pm in English
<http://bit.ly/RosaryNov>

8:00 pm in Spanish
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ALL SOULS DAY MASS INTENTIONS

Names will be read at all Masses
on All Souls Day
Monday, November 2
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DAILY NOVEMBER ROSARY

Meet on Zoom at 12:00 pm
Everyday in November
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Let's pray together



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FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Meet on Zoom
Saturday, November 7
12:00 pm



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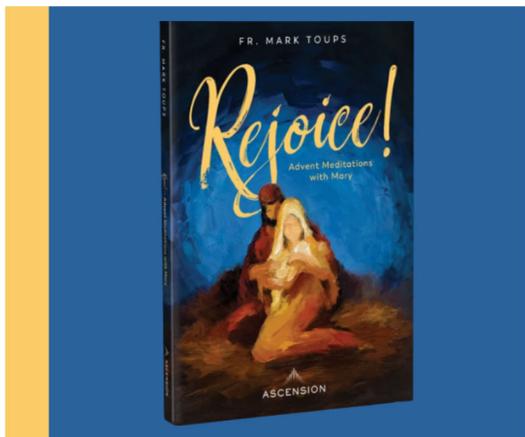


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ADVENT MISSION RETREAT

Mondays on Zoom
November 23 - December 21
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
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NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS MONTH

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MAKE A PRAYER PLEDGE

- I will offer a Rosary daily for vocations
- I will celebrate an extra Mass weekly for vocations
- I will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily for vocations
- I will pray the Vocations Prayer before dinner
- I will offer my daily trials and sufferings for vocations
- I will perform an act of charity and mercy for vocations

SUBMIT YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE

Want to make your pledge feel more "official"?

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VocationMonth](http://StMichaelLivermore.com/VocationMonth)

Or aim your phone camera at the code and tap the pop up.



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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Good and gracious God,
You call each person by name
and invite them to follow you.

During this Month of Prayer for
Vocations, may each person
hear and respond to the call
they have received.

We pray for all discerning
marriage, the chaste single life,
consecrated life, or ordained
ministries, that your Holy Spirit
would guide, inspire, and
strengthen them.

May your Church and the world
be enriched by the "yes" of your
children.

Amen.

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\$41,647.25

Percentage Reached
49%

Maintenance Collection
Goal for October
\$9,500.00

Maintenance Collection to
Date
\$4,946.00

Percentage Reached
52%

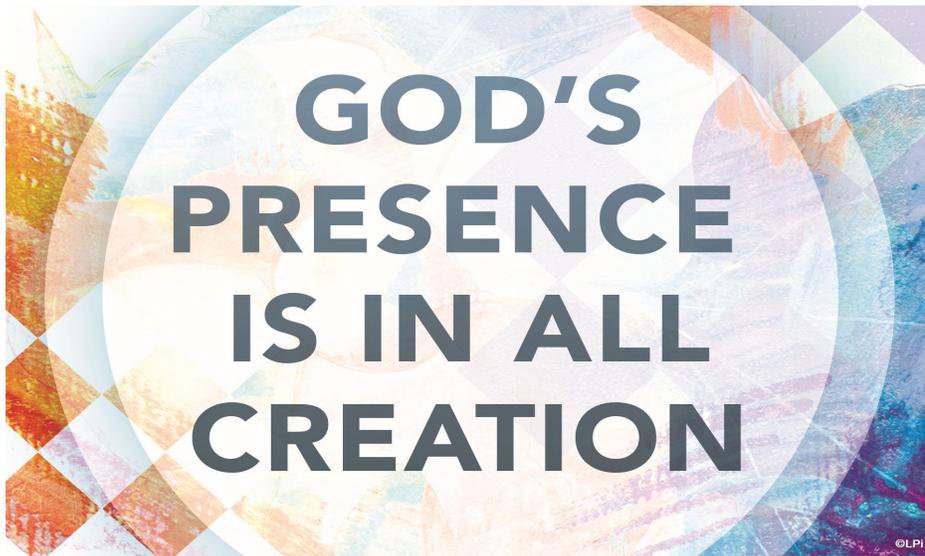


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For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours.

We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit.

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Calculating Love

Have you ever Googled the word “love”? If you did you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife’s. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn’t read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlova-

ble? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: “Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever.” Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means?

And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

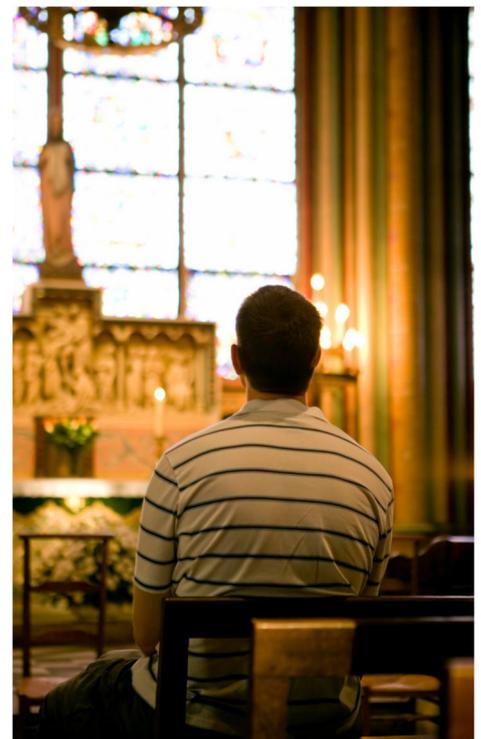
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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do we really understand how important our relationships with our brothers and sisters throughout the world truly are? Many give God’s commandment to love your neighbor and yourself a congenial glance of approval and agreement without really thinking about the implications. Sometimes it is easier to kneel in reverence before the tabernacle in a church than to kneel in reverence before the tabernacle of another person’s soul. Witnessing and being consumed by the Divine Power alive in the heart of every living being transforms not only how we see our brothers and sisters but how we see God Himself. The cries of the

poor and those who are hurting must echo in our hearts. We can no longer be deaf to the world’s pain. It is no longer acceptable to judge others, unduly criticize, or marginalize, neglect, abuse, manipulate, or participate in the exploitation of anyone! We are asked to become hypersensitive to not only what we are doing, but why we are doing it. This holds true not only with regard to the daily conduct of our lives but our economic and corporate relationships and policies as well.

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