



Community News

Volume 17, Issue 10	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Oct 27, 2023
This Sunday's Counsel	"God in His great love invites us to live according to His Holy Will"	
<p>THEME: We respond to live according to God's Holy Will by fulfilling His commandment of love.</p> <p>WORD: God, in His great love, invites us to live according to His Holy Will.</p> <p>PROMISE: "If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." (Ex 22: 26b)</p> <p>ORDER: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and will all your mind." (Mt 22:37)</p> <p>DIRECTION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Love God by obeying His Commandments. 2. Love your neighbors by helping the poor and the needy; do corporal works of mercy. 	<p>The readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time highlight the truth that the love of God and love of neighbor are inseparable. In 1 John 4:20 it is written, "If anyone says, I love God but hates his brother, he is a liar." It is a reminder that our love for God is meaningless if it does not extend to our fellow human beings. You cannot say you love the Lord if you do not love your neighbors and yourself. And you cannot say that you love others if in the first place you do not love the Lord.</p> <p>Love, as beautifully expressed, is not just an emotion nor a feeling, but "the choice to will the good of the other" (St. Thomas Aquinas). The love for neighbors is an extension of our love for God. It is the proof of our faith in Jesus. The core of God's law is encapsulated into two greatest commandments – to love God with all your heart, mind and soul and to love your neighbor as yourself (cf Mt 22:37-39). It is essential to recognize that our neighbor is not just a person living next door; he</p>	<p>is someone who God allows us to encounter in our life, even those who might seem like adversaries. The word 'love' is complicated and a lot of times misused, overused, or falsely used resulting in losing its true meaning. Yes, we express that we love pets, places, food, friends, and family, but when it comes to people who give us trouble or do us wrong, loving can be challenging.</p> <p>Christ models to us the way to love. His love goes beyond feeling and affection. It is a steadfast commitment, without conditions and boundaries. Jesus demonstrated this love by sacrificing His life and dying on the cross, a profound act of love for humanity wounded by sin to gain our salvation. Loving our enemies does not necessarily require affection, but empathy for their needs, mirroring God's response to our own needs. Love is an unwavering commitment, as seen in marriage vows, where two people pledge to love one another for better or for worse, in sickness and in health.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(continued in page 2)</i></p>



ROSARY RALLY FOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA - OCTOBER 14, 2023



The annual Rosary Rally for the BLD Camden members and families was held on October 14, 2023, 12 pm at the residence of Ding and Bessie Urbiztondo. The Rosary Rally gathering was followed with a potluck fellowship amongst friends and family of BLD members.

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Whether at an event or individually, all are encouraged to pray the Rosary. The Holy Rosary is one of the best devotions any Catholic can pray to strengthen their Faith, and venerate our most Blessed Virgin Mary.

"Pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace in the world...for she alone can save it" - Our Lady of Fatima, July 13, 1917.

NOTE: Please see additional photos on page 3 and 4.

Teaching Calendar

Nov 17 - 19 Sat-Sun (Time - TBA) Aspirant's Retreat, Franciscan Sisters House, Kresson Rd.
Dec 3 Sun (1pm - 4:30pm) Growth in Prayer, Holy Eucharist Annex

COMMUNITY EVENT

Oct 27 - 29 (Fri - Sun) Marriage Encounter (ME 17) at Franciscan Missionary Sisters House, Kresson Rd.
Nov 3 Fri (7:30 pm) Rosary Novena Youth and First Friday Healing Mass (8pm) at Holy Eucharist Church No Praise & Worship on Nov 17 and Nov 24.
Dec 16 (11am - 4pm) BLD Christmas Party @ Holy Eucharist Parish Hall

Lectors

Nov 3 N. Castro C. O'Connor M. Ayon
Nov 10 M. Co A. Palmero L. Palmero
Nov 17 Aspirant Retreat Weekend
Nov 24 Thanksgiving Weekend

Lord's Provisions

Sept 29	Praise & Worship	\$ 213.00
Oct 6	HEALING MASS	\$ 413.00
Oct 13	Praise & Worship	\$ 391.00

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Here is an example of a Filipino Salesian nun who is now assigned in Africa. Despite coming from a financially able family, she selflessly teaches the poor children of Nigeria of non-Catholic families.

With her mission, she has been away from her parents who are now in their 90's. Her actions epitomize her love of God and neighbor that is selfless and pure.

She personally pays for her accommodation where she stays so that the families are not obliged to pay the tuition fees. With her mission, she has been away from her. Thus, our weekly theme for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary time states – **We respond to live according to God's Holy Will by fulfilling His commandment of love.** Pope Francis' message resonates with a call to action, urging us to

Rosary Leaders

Nov 3 Youth Ministry Nov 10 D. Bridgeman
Nov 17 Aspirant's Retreat. No Praise & Worship
Nov 24 Thanksgiving Weekend. No Praise & Worship

Prayer Warriors

Nov 3 FIRST FRIDAY HEALING MASS
Nov 10 N/L Julianos J/A Maccherone
Nov 17 Aspirant's Retreat. No Praise & Worship
Nov 24 Thanksgiving Weekend. No Praise & Worship

Intercessory Prayer

Nov 3 Healing Mass Nov 10 GRP 1
Nov 17 & 24 No Praise and Worship

GOD'S BLESSING

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Malou Frago	13 David Garcia
9 Cora Reyes	23 Kate Ilagan
11 Quirino Micua	24 Anthony Palmero
11 Chito Ayon	26 Tara Juliano
	27 Betty Konrad

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6 Oct Philip and Doris Bridgeman

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take humble steps towards love, even within our limitations. It's a challenge for all of us – leaders, parents, and elders in our society, community, and Church. The world is scarred by conflict, misunderstandings, and power struggles, but there is hope. By embracing genuine love and pure concern for our neighbor's well-being, accompanied by fervent prayer, we can reshape our world into a place of harmony and peace for the next generation, where love stands at the core.

Let love reign in our midst, beginning with us, and each heart touched and inspired to make a difference in others. Scripture assures us that love can cover a multitude of sins, reminding us of the transformative power of love. Our encounter with Jesus who loves us boundlessly, can impact our relationship with Him and others. Let His love radiate through our lives, touching the hearts of those around us, and ultimately, changing the world. This may be quite challenging, but if we respond to His commandment of love, we will always have the loving presence of the Lord, especially when we need Him most. In Exodus 22:26b, God promises,

"If he cries out to me, I will hear him, for I am compassionate."

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"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of Mother of God... and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary." - Pope Saint Pius X

Please see additional photos below and page 4.



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