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OCTOBER 25, 2026 – 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

James Tissot (Nantes, France, 1836–1902), *The Pharisees Question Jesus* 1886–1894, Opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper, Brooklyn Museum

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

OUR STAFF:

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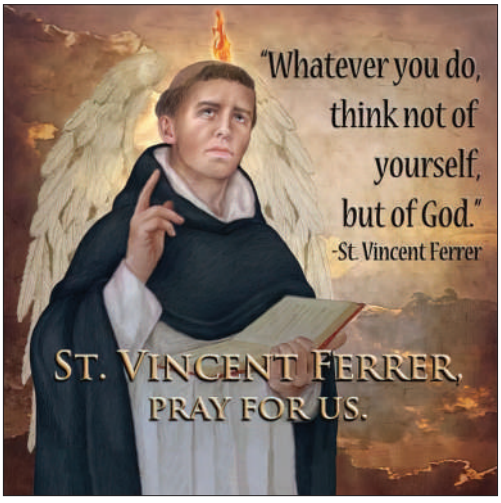

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 24 **5:00 p.m.**
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Magaritte Suzette Pierre-Louis
— Birthday Memoriam
Requested by the Philogene Family

Sunday, October 25 **8:00 a.m.**
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Novena for All Souls
Tyron Jacob — Birthday Blessings

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings
Xavier and Jamaal Carryl — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Yvonne W. Redhead — Blessings and Thanksgiving
The McKenzie Family — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Mrs. Rosalie Bruno
Kasiana Frederic — Birthday Blessings
Conroy Anthony, Sr. — Birthday Memoriam
Rafaela Anthony — Birthday Blessings

Monday, October 26 **9:00 a.m.**
Novena for All Souls
Judith Gullap — Blessings and Healing

Tuesday, October 27 **9:00 a.m.**
Novena for All Souls
Kareem Carryl — Blessings and Thanksgiving

Wednesday, October 28 **9:00 a.m.**
Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
Novena for All Souls
Lidia Patricia Solarte — In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Staff

Thursday, October 29 **9:00 a.m.**
Novena for All Souls
Vincent B. Antoine — In Memoriam
Requested by The Antoine Family

Friday, October 30 **9:00 a.m.**
Novena for All Souls
Nathalile Duclair — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Marie Coutard

Saturday, October 31 **9:00 a.m.**
Novena for All Souls
Edna M. Flick — In Memoriam
Requested by Mrs. Rosalie Bruno

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Candle
Patricia Nicolas — Blessings and Healing

Bread and Wine
Lucienne Previl — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Sulette Baron — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Lucille Anthony — Blessings and Healing

Saint Joseph Candle
Jean and Kenneth Chase — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
June Goggin— Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Monica Walker — Blessings and Healing

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Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. in the church or by appointment.

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Scripture Reflection

Today's Gospel speaks to us about the greatest of the commandments (cf. Mt 22:34-40). A doctor of the law questions Jesus about this and He responds with the "great commandment of love": "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "your neighbour as yourself" (vv. 37, 39). Love of God and neighbour are inseparable from each other. Let us pause a bit to reflect on this.

The first one, the fact that love for the Lord comes first, reminds us that God always precedes us, he anticipates us with his infinite tenderness (cf. 1 Jn 4:19), with his closeness, with his mercy, for he is always near, tender and merciful. Babies learn to love on their mother's and father's knees, and we do so in God's arms. The Psalm says, "Like a weaned child in their mother's arms" (cf. 131:2). This is how we should feel in God's arms. And there, we absorb the Lord's affection. There, we encounter the love that impels us to give ourselves generously. Saint Paul recalls this when he says that Christ's charity possesses a power that propels toward loving (cf. 2 Cor 5:14). And everything originates in him. You cannot truly love others if you do not have this root, which is God's love, Jesus' love.

And now the second aspect that emerges from the commandment of love. It connects love of God to love of neighbour: it means that by loving our brothers and sisters, we reflect the Father's love like mirrors. To reflect God's love, this is the point — to love he whom we do not see through the brother/sister we do see (cf. 1 Jn 4:20). One day, Saint Teresa of Calcutta replied to a journalist who had asked her if she had illusions about changing the world through what she was doing: "I never thought I could change the world! I only wanted to be a drop of clean water, through which God's love could shine" (Meeting with journalists after receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Rome, 1979). This is how she, who was so little, was able to do so much good — by reflecting God's love like a drop [of water]. And if while looking at her and other saints, we might sometimes be tempted to think that they are inimitable heroes, let us think again about this small drop: love is a drop that can change many things. And how can this be done? Taking the first step, always. Sometimes it is not easy to take the first step, to forget things…, to take the first step. Let's do that! This is the drop: to take the first step.

So, dear brothers and sisters, thinking about God's love that always precedes us, we can ask ourselves: Am I grateful to the Lord, who loves me first? Do I feel God's love and am I grateful to him? And do I try to reflect his love? Do I strive to love my brothers and sisters, to take this second step?

May the Virgin Mary help us live the great commandment of love in our daily life: to love and to allow God to love us, and to love our brothers and sisters.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 22, 2023

Daily readings for the 30th Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 25
Exodus 22:20-26
Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40

Monday, October 26
Ephesians 4:32–5:8
Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 27
Ephesians 5:21-33
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 28
Ephesians 2:19-22
Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5
Luke 6:12-16

Thursday, October 29
Ephesians 6:10-20
Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Luke 13:31-35

Friday, October 30
Philippians 1:1-11
Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Luke 14:1-6

Saturday, October 31
Philippians 1:18b-26
Psalm 42:2, 3, 5cdef
Luke 14:1, 7-11

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What Catholics Believe About Halloween

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Eternal Rest

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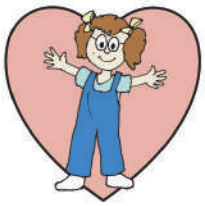

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Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

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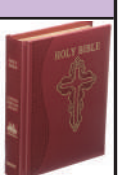

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