

TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S CORNER

There is only one God, but there are many religions in the world. So can we say that basically *all* religions are different paths up the same mountain? Some agree with this point of view, because they insist that different religions attempt to solve different problems. In Judaism, the problem is exile, and the solution is to return to God. In Buddhism, the problem is suffering, and the solution is awakening. In Confucianism, the problem is chaos, and the solution is order. In Christianity, the problem is sin, and the solution is salvation. In Islam, the problem is pride, and the solution is submission. But Joshua D. Chatraw in his book, *Telling a Better Story: How to Talk About God in a Skeptical Age*, points out to a problem with the mountain analogy:

People who hold to the “all religions are basically the same” perspective under a mantle of inclusivity and tolerance actually engage in a form of progressive colonialism that runs over the views they don’t find palatable. It’s as if they’ve placed themselves on top of the mountain, with truth in hand, looking down on myopic religious adherents scrambling up their intolerant ‘one way.’ The problem isn’t that they think others are wrong and they are right. We all do that. The problem is that this view is often helped because it is thought to be more tolerant than those views that make exclusive claims of the superior, comprehensive knowledge of spiritual reality that none of the other religions have.

Some people advocate the mountain analogy because they want to promote toleration among people of different faiths. But instead of putting all religions together into one trash can or treasure chest, we ought to start with a clear-eyed understanding of the fundamental differences between Judaism and Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism, Daoism and Confucianism. It is a mistake to think we must choose between toleration and truth, for instance. In fact, truth is the proper foundation of toleration. If we accept the truth that every human being has unconditional dignity, then we have a sound foundation for toleration of every human being. But we ought not pit toleration against truth, or truth against love. The philosopher and Holocaust victim St. Edith Stein teaches us, “Do not accept anything as the truth if it lacks love. Do not accept anything as love which lacks truth.” Moreover, Jesus calls us not just to tolerate but to love everybody, because Our Lord did not teach that there are many paths up the mountain. He said this, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).

P.S. Perhaps this is a somewhat deep and philosophical reflection, but it may help you, at least partially, to answer this perennial query about one God and the many different religions in the world.

Fr. Slawek

FRIDAY MASS CHANGING TO COLLECTIVE MASS 2026

Starting in January 2026, we will be accepting multiple intentions (up to 5) at the Friday 9:00 a.m. Mass. You may request to have your intention included in the Friday Mass until 1:00 p.m. each Thursday in the parish office providing available intentions. The suggested donation for each intention is \$20. This new practice is meant to help those of you who may have an urgent need to pray for your loved one who has just died, or you may have a special intention for a person who has serious health problems. This collective Mass will aid in helping upkeep the parish.

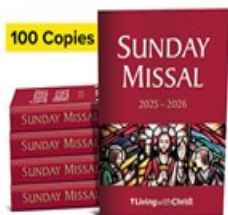
OCTOBER 19, 2025



If you are admitted to the hospital for surgery, please call the Parish office prior to your admission if you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Upon admission at the hospital, identify your religion as Catholic. If you do not disclose that you are Catholic, no Priest, Deacon or Catholic Lay Minister will be informed and, thus, will not be able to visit you and bring you communion.

Carry the card requesting the services of a priest so that if you arrive unconscious at an Emergency Room you can be cared for spiritually.



SUNDAY MISSAL

Are available for purchase the week-end October 25/26. & November 1/2

Limited quantity available



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In all the ordinary and the extraordinary things that we do to bring comfort, the hope and joy to the less fortunate in our community, we give witness and thanks to God's love and compassion.

Please remember the POOR BOX on your way out of the church after Mass.



NEEDED AT ALL MASSES

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server please fill out a volunteer form located on the back table of the Church and submit it to the Parish office. Volunteer Screening will contact you.



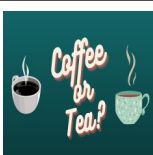
Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday
For the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.



ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated. Thank you.



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

Wednesday, October 22,
2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 21

9 a.m. Repose of the soul Shirley Lam Shook Yee Lo Mui.

Wednesday, October 22

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of David Emer req. by the Emer family.

Thursday, October 23

9 a.m.. Private Intentions.

Friday, October 24

9a.m. Repose of the soul of Margaret Chan.

Saturday, October 25

4:30 p.m.. Repose of the soul of Crispin Ed. Prillo req. by the Prillo family.

Sunday, October 26

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Silvestro De Laurentis req. by The De Laurentis.

ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan—Pre-Authorized Giving is a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the Parish's account.

This amount will be receipted at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Application forms are on the table at the back of the church.

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