ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, October 25, 2026– Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mission Statement

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, Anderson,SC was founded in 1943 by the Franciscans of the Holy Name Province in New York. The intention then and now is to be a welcoming family of faith where all are invited to encounter Jesus Christ, find a spiritual home, and grow together in love. Nourished by the Eucharist and guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to worship God faithfully, grow as disciples, strengthen our families, serve those in need, and share the joy and love of the Gospel with all.

The Holy Father's prayer intention for the month of October 2026

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9:00 am (English) 12:30 pm (Español)
Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 4:00 pm (English)
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00 am (English)
Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 pm (Español)
Saturday: 4:00 pm (English) 7:00 pm (Español)
Confessions: 1/2 hour before each Mass.
Holy Adoration: Thursdays after morning Mass until 9:30 am, Fridays 6-7 pm

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Food Pantry

Drop off any non-perishable food items in the church or parish hall bin. The following are food supplies we need to restock:

- Boxes of Stuffing
- Boxes of Scalloped Potatoes
- 1 Lb. Canned Hams
- Snack Bars

THANK YOU

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ParishChorus Practice
Thursdays at 6:00 pm
HeatherJCHiley@gmail.com
Heather Brown

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Prayer Warriors:

We are a group of parishioners who pray for you, your family, and / or friends.

To join our faith filled ministry or to request prayer, please contact Judy Hanson at 434-944-2636

Prayer Intentions for this week:

Sharral Jensen
Renee Hvizdos
The Bateman Family
Susie McClure
Kenneth Morales
Joe Inglima
L. C. Davis
Pennye Rose
Steve Hughes
Susan Wiker
Babies Beckett and Francesca
Scarlet, Jessica, Ashley, Trevor, and Jason
Kris LeCompte
Linda Firnero
Renee Reid
Randy Kolb
Lynette Casey
Lori Prine
Roy Mack
Larry Binninger
Agapita Pena Martinez
Marilyn Fronczkiewicz

Weekly Collections

October 17-18, 2026
Operating: $ 9,266.18
Buildings and Grounds: $ 85
Food Pantry: $ 40

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Knights of Columbus

We are a Catholic men's organization serving our parish and community through time and support of charitable organizations
Anyone interested in finding out more can call Mike Massey at 864-314-3622.

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Hispanic Ministry / Ministerio Hispano

Serves the growing Hispanic/Latino population by providing culturally and linguistically appropriate pastoral care, fostering their engagement and leadership in the Church, and welcoming them into the broader Catholic community. Meetings are once a month on a Thursday. Meeting dates will be announced.

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Women's Council

3rd Monday of the month - 5:30 P.M. Parish Hall

St. Mary of the Angels Women's Council call all Catholic women to come together to lead and serve with a united voice in matters affecting the Catholic welfare, communication, and spiritual growth. We encourage personal talents and support new membership for the benefit of all.

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Men's Club

1st Wednesday of the month - 5:30 P.M. Parish Hall

The Men's Club was organized as a fellowship for the men in the parish. All men in the church are welcome.

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SafeEnvironment:

Safe Environment/Virtus Program: St.Mary of theAngels Parish is committed to ensuring a safe environment for our children and vulnerable adults and for upholding the "National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People." **All Volunteers who serve at Masses (Ushers, Lectors, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir) and all parish office, Food Pantry and religious education volunteers must undergo a background screening and complete VIRTUS online training. The parish must receive clearance notification from the Diocese of Charleston prior to a volunteer beginning service.**

Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Patricia Binninger, (703-403-5573), or pbinninger@charlestondiocese.org

Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services: Jeniffer Medina, (843) 225-8136

Diocesan Victim Assistance: Mary Nicole Cook (843) 856-0748 or (800) 921-8122 or mcook@charlestondiocese.org

For confidential email: VAC@charlestondiocese.org



Virtues, *Explained!*

All human beings have a body, just as all human beings have a soul. Since mankind fractured his relationship with the divine, the inclinations of the body are often at odds with the well-being of the soul.

Through the virtue of chastity, these inclinations become once again integrated.

In the Catechism, we read that chastity "includes an apprenticeship in self-mastery which is a training in human freedom" (CCC 2339). True freedom is impossible when a person is subject to any of his or her passions.

The sins of lust, pornography, and prostitution are principal offenses against the virtue of chastity, because these things undermine the integrity, or wholeness, of the human person's physical and spiritual dimensions.

All people are called to chastity, even those who are not called to celibacy, because all people have a physical self. Chastity is one of the twelve gifts of the Holy Spirit, which sustains moral life.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

"You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.
If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me,
I will surely hear their cry.
My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword;
then your own wives will be widows, and your
children orphans." (Ex 22:21-23)

Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading

For they themselves openly declare about us
what sort of reception we had among you,
and how you turned to God from idols
to serve the living and true God
and to await his Son from heaven. (1 Thes 1:9-10)

Gospel

"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind." (Mt 22:37)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Jesus gives us the greatest commandment: love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind. When we do that, the rest comes naturally, and we love others as they should be loved. So, give Him everything — and let your life be love.

Worship & Observances

Blessing for Harvest

Thank you, Lord, for the growth we have seen this season. Bless our harvest and those who labor to bring us nourishment. May Your provision be known, Your pruning be sure, Your preservation total. Prosper the work of our hands, Lord, in Your goodness.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of October 25, 2026

Sunday
Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/ Mt 22:34-40

Monday
Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday
Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday
Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday
Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday
Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday
Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a



Observances for the Week of October 25, 2026

Sunday
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday
Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Saturday
All Hallow's Eve

Next Sunday
All Saints; *Daylight Saving Time Ends;* National Vocation Awareness Week

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus hands down the "greatest commandment" — to love God with all your heart, soul and mind.

Love God First

When the iconic Notre-Dame Cathedral of Paris burned in 2019, some made the argument that the money necessary to rebuild it would be better spent by the Church on providing services to the poor.

"After all," I heard someone argue. "History is important, but humanitarianism is our religion."

Close, but — as my father likes to say — no cigar.

Humanitarianism is actually not our religion, and you should never let anyone tell you it is. It's a small mistake, but it can become a big one, fast. Humanitarianism is wonderful — it describes a set of principles animated by an underlying belief in the value of human life. But this is not sufficient. We can't start with loving people and work our way up to God.

Why? Because I promise you, we will never end up reaching God.

If you have any doubt about this, you can consult literally any history book. Every war, every famine, every political disaster since the dawn of time has resulted from an attempt to put people first. "We're putting our people first," governments say — always right before they do something really, really heinous.

For what it's worth, the Church hasn't owned the Notre-Dame de Paris since the French Revolution. It was seized and rededicated to the Cult of Reason — the atheistic state religion that, it assured everyone, put people first (and put those people who disagreed to death at the guillotine).

We can't start with love of people, because we will always displace *some of the other people.* Only by starting with love of God — heart, soul, and mind — can we enter the narrow gate of correctly loving other people.

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



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Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

When you have a choice to make, think about what God wants. Make sure your choices are good and that they help other people. When you follow God's example, you will be ready to love other people. With God's help you can be gentle, forgiving and kind.

Now color the picture!

Prayer

God, help me to love you and other people more and more every day.

Mission for the Week

As a family, help an elderly person in your neighborhood. Help them clean up their home or their yard.



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STATEWIDE


96 parishes


20 missions


32 schools


30 seminarians


109 diocesan priests


16 campus ministries


85 youth ministry programs


246 permanent deacons


8 Catholic Charities of SC locations

GIFT PLANS TO CONSIDER

(Based on 10-month pledge)

Daily Sacrifice	Monthly Sacrifice	Total Gift
$32.68	$1,000	$10,000
$16.34	$500	$5,000
$8.17	$250	$2,500
$3.00	$150	$1,500
$2.50	$75	$750
$1.67	$50	$500
83¢	$25	$250

NOTE: A 10% down payment is encouraged but not required.

His Garden Society

His Garden Society offers a special way to join the Bishop as he leads the flock. Members of His Garden Society take a leadership role in supporting the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina with an annual gift of $1,500 or more, or with a recurring monthly gift.

HIS GARDEN SOCIETY GIVING LEVELS

St. Francis Circle	Any monthly recurring gifts
Camellia Circle	$1,500 - $4,499
Magnolia Circle	$5,000 - $9,999
Azalea Circle	$10,000+

OPTIONS FOR GIVING

Each family is asked to prayerfully consider a contribution in one of the following ways:

- A ONE-TIME GIFT
- A PLEDGE that is payable over 10 months
- An AUTOMATICALLY RECURRING GIFT that continues until you elect otherwise *(must be fulfilled electronically).*

SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE

To make a donation using stocks or mutual funds, please visit our website for instructions: charlestondiocese.org/catholic-appeal

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THE FAITHFUL WAY

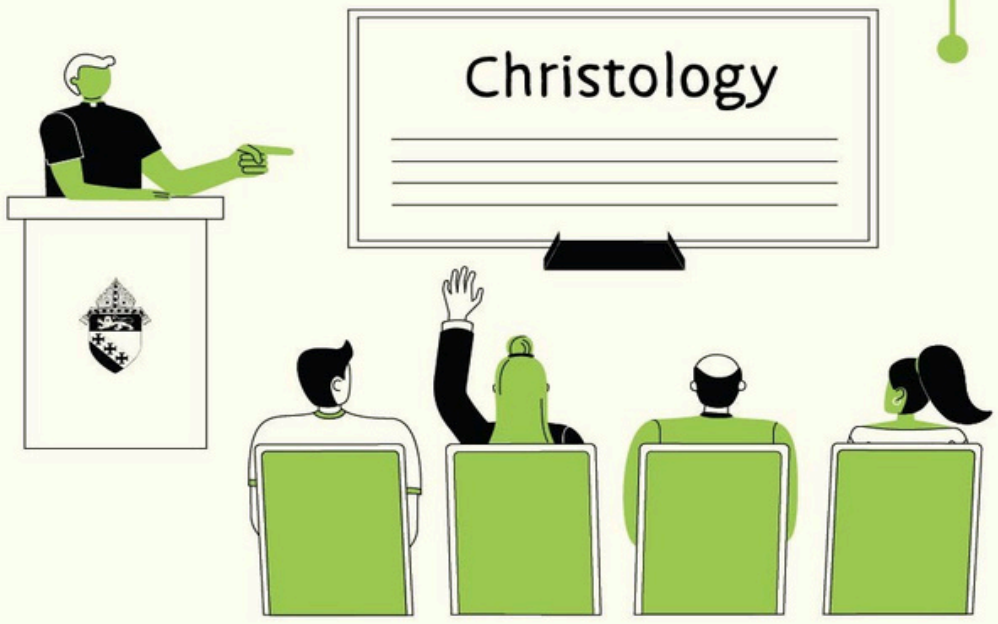
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Catechesis

Grow deeper in the knowledge of our Church's teachings.

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A Five Year Plan for the Diocese

VIA FIDELIS:
THE FAITHFUL WAY

UNDERSTAND THE FAITH
YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

Monthly study guides can be used in personal prayer and for small group reflection.

OCTOBER 2026

SCRIPTURE
Read 2 Timothy 1:6-14

REFLECT:
1. In this passage, Paul reminds Timothy of the gift and calling that he been given in his ministry. In what ways has God called you to serve Him and what grace has accompanied that calling?
2. How do we live in the same kind of boldness that Paul is encouraging Timothy to have?
3. At the end of this passage, Timothy is asked to guard that which has been entrusted to him. How does this help us understand how we are to consider what has been entrusted to the Church in the "Deposit of Faith", that is, Scripture and Tradition?

READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Learning the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (pg. 30)

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is a fruit of the Second Vatican Council and a gift given to the Church by St. John Paul II. It is an important resource and reference for the faithful, especially when it comes to clarifying the Church's teachings on contemporary or controversial issues. The Catechism is a roadmap that can form our minds and consciences with the doctrinal, sacramental, moral and spiritual teachings of the Church.

We are so fortunate to have easy access to the central teachings of our faith and to have them all in one simple volume!

I encourage all believers to read and become familiar with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. We need to ensure that our reading of the *Catechism* is done in the light of the sacred Scriptures and in the living Tradition of the Church. With both the Bible and the *Catechism*, we can know sacred doctrine, discern the will of God and allow the Holy Spirit to work in us and give us his guidance.

REFLECT:
1. In this selection, the Bishop discusses the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. What has been your experience with the Catechism in the past and in the present?
2. What are some concrete ways to work study of the *Catechism* into everyday life?
3. Why is it important to be familiar with and understand both Scripture and Tradition? How has this nourished your own spiritual life?

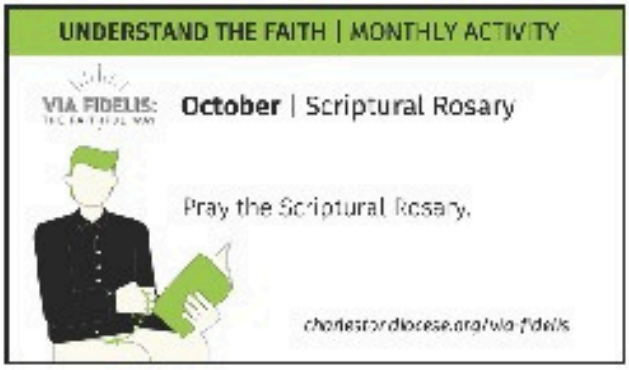


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VIA FIDELIS: THE FAITHFUL WAY

UNDERSTAND THE FAITH

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THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES

Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1812-1829; 1840-1844

- The theological virtues come from God and are "infused" into humans as a gift of sactifying grace
- The theological virtues are directed towards God; they give one the capacity to live in relationship to the Trinity, making the meriting of eternal life possible
- The theological virtues are the pledge of the Holy Spirit's presence and action in human faculties
- The human virtues are rooted in the theological virtues, and, therefore, the theological virtues are the foundation of Christian morality
- Faith is the theological virtue which disposes one to believe God and all he has revealed as well as all that the Church presents to us to be believed
- Faith is rooted in the fact the God is Truth itself
- In faith, one commits the whole self to God
- In faith, one strives to know and do God's will
- Hope is the theological virtue that disposes one towards the desire for heaven and eternal life with God
- Hope is the trust in the promises of Christ rather than trust in one's own strength
- Christian hope fulfills the hopes of God's people in the promises of the Old Testament
- The Christian hopes for "final endurance" and the Church prays, in hope, for the salvation of all humanity
- Charity is the theological virtue that disposes one to love God above all things and one's neighbor as oneself for the sake of this love of God
- Charity is the new commandment given by Jesus (Jn 13:34)
- Charity animates and inspires the practice of all the virtues
- Charity perfects our human ability to love by supernatural divine love



Feasts & Solemnities

OCTOBER 1: *ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH*
St. Thérèse of Lisieux is one of the most beloved saints because of her simple, yet profound spirituality. At 15, when Thérèse expressed the desire to enter the convent like her older sisters, she was told to come back when she was 21. The priest-director told her that only the bishop could make an exception. To his surprise, she actually made her petition to the bishop, who granted her request.

OCTOBER 3: *THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS*
This celebration of the Guardian Angels commemorates that God entrusts each and every one of us to the care of one of his angels. It reminds us of the depth of God's love, not only for humanity in general, but for each of us individually. This individualized care is reflected in Jesus' words in Matthew's Gospel preceding the parable of the lost sheep: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (18:10).

OCTOBER 4: *ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI*
St. Francis' feast day is technically classified as a "memorial" and is not observed liturgically this year because it falls on a Sunday. Yet, this year marks the 800th anniversary of his death (Oct. 3, 1226). In response, Pope Leo XIV has asked us all to focus on imitating St. Francis' example of holiness and peace, proclaiming a special jubilee year to commemorate the occasion.

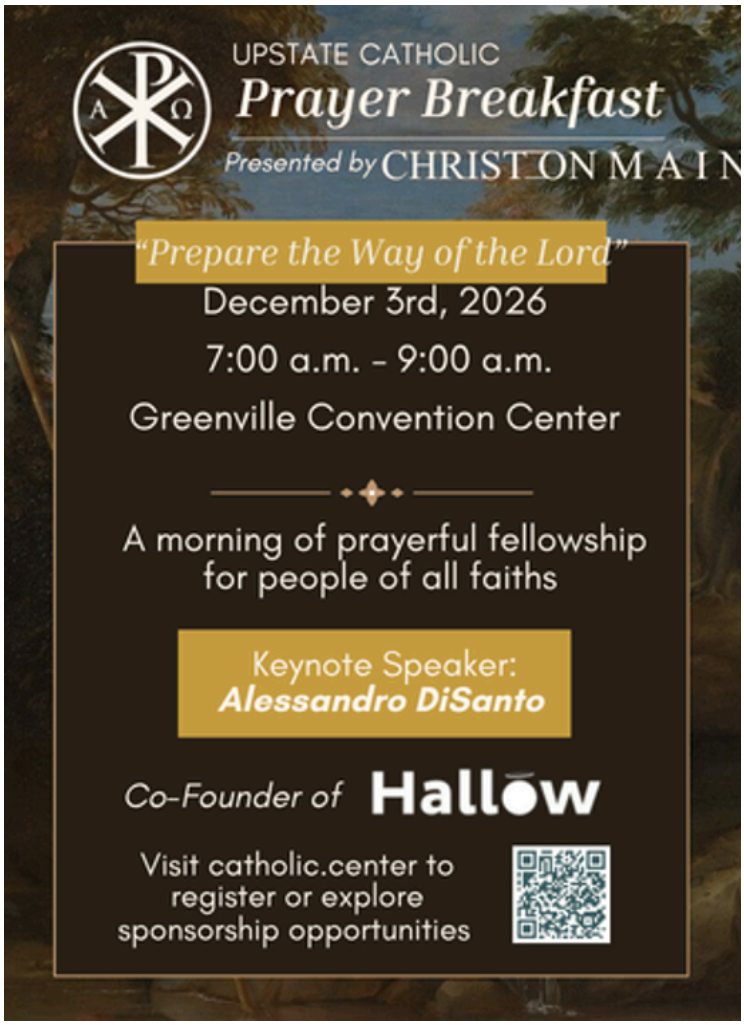
OCTOBER 7: *OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY*
This feast day was originally called "Our Lady of Victory" by St. Pius V, as it commemorated the victory of a Catholic coalition over the Ottoman Turks at the naval battle of Lepanto on Oct. 7, 1571. Because this victory was attributed to the intercession of Mary through praying the rosary, in 1573, Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to "Our Lady of the Rosary."

OCTOBER 15: *ST. TERESA OF JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH*
St. Teresa of Avila (Santa Teresa de Jesús) is beloved as a spiritual writer and reformer of the Carmelites. Her mystical writings give clear glimpses into the intimacy with which God loves, and to the beauty of being united to him. In 1970, St. Teresa and St. Catherine of Siena were together named the first female "doctors of the Church" for making significant contributions to the Christian life and the understanding of the faith.

OCTOBER 19: *STS. JOHN DE BRÉBEUF, ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS*
Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, and their companions, were the first matyrs in the Americas to be recognized officially by the Church. These Jesuit missionaries served in Quebec and ministered to the Huron people. They were martyred over a period of a few years by the Iroquois, who were frequently at war with the Huron. The missionaries' enthusiasm for the Gospel and love for those they served in the Huron people are an example of Christ's love for his Church.

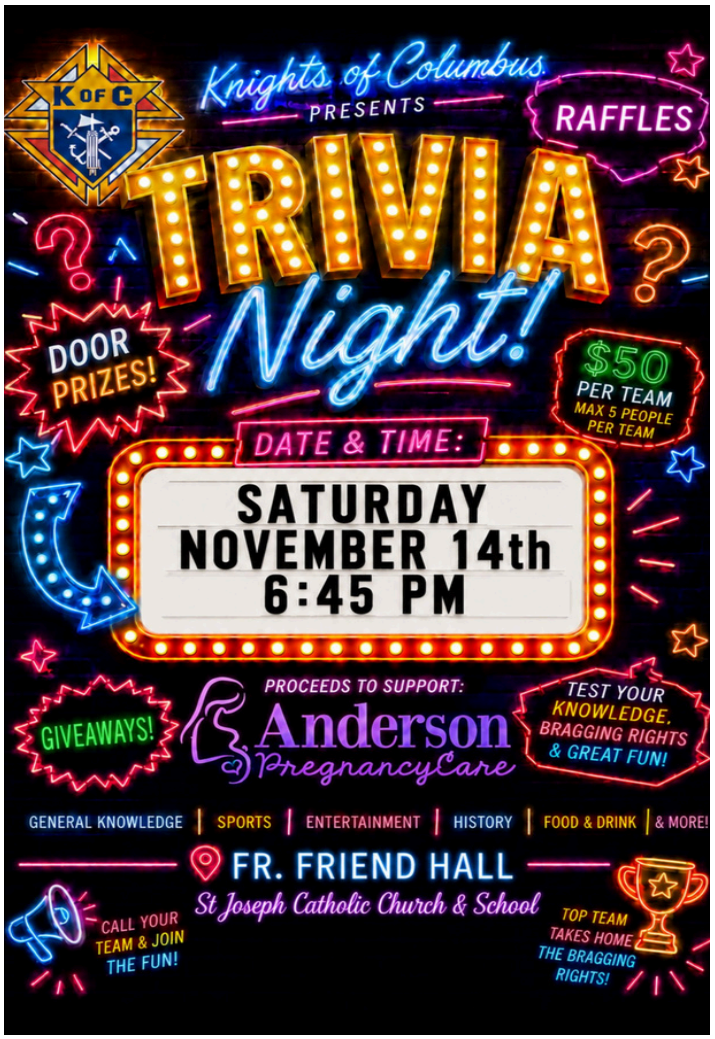
OCTOBER 28: *STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES*
These two apostles whom we commemorate share an interesting commonality: they both have the same name as other apostles. To distinguish him from Simon (who Christ renamed St. Peter), St. Simon is sometimes referred to as the "zealot" in Scripture, which points to a possible prior connection with a first century Jewish movement for independence from the Romans. St. Jude's name is often shortened to Jude in English to distinguish him from Judas Iscariot. St. Jude is called Thaddeus in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, while Luke calls him Jude (Judas). John refers to him once as "Judas, not the Iscariot" (Jn 14:22).





Every year we get together to donae 150 sandwiches weekly to the Anderson Emergency Soup Kitchen. This is only possible with your help! We need volunteers to donate their time to make these sanwiches on Saturday mornings in November.

We also have a list of weekly items needed to accomplish this goal. Both sign-up sheets will be located in the parish. We encourage you to help in any way you can!



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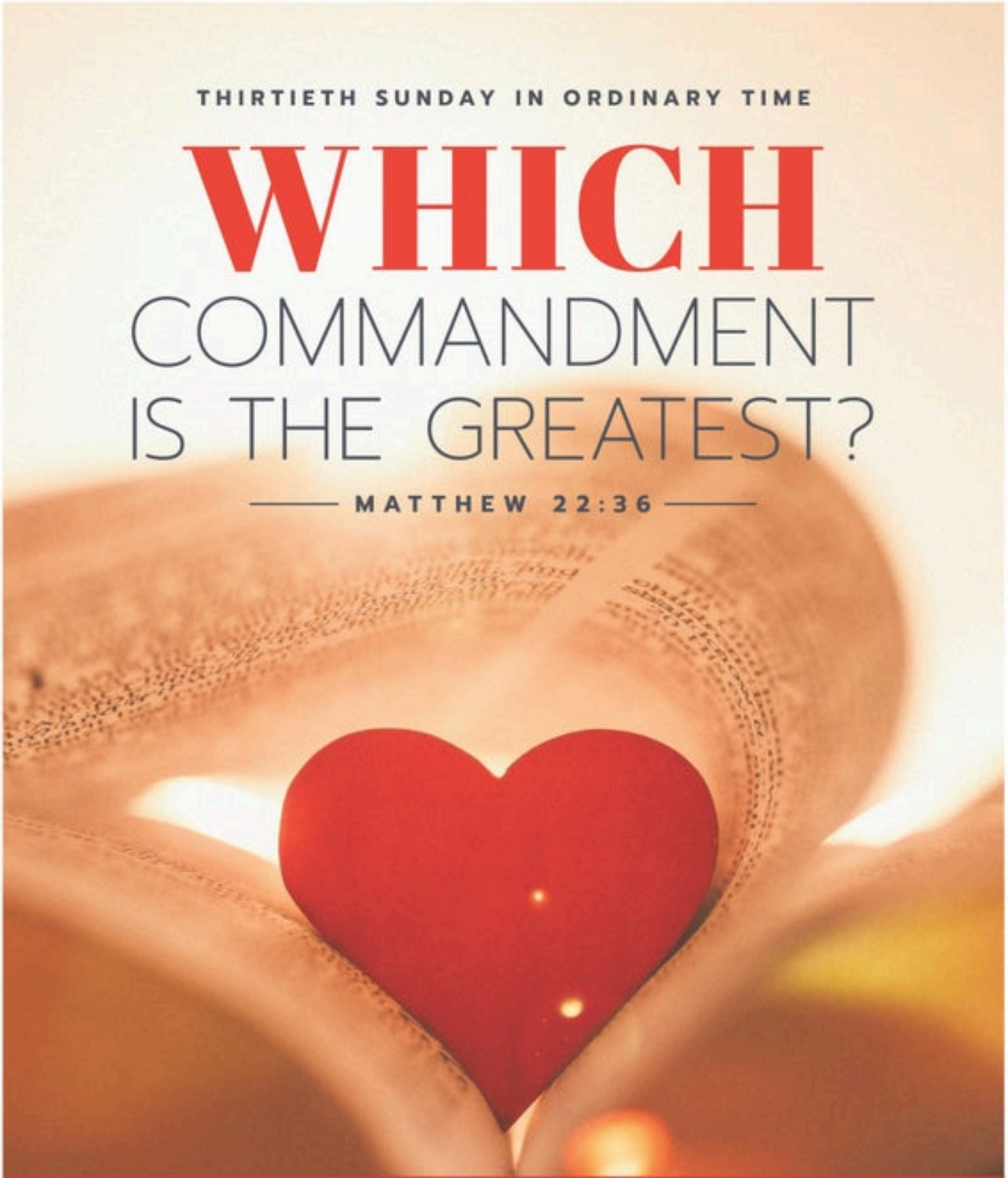
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHICH COMMANDMENT IS THE GREATEST?

MATTHEW 22:36



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026