

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 25, 2026

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Pray for Vocations~~~ Pray the Rosary~~~ Pray for Peace

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Cycle A - Year II

Laypeople are expected to participate in certain gestures during Mass, such as making the sign of the cross, bowing, and showing reverence, while other gestures, like raising hands during the Our Father, are discouraged.

Prescribed Gestures

Certain gestures are explicitly prescribed for all the faithful in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM):

-Sign of the Cross: Made at the beginning of Mass, before readings, and upon receiving Communion, among other times. At the Gospel, the faithful may touch forehead, lips, and chest to show reverence for the Word of God and to signify hearing, proclaiming, and cherishing the Gospel (CERC).

-Bowing: Bowing is appropriate during the Creed at the Incarnatus ("and was made man"), at the name of Jesus, and during certain prayers to show respect and gratitude (EWTN).

-Genuflecting: Done when entering or leaving the church, or when passing before the Blessed Sacrament, as a sign of reverence.

-Sign of Peace: Laypeople may offer a handshake, bow, or other culturally appropriate gesture to those nearby; the exact form is not strictly prescribed and is left to local custom (Catholic Home).

Optional or Discouraged Gestures

Some gestures are traditional but not required:

-Hands during the Our Father: The laity are not required to hold hands or raise them in the Orans position. The Roman Missal specifies only that the congregation stands; extending hands is reserved for the priest, and laypeople should avoid gestures that mimic the priestly role (Catholic Answers, Catholic.com).

-Other personal gestures: Folding hands, interlacing fingers, or holding them loosely at the sides while standing are all acceptable. Local custom or personal devotion may guide these practices (Catholic Field Guide).

Purpose of Gestures

Gestures at Mass are not merely ceremonial; they engage the body in prayer and reinforce the meaning of the liturgy. Standing, kneeling, bowing, and making the sign of the cross express respect, penance, gratitude, and reverence for Christ and the sacred mysteries (St. Apostle, EWTN).

Summary

Laypeople should follow the gestures prescribed by the Church, such as the sign of the cross, bowing, and genuflecting, while optional gestures like hand positions during the Our Father or personal devotional gestures are left to individual or local practice. The key principle is to participate reverently and in harmony with the liturgical norms, avoiding gestures that could confuse the distinction between the laity and the priesthood.

From Catholic Answers

Here at Saint Michael...

Remembrance Table: We will be praying for the souls of the faithful departed. The envelopes are in the back of the church, so you can write the name of your departed loved ones for whom Father will dedicate Holy Masses during the month of November. Please bring a photo of your loved ones to put on our Remembrance Table. Thank you!

All Soul's Day: Father Elberto will celebrate Holy Mass on Monday November 2nd at 6pm in English and 7pm in Spanish. Please come and remember all our departed loved ones.

The Annual Martha and Mary's Bazaar: The annual Marthas & Marys Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale will be held on December 5th & 6th, 2026 in Father Wright Hall. They welcome donations of Christmas craft items and gently used Christmas treasures. No clothing please. Please drop off donations in the designated drop off location in Father Wright Hall before December 4th. Baked goodies can be dropped off beginning Friday, December 4th or during the bazaar. Please call Kathy at 775-224-8020 for more information.

TRAINING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS

Father Elberto is requesting current ministers and lectors to attend this training. If you are not yet helping us in these ministries, you are encouraged to attend. Training will be offered on Thursday October 29th at 6pm, in Spanish at the church. Please let the parish office know if you are going to attend before October 25th.

Around the Diocese...

ALL SOULS DAY MASS 2026: You are invited to join His Excellency, The Most Reverend Daniel H. Muggenborg for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

DATE: Monday, November 2, 2026 TIME: 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery
2700 N Virginia St, Reno, NV 89506.

Project Rachel: The month of October, we rejoice for the presence of the Holy Guardian Angels. We pray for all women who have had abortions and all those mourning the loss of an unborn child. May these heavenly angels intercede to open hearts and minds, offering comfort, protection, and guidance. We pray all may experience the profound healing, boundless love, tender mercy, and compassionate embrace of God. Pope Leo XIV declared this the Year of St. Francis. If you or someone you know needs support, we invite you to delve into our mission and discover the services we provide by visiting our website at https://www.catholicreno.org/project-rachel. For Project Rachel click on "Our Works" and scroll down to select "Project Rachel" to learn about our dedicated efforts in fostering healing and support. Upcoming 2026 retreats: Archdiocese of San Francisco, Spanish Nov. 13-15, English and Spanish Dec. 4-6, Call 415-614-5567. For confidential, non-judgmental, and compassionate support, please contact our Help Line 775-324-4325 or email KarenM@catholicreno.org. We are here to guide you toward peace and healing.

TODAY'S READINGS

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READING:

Exodus 22:20-26 Do not oppress the alien or harm the widow or orphan. I hear the poor. I am compassionate.

Psalms 18 I love You, Lord, my strength.

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Like us, you received the Word with joy and turned to God from idols to await the return of His Son.

Matthew 22:34-40 "Which commandment is the greatest?" "Love God... and your neighbor".

CATECHISM:

2054-2055 Christ: The Ten Commandments summed up in the "two great commandments". 218-221, 2061-2063 First, God loves us: The commandments express the divine-human covenant and are secondary to it.

356-357, 368, 2563 Human beings are created for the covenant of love, rooted in the "heart".

1968 Gospel's law fulfills rather than diminishes the commandments, through imitation of the divine perfection of generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

October 17/18, 2026

4:30p.m.	8:00a.m.	9:30a.m.
68	71	203
11:00a.m	12:00p.m.	2:00p.m
216	179	

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

	Intention	Requested by
10/24/2026		
4:30pm	† Jesus Cortez	Beatriz Sanchez
10/25/2026		
8:00am	Health of Pope Leo XIV	St. Michael Parishioners
9:30am	† Josefina Torres	Her Family
11:00am	† Josefina Torres	Su Familia
12:00pm	† Zoila y † Juan Antonio Lizano	Marina Lizano
2:00pm	Cumpleaños de Jose Rodrigo Ramirez	Familia Ramirez Arevalo

This Week Readings

Monday, October 26

Weekday

Eph 4:32—5:8

Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 27

Weekday

Eph 5:21-33

Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 28

Saints Simon and Jude,

Apostles

Feast

Eph 2:19-22

Lk 6:12-16

Thursday, October 29

Weekday

Eph 2:19-22

Lk 6:12-16

Friday, October 30

Weekday

Phil 1:1-11

Lk 14:1-6

Saturday, October 31

Weekday

Phil 1:18b-26

Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday, November 01

ALL SAINTS

Solemnity

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12a

PLEASE NOTE

The parish office will be closed on Friday October 30th in observance of Nevada Day.

Family Connection

Children learn about love from real, concrete examples witnessed in family life. We can help children to love God and love their neighbors by showing everyday acts of love, generosity, and kindness—our own expressions of our love for God. These acts, small and large, are the expression of what Jesus identified as the two greatest commandments: love God and love neighbor.

Make a poster together as a family. Write the words Love God in the center of the poster and write the words Love Neighbor near each of the four sides of the poster. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 22:34-40. Talk about how Jesus taught us that our love for God is revealed in the love that we show to other people. On the poster, use pictures and words to show some of the ways that your family shows their love for other people. Pray together that your family will continue to express your love for God by loving others. Pray the Act of Love

From Loyola Press

Pray for the Sick Please Pray For:

Ron Miller, Dulce Llaguno, Gustavo Garcia, Roger Barela, Terry Tully, Daneen Isenberg, Consuelo Lopez, Perl Dryer, Paul Cabral, Mikaela Méndez Aguirre, Susan Bailey, Gus Ryan, Mike North, Ana Flores, Maria Berg, Jeff Koeber, Dave Keys, Dennis Schuster, Mike Young, Vincent Lasorsa, Susana Franco, Carmen Garcia Avila, Shibu P., Barbara Green, Eduardo Aviles, Matthew Atencio, Fr. Jim Shae, Steve Cencak, Joan Zeigler, Lidia Hernández, Esther Moore, Mónica Bauman, Barbara, Kathy Tejcek, Chris Ruffo Bak, Darrell Brown, Celina Ramirez, Guadalupe Gomez, Carolyn Krug, Sosamma Babu, Williams Family, Sheri Garafola, Rocio Camargo Aguirre, Mirna & José Pérez.

Thank you for your continued stewardship

of Time, Treasure, and Talent!

Collections for October 17/18, 2026

Regular Offertory	\$ 4,888.60
Building Fund	\$ 1,345.71
Maryknoll Mission	\$ 30.00
CSA	\$ 14.00
AA	\$ 125.00
Sacraments (Bapt. XV, Marriage)	\$ 337.00
Total	\$ 6,740.31

		4:30pm	8:00am	9:30am	11:00am	12:00pm	2:00p
October 31 November 01	Holy Communion Minister	Lupe Ryan	Terry Happ	Bill Schmidt	Emma Gonzalez	Maria Casillas	Juan Cortes
	Lector	Rosa Coad	Betty Barr	Erlinda Manalili Eloise Iverson	Juan Rangel Félix Rangel	Rocio Reyes Edith Pérez	Rita Garcia José Ramirez