



PELICAN VALLEY

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Elizabeth: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Thu)

St. Leonard: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Wed)

Our Lady of Victory: 8:30 a.m. *Thursday*

if there is a 9:00 a.m. Mass

3:30 p.m. Saturday

OCTOBER 29, 2023

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

30º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO
"Amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón,
con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente". - Mt 22, 37

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"Say
the Rosary
every day,
to bring peace
to the world
and the end
of the war."

Words spoken by our
Blessed Mother Mary at Fatima

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Church & Office Hours:

St. Elizabeth: Carrie Wedll 218 731-5304

St. Leonard: Alejandra Mancilla 218 731-2962

Horario de oficina: 3:00–6:00 (miércoles)

Office Hours: 3:00–6:00 (Wed)

Our Lady of Victory: Craig Hebert

218-736-2429, ext. 10

Church Hours: 7:45 to 4:00 (Mon-Fri)

Office Hours: 9:00 to Noon

and 1:00 to 4:00 (Mon-Thu), 9:00 to noon (Fri)

PASTORAL COLUMN

The **Gospel Acclamation** is part of the Sunday liturgy that is often overlooked. It is overlooked because the cantor leads us in singing the Alleluia in its place. The acclamation for this weekend comes from John 14:23, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him." Powerful words from Jesus that promise that the Blessed Trinity will not only love us, but be personally involved in our lives. I truly believe this.

I also believe that we encounter Jesus in the people we meet. A good example is found in the Road to Emmaus story in Luke's gospel where two of Jesus' disciples are walking home from Jerusalem on Easter Sunday. They encountered Jesus but didn't recognize him until he broke bread with them. Please find this story and read it if you don't remember it.

Encountering Jesus is a common thing for those who believe. As an example, I was heading into the hospital for a physical therapy appointment when I saw someone slowly hobbling into the same place with much difficulty. I offered to give her a ride in a wheelchair to her appointment, which she accepted. I still made it to my appointment on time.

The gospel gives us two commandments. Love God with all your heart, soul and mind and you should love your neighbor as yourself.

I believe I encountered Jesus in this person.

Love God! Love your neighbor! ~Deacon Chuck

La aclamación del Evangelio es parte de la liturgia dominical que a menudo se pasa por alto. Se pasa por alto porque el cantor nos lleva a cantar el Aleluya en su lugar. La aclamación para este fin de semana viene de Juan 14:23: "El que me ama, guardará mi palabra, dice el Señor, y mi Padre lo amará, y vendremos a él". Poderosas palabras de Jesús que prometen que la Santísima Trinidad no solo nos amará, sino que se involucrará personalmente en nuestras vidas. Realmente lo creo.

También creo que encontramos a Jesús en las personas que conocemos. Un buen ejemplo se encuentra en la historia del Camino a Emaús en el evangelio de Lucas, donde dos de los discípulos de Jesús caminan a casa desde Jerusalén el Domingo de Pascua. Se encontraron con Jesús, pero no lo reconocieron hasta que partió el pan con ellos. Por favor, busque esta historia y léala si no la recuerda.

Encontrarse con Jesús es algo común para aquellos que creen. Por ejemplo, me dirigía al hospital para una cita de fisioterapia cuando vi a alguien cojeando lentamente en el mismo lugar con mucha dificultad.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 28

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Joan Schmitz

Sunday, October 29

8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Bob Swiontek

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Marie Leitch

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** People of the ACC

12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

Monday, October 30

9:00 a.m. **OLV Word and Communion**

Tuesday, October 31

12:05 p.m. **OLV Word and Communion**

Wednesday, November 1 Solemnity of All Saints

Holy Day of Obligation

Parish offices closed

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Jan Neigel

10:30 a.m. **Veterans Home Word and Communion**

5:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Virginia Vikesland

6:30 p.m. **SL Mass** †Leona Braton

Thursday, November 2 The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Holy Souls in Purgatory

6:30 p.m. **SE Mass** †Becky Wedll

Friday, November 3

9:00 a.m. **OLV Word and Communion**

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 4

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Gary Rheault

Sunday, November 5

8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Leo and †Inez Harles

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Tim Terhurne

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** People of the ACC

12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

OLV Adoration (unless otherwise noted above)

7:00–7:45 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

12:30–5:00 p.m. Tuesday after Mass

7:00–8:45 a.m. Thursday

OLV Rosary (unless otherwise noted above)

8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday

Me ofrecí a llevarla en silla de ruedas a su cita, lo cual aceptó. Aun así, llegué a mi cita a tiempo.

El evangelio nos da dos mandamientos. Ama a Dios con todo tu corazón, alma y mente y debes amar a tu prójimo como a ti mismo.

Creo que encontré a Jesús en esta persona.

¡Ama a Dios! ¡Ama a tu prójimo! ~Diácono Chuck

ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

HOLIDAY EXPO NOVEMBER 18TH!

Free Admission! Bake sale, silent auction, and fresh lefse! Serving soup and sandwiches. See posters for list of vendors. Something for everyone!

PRAYER REQUESTS Darrell and Sandy Hanneman, Jennifer Kolstad, John Schauff, Charlotte Schmitz (granddaughter of Mary Marquardt), Kandace Love, Marlys Holubok, Kathleen Grise, Walt Paler's sister Barbara, Hudson Hendrickx, Kay Henkes, Jerry Schauff, Pat Baker, Kayla Pask and Joan Brusven, Jim Wedll, Tyler Kurtz, Jean Lehn, and Deacon Pete and his family, those that suffer from effects of drugs and alcohol, and those with cancer.

ST. LEONARD

OF PORT MAURITIUS

ALL SOULS DAY/SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION

October 31 at 6pm. Bring your kids dressed as their favorite saint.

WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Thank you to all that came to our roast beef dinner! Thank you to Linda for Chairing this event and to all that helped in any way. This can't be done without all the help.

ESTAREMOS REZANDO EL ROSARIO

We will be praying the rosary in Spanish for 46 consecutive days leading up to Our lady of Guadalupe celebration from October 27 to December 11th. A tradition from certain areas in Mexico. If anyone wants to have the Rosary prayed for their family they can contact Alejandra.

Each night the rosary will be prayed for the family that signs up. Times will vary and will be posted in the parish Facebook if anyone wants to join.

PRAYER REQUESTS Claudia Cruz, Laura Saavedra, Rosalva Martínez, Judy Marko, Ardean Erickson, Ross Olson, Joyce Valley, Rudy Butenas, Jerry Stokka, Tom Johnson, Tony Vigen, Denice Smischny, Jack Geske, Marilyn Jentz, Marilyn Gilbertson, Marilyn Schwartz, and LeAnn Ishaug.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

CONSECRATION TO MARY

If you would like to become closer to Mary, one way to do this is to consecrate yourself to Mary. Join others in consecrating yourself on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, at a special Mass at OLV. The consecration will start on November 5 and use Michael Gaitley's 33 Days to Morning Glory. In addition to reading the book, Deacon Dean will hold discussions on Tuesdays at 7:00 from November 6 to December 5. If you need a book, the cost is \$15. Please sign up in the gathering area. Contact Deacon Dean for more information 218-205-7921.

DO YOU HAVE ADVENT OR CHRISTMAS BOOKS THAT YOU NO LONGER WANT?

The OLV Parish Library would be happy to accept your donated reading materials for others to enjoy. Please place your donated books below the book shelf located on the east wall in the gathering space near the entrance to the coat room. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

Thank you to everyone who has completed their Stewardship Participation Form. If you haven't done yours, please go online at: ffolvchurch.org/ministries to complete the form. If you prefer a paper form or have questions, please call Ione Koep at 218-205-7596.

HELP OUR FOOD SHELF

To brighten the holiday season, our food shelf will be distributing hams and turkey breasts to our needy families. Your \$20 donation will purchase a ham or turkey breast. You can use the OLV food shelf envelope or mail your donation to the **Fergus Falls Community Food Shelf**, PO Box 136, Fergus Falls, MN 56537. Please indicate ham/turkey on your check memo. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT ST. CABRINI

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Meet the 2nd Thursday at 5:30 pm in the OLV Fellowship Hall from September through December and February through June. All Catholic women 18 and older are welcome to join. Contact Sharon Stevens 218-739-2381 or Bonnie Hein 218-739-3718.

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AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ALL SAINTS' DAY—NOVEMBER 1 is a churchwide **holy day of obligation**. Masses in the Pelican Valley Area Catholic Community will be at Our Lady of Victory at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., and at St. Leonard at 6:30 p.m.

ALL SOULS' DAY—NOVEMBER 2 The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Masses will be at Our Lady of Victory at 9 a.m. and St. Elizabeth at 6:30 p.m.

SAINTS AND SWEETS AT OLV OCT. 31

All are welcome! 5 p.m to 6:30 p.m. in the church parking lot.

BOX OF JOY MINISTRY

The deadline for turning in your **Box of Joy** is approaching fast. To finish your shopping: 1) select an age and gender to shop for; 2) use the gift ideas list to do your shopping; 3) put all items in an assembled Box of Joy; 4) Bring it to the church office or the designated drop point. There are still plenty of boxes in the back of your church. And don't forget there is a \$9 shipping fee per box which you can put inside the box (on top) or do an online donation at boxofjoy.org. Checks should be made out to Cross Catholic Outreach. Questions? Contact Deb Jennen at 218-205-8903 or check out boxofjoy.org.

STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." – Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

OLV MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT:

MINI CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

The church cleaners ensure the church is ready for all liturgical celebrations. They clean the sanctuary and sacristy and arrange the prayer books in the pews among other things to keep things neat and tidy. Contact Bob Budke if you'd like to help: bob@ffolvchurch / 218-736-2429 ext. 18.

LIGHTING CANDLES IN CHURCH

Question: Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer: Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death. The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning of these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints. ©LPI

PRAYER CHAIN

Please call: Jo Weatherly 218-736-4938, Louise Wentworth 218-770-0473, Alice Neuleib 218-205-9007 to become involved with or to add your intentions to the prayer chain.

Web Sites:

OLV..... www.ffolvchurch.org
School..... www.ffolvschool.org
St. Leonard. www.stleonardpr.org
Diocese www.stcdio.org

Facebook Pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/StLeonardPR>
<https://www.facebook.com/stelizabethparish>
<https://www.facebook.com/Our Lady of Victory>