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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE A OCTOBER 25, 2026 <i>The Greatest Commandment</i> Matthew 22:34–40 <i>“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”</i> Matthew 22:36	30.^o DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO CICLO A 25 DE OCTUBRE DE 2026 <i>El mandamiento más grande</i> Mateo 22, 34–40 <i>“Maestro, ¿cuál es el mandamiento más grande de la Ley?”</i> Mateo 22, 36

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

In this Sunday’s Gospel (Matthew 22:34–40), Jesus faces another challenging question from the religious leaders in Jerusalem. After being questioned about paying taxes to Caesar and the Resurrection, a Pharisee who is an expert in the Law asks Jesus which commandment is the greatest. The question reflects the Jewish tradition of interpreting and discussing the many commandments of the Law of Moses, which guided the people of Israel in their covenant relationship with God.

Jesus responds by bringing the entire Law into focus through two inseparable commandments: love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. Both commandments are rooted in the Jewish Scriptures, but Jesus emphasizes their profound unity. Genuine love for God cannot be separated from love for others. Our faith becomes visible through compassion, kindness, justice, and service to our neighbors. In this way, love becomes the foundation of our relationship with God and with one another.

30.º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, Ciclo A En el Evangelio de este domingo (Mateo 22, 34-40), Jesús enfrenta una nueva pregunta de los líderes religiosos en Jerusalén. Después de haber sido interrogado sobre el pago de impuestos al César y la resurrección, un fariseo experto en la Ley le pregunta cuál es el mandamiento más importante. Esta pregunta refleja la tradición judía de interpretar y debatir los numerosos mandamientos de la Ley de Moisés, que orientaban al pueblo de Israel en su alianza con Dios.

Jesús responde resumiendo toda la Ley en dos mandamientos inseparables: amar a Dios con todo el corazón, con toda el alma y con toda la mente, y amar al prójimo como a uno mismo. Ambos mandamientos tienen sus raíces en las Escrituras judías, pero Jesús destaca su profunda unidad. El verdadero amor a Dios no puede separarse del amor a los demás. Nuestra fe se hace visible mediante la compasión, la bondad, la justicia y el servicio al prójimo. De esta manera, el amor se convierte en el fundamento de nuestra relación con Dios y con nuestros hermanos.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Next Friday October 30



Next Weekend



Did you enjoy the Parish Spotlight last weekend? We would love to get to know YOU or if you would like to suggest a fellow parishioner let us know: OLMC@OurLadyCarmelValley.org

Here are the sample questions we'll ask.

- Which Mass do you regularly attend and why that one?
- How did you find your way to OLMC? How long have you been a parishioner? What do you enjoy about our parish? What jobs do you do here?
- How did you find your way to Carmel Valley (or wherever you now call home)?
- Who's in your family?
- Favorite pastime? What's a perfect day for you?



A Catholic's Guide To Halloween – condensed for brevity. Original article by Fr. William Saunders, "All Saints and All Souls"

Did you know that the original substance of Halloween belongs to the Catholic Church?

The word itself comes from "All Hallows' Eve," the vigil of All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation and major feast of the Church. "Hallow" means "holy," as in "Hallowed be thy name." All Saints Day honors the saints in heaven,

both those we know by name and the countless others we don't. It was established so the Church could honor the great number of martyrs, especially those killed under Emperor Diocletian, since there were not enough days in the year to give each one a feast.

The violence, gore, and occult imagery now tied to Halloween aren't true to its origins. Costumes and trick-or-treating became popular only in the early-to-mid 1900s, and once the day was separated from its religious context, it quickly took a turn for the worse. Many Christians and non-Christians alike now mistake it for a pagan holiday, when it is really a hijacked holy day.

So rather than simply embracing it, avoiding it, or "baptizing" it, Catholics have a better option: reclaim the feast for what it truly is, a celebration of the saints.

MASS INTENTIONS OCT 24TH – NOV 1ST

Saturday Oct 24th 4:30: + Raphael Maldonado

Mass in Cachagua 7:00pm: + Benjamin Martinez

Sunday Oct 25th 9:00: Health of Donna Stang

11:00: + Krista Schmidthues

Wed. Oct 28th 12:00: + Mike Ryan

Thurs. Oct 29th 12:00: + Marilyn Stainbrook

Fri. Oct 30th 12:00: + Joe Ortman

Saturday Oct 31st 4:30: Health of Tim Condon

Sunday Nov 1st 9:00: Health of Mary Lindmeier

11:00: + Elsworth Gregory

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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK ...

In today's

Gospel, Jesus reminds us that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

These two commandments cannot be separated. Our love for God becomes visible through our kindness, compassion, forgiveness, and generosity toward others. Shalom *Fr. Jhonnatan*



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your generosity!**

"God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

SAVE THE DATE

ALL SAINTS DAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

OUR REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, October 31st (Vigil) 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 1st

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

English Masses

ALL SOULS DAY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

English Mass 12:00 p.m.

Misa en Español en Cachagua 7:00 p.m.

en la casa de Trini y Carlos Cabrera Casa No. 21

THANKSGIVING MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

10:00 a.m.

Bilingual Mass

*Nuestro más sentido
pésame a la familia. La
parroquia ha perdido a un
miembro muy querido y
apreciado.*

*Our deepest condolences
to the family. The Parish
has lost a dear and valued
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SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English

Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month

1:00 PM in the Church

4th Saturday of the Month at 7:00 PM in

Cachagua

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday 1:00 PM — 3:00 PM

Sundays: 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM

*"At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of
prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the
heart of life is service."*

— St Teresa of Avila

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