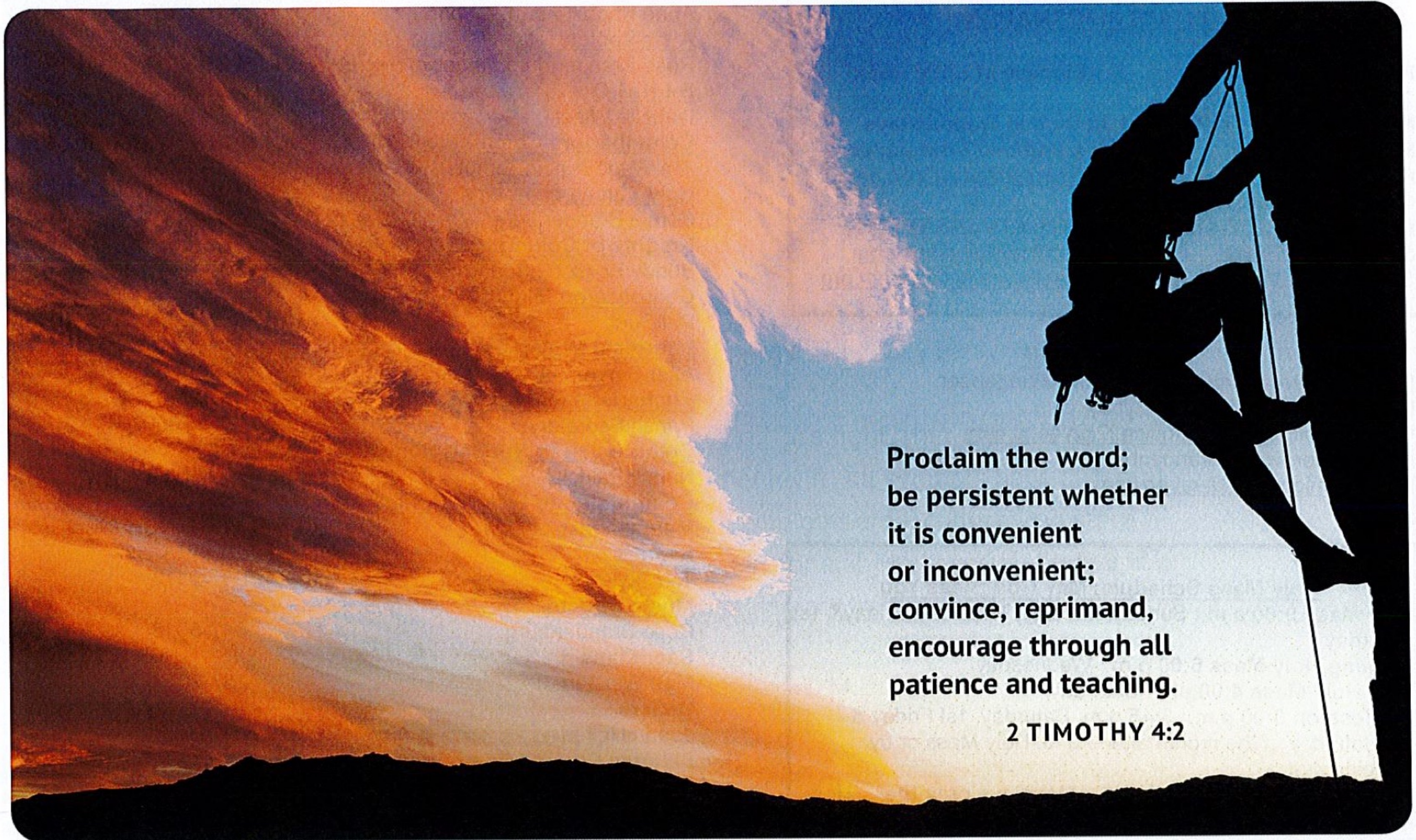




Proclaim the word;
be persistent whether
it is convenient
or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand,
encourage through all
patience and teaching.

2 TIMOTHY 4:2

The Widow God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says "no." He'll say that not always getting what we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing,

and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God.

So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" ●

Reflect

When I talk to God, do I also listen?

The Rosary

Father Amal will be having The Rosary every Sunday at 5 p.m. in the month of October, here at St. Michael's. Please, come join us for this beautiful and blessed words of the Holy Rosary praying it together. October is devoted to our Blessed Mother Mary and The Rosary.

Update on Areila Wege's Interment

Interment in the Columbarium has been rescheduled to a later date. † May her soul rest in peace †

Magnificat Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday Nov. 2nd, the Magnificat team will sponsor a breakfast to raise funds for our next international convention in New Orleans. Anyone wishing to donate their specialty breakfast food item it will be greatly appreciated. Please, contact Lori Templet at ltemplet2507@yahoo.com, for more information. Thank you for your support !

Altar Linens

Just as Our Lady washed the clothes of her child Jesus. we have an opportunity to launder the special linens used on the Altar at Holy Mass. We serve on a rotating schedule. for one month at a time or 3-4 times a year. There is also a substitute list for those who cannot commit to a schedule but willing to help when needed. If you are interested in this **privilege**. please contact Anne Kootz phone 870-847-1985

Christmas Shoebox

Now is the time to start gathering items for the Christmas Shoeboxes. Please, note some items not allowed in the shoeboxes: candy, gum, toothpaste, drink mixes, and all liquids. This year no soap is allowed. Please check the bulletin boards to see complete list of items not allowed with the ideals for gift items for boys and girls. The shoeboxes are available in the vestibule. You may also contribute funds. See the bulletin board posting.

Women's Weekend Retreat

At St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church on October 25th and 26th, 2025 * see the letter in the vestibule for more information.

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

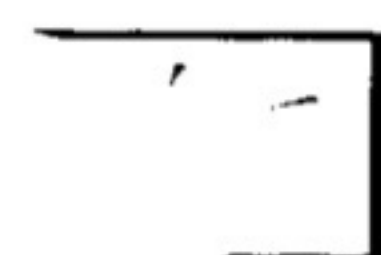
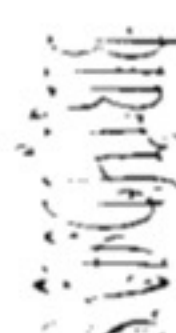
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We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!

- 🕯 October 16th – Lorraine Murray
- 🕯 October 19th – Gale Orosz
- 🕯 October 20th – Rose Brandenburg
- 🕯 October 23rd – Sandra Butler
- 🕯 October 26th – Alex Conrad
- 🕯 October 26th – Will Munroe



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

- 💖 October 24th - Aric and Samantha Eichhorn
9 years

*if we miss your birthday or anniversary. please let the office know.

Saturday/ October 18th – St. Luke, Evangelist

4 p.m. Holy Mass: Dorothy Mikolajek †
by Dennis and Jacqueline Malone
*2nd Collection is for Respect Life

Sunday/ October 19th – Twenty-Ninth Sunday
World Mission Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Virgil and Mae Smith †
by Tom and JoAnn Helfert
*** The Rosary at 5 pm at St. Michael's today
*2nd Collection is for Respect Life

Monday/ October 20th – St. Paul of the Cross,Priest

9 a.m. Holy Mass : E.F. Verdell †
by Roger and Betsy Edmonds

Tuesday /October 21st –
No Holy Mass

Wednesday / October 22nd – St. John Paul II, Pope

6 p.m. Holy Mass : Alice Hawley †
by Joe and Doris Waggoner
*Silver Rose Service at 6 pm Holy Mass

Thursday / October 23rd , John of Capistrano, Priest

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Jane Furrow †
by David Donahoe
**BINGO doors open at 5 pm games start at 6 pm

Friday/ October 24th– St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

9 a.m. Holy Mass: O'Donnell Family
by Patrick and Linda O'Donnell

Saturday/ October 25th –

4 p.m. Holy Mass: Robert Belec †
by People of the Parish
**2nd collection is for World Mission Sunday

Sunday/ October 26th – Thirtieth Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Janet Furrow †
by David Donahoe
**2nd collection is for World Mission Sunday
*** The Rosary at 5 pm at St. Michael's today

*B-I-N-G-O is every Thursday night doors open at 5 pm
games start at 6 pm *****

*Silver Star Service Oct. 22nd at 6 pm Holy Mass
*The Rosary at 5 pm every Sunday in October

Thought

29th Sun-C
Exodus 17:8-13 and
Luke 18:1-8



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Psalm 121:2

... Wishing you a Blessed Week ...



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Could you Not watch one hour with me ?

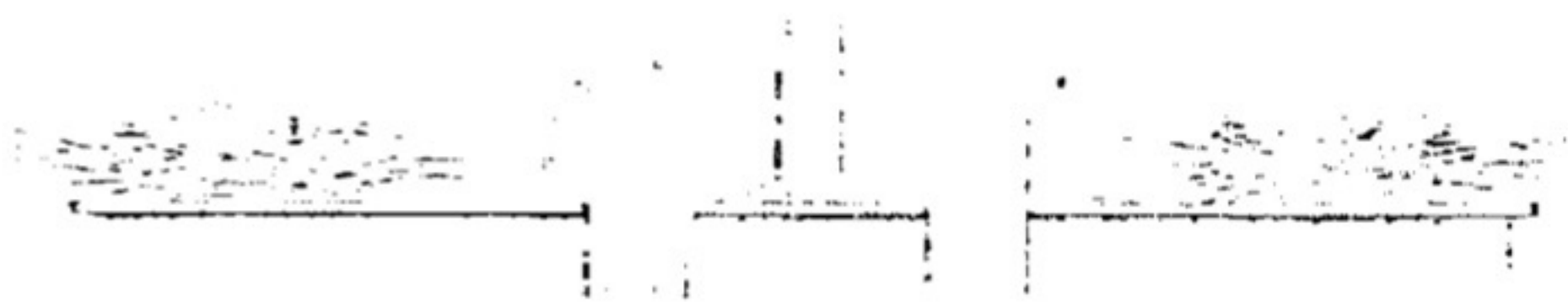
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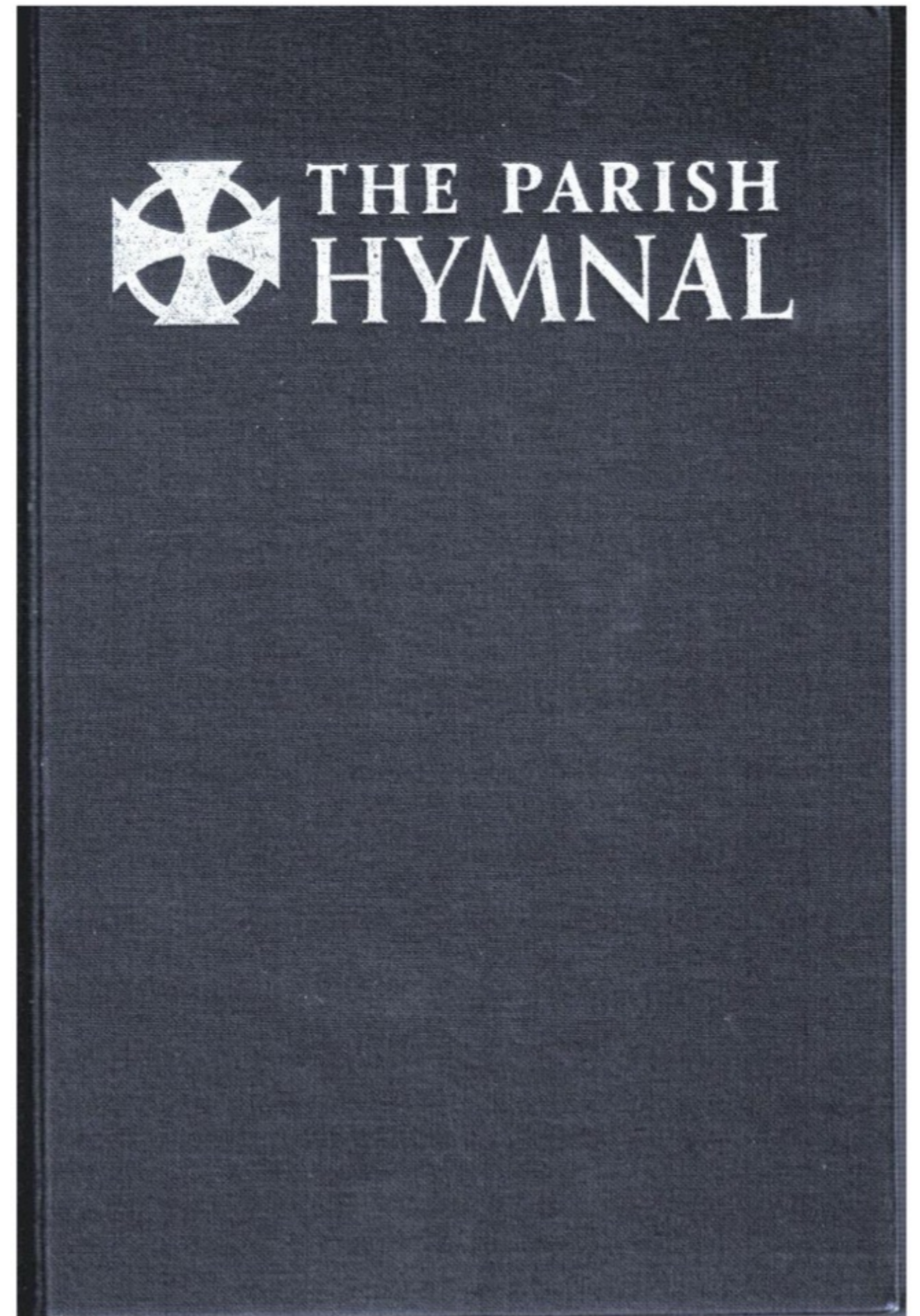
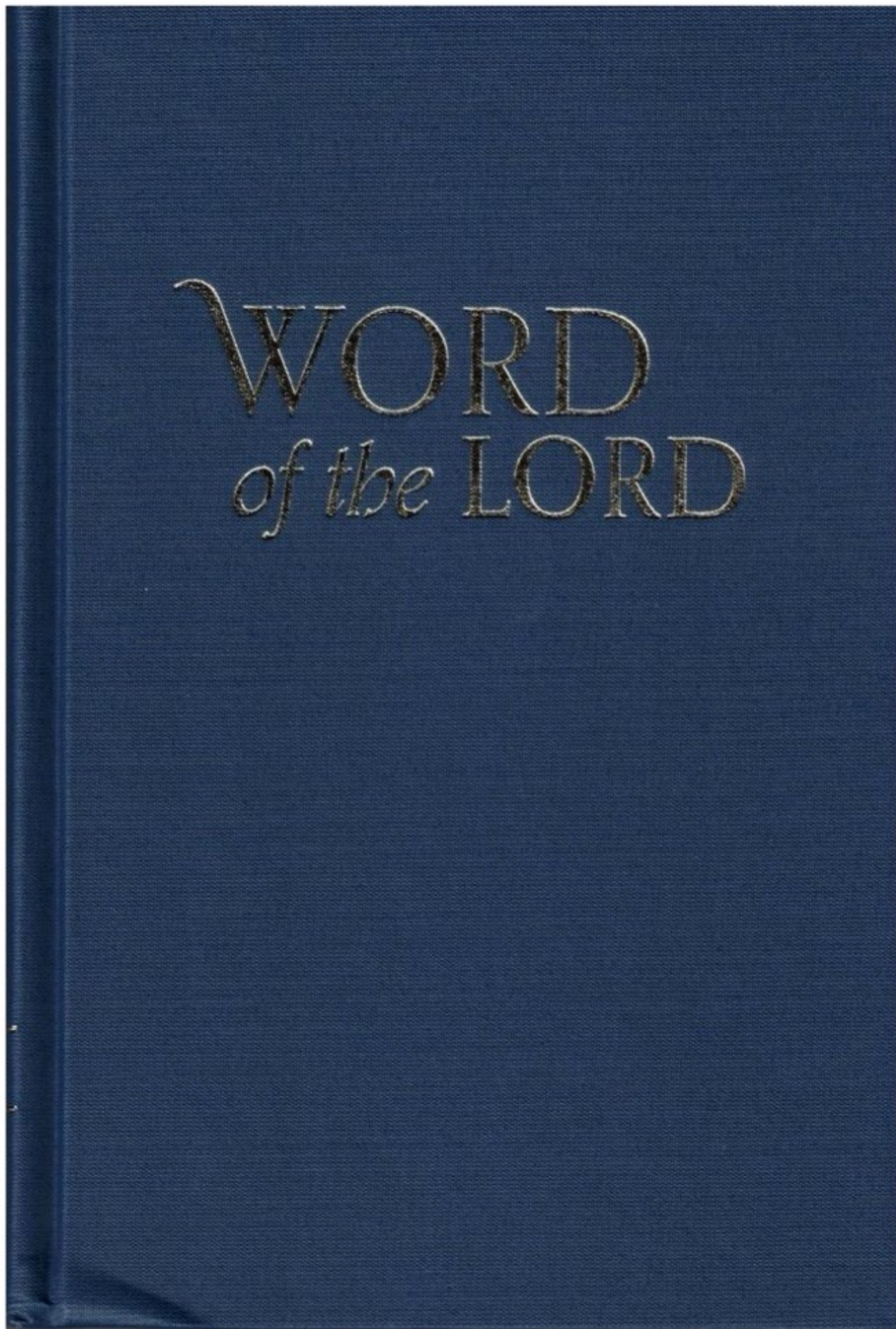
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his wife, **Rose's birthday.**

The 15 Promises of Our Lady to Those Who Pray the Rosary

1. To all those who shall recite my rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and very great graces.
2. Those who shall persevere in the recitation of my rosary shall receive signal graces.
3. The rosary shall be a very powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin, and dispel heresy.
4. The rosary will make virtue and good works flourish and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies; it will draw the hearts of men from the love of the world to the love of God, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. How many souls shall sanctify themselves by this means!
5. Those who trust themselves to me through the rosary shall not perish.
6. Those who shall recite my rosary devoutly, meditating on its mysteries, shall not be overwhelmed by misfortune. The sinner shall be converted; the just shall grow in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Those truly devoted to my rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who faithfully recite my rosary shall find during their life and at the hour of their death the light of God, the fullness of his graces, and shall share in the merits of the blessed.
9. I shall deliver very promptly from purgatory the souls devoted to my rosary.
10. The true children of my rosary shall enjoy great glory in heaven.
11. What you ask through my rosary, you shall obtain.
12. Those who propagate my rosary will be aided by me in all their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Son that all the members of the Rosary Confraternity shall have as their intercessors, in life and in death, the entire celestial court.
14. Those who recite my rosary faithfully are all my beloved children, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my rosary is a great sign of predestination.



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We appreciate and thank you for your generous support and the help for our St. Michael’s community.

God Bless you and Bless all of your dear ones !

With prayers and Blessings,

Fr. Amal Punganoor

Dear Padre,

What is the Church's view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy?

The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any “energy” that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of “inanimate,” do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Peace is first and foremost a gift. It is the first gift of Christ: “My peace I give to you” (John 14:27).... It engages and challenges each of us...demanding that first of all we work on ourselves. Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by

*eliminating pride
and vindictiveness
and carefully
choosing our words.
For words, too, not
only weapons, can
wound and even kill.*

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HOLY FATHER, ROME,
MAY 16, 2025**

Monday

October 20

Weekday

Rom 4:20–25

Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday

October 21

Weekday

Rom 5:12, 15b,

17–19, 20b–21

Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday

October 22

Weekday

Rom 6:12–18

Lk 12:39–48

Thursday

October 23

Weekday

Rom 6:19–23

Lk 12:49–53

Friday

October 24

Weekday

Rom 7:18–25a

Lk 12:54–59

Saturday

October 24

Weekday

Rom 8:1–11

Lk 13:1–9

Sunday

October 25

*Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Sir 35:12–14, 16–18

2 Tm 4:6–8, 16–18

Lk 18:9–14



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