

# SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH

October 19, 2025



## Weekend Masses

Vigil at Our Lady of Grace Church 4:30pm

Sunday at St. Anthony Church – 8:00am

Sunday at St. Thomas Church – 9:15am

Sunday at St. Anthony Church – 11:00am

## Daily Masses

Monday – Friday at

St. Anthony Church – 8:00am

## Confession

Saturdays at Our Lady of Grace Church –

3:15 - 4:00pm

## Adoration

Mondays at St. Anthony Church –

7:00 - 8:00pm – with the  
Sacrament of Confession



## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” - Lk 18:7-8

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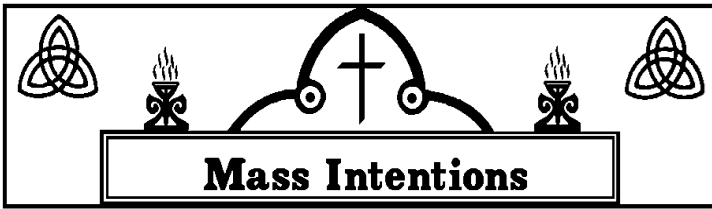
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## Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time - October 19, 2025



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention For October:

*For collaboration between different religious traditions  
Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions  
might work together to defend and promote peace,  
justice, and human fraternity.*

*LDM = St Louis de Montfort Parish; SAP = St Anthony of Padua Church;  
STV = St Thomas of Villanova Church; OLG = Our Lady of Grace Church*

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

OLG 4:30 PM + *The Stack Family* ~ By Teresa Stack

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + *Ann & Joseph Frascarelli* ~ By Family

STV 9:15 AM + *Helen Loomis* ~ By Pete & Fran Lachance

SAP 11:00 AM Living & Deceased Ladies Guild Members  
~ By The Ladies Guild

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + *Msgr. John Bevins*

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM For Students and Teachers

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM The Costello Family ~ By Barry & Mary  
Donaldson

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + *David Hill*

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + Living & Deceased of the Parish

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

OLG 4:30 PM + *The Juodis Family* ~ By Teresa Stack

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + *Corky Bauer* ~ By The VanOrmer Family

STV 9:15 AM + *Dennis Clement* ~ By Family

SAP 11:00 AM Living & Deceased of the Parish

*Please add the following people to your prayers ...*

- ♥ Marie Sanford ♥ Lois Buchanan ♥ Gordon Hills ♥ Fiona Riley
- ♥ John Pelchat ♥ Eileen Proveaux ♥ Bob Grosclaude ♥ Liz Carter
- ♥ Ed Perry ♥ Mary Corbo ♥ Tracey Bassos ♥ Henry Bianowicz
- ♥ Stephen Foster ♥ Lacey G & Elliott ♥ Chris Dole
- ♥ Brior Stack-Sweeney ♥ Bernard Harrington ♥ Patricia Hayes



*Collections: THIS Weekend's will be the Parish Weekly  
and World Mission Sunday Collections.*

*NEXT Weekend's will be the Parish Weekly*

**Saint Louis de Montfort Parish**

**October 11th & 12th**

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### Sacraments At Our Parish

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the main parish office for  
more information.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Every Saturday at Our  
Lady of Grace Church (3:15--4:00pm); during Adoration  
on Mondays 7:00--8:00pm

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Please call the main office at  
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arrangements.

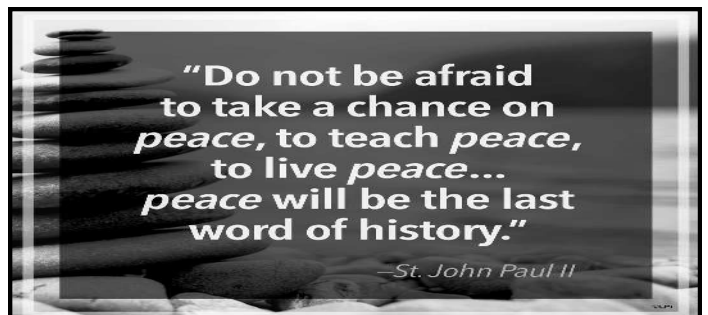
**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the office.

**Religious Education:** Sacraments of First Reconciliation,  
First Communion, and Confirmation:  
Please call Cate Corwin.

**Adult Sacraments:** Any adult wishing to receive the  
Sacraments of Baptism, First Communions, and/or  
Confirmation are welcome to join the OCIA and Adult  
Confirmation process. Please call the office for more  
information.

**Plenty of slots are open for Mass intentions!**

**Please call or visit the office for more  
information or to schedule.**





**Carolyn's Place**  
PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Carolyn's Place is a Pregnancy Care Center that assists couples and single mothers—expectant and unexpected—of the Catholic Faith. Carolyn's Place operates off of the generous donations of those who are able to support their mission. Each year during the month of October they distribute baby bottles for parishioners to fill up. This initiative begins October 4th & 5th and will end October 25th & 26th. We thank you for your continued support!

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Please contribute to our 11th annual community

## COAT DRIVE

Through Tuesday - November 11, 2025



Knights of Columbus Council 56 is running clothing drive for FISH on the weekends of November 1st-2nd & 8th-9th. Lightly-used children's coats, hats, gloves, and boots can be dropped off at Our Lady of Grace and St. Anthony Churches.

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Register for all events at the web address below. We look forward to seeing you!

Open House-11/27 tour starting at 10:00am [spchs.com/openhouse](http://spchs.com/openhouse)

Placement Exams-11/22 starting at 8:00am [spchs.com/placementexam](http://spchs.com/placementexam)



## Sacramental Class Class #2 - October 19th

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2025 Saint Louis deMontfort Parish ...

## Christmas Cookie Fair

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, December 6, 2025**

Our Parish Cookie Fair Team is beginning to prepare for our "sweetest" Parish Fundraiser. Choose your favorite Cookie recipe now and gather your ingredients ahead of time to bake a double batch or 120 of their favorite Christmas Cookies for our Cookie Fair on Saturday, December 6th, 2025. Doors open at 9am. This is a great opportunity for Faith Formation Students to fulfill required volunteer service hours. All Parishioners are invited to help in the many volunteer duties needed for the Cookie Fair event. Drop off for the cookies is on Friday, December 5th from 8am to 7pm. More information to follow. All Funds will go to St. Louis de Montfort Parish for community outreach.

For more information please call Cate at 860-491-2756 or email: [cookiefair@stlouisdemontfortparish.org](mailto:cookiefair@stlouisdemontfortparish.org)



Thank you to all who came to Our Lady of Grace Church on October 11th to pray the Rosary with us for peace in our country and our world.



More than 800 people representing 12 countries came together for the fourth annual Mary of the Americas celebration in a display of faith, unity and cultural pride. There was prayer, there was pageantry and there was a festival of Latin American food.

The archdiocesan celebration for the Blessed Mother Mary of the Americas and all Nations was held at the Shrine of Maria Reina de la Paz at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Hartford on Oct. 4 and will be held here in years to come.

It began with an international rosary in English, Spanish and Brazilian, which was followed by Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin with Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne as the principal celebrant.

"It is wonderful for us to gather under the devotion of our Blessed Mother because she always points us toward her Son," the archbishop told the packed church. Father Alexander Avendano, rector of the shrine, gave the homily and petitions were presented for people of the Americas and the Caribbean.

The delegations wore colorful traditional dress of their countries. Before Mass, they processed into the shrine, singing their national anthems and waving flags of their native countries, while carrying images of the Blessed Mother, which they venerate under her different titles.

They sang and they clapped as their voices filled the shrine in a joyous display of pageantry.

## HONORING THE BLESSED MOTHER OF THE AMERICAS AND ALL NATIONS

The delegation representing the United States of America entered as the Star Spangled Banner was sung and carried an image of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

For Father Avendano, it was more than a cultural celebration; it was a demonstration of the compassion of "mamma Mary," for Latinos far from their homes and their biological mothers who turn to the mother of Jesus for hope and consolation.

"Some are separated from their mothers and cannot return to see them, maybe because of immigration situations or because they have lost their mothers and cannot grieve properly or say goodbye," Father Avendano says. "So there is pain in the people's hearts, and this event lets them know that mama Mary assures them she is here for people, especially for suffering people and for orphaned people. Although they cannot see their natural mothers, their supernatural mother is here for them no matter what happens. This celebration is a message of compassion and companionship and love."

The priest, who comes from Colombia and was appointed rector of the shrine in August, says "mama Mary is the reason for my priesthood, the reason for my work, the reason for my existence."

She is everything and more, and Jesus is OK with that. On this day, we honor her, our cultures and our ancestors as well."

At the conclusion, he thanked Archbishop Coyne for celebrating Mass at the event. "We know you are here for us, and we appreciate that so much."

Among those represented were St. George Church in Bridgeport (Mexico - Our Lady of Guadalupe); St. Mary Church in New Britain (Chile - Our Lady of Mount Carmel); North American Martyrs Parish in East Hartford (El Salvador - Our Lady of Peace); St. Augustine Church in Hartford (Guatemala - Our Lady of the Rosary); and The Shrine of Maria Reina de la Paz in Hartford (Honduras - Our Lady of Suyapa) (Peru - Our Lady of Mercy) (Colombia - Our Lady of Chiquinquirá) (United States - Immaculate Conception) (Costa Rica - Our Lady of the Angels) (Dominican Republic - Our Lady of High Grace) (Puerto Rico - Our Lady of Divine Providence) (Cuba - Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre).

Mass was followed by a festival of food and displays of different cultures.

- Story by Joe Pisani



**ARCHDIOCESE of HARTFORD**  
Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life

### Catholic Committee on Scouting

The Archdiocese of Hartford, Catholic Committee on Scouting is recruiting new members. This Committee supports Catholic scouts in the Archdiocese as they learn more about their faith within the scouting programs (both Scouting USA and Girl Scouts - includes Campfire). The committee meets four times a year, creates a yearly Retreat for scouts, trains Religious Emblems Coordinators (REC), and hosts an Archdiocesan Award Ceremony each spring. If you are interested in learning more, or how you can use your gifts and talents in service to our shared mission, contact Jennifer McClintock at [Jennifer.McClintock@aohct.org](mailto:Jennifer.McClintock@aohct.org).

### Upcoming Catholic Scouting Events:

**Catholic Religious Emblems Training - Saturday, November 15, 2025**  
This training is for all Scouts BSA Leaders who want to run a religious emblem program in their Troop/Pack. The training will review the following emblems: Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, Pope Plus and Adult Awards. We will be meeting at the Pastoral Center, 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield in the 2nd floor conference room, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration is required:



### Catholic Scouting Retreat - Saturday, November 8, 2025

Join other scouts from around the Archdiocese to learn about the Jubilee Year at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford. We will learn about the Holy Door, what a Jubilee Year is, participate in a service project and more! Registration is required:



### Questions? Contact:

Jennifer McClintock, Coordinator of Faith Formation Programs & Technology,  
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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

# Branches on the Vine

OCTOBER 18 - 24, 2025

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

My friends, on Thursday last week Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, published his first Papal Encyclical which is a document that illustrates for us different matters of our faith whether they may be moral, spiritual, doctrinal, etc... For his first Encyclical Pope Leo focuses on 'Love for the Poor' as he names the document *Dilexi Te*, which translates to "I Have loved you." He tells us that the 'poor' are those who are considered financially weak, those on the margins, the hungry and thirsty, homeless, suffering, etc...; but also he tells us that the poor can be considered those in prison, those who experience spiritual poverty, individuals who are impoverished due to lack of familial support, individuals who are 'alone' in the world, etc... In reality, we all are considered to be poor. Although I have not finished reading the document in its entirety yet as it is lengthy, nevertheless I encourage all of you to read it. These documents help us understand certain challenges our world faces, or opportunities for us to grow together as a family, a Body of Christ, and help build a bridge in this world to Christ. In the document, Pope Leo emphasizes that this document is a continuation from an encyclical Pope Francis was writing before his death. He tells us that it was desirable for Pope Francis, and now himself, that all Christians "come to appreciate the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for the poor." He continues to state his "thesis", "It is essential to insist on this path to holiness, for 'in this call to recognize him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, his deepest feelings and choices, in which every saint seeks to imitate.'" To summarize, in order for us to become saints and continue to pursue this path towards holiness we need to see Christ's love for the poor and also witness Christ in the poor. Below are some introductory quotations from his document to help us to reflect more deeply on the words of Pope Leo, and for us to become more attentive to the needs of our time in hopes that we may be proactive in caring for the poor in our world.

5. Love for the Lord, then, is one with love for the poor. The same Jesus who tells us, "The poor you will always have with you" (Mt26:11), also promises the disciples: "I am with you always" (Mt 28:20). We likewise think of his saying: "Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). This is not a matter of mere human kindness but a revelation: contact with those who are lowly and powerless is a fundamental way of encountering the Lord of history. In the poor, he continues to speak to us.

9. The condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church. On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ himself. At the same time, we should perhaps speak more correctly of the many faces of the poor and of poverty, since it is a multifaceted phenomenon. In fact, there are many forms of poverty: the poverty of those who lack material means of subsistence, the poverty of those who are socially marginalized and lack the means to give voice to their dignity and abilities, moral and spiritual poverty, cultural poverty, the poverty of those who find themselves in a condition of personal or social weakness or fragility, the poverty of those who have no rights, no space, no freedom.

I highly encourage you all to read the Encyclical so that we all have a greater understanding and regard for all those who are poor and can be considered poor in any way, both in our in our on community and the world at large.

-Fr. Matt

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