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“We do not worship  
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whose MARTYRS they are.  
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in order that  
the respect paid to them  
may be  
REFLECTED BACK  
TO THE LORD.” - St. Jerome  
(342-420AD)



**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**  
Daily Mass: WED. THU, FRI -8:30 am  
Tuesday 5:30PM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:45 AM  
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OCTOBER 29, 2023

# Weekly Mass Intentions



**TUESDAY**

5:30pm

2nd Int.

Req. By

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30am

Req. By:

2nd Int

Req. By:

6:00PM

**THURSDAY**

8:30am

Req. By:

2nd Int.

Req. By:

**FRIDAY**

8:30am

Req. By:

**SATURDAY**

4:00 pm

Req. By:

**SUNDAY**

8:00am

Req. By:

9:45 AM

Req. By:

2nd Int.

Req. By:

**OCTOBER 31**

+POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

+MICHAEL MELLO

Sharon

**NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS**

+MARIE GERACE

Bill & Gemma

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LM

+DAVID JARBOE

**NOVEMBER 2**

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+ DOLORES MARIE WIERZ

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**NOVEMBER 3**

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Caroll Valvo

**NOVEMBER 4**

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Peg Brady

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## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading 148: Ex 22:20-26

Psalms 18:2-4,47,51

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:5c-10

Gospel Reading Mt 22:34-40

**SACRAMENTS:**

**Contact the Office**

**Baptism:** For registered & active parishioners: **Baptism instruction is required for Parents.**

**Reconciliation:**

Saturdays 2:00-3:00 PM

In the main Church Or by Appointment

**Weddings:** Must be arranged with the pastor at least **6 months before the date** desired.

**Funerals:** Please contact the Office for a meeting for Dates, Readings, and music. There are certain policies in place at St. Frances Cabrini for the respectful burial of your loved ones.

## All Saints Day

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

**Yes, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation.** This means that all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness.

# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY

479: Rom 8:12-17 Ps 68: 2,4,6-7,20-21 Lk13:10-17

### TUESDAY

480: Rom 8:18-25 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 13:18-21

### WEDNESDAY ALL SAINTS DAY

667: RV 7:2-4,9-14 Ps 24:1BC-4B,5-6 1Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

### THURSDAY ALL SOULS DAY

668: Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11 Jn 6:37-40

### FRIDAY ST. MARTIN de PORRES

483: Rom 9:1-5 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Lk 14:1-6



## Supporting our Diocese

Our Goal to support the Diocesan Offices, Missions, and Charities.

Goal: \$198,000.00

Raised So Far: \$174,507.60



## Parish Focused Giving

Helping to relieve our Parish of St. Frances Cabrini Debt!  
Debt Free by 2023

Goal: \$174,559.61

Raised So Far: \$41,775.00

## Debt Free by 2023

We'd like to thank everyone for their continued help in lowering our Parish Debt. When we started the campaign in November of 2021 our total debt was \$526,460.00. As of the end of September 2023 our debt is \$174,559.61. We have paid off \$351,901.22 of which \$207,366.05 has come from parishioner donations. The remaining \$144,535.17 includes our monthly loan payments and the proceeds from other fundraising activities!



OCTOBER 29, 2023

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High School Youth Group 9-12	@hsyg912
Confirmation Year 1	@spirity1
Confirmation Year 2	@spirity2
OCIA	@ocia2324

# OCTOBER 29, 2023

## Weep for slaughtered Christians, not for dialogue with Islam by Phil Lawler

Faced with the savage violence of the Islamic State (ISIS), Christians can be tempted toward two unhelpful emotional reactions.

On one extreme is the thirst for vengeance. If Muslims extremists kill innocent Christians, intemperate voices suggest that we should kill innocent Muslims. Then we, too, would be terrorists. I trust that rational readers recognize the problem here.

But at the other extreme is another irrational urge: the desire to overlook the violence, an inclination toward the mawkish hope that we might “just all be friends.” No doubt motivated by an ardent desire for peace, and steeped in the practices of irenicism, the Christians who fall into this trap probably confirm Islamic terrorists in their belief that the Christian West is too weak to resist them.

Thus last week Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga said that he feared the brutal persecution of Christians by the Islamic State “may push back advancements in the Christian-Muslim dialogue.”

No doubt that’s true. But the leaders of the Islamic State don’t care.

The public statements released by ISIS leaders do not mention any desire for dialogue, to put it mildly. And their reprehensible policies match their bellicose statements. They have no desire to share ideas with Iraqi Christians; they want to annihilate them. Their ultimate goal is not reach a peaceful understanding with the Western world, but to subjugate it.

At a time when Islamic militants are engaged in the wholesale slaughter of their Christian neighbors, a Catholic prelate who worries aloud about setbacks to “dialogue” seems grossly detached from reality. Dialogue and negotiation are always preferable to open warfare. (It was Winston Churchill—no pacifist, he—who observed: “To jaw-jaw is always better than to war-war.”) But once the bloodshed has begun, it is inane to suggest that the negotiations are not going well.

Unfortunately that vapid statement by Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga cannot be dismissed lightly. At the time he was speaking as the president of Caritas International, but he is also the chairman of the Council of Cardinals, and his public statements might be taken (or mistaken, I hope) as indicative of Vatican policy. Muslim militants would no doubt be delighted to think that when shown the severed heads of their brethren in Iraq, leaders of the Catholic Church can respond only by fretting about missed opportunities for dialogue.

And the Honduran cardinal was not finished. In fact, the quote above is cut off in mid-sentence. He went on to lament that the bloody advance of ISIS could “destroy the peaceful coexistence...enjoyed by many Muslims and Christians in all parts of the world, but most especially in the Middle East.” Here the poor cardinal comes completely unmoored from reality. It is “most especially in the Middle East” that Muslims and Christians have *not* lived in harmony in recent years.

For decades Lebanon furnished a model for Christian-Muslim coexistence. But that arrangement broke down 30 years ago, and the country remains in chaos. In other countries of the region—Egypt, Syria, and Iraq, for instance—Christians have worshipped freely, with only occasional troubles, in the past. But with the rise of militant Islam the peace has been broken. What Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga says *could* happen, actually *has* happened, many months or in some places many years ago.

During one meeting in 1992, Mgr Longhi says, John Paul II told of a disturbing vision he had had about the future of Europe.

“The Pope told me: ‘Tell this to those whom you will meet in the Church of the third millennium. I see the Church afflicted by a mortal wound. More profound, more painful than those of this millennium,’ referring to Communism and Nazi totalitarianism. ‘It is called Islamism. They will invade Europe. I have seen the hordes come from the West to the East,’ and then told to me each country one by one: from Morocco to Libya to Egypt, and so on till the East.

“The Holy Father added: ‘They will invade Europe, Europe will be like a basement, old relics, shadows, cobwebs. Family heirlooms. You, the Church of the third millennium, must contain the invasion. Not with armies, armies will not be enough, but with your faith, lived with integrity.’”

Pope Benedict XVI recognized the problem when he delicately suggested, in his Regensburg address, that in order to engage in productive dialogue, Islam must overcome its tendency toward the irrational use of force. The violent reaction to that speech proved the Pope's point. Even "moderate" Islamic leaders slammed the door on the Vatican, refusing to engage in discussions with an institution that might hold them accountable.

In the eight years since the Regensburg address, the continued rise of militant Islam—invariably linked with violence, and with the denial of fundamental human rights—has underlined the concerns that Pope Benedict expressed. Yet rather than pressing the argument that the Pontiff raised, Church leaders have generally backpedaled away from it. Rather than demanding that responsible Muslim leaders join in the campaign against terrorism, prelates pretend that there is no connection between Islamic faith and terrorist violence.

Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga is not alone in this respect. The US bishops' conference, in statement released shortly after the brutal murder of James Foley was posted on the internet, reiterated the desire for dialogue with Islam and lamented that some Catholics have lost interest in that inter-faith conversation. The statement continued:

We understand the confusion and deep emotions stirred by real and apparent acts of aggression and discrimination by certain Muslims against non-Muslims, often against Christians abroad.

Would it be possible to state the case in milder, meeker—or more to the point, weaker—terms? To speak of "confusion" and "real and apparent" violence, at a time when hundreds of Christians are dying and the decapitation of an American is playing on YouTube, is a disservice to the truth. It is, moreover, a sure-fire way to convince any listening terrorists that the Catholic Church lacks the will to resist them, and most Americans that the hierarchy has nothing useful to contribute to this discussion.

To be fair, the bishops' statement did eventually get around to mentioning "our sadness, even our outrage," at the violence in the Islamic world. But even in that sentence, the representatives of the US bishops' conference could not resist saying that Muslims, too, are the targets of extremists, and mentioning "the harmony that binds us together in mutual support, recognition, and friendship."

If there is to be harmony between Islam and Christianity, it must indeed be based on mutual support. And today, "mutual support" requires, at a minimum, a loud, firm, unequivocal, and sustained condemnation of all those who kill Christians in the name of Islam, and all those who support them.

In today's *Wall Street Journal* the paper's former publisher, Karen House, argues that American should expect more from her allies in the Middle East. The title of her editorial column tells the story: "It's time for the Saudis to Stand Up."

Leaders of the Catholic Church should take a parallel approach in conversations with their Islamic counterparts. Tell Muslim clerics that it's time to stand up. Tell them that we are interested in dialogue, but only if they disassociate themselves completely from those who incite, commit, or justify sectarian violence.

It's easy enough to say that Islam is a religion of peace. But sometimes, paradoxically, it is necessary to fight for peace. Once the fight has begun, it's time to choose sides.

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