



XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2025

To serve God is not a duty but a privilege. The most important quality to bring to that service is love. What sort of spirit do we bring to our worship and service to God? All three readings speak of faith. The First Reading is part of a dialogue between God and the prophet. Like others before him, Habakkuk is feeling the burden of office. He complains about the prevalence of injustice and God’s failure to intervene. Then comes the divine response: in due time God will intervene to save those who trust in him. Meanwhile, the upright must remain steadfast in faith.

Psalm: O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!

This brings us to the Gospel, where Jesus says that a grain of authentic faith can achieve great things. The saying about the uprooting of a tree is not to be taken in a literal sense. It is a vivid eastern mode of expression, which means that with faith what looks impossible can become possible.

Faith Of Our Fathers

Faith of our fathers, living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene’er we hear that glorious Word!

**Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.**

Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife;
And preach thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life.



Into Your Hands

Into Your hands we commend our spirit O Lord,
Into Your hands we commend our hearts.
For we must die to ourselves in loving You,
Into Your hands we commend our love.

O God, my God, why have You gone from me,
Far from my prayers, far from my cry?
To You I call and you never answer me,
You send no comfort and I don’t know why!

Our Fathers trusted and you delivered them
To you they cried, and they escaped
in you they trusted when darkness came their way
And in your goodness, you made them free.

How Can I Keep From Singing

My life flows on in endless song,
above earth’s lamentation.
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I’m clinging.
Since Love is lord of heav’n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest round me roar
I hear the truth it liveth.
What though the darkness round me close
Songs in the night it giveth.

Though the Mountains May Fall

**Though the mountains may fall
and the hills turn to dust,
Yet the love of the Lord will stand
As a shelter for all who will call on His name.
Sing the praise and the glory of God.**

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget His love?
Though a mother forsake her child,
He will not abandon you.

Should you turn and forsake Him,
He will gently call your name.
Should you wander away from Him,
He will always take you back.

Mass Intentions For This Week

Saturday, October 4th

5:00 pm. Cor Iliohan, intention of Corrie Iliohan, family, souls in purgatory—Maria Guadalupe Alvarez

Sunday, October 5th

8:30 am. Olivia, João & Fernando Machado

10:00 am. Community—António Correia—José, Henriqueta & John Rebelo — José Luis & Maria Teresa Branco—Maria Armandina da Silva—Liliana Correia Vieira—Joaquim Lopes de Brito, parents & in -laws

11:30 am. Praise to St. Therese, St. Joseph & Archangels — José & Deolinda Rego, Jeremias Pereira, Manuel Freitas, Mr. & Mrs. Romeiro—Jeremias Sr. & Glória Pereira

1:00 pm. Teresa Brum

Monday, October 6th

9:00 am. Fernando Furtado & family
6:00 pm.

Tuesday, October 7th

9:00 am. Intention of Helena Gomes
6:00 pm. Intention of Filomena & Jamie Melo

Wednesday, October 8th

9:00 am. Ermelinda Arruda
6:00 pm. Carlos & Paulo Leite

Thursday, October 9th

9:00 am. Manuel & Maria Morgado
6:00 pm. Ildeberto Camara—Ralth Mosher

Friday, October 10th

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory
6:00 pm. Manuel, Maria Couto & family

Saturday, October 11th

5:00 pm. Souls in purgatory—Herminio Amaral Inácio