

OCTOBER 26TH, 2025

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

MASS TIMES:

DAILY: Mon - Sat - 8:30am

SAT: 4pm

SUN: 9am, 11am

1pm at Vistancia Elementary

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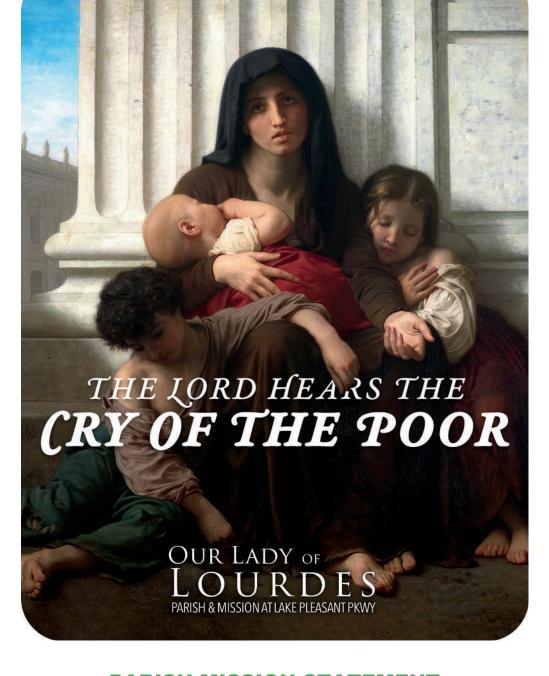


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Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by being prayerful and active stewards of the grace and resources entrusted to us by: Instructing all in the Truth of the Catholic Faith Upholding the dignity of human life by nourishing it from conception and strengthening it to the end Following the Way of Jesus in our Worship and Living



READINGS:

Sunday, October 26th

9:00am For the intentions of The Ward Family 11:00am For the Living & Deceased Members of The Payne Family

1:00pm For the Parishioners

Monday, October 27th

8:30am For the Living and Deceased members of the Cossan Family

Tuesday, October 28th

8:30am + For the Soul of Fr. Lawrence Hambach

Wednesday, October 29th

8:30am + For the Soul of Bill Markert Jr.

Thursday, October 30th

8:30am + For the Soul of Francis McElroy

Friday, October 31st

8:30am + For the Soul of Josephine Buononato

Saturday, November 1st

8:30am + For the Soul of Andrew Kachel 4:00pm For the Parishioners

Sunday, November 2nd

9:00am For the intentions of All Souls Day 11:00am For the Deceased Members of The Knights of Columbus

1:00pm + For the Soul in Purgatory

Sunday, October 26th Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14; 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Monday, October 27th

Rom 8: 12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13: 10-17

Tuesday, October 28th Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday, October 29th

Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday, October 30th

Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35

Friday, October 31st

Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday, November 1st **Solemnity of All Saints**

Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday, November 2nd

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All

Souls)

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-





Total Weekly Giving: 10/06 - 10/12:

\$19,718





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Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide

The deadly and dangerous practice of assisted suicide is now legal in five states (Oregon, Washington, Vermont, California, and Colorado) and the District of Columbia, our nation's capital.1 With new momentum and lots of money, assisted suicide proponents are pursuing an aggressive nationwide campaign to advance their agenda through legislation, ballot measures, litigation, and public advertising, targeting states they see as most susceptible to their message. Some polls indicate that the public is receptive to the general concept of assisted suicide. But the same polls show that when the public learns about the dangers of assisted suicide, especially for those who are poor, elderly, disabled, or without access to good medical care, their views shift against the practice. The following dangers are among the top reasons to oppose assisted suicide.

A DEADLY MIX WITH OUR PROFIT-DRIVEN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

 Some patients in Oregon and California have received word that their health insurance will pay for assisted suicide but will not pay for treatment that may sustain their lives. 2 & 3

PUTS VULNERABLE PERSONS AT RISK OF ABUSE AND COERCION

Once lethal drugs have been prescribed, assisted suicide laws have no requirements for assessing the patient's consent, competency, or voluntariness. Who would know if the drugs are freely taken since there is no supervision or tracking of the drugs once they leave the pharmacy and no witnesses are required at the time of death? Despite a reporting system designed to conceal rather than detect abuses, reports of undue influence have nonetheless surfaced in Oregon.4

- Elder abuse is considered a major health problem in the United States, with federal estimates that one in ten elder persons are abused.5 Placing lethal drugs into the hands of abusers generates an additional major risk to elder persons.
- Assisted suicide laws often allow one of the two
 witnesses to the request for lethal drugs to be an heir to
 the patient's estate. Therefore, an heir or friends of the
 heir can encourage or pressure the patient to request
 lethal drugs and then be a witness to the request.

DANGEROUSLY BROAD DEFINITION OF TERMINAL ILLNESS

• Assisted suicide laws typically appear to limit eligibility to terminally ill patients who are expected to die within six months but don't distinguish between persons who will die within six months with treatment and those who will die within six months without treatment. This means that patients with treatable diseases (like diabetes or chronic respiratory or cardiac disease) and patients with disabilities requiring ventilator support are all eligible for lethal drugs because they would die within six months without the treatment they would normally receive.

PAIN NOT THE PRIMARY ISSUE

Untreated pain is not among the top reasons for taking lethal drugs. Per official annual state reports, in 2016, 90% of Oregon patients seeking lethal drugs said they were doing so because they were "less able to engage in activities making life enjoyable" and were "losing autonomy," and 49% cited being a "burden" on family, friends or caregivers. And in Washington, 52% cited being a "burden" as a reason, while only 35% cited a concern about pain.

NO PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION OR TREATMENT REQUIRED

 Despite medical literature showing that nearly 95% of those who commit suicide had a diagnosable psychiatric illness (usually treatable depression) in the months preceding suicide,6 the prescribing doctor and the doctor he or she selects to give a second opinion are both free to decide whether to refer suicidal patients for any psychological counseling. Per Oregon's official annual

- report, from 2013-2016 less than 4% of patients who died under its assisted suicide law had been referred for counseling to check for "impaired judgment."
- If counseling is provided to patients seeking assisted suicide, its goal isn't to treat the underlying disorder or depression; it's to determine whether the disorder or depression is "causing impaired judgment" [emphasis added].7 The doctors or counselor can decide that, since depression is "a completely normal response" to terminal illness, the depressed patient's judgment is not impaired.8

THREATENS IMPROVEMENT OF PALLIATIVE CARE

 There is compelling evidence that legalizing assisted suicide undermines efforts to maintain and improve good care for patients nearing the end of life, including patients who never wanted assisted suicide.9

FOSTERS DISCRIMINATION

Assisted suicide creates two classes of people: those
whose suicides we spend hundreds of millions of dollars
each year to prevent and those whose suicides we assist
and treat as a positive good. We remove weapons and
drugs that can cause harm to one group, while handing
deadly drugs to the other, setting up yet another kind of
life-threatening discrimination.

There are many more reasons why legalizing assisted suicide is a bad and dangerous idea. For further information, visit www.usccb.org/toliveeachday and www.patientsrightsaction.org.

- 1 Montana's highest court, while not officially legalizing the practice, suggested in 2009 that it could be allowed under certain circumstances.
- 2 Susan Harding, "Health Plan Covers Assisted Suicide But Not New Cancer Treatment," KVAL News (published July 31, 2008, updated Oct. 30, 2013) (noting that the Oregon Health Plan will pay for coverage for chemotherapy that cures cancer, but not for chemotherapy drugs that can extend life); Jennifer Popik, "Terminally III Oregon Patients Denied Treatment but Reminded They Can Choose Physician-Assisted Suicide" (July 2008), available at http://www.nrlc.org/archive/news/2008/NRL08/ Oregon.html.
- 3 Bradford Richardson, "Assisted-Suicide Law Prompts Insurance Company to Deny Coverage to Terminally III California Woman," Washington Times (Oct. 20, 2016), http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/oct/20/assisted-suicide-law-prompts-insurance-company-den/.
- 4 In one case, a woman with cancer committed suicide with a doctor's assistance even though she had dementia, was found mentally incompetent by doctors, and had a grown daughter described as "somewhat coercive" in pushing her toward suicide. Hendin & Foley, *Physician-Assisted Suicide in Oregon, supra* at 1626-27.

- 5 Lachs, Mark S., M.D., M.P.H., and Karl A. Pillemer, Ph.D. "Elder Abuse." Edited by Edward W. Campion, M.D. The New England Journal of Medicine 373 (November 12, 2015): 1947-1956. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMra1404688. http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/ NEJMra1404688
- 6 H. Hendin, M.D., Seduced by Death: Doctors, Patients, and Assisted Suicide (New York: W.W. Norton, 1998): 34-35.
- 7 Or. Rev. Stat. § 127.825; Wash. Rev. Code § 70.245.060.
- 8 See H. Hendin and K. Foley, "Physician-Assisted Suicide in Oregon: A Medical Perspective," 106 Michigan Law Review 1613-45 (2008) at 1623-4; available at https://docs.google.com/file/d/0BwDPETL1NPnAMmFjZTNj NzctOGU4NS00MTUwLTgxZjAtM2I4NDhIMjA2OTFj/edit?hl=en&pli=1.
- 9 "Vermont VNA Seeking to Identify Causes of State's Low Hospice Utilization Rates," *Hospice and Palliative Care News*, April 29, 2015, at http://healthrespubs.com/hospice-and-palliative-carenews/2015/04/29/vermont-vna-seeking-to-identify-low-hospice-utilization-rates/. J. Ballentine et al., "Physician-Assisted Death Does Not Improve End-of-Life Care," *Journal of Palliative Medicine* 19 (2016): 1-2.

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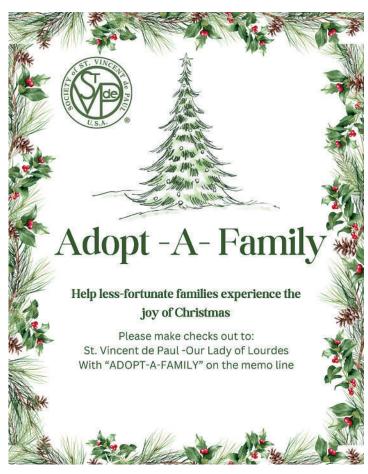
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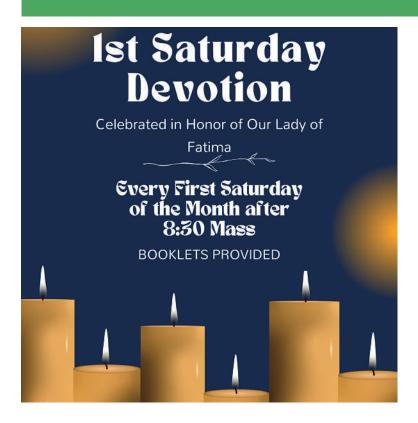
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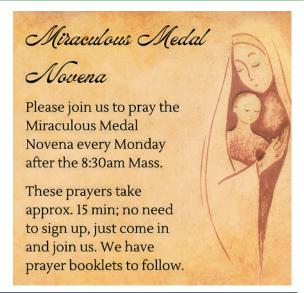
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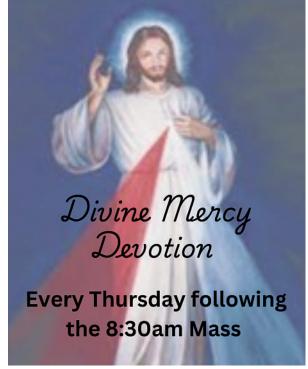
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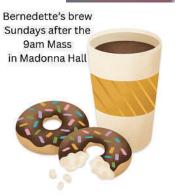
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