

COMING EVENTS

Novena October 17th thru 25th.

Pilgrimage Sunday, October 20th.

Mass at 11:00 AM

Rosary and Novena Prayers before Mass

Mass Times at St. Wenceslaus Home of the
National Shrine of the Infant Jesus

Saturday Night Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday 11 :00 AM

Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 AM

Holy Hour 9:30 to 10:30 AM

First Friday and First Saturday Mass 9:00 AM

Holy Hour 9:30 to 10:30 AM

Gift Shop hours are Tues-Fri 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Sunday Shrine open till 2:00 PM

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THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

October 2024

THE MORE YOU HONOR ME
THE MORE I WILL BLESS YOU



Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Entering October, the month that the universal Church dedicates to honoring the Virgin Mary through the Rosary, the memorial month of Jesus, the Incarnated Son, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother. The lives of the two most important persons in God's plan of salvation. Living the mystery of salvation means meditating and living the mysteries of the Rosary. Because hidden within the Rosary are the events in the life of Jesus: Incarnation, Preaching, Passion and Resurrection. When we meditate and pray the Rosary, we are entering deeply into the life of Jesus and Mary. Therefore, when living the mysteries of the Rosary, it helps us understand that: Each of our lives also has joys and sorrows, smiles and tears, just like the life of Jesus in the past, described through the mysteries: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, Glorious. Through meditating and praying the Rosary, each of us is integrated into the life of Jesus and offers Him our whole life.

Saints of October: The month of October is filled with wonderful things: trees boasting bright and beautiful leaves, the scent of bonfires, and those blessedly cool days. I absolutely love everything about October, especially the month of the Rosary. However, as I've grown older, I've come to love October for a much more spiritual reason. October is a wonderful month with so many inspiring saints!

As we kick off the month of October, let's mark our calendars to celebrate 7 powerful feast days!

October 1st: St. Therese of Lisieux; **October 2nd:** Feast of the Guardian Angels; **October 4th:** St. Francis of Assisi; **October 5th:** Saint Faustina; **October 7th:** Our Lady of the Rosary; **October 15th:** Saint Teresa of Avila; **October 22nd:** Saint Pope John Paul II.

October has two feasts that express long-standing Catholic traditions: devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7) and to the Guardian Angels (October 2).

In October 2002, Saint Pope John Paul II wrote the Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae (The Rosary of the Virgin Mary) in which he added the five Luminous Mysteries. The Church invites the faithful to reread this Apostolic Letter to understand more deeply the beauty of the Rosary and to pray for it devoutly with their families during the month of October.

Every person has a Guardian Angel, and on October 2 the Church reminds us of their role. We should express our sincere gratitude to God for having placed these angels at our service. Having such a guardian will help us to be confident in all the difficulties of life. Every Catholic should regularly recite the prayer to the "Guardian Angel."

Guardian Angel Prayer: Angel Of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day (or night) be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Life magazine estimates that the "Hail Mary" prayer is recited about two billion times a day; and each year between five and ten million people make pilgrimages to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Many believers also make pilgrimages to Marian sites elsewhere in the world.

Mary is prayed to as an advocate, protector, and helper. Even in sports, Mary's intervention has been mentioned: the last-ditch pass for a losing team was once called the "Hail Mary pass." Mary is also revered by Muslims. It is said that when the Prophet Muhammad cleared the Kaaba in Mecca of idols, he allowed only a fresco of the Virgin Mary holding the Child Jesus to remain. In the Quran, Mary is described as the one sent with the title "mercy to the world."

U.S. Representative Stephanie Bice recently visited our National Shrine of the Infant Jesus Prague this past September. I was honored to have her visit our National Shrine. She was very friendly and approachable. Senator Bice is a pro-life Catholic and a defender of religious to protect life and protect religious freedom.

Bice was elected in November 2020 to represent Oklahoma's 5th District. She told the group of professionals that her freshman year in Congress has been a whirlwind, including being chosen president of the freshman class in the U.S. House of Representatives. She is the first woman to be elected president of the freshman class.

"Running for public office wasn't something that had ever occurred to me, but it was actually my work in the church and in the community that inspired me," she said. "These are the things that I am being called to do, to help other families, to be of service ... to protect life and protect religious freedom. That's why I was elected."

Bice and her family are parishioners at St. Eugene Catholic Church in Oklahoma City. She said her faith has sustained her as she adjusts to serving in Congress.

Month of the Souls in Purgatory

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity.

Please join me as we celebrate Mass for all the faithful departed on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at 9:00am in our Cemetery in Prague. All are encouraged to join me in prayer. Please note: This will also serve as our First Saturday Mass for the month of November.

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever." (Psalms 136:1) We sincerely thank and appreciate. We thank God for the times of difficulty and need, He has protected and helped us. Not only that, but He also sent benefactors to help our Parish. Certainly, we cannot do anything without your companionship. Your prayers, your spiritual encouragement as well as your material support...your kindness and generosity. All those small yet great things are the source of motivation for us.

Once again, on behalf of the entire Parish, I would like to send our deepest thanks to the benefactors and sponsors who helped us get a new set of beautiful vestments and a funeral pall. And a relative of mine gave our Church a set of altar cloths in four colors: green, white, purple and red very beautiful. Thank you so much for your gift! I appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. Thanks again!

Sincerely in Christ,
Very Reverend Christopher Hai Tran, Rector

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