

**Saint Joseph's, Saint Anne's & Holy Family And Saint Patrick's**  
**20<sup>th</sup> October 2024, Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**  
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Sunday Mass Readings for 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2024, Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B	
1st Reading	Isaiah 53:10-11
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
2nd Reading	Hebrews 4:14-16
Alleluia	Mark 10:45
Gospel	Mark 10:35-45 Or Mark 10:42-45

**Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22**

R. (22) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.  
 4 Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy.  
 5 He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

*R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

18 See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness,  
 19 To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

*R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

20 Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield.  
 22 May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

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**2nd Reading – Hebrews 4:14-16**

Brothers and sisters:  
 14 Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.  
 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.  
 16 So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

**Alleluia – Mark 10:45**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
 45 The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.  
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**Gospel – Mark 10:35-45**

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."  
 36 He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?"  
 37 They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."  
 38 Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"  
 39 They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;

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**1st Reading – Isaiah 53:10-11**

10 The LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity. If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.  
 11 Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.



40 but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared."  
 41 When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John.  
 42 Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt.  
 43 But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant;  
 44 whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.  
 45 For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**Or Mark 10:42-45**


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**Saint(s) Of The Day**

St Paul of the Cross (Paolo Francesco Danei) was the founder of the Passionists. He was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1694 in Ovada, Piedmont, Italy. He died on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1775 at the age of 81 in Rome, Papal States. We celebrate his feast day on 19<sup>th</sup> October in the General Roman Calendar and on 20<sup>th</sup> October in the United States.

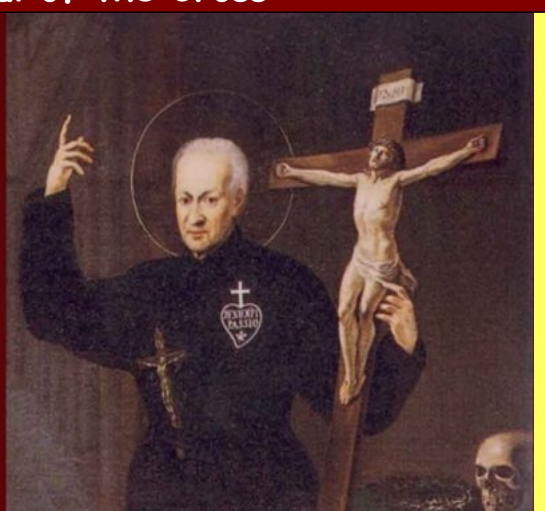
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Feast Day:  
October 19  
(October 20 in the US)



Date of Birth	3 <sup>rd</sup> January 1694
Place of Birth	Ovada, Piedmont, Italy
Profession	founder of the Passionists
Place of Work	Rome
Date of Death	18 <sup>th</sup> October 1775 (aged 81)
Place of Death	The retreat of Saints John and Paul in Rome
Feast Day	19 <sup>th</sup> October (20 <sup>th</sup> October in the US)
Beatification	By Pope Pius IX on 1 <sup>st</sup> May 1853 in Rome
Canonization	By Pope Pius IX on 29 <sup>th</sup> June 1867 in Rome

**St Paul of the Cross Life History**

The parents of St Paul of the Cross were Luca and Anna Maria Massari Danei. He was the second born of a family of sixteen children.  
 Only six of these children survived infancy. This experience taught Paul the uncertainty of life and that death was real.  
 Paul was educated at a boys' school owned by a priest in Cremolino and at the age of 15 years he returned home and taught catechism in the Church.  
 At the age of 19 years, St Paul of the Cross read the writings of Saint Francis de Sales titled "Treatise on the Love of God" and converted to a life of prayer.  
 He received directions and mentorship from the Capuchin priests and realized that God can be found easily in the Passion of Christ.  
 At one time in 1715, he joined the army to defend the Venetian Republic against the invading Turks but after some time he realized that his passion was not being a soldier and quit.  
 On his way back home, he bumped into an elderly childless couple who needed his help. After helping them, they offered him their entire inheritance but he declined the offer.  
 Shortly thereafter, his uncle who was a priest tried to arrange a marriage for him but Paul declined. Upon the death of his uncle, he retained only his priest's Breviary.  
 When St Paul of the Cross was 26 years old he had a vision that God was inviting him to form a community that would live an austere, pious, and evangelical life that would promote the love of God revealed in the Passion of Jesus on the Cross. In that vision, he saw himself wearing the habit that the members of his community would wear.  
 At first, the community was identified as "the Poor of Jesus" but later on they settled on the name "The Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ" or the Passionists.  
 Paul received a lot of encouragement from his local bishop who even clothed him as a hermit with the black habit. Although he was the only member of his community, he went for a forty-days retreat at the end of 1720 and wrote the new rule for the new community.  
 In the rule he wrote, the members of his congregation were to observe a life of poverty, solitude, and penance, and teach people how to find God easily through meditation on the Passion of Jesus.  
 The first member of the congregation was his blood brother, John Baptist. They went to Rome after an invitation from Cardinal Corrandini to help establish a hospital.  
 Through this invitation to Rome, they hoped to use this opportunity to secure approval of the Rule from the Pope. In the new hospital, Paul and his brother provided nursing care to the patients and taught the Word of God to both the staff and patients.  
 While in Rome, Paul and his brother studied for the priesthood, and on June 7 1727, they were ordained as priests by Pope Benedict XIII in St Peter's Basilica, Rome.  
 As priests, they went on preaching missions to remote places with very few priests. Paul was a very passionate preacher and generous in his acts of mercy.  
 They preached in religious houses and seminaries and their mission attracted the attention of many who started joining their congregation.  
 The Passionists traditionally named their monasteries as "Retreats" to underscore the contemplative and secluded life that members should adhere to.  
 Paul and his first nine members opened the first Retreat in 1737 in Monte Argentario, Grosseto, Tuscany, Italy.

The Congregation's members were known as the Discalced Clerks of the Most Holy Cross and Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. They wore black habits with a badge of a heart written with the words JESU XPI PASSIO and a white cross mounted on top of the heart. The rules of the congregation were approved by Pope Benedict XIV in 1741 and 1746 after having been delayed for a very long time. The members communally celebrated the Divine Office and devoted every day to at least 3 hours of prayer and contemplation. They also lived a very austere life which repulsed many people from joining the community. However, St Paul of the Cross did not loosen his Rules for he preferred gradual and strong growth of his congregation, albeit painful, as opposed to fast and uncommitted one. By the time St Paul of the Cross died, the congregation had twelve Retreats housing one hundred and eighty members who were priests and brothers. Before Paul died, he had also founded a monastery of contemplative sisters known as Tarquinia.

**Death**

St Paul of the Cross died on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1775 at the Retreat of Saints John and Paul on the Caelian Hill in Rome, Italy.

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