October 27, 2019 ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;
it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds. ~ Sirach 35:17 18a

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October 27, 2019

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

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

Humility is the recognition that no matter what our accomplishments, we still stand in need of the Lord (3). God hears the cry of the poor (Ps) and the oppressed, especially those who acknowledge their dependency upon him (1). Having heard Paul’s cries for help, the Lord crowned him with eternal salvation (2).

Relationship With God

Today’s readings invite us into prayer, into relationship with God. Because relationships feel more natural when we know one another well, Sirach encourages us to know God better. In his wisdom, Sirach tells us what God is like: fair, open-minded, compassionate, and attentive. “The Lord will not delay,” he says. Knowing that God’s help comes right on time, whenever we need it, calms our hearts and helps us trust the Lord. In his second Letter to Timothy, Saint Paul demonstrates his own trust in God. Despite the grueling struggles Saint Paul has faced because of his Christian faith, he praises the Lord for rescuing him time and again. Today’s Gospel draws us close to Jesus too, revealing his special love for the poor and humble. As Jesus tells his parable about the prayer habits of a Pharisee and a tax collector, our hearts long to become as gentle as Christ’s.

Treasures From Our Tradition

Friday’s Solemnity of All Saints and Saturday’s Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are key to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus’ saving acts. Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the “Day of the Dead.” Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the pan de muerto, or “bread of the dead.” A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Update

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to our 2019 AAA. If you haven’t donated yet, please consider making a donation.

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Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend. Don’t forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday night, so you’ll be on time for Mass next Sunday.

Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for October

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Although the opening lines of today’s first reading claim that the Lord “knows no favorites” (Sirach 35:15) and is “not unduly partial toward the weak” (35:16), the remainder of the passage makes it clear that the Lord does indeed pay special attention to the weak, the oppressed, and the orphans and widows. The psalmist reiterates: “The Lord hears the cry of the poor” (see Psalm 34:18). In the Gospel, Jesus claims that a tax collector is more justified in his prayer for mercy than the Pharisee, whose prayer was an account of his own righteous deeds. Jesus’ point could not have been clearer: tax collectors in the Jewish society of Jesus’ day were not just lowly; they were considered outcasts and cheats. They collected taxes for the hated Romans and almost certainly collected enough to assure a generous income for themselves.

“*The Prayer of the Lowly Pierces the Clouds*”

When Jesus was teaching or preaching, he would regularly upset assumptions about how the world works, especially the world of religious observances. Moreover, just when we think we’ve figured this out, we get caught off guard yet again—disorientation layered over surprise.

The Pharisees of Jesus’s day emphasized the observance of Mosaic Law in everyday life, providing a path of righteousness for people unable to attend temple sacrifices. However, some of them also took pride in their own observances, looking down on others and becoming self-righteous. Jesus addressed this parable them, to “those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else,” like tax collectors. But didn’t they have a point? Tax collectors were among society’s outcasts; didn’t this one just admit his own sinfulness? How could a tax collector be “justified” (that is, made right) before God, while the Pharisee was not? Why would God even listen to the prayer of a tax collector? This surely was a surprise, upsetting common assumptions about righteousness.

*But Who Are the “Lowly”?*

There is another layer of assumptions that gets exposed here: tax collectors could hardly be considered “lowly.” Widows, orphans, those who suffer—these are truly lowly ones for whom the Law commands kindness, and obviously God hears their prayers. But tax collectors? They collected revenue for the pagan Romans; they were outcasts, objects of scorn. How could they be considered among the “lowly”? For that matter—what is a tax collector doing in the temple anyway?

Here the parable might be more than surprising; it might even be disorienting. What if the people we cannot imagine being justified before God, embraced by God’s mercy, are the ones whom God sees as lowly? What if the parable challenges us to question whether we ourselves unconsciously categorize people as either “worthy” or “unworthy,” either “like us” or “one of them”? What if we took seriously the idea that God’s love is for “them” just as much as it is for “us”?

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Today’s Readings

First Reading — The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The Lord will rescue me from every threat (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — All who exalt themselves will be humbled; all who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 18:9-14).


Breaking Bread Missal 2020

On December 1st, the First Sunday of Advent, we will replace our 2019 Breaking Bread Missals with the new 2020 Missals. We would be very grateful if you could share a sacrificial gift of $100 of your hard-earned money, especially during these difficult times. As an acknowledgement of your generous $100 tax-deductible contribution, your name will be printed on a bookplate and glued to the inside front or back cover of the Missal. If $100 is not possible, any amount, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated. Look for envelopes in the weeks to come.

Patrician Meeting

Join us this Sunday for the monthly Patrician Meeting, a Catholic discussion group sponsored by the Legion of Mary. This month’s topic is...

Can We Be Saints?

Speaker: Robert Keller

Date ~ Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Place ~ McKenna Hall, St. Patrick Church

Join us for a lively discussion and share your thoughts and experiences with other Catholics just like you.

Business

Perpetual devotion to what a man calls his business is only to be sustained by perpetual neglect of many other things

~ Robert Louis Stevenson

Heartfelt Judgment

When you meet someone, you judge them by their clothes; when you leave them, you judge them by their heart.

~ Russian proverb

Always Faithful

Whether you like it or not, you will always grow apart from human beings. Christ is faithful and always with you.

~ St. John of God
Pray for your Priests

Mass Intentions for Oct 27 - Nov 02

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Saints & Special Observances

MONDAY: FEAST ~ STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES
FRIDAY: SOLEMNITY ~ ALL SAINTS
SATURDAY: THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35
FRIDAY: Jn 3:1-14; Mt 5:1-12
SATURDAY: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wis 11:22-12:2; Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2
Lk 19:1-10

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, November 1st, All Saints Day, is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses are the same as on weekdays: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 & 5:15 p.m.

Welcome to St. Patrick!!
Welcome to all of our out-of-town visitors,
especially the delegates from
The American College of Surgeons

Clinical Congress 2019
Thank you for worshipping with us!!

Relevant Radio
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