

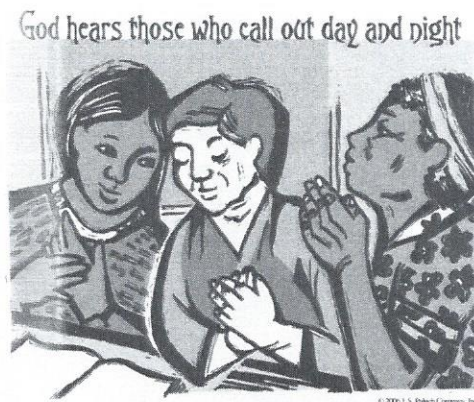
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2019

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?

My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

— Psalm 121:1-2



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;
Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94;
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23;

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Tuesday: St. John Paul II

Wednesday: St. John of Capistrano

Thursday: St. Anthony Mary Claret

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

This weekend, our parish is beginning an Offertory Enhancement Initiative. It is very important that our parish improves its financial well-being. In the coming week, every family will be asked to consider a reasonable increase in their current weekly offering. Next weekend please use the special response envelope that was enclosed with Fr. Justin's letter to indicate your new total weekly giving amount. The following weekend simply return to your regular envelopes or online giving while maintaining your new giving amount. Pray for the success of this most necessary program. May our Almighty Father provide each of us with a more deeply understanding of generosity and the means to participate in our parish's initiative by increasing our weekly giving, we pray to the Lord



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St. Joseph Prayer Group will meet on Wednesdays after the 9:30am Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Request for food baskets for Thanksgiving & Christmas will be available on Saturday Oct. 19th. Must be returned by Nov. 9th. Please read the directions carefully as some items have changed

If you are interested in donating to assist the Bahamas recover from hurricane Dorian you may do so through the Knights of Columbus. Send checks to: Knights of Columbus Charities, P.O. Box 382154, Pittsburgh, PA, 15251-8154.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings are about prayer -- perseverance in prayer, constancy in prayer and trust in God as we pray. They are also about the Trustworthiness and Justice of God, a Justice that reaches out to the poor and the weak, enabling them to fight against injustice.

In the **First Reading**, Moses, after sending Joshua to fight against Amalek, is presented as making tireless intercessions with constancy for the victory of Israel's army. Both Moses and the widow in today's Gospel story teach us how we should pray. In the **Second Reading**, St. Paul instructs Timothy to persevere in his ministry, to proclaim the word of God with persistence in all circumstances and to use it to *correct, reprove and appeal with patience*. By introducing the parable of the unjust judge and the persistent widow in **Today's Gospel**, Jesus emphasizes the *necessity of praying always and not losing heart*. Constancy in prayer is Faith in action. Jesus presents the widow in today's Gospel as a model of the trust and tenacity with which his disciples are to pray. The widow was asking for something which God would certainly want for her - justice.

This parable does not suggest that God writes a blank check, guaranteeing whatever we want, whenever we want it in the form we ask for. We should not expect to get whatever we want. But we conveniently forget the fact that, often, a loving father has to refuse the request of a child, because he knows that what the child asks would hurt rather than help him (e.g., a knife). God is like that. He knows what to give, when to give and how to give it. Only God sees time whole, and, therefore, only God knows what is good for us in the long run. That is why Jesus said that we must never be discouraged in prayer. Instead, we have to leave the answer to God's decision saying, *Thy will be done*. Sincere and persistent prayer makes us ready to accept His will.



OFFERTORY ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVE BEGINS!

What a joy! What a blessing from God! Let me begin with "thank you." Through your generosity, we continue to grow as a loving parish. We can see His grace at work through St. Joseph of the Forest ministries, volunteers, and community outreach, including our ministries, volunteers, and community outreach, including food baskets to families in need during the holidays, our parish club, and our special dinners for parishioners and families.

As we prepare our hearts and minds during the upcoming Advent season, now, is an ideal time for our parish family to take a look at where we are, where we need to go, and how we can accomplish our dreams.

As we think about the coming months and years, we still have so much more to achieve at St. Joseph, which serves a Catholic community of disciples celebrating the presence of Jesus through liturgy and ministry. Our weekly income is not enough to cover our expenses, and we struggle every week. Without bingo, we would not be able to meet our expenses. Increasing parish income would strengthen staff support, and enhance our parish facilities and campus. To continue serving Christ and minister to our community, it is important that we increase our income.

Watch for your...

LETTER PACKET FROM FATHER IN THE MAIL THIS WEEK!

Every registered family will receive by mail a personal invitation from Fr. Justin to:

1. *Address our needs*
2. *Inform you about our weekly offertory collection and annual financial report*
3. *Offer an opportunity to prayerfully reflect and reevaluate your weekly contribution*

I am asking that every parish family prayerfully considers making a reasonable increase in their current weekly contribution; adding **\$5.00, \$10.00 or perhaps \$15.00** to your current weekly contribution.

Please take the time to pray and reflect over my request when you receive it in the mail. Please complete the special response envelope I enclosed with my letter and return it to church next weekend in place of your regular envelope.

Use this envelope only once and then return to your regular envelopes or your new online giving schedule the following week while maintaining your new giving amount. If you will be giving your offertory gift online, please let me know you will be doing this by checking off the appropriate box on the response envelope.

Most important I need your prayers and support of all our parishioners each week and every week of this most necessary effort. Thank You!



**Online Giving is available on
www.ourladyofthesprings.org**

**Click on "St. Joseph of the Forest Mission" and "On Line Giving SJF"
and follow the steps.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although the hours of daylight are rapidly dwindling, many people would say that these October days bring the year's most splendid weather. Americans are riders and joggers, not strollers, and so the pleasures of the season are often lost on us. This is not the case with many Jewish people, who observe an ancient rule in walking to synagogue on the Sabbath. On city streets and suburban sidewalks in many cities, we may notice around sunset the nicely dressed families walking and chatting on Friday afternoon. After a short prayer at dusk, the families stroll home again for a relaxing and festive meal. They return to synagogue in the morning, and then spend an afternoon in family leisure until three stars appear in the night sky and Sabbath ends.

Catholics, on the other hand, pile into the car and drive even a short distance to Mass; some even divide the family to participate at different hours. For Jews, the leisurely walk marks a dividing line between hectic life commitments and a day of abundant joy and enrichment. Before we became an automobile culture, Catholics embraced a similar pace, and in most places walked to church. These lovely days of fall invite us to tap into an old and life-giving tradition. If you live within a mile of your church, walk next week. If you must drive, park at a good distance and walk the rest of the way. Talk about your life, greet strangers, notice the crunch of leaves under your shoes. You may be surprised at how different Sunday Mass feels when it is framed by leisure!

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Mass
Intentions

Saturday Oct. 19th 4pm: Repose of the soul of James Watson

Sunday Oct. 20th 9am: Repose of the soul of Will Fralix

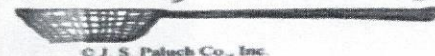
Tuesday Oct. 22nd 9:30am Repose of the soul of Arthur Stringer

Wednesday Oct. 23rd 9:30am Our Mission Family

Saturday Oct. 26th 4pm: Repose of the soul of Ray Passe Jr.

Sunday Oct. 27th 9am: Repose of the soul of Will Fralix

Weekly Offering



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\$1004.00

Please remember to use your envelopes

Thank you for your continued support
of St. Joseph Parish.

Pray Always
Always Pray



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We continue to collect non-perishable food items throughout the year so we may be able to help those in need.

Prayer Requests

Averi Antich
Blaine
Marvin Bordetsky
Dawn Brenan
Janice Cahill
Danny Canzolino
Mary Canzolino
Catherine Coleman
Diane DaSilva
Eric Day
Thelma Einboden
Ruth Faulkner
Lorraine Fitzkee
Patricia Fitzkee
Kevin Fitzpatrick
Dawn Fraher
Gene Loosemore
Mary Sutton
Samantha Houldson
Pamela Mickiewicz
Mary Porter
Patsy Beam
Ruvia Doyle
Petra Herb

Gail Garrett
Martha Gartland
Lisa Gibson
Ben Hall
Maggie Hall
Lawrence Harris
Edward Hickey
Florence Humble
Raymond Jaskiewicz
Chris Keller
Jeff Keller
Rodney Keller
Jennifer Kesse
Caleb Knaggs
Helen Kocijan
Joan Langlie
Laquittia Linquist
Adam Linquist
Morris Lunn
Jim Mansfield
Bob Benjamin
Haley Falconbury
Roger Soucey

Rick Muhlig
Joan Nehiley
Carolina Pape
Nancy Payne
Madeline Pynn
Marie Sample
Concetta Santangelo
Woody Salisbury
Dennis Soucey
Kitty Thompson
The Homebound
Greg Trace
Michael Vilt
Adele Ward
Margaret Wimberly-
Charles Young
Adele Fournier
Carolyn Ashe
Zeke Schmidt
Chris Jones
Shaunee March
Charles Dougherty