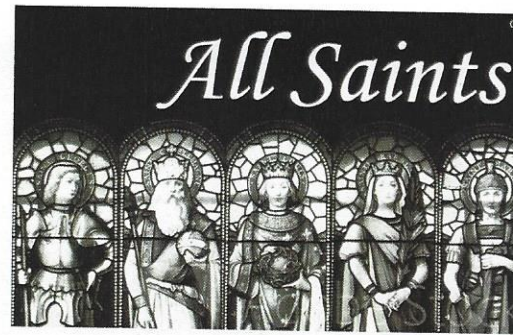


Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2019

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

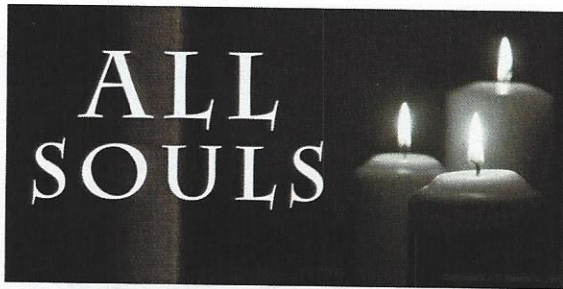


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
 Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
 Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Ss. Simon and Jude
 Thursday: Halloween
 Friday: All Saints; First Friday
 Saturday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day); First Saturday



Turn Clocks Back



Remember to turn your clocks back next Sunday morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tickets are now available for the Parish Club Meatloaf dinner. DATE: Nov. 9th 3p-6m



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

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.

30th Sunday Ordinary Time.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

William Barclay said that true prayer comes from setting our lives beside the life of God and not our neighbors'. When we set our lives beside the holiness of our neighbors, perhaps, we can have all the reasons to boast. It is easier for us to say, "I pray more than he prays." "I give more than he gives." "I do better than him." "I don't cause any trouble to others." "I look better than him." "Compared to others, I am a saint." In other words, we take pride in being better than others. But the question is not, "Am I as good as my neighbor?" The real question is "How am I before God? Do I meet His expectation of me?" When we set our lives beside the holiness of God, there is nothing that we can boast of as we see our unworthiness. We just have to admit that everything is God's gift.

When we consider the story of the Pharisee and tax collector, we realize that God gets the whole story of our life, not just the part of the story we make for prime-time broadcast. In order to get God's attention, the Pharisee edited his track record. He said he had no greed, no dishonesty, no adultery. On the credit side, he fasts and tithes. But God heard his pride, lack of mercy and judgmental attitude. The edited version of the Pharisee prayer does not fool God. The Gospel tells us that Jesus never found it difficult to determine who His audience was. Whether He prayed in the temple, on the road, and even on the cross; Jesus prayed honestly to God. God hears all that we say and all that we don't say. So, it is wise not to edit our lives and prayers before God. There is no reason to fake our prayers.

Prayer is a conversation with God, not a presentation. Continue to pray with the knowledge that prayer is a mystery, and constant prayer is a sign of the depth of our faith.

God Bless!

Fr. Justin



Mass
Intentions

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 keyed 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.

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

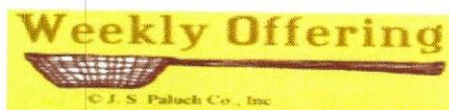
Sunday Oct. 27th 9am: Repose of the soul of Will Fralix

Tuesday Oct. 29th 9:30am Repose of the soul of Nancy Montgomery

Wednesday Oct. 30th 9:30am Our Mission Family

Saturday Nov. 2nd: Repose of the soul of Joe Gavlik

Sunday Nov. 3rd 9am: Repose of the soul of Kim Ryan



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Please remember to use your envelopes

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

Prayer Requests

MASS SCHEDULE FOR All Saints Day:

Thursday Oct. 31st @ 7pm

Friday Nov. 1st @ 9:30am

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

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

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
Francis Carrizzo