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The Jubilee Prayer

**Father in heaven,
may the faith you have gifted us in
your son Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity
kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us, the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.**

**May your grace transform us
into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds
that make humanity and the cosmos rise
unto the confident expectation
of the new heavens and the new earth,
when with the powers of Evil overcome,
your glory shall be manifested eternally.**

**May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
the yearning for heavenly treasures
and pour over all the earth
the joy and peace
of our Redeemer.**

**To you God blessed in eternity,
be praise and glory for ever and ever.**



Blessed Sacrament

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Mission Statement:
Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM
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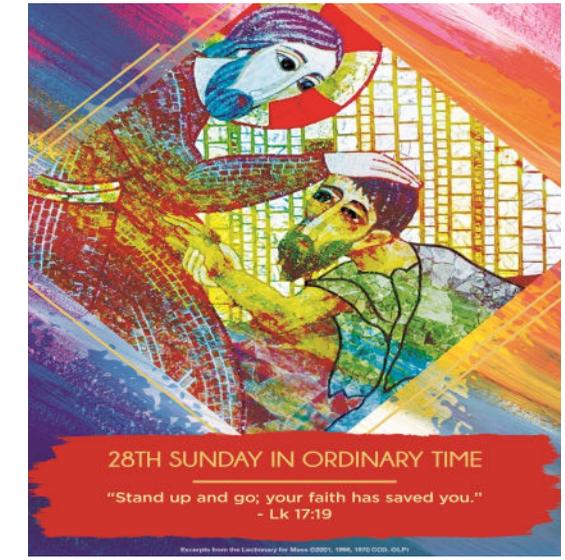
Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11)
Psalm:
Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)
Second Reading:
Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Tm 3:14)
Gospel:
"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Lk 18:7-8)

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October 19, 2025 29th Sunday Ordinary Time



My Dear Parishioners:

Today's Gospel speaks about prayer and two essential characteristics of prayer. Obviously God hears every prayer. There is no prayer that God does not hear. It is impossible for us to live out of range of God. Prayer is not like talking into a cell phone and saying, "God, can you hear me now?" God knows all, God sees all, and God hears all. Try as we might (and all of us try), there is no God free zone in our lives nor can there ever be a God free zone in our lives.

In this parable as he teaches us about prayer Jesus give us the example of a widow, the poorest of the poor and the weakest of the weak. Jesus reminds us that like the widow in the story we are called to pray constantly and not grow weary. All of us must strive to live in a state of constant prayer.

The unjust judge says that the widow's petition was answered because she would not give up. If even an unjust judge will answer a petitioner if they ask long enough and hard enough...how much more will God who is not an unjust judge but a loving father answer our prayers. So you see the first characteristic of prayer is constancy. We must pray always. Our lives must become prayer.

The widow's example also gives us another characteristic of prayer and that is trust. She trusted that eventually her petition would be answered. Like her we have to learn to trust. We have to learn to trust. We have to learn to trust the very God who gives us life and gives us breath, and gives us the ability and privilege to love. I have often said this of people who struggle with trust (and often for good reason). Every time we breathe we are exercising trust. There is no promise that once we exhale there will be oxygen to inhale. Yet, we can only hold our breathe for so long. Eventually we must 'let it out'. The same is true of prayer. We must trust that once we 'let it out' there will be something in return.

Not only must our prayer be constant, but we also have to have complete trust that it will be answered in the best possible way no matter what. Sometimes we fool ourselves into thinking that we know more than God. Sometimes we fool ourselves into thinking that our prayer was not answered because it was not answered in the way we desired. In other words we really don't trust God.

Dear friends each and every prayer we offer should end something like this, "Father I think this is what I need, and this is what I ask, but I know and I trust that you know best and you love me. Father your will be done. Your will be done O God.

That's how Jesus finished his most fervent prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane and that is how we need to finish our prayers each and every one.

If you look at the first reading the message is the same. As long as Moses kept his hands in the air the battle with Amalek went well. Whenever he gave up, whenever his prayer was not constant things went poorly. Finally it was only with the assistance of Aaron and Hur that Moses was able to keep his hands up and remain in prayer.

We all know that it is not easy to hold our arms in the air for long periods of time. And we all know that it is not easy to pray constantly and trust constantly that our prayer will be answered. So, you see, the last message of today's readings is simply this. Like Moses needed Aaron and Hur to sustain his prayer during battle, we need each other, and we need the Church to sustain ourselves in our prayer.

If our prayer is constant, and if we trust God completely, then when the Son of Man comes he will indeed find faith on the earth. He will find our faith.

Blessings,

Fr. John

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October Birthdays

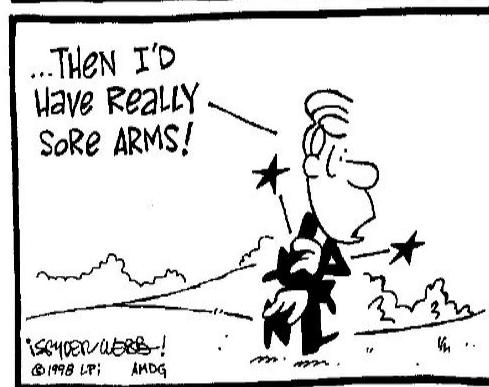
- 19—Sister Monica Seaton
- 20—Dorothea Melton

Mass Intentions

- October 19--Dan Halbig
- October 26--Larry Allen
- November 2--Patricia Lett



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Let us remember to pray for those who are dying and those who have recently died. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Joanne Kendall, Rollie Pike, Larry Leachman, Dorothy Simmons, Steve Coble, Teresa Luebert, Diane Selby, Kathi Skidd, Ray Higgs, Pam Wilson, Phil Armendarez, Cindy Heckmann, Judy Stinett, Shaun Winchell, China Dulin, Rachel Mattingly, Charlie Brown Sr, Steven Moorman, Philip Moorman, Jr., Ronnie Hollis, Chandra Hagan, Larry Clark, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Jordan Gertisen, Shelby Webster, Gary Moorman. **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

PARISH MEETING

Date & Time:

2

November 2025

After Mass

Location:

Parish Hall

Coming Events



Blessed Sacrament Happenings

October 19 --

No Religious Ed Fall Break

Anointing of the Sick



October 12--\$6,824.50

Budget--\$1,300

MTD Collection--\$8,228.50

MTD Budget--\$2,600

YTD Collection--\$30,440.09

YTD Budget--\$19,500

May each give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.

Thanks to everyone who practices stewardship on a regular basis. An active parishioner attends Mass regularly and practices stewardship (time, talent, treasure).

GOSPEL MEDITATION

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is *already* answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done.

— Father John Muir
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<u>October 19:</u>	Lectors Katie Goins, Jacques Williams
<u>October 26:</u>	Wayne Stephens, Layson Brooks
<u>November 2:</u>	Barbara Bisel, Greg Gough
<u>October 19:</u>	Eucharistic Ministers Denise and Greg Richardson Holly Hollis
<u>October 26:</u>	Rita Moorman., Greg Gough, Barbara Bisel
<u>November 2:</u>	Cindy Clark, Misty Sanford, Janet Clark
<u>October 19:</u>	Collection & Gifts Barbara Hammond, Wonet Taylor
<u>October 26:</u>	Laverne Thames, Burnell Hamilton
<u>November 2:</u>	Dee and Brennah Brasher



The Prayers We Don't Say

It has always confused me: why a judge?

Jesus could have compared prayer to the subject who requests a gift of his king. He could have compared it to the child who asks a favor of a parent. But in the parable of the widow and the judge, Jesus compares prayer — specifically constant, unwearying prayer — with the marginalized person who doggedly pursues her claim through an unforgiving legal system.

It's not a rosy or reassuring picture. So what is he trying to tell us?

Unlike a king or a parent, a judge has strictly drawn lines which he cannot, under any circumstances, cross. He can only help people who bring their case to court. Even good, earnest judges cannot render justice if charges are not brought.

God is all-powerful. But that doesn't make Him a meddler. He will not force his way into our problems. What would be the point? What is our life on earth for, if it is not to teach us how to turn willingly to God, in every instance — adoration, gratitude, need?

Today, I sat down and made a list of problems I don't pray about. When I was done, I looked at the list and asked myself: why not? Why don't I pray about these things? Some are huge issues over which I have absolutely no control, and prayer feels futile. Some are small grievances I never even considered mentioning to God.

If I prayed about them all, my life would be totally consumed by prayer. Constant, unwearying prayer. The kind of prayer Jesus calls me to in the parable of the widow and the judge: continual surrender of myself to the mysterious, limitless power of God.

Praying that way could make me tired. The widow was tired, too — but she kept bringing her charges. She got justice. And her judge wasn't even a nice guy.

So say the prayer. Bring the charges. Our judge is one who wants to help, but He won't overstep His bounds.

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 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-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9

Observances for the week of October 19

Monday:	St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
Wednesday:	St. John Paul II, Pope
Thursday:	St. John of Capistrano, Priest
Friday:	St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Prayer for Life of Mission

Dear God,

You are the one who finds a way in the darkness, and clears the path for those You love. Help us to trust in Your call, and to answer generously to the unknowns we face, knowing You will never leave us alone.

Amen.

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St. Anthony Mary Claret

Saint Anthony Mary Claret is also known as the “spiritual father of Cuba.” He was born in Salient in Catalonia, Spain, in 1807. He became a weaver, like his father, and was very talented. But he studied in his spare time to become a priest and was ordained in 1835. He became a popular preacher, leading retreats and popular missions where he emphasized the Eucharist. In 1849 the saint founded the Claretians, a religious institute of missionaries, and a companion order of women religious who served as teachers for girls.

In 1850 he chose to add the name Mary to his own, and he is known today for his propagation of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For the next 7 years he served as Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, where he worked diligently to reform both clergy and laity. He opposed concubinage, instructed black slaves, and championed family-owned farms instead of the mass farming of a sugar cash crop. These stances were vehemently opposed by many, and Saint Anthony was the target of assassins.

He was recalled to act as Queen Isabella II's confessor, a duty he reluctantly agreed to, with the exception that he would reside away from the court, attending the household only to hear confessions and instruct the children. While in Spain he founded the Religious Publishing House and wrote or published 200 Catholic books and pamphlets. He went into exile to France with the Queen's household during the Spanish Revolution of 1868.

The saint returned to Rome to Participate in Vatican I where he defended the infallibility of the Pope. He died in France in 1870 and was canonized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. St. Anthony Mary Claret, pray for us!

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