

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2019

Behold, the eyes of the Lord!

Saturday, Oct 19	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, Oct 20	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, Oct 21	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, Oct 22	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting - Kamiano Trailer
Wednesday, Oct 23	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, Oct 24	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 5:30 p.m.	Feeding Menu - Portugese Bean Soup & Sandwiches
Friday, Oct 25	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, Oct 26	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
	..... 6:30-9:30 p.m.	YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NIGHT

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Sirach:35:12-14, 16-18: God hears the prayers of the oppressed.

2 Timothy: 4:6-8, 16-18: I have kept the faith.

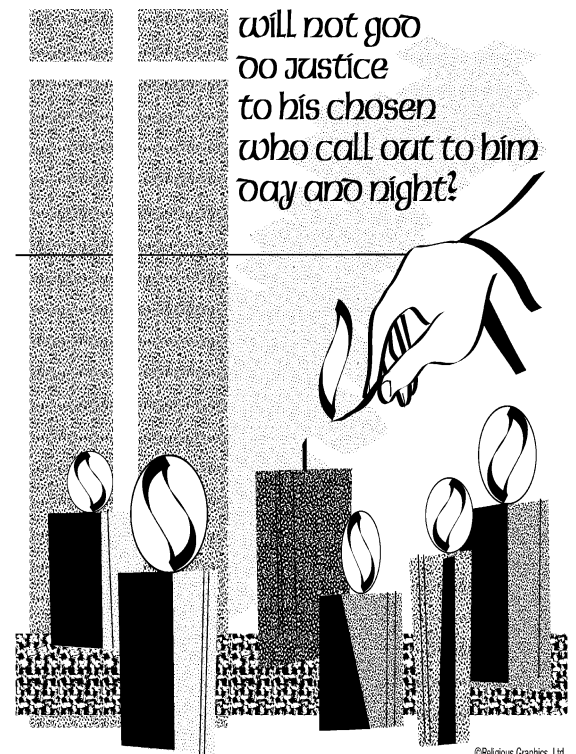
Luke:18:9-14: The parable of the righteous and the sinner at prayer.

The reading from Exodus extols not human violence, but the power of God. No machine of war can bring victory, only God. Regarding prayer, then, the reading makes it clear that God is the giver, human beings, the receivers, God the initiator, human beings the responders. At the same time, the reading depicts two other angles of prayer: the need for human endeavor (Moses' perseverance), and human trust that God will answer prayer (Moses' faith). Finally, the reading also demonstrates that prayer is strengthened dramatically by the aid of the community (the assistance of Aaron and Hur). God's initiative and power, human endeavor, individual human trust, and communal faith combine in authentic prayer.

The Gospel story is about the need to persevere in prayer. Although the story seems to center on the judge, its real focus is the widow, who stands as a "type" of the pray-er. Jesus is telling us that our prayer must be like that of the widow's: directed to the Almighty, persistent, born of faithful trust. Jesus invites us to pray incessantly to God, trusting that God will respond in God's good time. Jesus is particularly concerned that we understand this link between perseverance in prayer and faith. Indeed, he goes so far as to ask, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" Jesus' question reveals that prayer is necessary to preserve faith just as much as faith is necessary to validate prayer.

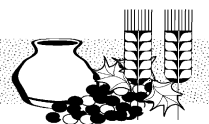
Jesus seems to recognize that faith is not easy to sustain—in bad times or in good times. His own apostles fritter faith away. Jesus' insistence on perseverance and persistence is born of his clear understanding of what shakes us up and troubles our faith: an illness in the family, a nagging boss, a tight budget, outrage over injustices, boredom, wounded pride, or even good fortune that makes us deny our need to continue to pray. So, just as Jesus refused to give up on the stumbling faith of his apostles, so does he refuse to give up on us. Instead, he warns us and urges us not to lose heart, to continue to believe and trust that God is with us, strengthening us and granting us the grace to go on—in faith and in prayer.

The section from Paul's second letter to Timothy speaks of the source of the Christian community's faith: Scripture and tradition. To be true to this source, Christians must continue the tradition and pass on the word of God as found in the Scriptures. When Christians fulfill this charge, the result is twofold: people come to faith in Christ, through whom comes salvation; and Christ, the Son of Man, will find faith on the earth when he comes again. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved



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to the
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT NIGHT: The youth, grades 6 through 12, will meet in the St. Francis Trailer, and the young adults ages 18 through 39, will meet in the church, this **Saturday, October 26th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**, come offer our awesome God your praise and worship and then enjoy faith and fellowship with your age group. Food and drink will be provided, and pot-luck items are welcomed.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: “Be Baptized and Sent — on Mission in the World! Today, **World Mission Sunday**, in this **Extraordinary Missionary Month**, we are called to personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in the Church, and to offer, through this Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are “sent” out to witness to Mission in the world through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the . As little as... **\$25** helps support a catechist for a month in remote in Latin America/ **\$75** provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa / **\$100** assists poor children in boarding schools in Asia. As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered to day, **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ’s witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love and peace.

WORD OF LIFE: “This year’s theme, Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life, is particularly suited for the times in which we live. The attacks against human life seem to grow more numerous and callous by the day. Despite these challenges, we know that Christ has conquered sin and death once and for all. Through our Christian hope in the Resurrection, we are given the grace to persevere in faith. Our sacrifices on behalf of the Gospel of Life can contribute to the redemption of this current culture of death.” Archbishop Joseph J. Naumann, Chairman USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities”
www.respectlife.org/letter-from-our-chairman.

WEEKLY READINGS

Oct 20 Sun: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exo:17:8-13; Ps:121; 2 Tim:3:14-4:2; Lk:18:1-8

Oct 21 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Rom:4:20-25; Lk:1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk:12:13-21

Oct 22 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Rom:5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps:40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Lk:12: 35-38

Oct 23 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Rom:6:12-18; Ps:124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk:12:39-48

Oct 24 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Rom:6:19-23; Ps:1:1-2, 3, 4, & 6; Lk:12:49-53

Oct 25 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

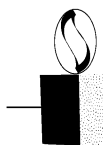
Rom:7:18-25a; Ps:119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93 & 94; Lk:12:54-59

Oct 26 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Rom:8:1-11; Ps:24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk:13:1-9

Shaped by Prayer

The relationship between faith and prayer is multifaceted. As praying, faith-filled people, we come together in prayer and, in turn, are formed into faithful pray-ers by the prayer we pray together in faith.



pray always and never lose heart!

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NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

If we want to know what Jesus’ parable is about in today’s Gospel, it seems that we don’t need to work too hard because Saint Luke tell us right at the beginning: “Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.” This parable has often been used to bring comfort to us about our prayer life. But could there be a more challenging message for those who take stewardship seriously? Widows were the poorest and most vulnerable of people in Jesus’ time. Oppressive legal and economic structures were the norm. Jesus embraced with great compassion the poor and the marginalized. Could it be that we are also encouraged to pray persistently for the poor, the weak and the vulnerable as we hear their cry for justice? And that we must not lose heart that we can effect change in their lives? (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

Reflection

Through prayer, human beings strive to become more aware of living in the presence of God. When we pray, memory and the search for meaning meet. In the Eucharist, for example, we join in prayer in the present in order to allow the memory of the past to come to be in the present and to give us a glimpse of the promise of the future. When Christians join in prayer, therefore, we do more than simply raise a mixed chorus of individual prayers. Rather, what we do is give wider utterance to a shared faith. And when we give wider utterance to shared belief, even more happens: our shared prayer shapes our faith. Thus, prayer and faith are inseparable. Only the person of faith prays. Only the person of prayer has living faith. Only the community that joins in faithful prayer can keep the story of faith—the story of Jesus—alive, and thus keep itself alive. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved



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