

PARISH CALENDAR

Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2019

Christ has truly loved us!

Saturday, Oct 26	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, Oct 27	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a.m.	Religious Education
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, Oct 28	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, Oct 29	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, Oct 30	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, Oct 31	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, Nov 1	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, Nov 2 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
 5:00 p.m.	Mass

GOD is
LOVE
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NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Wisdom:11:22-12:2: *You love all things you have made.*

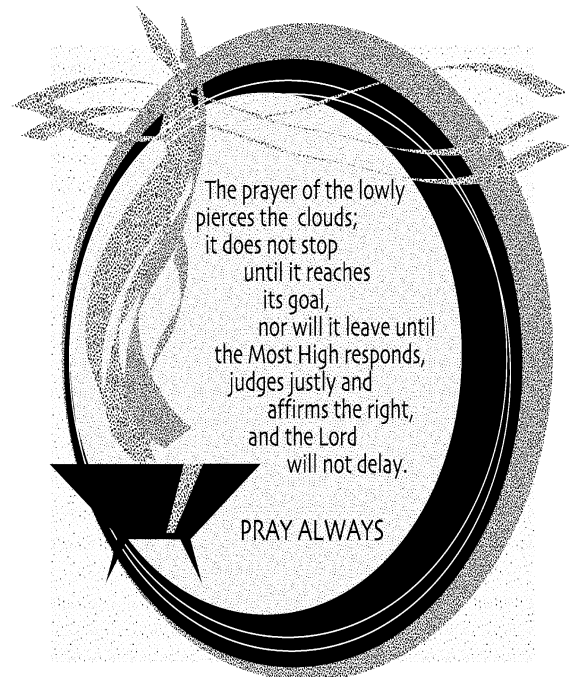
2 Thess: 1:11-2:2: *Don't be alarm by those saying, "The day of the Lord is at hand."*

Luke:19:1-10: *"Zacchaeus, come down!"*

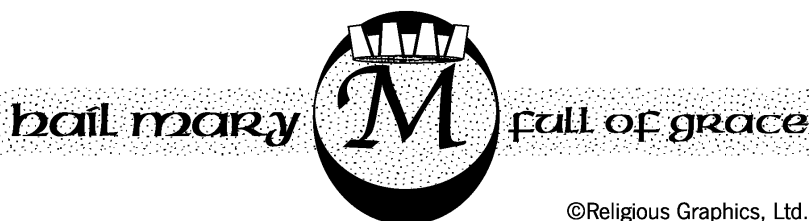
The Pharisee in today's Gospel passage expects God's favor and attention. After all, he is one of those set apart by his dedication to religious observance. The tax collector expects nothing. After all, he is a collaborator with the Romans and, in all probability, a thief. Jesus tells this story neither to condemn or laud the Pharisee for who he is nor to condemn or laud the tax collector for who he is. Rather, Jesus uses the story to point out the difference between the two men's attitudes—trust.

The Pharisee trusts in himself, in his own good works. He offers praise, true, but it is not praise directed to God, but self-congratulation. He asks God for nothing, because he figures he needs nothing, for he has granted himself his salvation. The tax collector, however, focuses on God in his plea for mercy. He recognizes that he is a sinner and knows that he doesn't have the power to save himself, only God does. And God does just that.

In the second reading, the Pharisee Paul is boasting. But Paul's boast is different from that of the Pharisee in the Gospel. Paul acknowledges from whom his strength has come and acknowledges that he will receive his "crown" not by means of his merit, but by the saving grace of God. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER MONTH OF ALL SOULS: The month of November is set aside to reflect and remember those who have gone before us. During November, all Masses said at St. Rita will be said for the deceased members of our parish families and friends. **NO OTHER MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Beginning, **Saturday November 2nd** the book of remembrance will be placed in the church where you may place your love ones's name and the parish will pray for all those who have died.

2019 Life symposium "SACRED ENVIRONMENT- The Family under siege" will be held on Saturday November 9 from 8:30AM to 4PM at the KROC Center in Kapolei. Mass will be included. Also morning refreshments and lunch. There will be a separate youth session for grades 6-12. Cost is \$24 for youth and \$35 for adults. Register online at by Monday, October 28 at www.catholichawaii.org/respectlife or call 203-6722. Financial assistance is available. More information can be accessed at <https://www.catholichawaii.org/2019lifesymposium>

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Thank you for answering your baptismal call to witness for mission on World Mission Sunday! Please continue to pray for missionaries, and for the people to whom they bring the "Good News" of Jesus. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit! You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of the World Mission Sunday by visiting. www.Missio.org.

WORD OF LIFE: "An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it's important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her. . . . Your support might be the only support she receives. Even if we never know how, the smallest things we do can change someone's life. You can make a difference in her life. Will you?" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting" www.respectlife.org/support-her.

WEEKLY READINGS

Oct 27 Sun: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir:35:12-14, 16-18; Ps:34; 2 Tim:4:6-8, 16-18; Lk:18:9-14
Oct 28 Mon: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
Eph:2:19-22; Ps:19:2-3, 4-5; Lk:6:12-16
Oct 29 Tue: Ordinary Weekday
Rom:8:18-25; Ps:126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk:13: 18-21
Oct 30 Wed: Ordinary Weekday
Rom:8:26-30; Ps:13:4-5, 6; Lk:13:22-30
Oct 31 Thur: Ordinary Weekday
Rom:8:31b-35; Ps:109:21-22,26-27, 30-31; Lk:13:31-35
Nov 1 Fri: All Saints
Rev:7:2-4, 9-14; Ps:24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn:3:1-3; Mt:5:21-12a
Nov 2 Sat: All Souls
Wis:3:1-9; Ps:23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom:5:5-11; Jn:6:37-40

Attitude

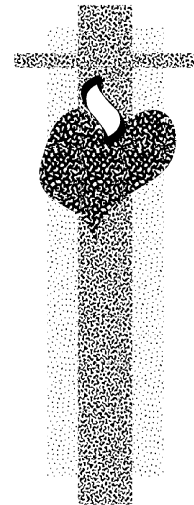
Attitude is "where it's at." For attitude is more than opinion, perspective, or viewpoint. It's also bearing, demeanor, manner, even posture. And yet, it's one of those crucial qualities that is beyond externals. Clothes, for example, can speak an attitude, but attitude goes beyond clothes. You can get by with the wrong clothes, but not with the wrong attitude. Things like clothes don't make the person. Attitude does. For attitude is something on the inside that cannot stay inside, something that always comes outside to affect relations and relationships. Attitude is how a person is before others and with others. Today's readings speak to the attitude required of the person of faith. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

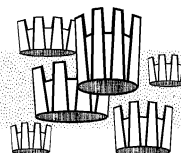
There is an interesting twist we find in today's gospel when we hear Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. The Pharisee is "praying to himself." It doesn't mean he was praying silently. It seems to mean something a lot more troubling, that he is praying to himself; that God is not his prayer's intended audience. The words of the Pharisee are very much centered on himself; he makes claims about his character. He highlights his own admirable activities. Good stewards of their prayer lives know that a prayer of praise and thanksgiving should focus on the goodness of God. Do your prayers of thanksgiving always stay focused on God's unfathomable, immeasurable goodness and generosity? (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

Reflection

Read again the first sentence of today's Gospel: "Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else." "Righteousness," "despised:" these are harsh terms. Jesus is pointing his finger at the proud and haughty in his own community, those who view themselves as "the saved." But are they? Or are they guilty of presumption, a very old-fashioned kind of sinful pride that supposes that God's mercy is their private preserve to the exclusion of others—to the exclusion of "sinners." There is a clubhouse sort of faith. The Pharisee offers God thanks, and for good reason: he avoids sin of every sort—except one. In shunning sin, he also shuns sinners, the very ones to whom Jesus came to proclaim the Good News of salvation. By coldly excluding sinners, by holding them in contempt, the self-righteous also exclude God's mercy, the very goodness and kindness of God that the tax collector pleads for in his sense of unworthiness. Salvation for the Pharisee is a matter of merit. For the tax collector, it is a matter of mercy. Guess who's right. Better, guess who Jesus says stands justified before God. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved



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