

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 23, 2022

*"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

MADE RIGHT BEFORE GOD

Although the opening lines of today's first reading claim that the Lord "knows no favorites" and is "not unduly partial toward the weak", the remainder of the passage makes it clear that the Lord does indeed pay special attention to the weak, the oppressed, and the orphans and widows. The psalmist reiterates: "The Lord hears the cry of the poor." In the Gospel, Jesus claims that a tax collector is more justified in his prayer for mercy than the Pharisee, whose prayer was an account of his own righteous deeds. Jesus' point could not have been clearer: tax collectors in the Jewish society of Jesus' day were not just lowly; they were considered outcasts and cheaters. They collected taxes for the hated Romans and almost certainly collected enough to assure a generous income for themselves. Tax collectors were among society's outcasts; didn't this one just admit his own sinfulness? How could a tax collector be "justified" before God, while the Pharisee was not? Why would God even listen to the prayer of a tax collector? This surely was a surprise, upsetting common assumptions about righteousness. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Luke 18:9-14).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$4,779.00	\$3,456.00
Number of Families contributing	106	80
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (40 Weeks)	\$128,812.00	\$131,148.00
Received to Date	\$121,662.00	\$92,934.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,150.00	\$38,214.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$314.00	\$9,066.00

Thirty ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$2,065.00	\$94,553.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

POOR BOX totaled \$99.00.

14 **CHILDREN** contributed \$44.00.

BAA totaled \$20.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A woman interested in helping handicapped children took a group of them – some blind- some deaf – to a circus.

On the way home she asked if they had enjoyed themselves. A blind boy sitting next to her quietly remarked: "I certainly did, but I feel sorry for those deaf children. They couldn't hear the band play or the lions roar or the clapping of the crows. They couldn't even hear the elephants clump by!"

This child, by showing concern for the problem of others, had lightened his own burden.

Those who suffer the most in this life never lose the power to love others. The more all of us make an effort to transmit the love that God has put in our hearts, the fuller and richer our lives will become.

You can do much to help those who are depressed or suffering from mental and nervous disorders by encouraging them to take a loving interest in others who are suffering.

*For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance;
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do.*

—George Linneus Banks

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of John Shack Riley in loving memory of him on the 3rd Anniversary of his death;
2. Travis, Brook, Tye, and Rich in thanks for Hart on her 5th Birthday;
3. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

PEACE NOT PIECES

Strength grows when we dare, unity grows when we pair, love grows when we share, and relation grows when we care.
Live in PEACE, not in PIECES.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Ewan Sherlock and Katsyn Riley.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for John Ross Riley and Porsche Riley.

NO EXCUSES SUNDAY

- There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel the pews are too hard.
- Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching too much TV late Saturday night.
- Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold, and fans for those who say it is too hot.
- The altar will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the church without one or the other of them.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for *World Mission Sunday*. Please be generous in this collection.

ONE LINERS

- ❖ **My brother is so vain; he joined the Navy so the world could see him!**
- ❖ **My husband is so thin, when he wears a red necktie, he looks like a thermometer.**
- ❖ **The intensity of an itch is inversely proportional to the ability to reach it.**

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK Mrs. Willencot was very frugal. When her husband died, she asked the newspaper how much it would cost for a death notice.

“Two dollars for five words.”

“Can I pay for just two words?” she asked. “Willencot dead.”

“No, two dollars is the minimum. You still have three words.”

Mrs. Willencot thought a moment. “Cadillac for sale.”

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Mission Sunday
- Monday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret
- Friday:** Ss. Simon and Jude
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** In thanks for Society Sherlock on her 1st Birthday.
- Tuesday:** In thanks for Merci Sherlock on her 11th Birthday.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; for the repose of the soul Betty McGuire on the 27th Anniversary of her death; for Hughie David on his Birthday; for John Gage on his 9th Birthday; for the repose of the soul of Steven Riley on the Anniversary of his death; and for the repose of the soul of Matt Martin.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Rose Pie Gorman on her Birthday.
- Friday:** For the repose of the soul of John Shack Riley on the 3rd Anniversary of his death.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

**Gardens are works in progress
Changing day by day.
Something new is always blooming;
Something old fades away.**

**And so it is so with life and death;
We age a bit each day.
We live and learn from past mistakes
Before our hair turns gray.**

**God has a plan for everyone
On how we should behave.
We are all works in progress
From the cradle to the grave.**

READERS

Sat. Oct. 22nd, 4:00 P.M. Macy & Julie Ann
Sun. Oct. 23rd, 10:00 AM. Dominique & Lauren Ashley

Sat. Oct. 29th, 4:00 P.M. Macy & Julie Ann
Sun. Oct. 30th, 10:00 AM. Dominique & Lauren Ashley

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Julie Ann
- Tuesday** - Kara
- Wednesday** - Christina Apple
- Thursday** - Graclynn
- Friday** - Lauren Ashley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Mary Cat
- Tuesday** - Nora
- Wednesday** - Catherine Ann
- Thursday** - Winnie Ann
- Friday** - Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| Saturday 4:00 P.M. | October 22nd |
| Right | Winnie Ann |
| Left | Bridget Rita |

Sunday 10:00 A.M

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| October 23rd | October 30th |
| Nora | Nora |

THAT’S NOT MY JOB

This is a story about four people named:

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that, because it was **Everybody’s** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn’t do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

PRAYER CORNER

A PRAYER FOR THE POOR

Heavenly Father, we remember and place before You the intentions of our poorest brothers and sisters. We ask You to bring comfort to the destitute and healing to those who suffer in body and spirit.

Help us to be instruments of Your love so that, following Your Son’s example, we may show compassion for the poor and neglected. May Your grace find expression in our efforts to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, care for the sick, clothe the naked, and seek justice for the oppressed. Help us, through your Holy Spirit to turn sorrow and suffering into joy.

We ask this in the name of Your Son, who for our sakes became poor and lived among us, Jesus Christ. Amen.