

## From the Pastor's Office

*29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. I think we can all identify with that. I remember when I was young and the great State exams were coming my way. I was a devout young man. When I wasn't studying I was praying. I went every week for a few weeks to the Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes at the Dominican Church to pray for my exams. My mother prayed The Thirty Days Prayer for me also. My mother swore by the Thirty Days prayer. The prayer was huge and long, but my mother knew all the words by heart. She prayed that prayer constantly. This is not a prayer for the fainthearted. I guess it has disappeared into the mists of time. Boy did I pray. I guess it would help if I studied a bit more as well. The parable story has a funny shape about it. The judge is dishonest and he doesn't care much. He met his match in this woman who came to him. She was not going to be cast aside. She had her cause and she was going to fight tooth and nail for justice if required. To get the idea, we are to consider that God is the judge. We are the woman pleading her cause. Whatever happens, we must not lose heart. We must not give up. We must spend day and night pleading our cause to God. Maybe he is having a bad day. Maybe there is a good game on TV and God wants to have a rest. But, we must never let God not be God. If I have to pound Heaven to get Him to listen to me, then that is what I will do. God is a tough cookie. He can take it. Lots of people have this timid relationship with God. No wonder people walk all over me. I have no fight. I am easily dissuaded. I see some in the Day Chapel in the morning. Their morning's work is to pound heaven with their prayers. I applaud them. If God says He is concerned about us, then let Him show it.



With love,  
Fr. Pat