



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Statement: We are a welcoming parish of Roman Catholic Christians with diverse roots deep in Appalachia and beyond. We are committed to growing in our faith and community through our worship and celebrations, with particular attention to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and The Holy Eucharist. We are a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit, filled with hope, to love and serve God and neighbor in the name of Jesus Christ; and through our sharing of Good News in word and deed, we seek to live and reveal to all the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Boniface:

Saturday

5:00 pm

**Our Lady of Perpetual
Help**

Sunday:

8:00 am-8:45 am Rosary

8:30 am Confession

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday & Thursday:

5:30 pm

Bible Study

Thursday 8:00 pm



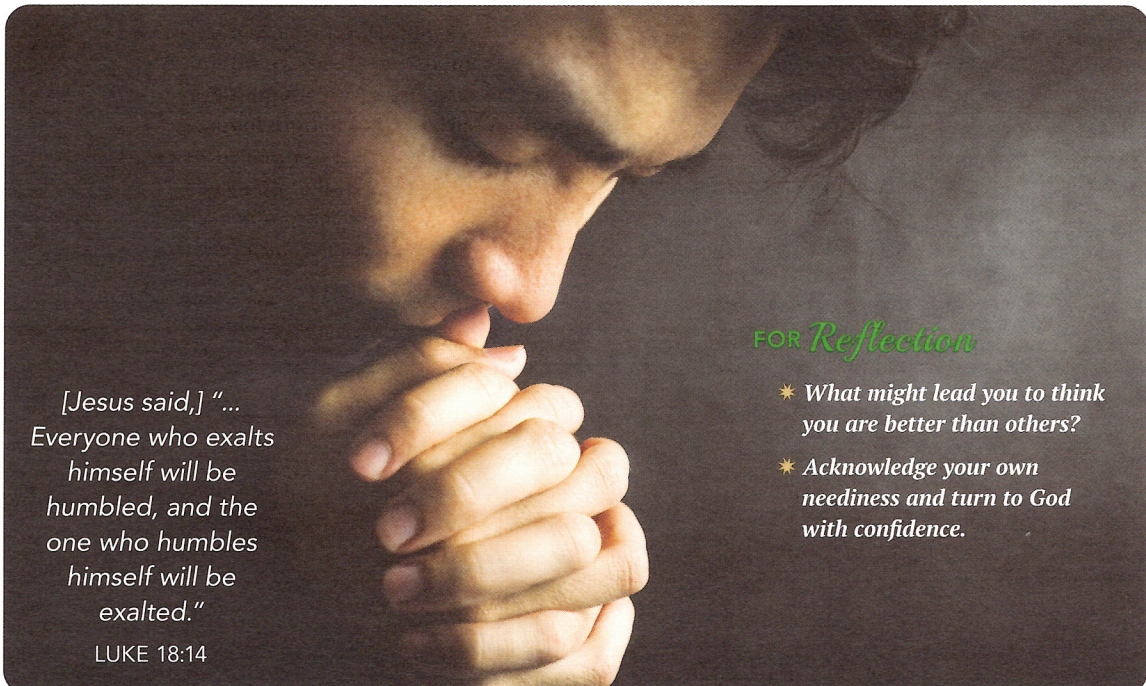
Thank You that I am Better than Others

The words of the Pharisee in today's Gospel might look like a prayer of thanksgiving. However, it is not a prayer, nor does it express gratitude. It is an arrogant statement of self-congratulation. One might think that he had a right to boast. After all, he did observe certain religious obligations and refrain from forms of public immorality. Why did Jesus say that he was not justified?

First, he haughtily presented himself in the temple as a prayerful man. As we saw last week, the fundamental character of prayer is acknowledgement of human neediness and a trust in God's loving care. This man did not see himself as needy or requiring God's care. Second, he did not realize that as important as religious observance and good works might be, they are not requirements fulfilled to earn God's love. Rather, they should flow from one's inner relationship with God. Third, he judged the inner disposition of others by observing the outer circumstances of their lives.

On the other hand, Jesus praised the tax collector. Why? First, he acknowledged he was a sinner in need of God's mercy. After all, as tax collector, he worked for the hated Romans who occupied the land. Most likely he made his own living by adding a commission to the taxes he collected from others. Second, he made no claim of being righteous and deserving God's mercy. Third, overwhelmed by his own unworthiness, he compared himself to no one. His was genuine prayer.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



*[Jesus said,] "...
Everyone who exalts
himself will be
humbled, and the
one who humbles
himself will be
exalted."*

LUKE 18:14

FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ *What might lead you to think you are better than others?*
- ✧ *Acknowledge your own neediness and turn to God with confidence.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>OLPH</i>	<i>Saint Boniface</i>
<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 – 8:45 am Adoration & Rosary 8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass
<i>Tuesday</i>	5:30 ~ Mass	
<i>Thursday</i>	5:30 ~ Mass 8:00 pm ~ Bible Study	
<i>Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 – 8:45 am Adoration & Rosary 8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	11:00 am ~ Mass, Blessing of the Cemetery & Rosary <i>Bishop John Stowe,</i> <i>Celebrant</i> Luncheon

	<i>OLPH</i> <i>Mass 9:00 am</i>		<i>ST. BONIFACE</i> <i>Mass 5:00 pm</i>	
Date	October 23	October 30	October 22	October 30
Lector	Mandy Hall	Joe McNaughton	Mary Jo Leygraaf	Jerry Nowak
Server	Creed Farthing	Norma Jones		Norma Jones Joe McNaughton Henry Williams

Mass Intentions	OLPH	St. Boniface
October 22 / 23	† Sharon Bevis	Intentions of Parishioners
October 30	Intentions of Parishioners	Intentions of Parishioners

Our Gifts	OLPH	St. Boniface
October 15 / 16	\$110.00	\$65.00

*May God bless you for your generous contributions
to our Church.*

*Please join us for refreshments in the
Parish Hall immediately after Mass.*

Happy Birthday

Angie Weaver

October 23

Reading 1

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

The LORD is a God of justice,
who knows no favorites.
Though not unduly partial toward the weak,
yet he hears the cry of the oppressed.
The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan,
nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint.
The one who serves God willingly is heard;
his petition reaches the heavens.
The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;
it does not rest till it reaches its goal,
nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds,
judges justly and affirms the right,
and the Lord will not delay.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

The LORD confronts the evildoers,
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.
When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,
and from all their distress he rescues them.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.
The LORD redeems the lives of his servants;
no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Reading 2

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

Beloved:

I am already being poured out like a libation,
and the time of my departure is at hand.
I have competed well; I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith.
From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,
which the Lord, the just judge,
will award to me on that day, and not only to me,
but to all who have longed for his appearance.
At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf,
but everyone deserted me.
May it not be held against them!
But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength,
so that through me the proclamation might be completed

and all the Gentiles might hear it.
And I was rescued from the lion's mouth.
The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat
and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,
and entrusting to us the message of salvation.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 18:9-14

Jesus addressed this parable
to those who were convinced of their own righteousness
and despised everyone else.

"Two people went up to the temple area to pray;
one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector.
The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself,
'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity --
greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector.
I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.'
But the tax collector stood off at a distance
and would not even raise his eyes to heaven
but beat his breast and prayed,
'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'
I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former;
for whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

REFLECTION

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you; this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

This parable is about pride and humility. In many arenas of today's world, humility is a quality that often is not appreciated. Every day we hear from the political candidates who are running for office. They tell us of their strengths and the vision that they have for our country as they demean each other. Some of the candidates are humble, yet other candidates believe they have all the answers for our country. Humility is a quality that all leaders need to possess, at least to some degree. No one person has all of the answers or all of the wisdom. This is true also in families, churches, organizations, teams, corporations, and in any group of people who come together for a purpose. Humility does not mean that we demean ourselves or pretend to be less than we are. True humility means that we recognize and acknowledge our limitations as well as our gifts and our talents.

No one person has all the answers. Humble people will freely ask for advice or wisdom and will acknowledge when they need help. Jesus does not want us to demean ourselves, nor does he want us to exalt ourselves. Jesus has gifted each and every person with many gifts and talents; however, Jesus also realizes that we also have limitations and faults. We need to be mindful of when it is time to share our gifts and talents, and when you could use some words of wisdom or insight from another person. Give thanks for the many gifts you have to share and give thanks for the many people who share their insights and talents with you. Together, we can enrich our world and make it a loving and peaceful place! Today as the audience of Jesus, is He going to shock us? His audience is likely expecting the Pharisee to be the prime example of what we should look like. After all, no one expected the

low-life tax collector who betrayed his own people for money to be the prime example to follow. What did you expect? The two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: "God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get." Luke 18:10-12. Look at this prayer that the Pharisee prayed, who's he praying to? He's not praying to God; he's praying to himself. His entire prayer centers around how great he is and how terrible everyone else is, especially the tax collector. Right now, how many times a day are we hearing that as one political candidate trashes the other. Trying to make them look superior and definitely demeaning the other. Look at the tax collector's prayer: "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'"

While the Pharisee used his prayer to beat down others, the tax collector beats his own chest, further showing that he understands his own sinfulness. And when the tax collector prays, he doesn't pray to himself, he prays to God. It's a simple prayer in which he recognizes his only hope is for God to save him. The Pharisee used his prayer to elevate himself as the righteous. The tax collector used his prayer to elevate himself as the sinner. Ironically both men got what they prayed for. The tax collector humbly asked for mercy, and he received it. The Pharisee asked for nothing because he thought that he already had it all, and he received nothing.

We all need God's mercy and grace. But unless we humble ourselves, we will never see it or receive it. When we pray, let us always seek forgiveness for our sins, especially the sins of the heart such as pride, arrogance, jealousy, and greed. Moreover, as we pray, let us never forget to thank God for His amazing grace and boundless mercy.

Remember "for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

October 24

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles ~ Feast

October 28

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray to end Abortion, Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Dennis Parks & Family, Erica Davis, Chris & Amanda Decker, Marian Colette, Debbie Moses Haggins, Rose Grant, Sandy Hurts, Dominic Cureton, Todd Morris, Alex Woods, Christopher Braden, Bonnie (Warfield) Bishop, Sister Alice, Curt and LeeAnn Hall, Jay Baird, Gail Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bisceglia, loved ones who are ill, Brody Beavers and family, Shawn Lee Day, all those of our families who are affected by Covid-19, Jessica Davis, Geneva Couch, Judy Delisle, Dal Macon, Linda Mills, Judy Patrick, baby Henry, Fiona York, Bob and Marie Alvaro, JoAnn Brown, Cathy Sims, Eric Vore, Robert Moses, Kristina Neitsch, Danny Ezell, and Sharon Nowak.

Mass of Remembrance

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Saint Boniface ~ 5:00

OLPH ~ 7:00 pm

The *Mass of Remembrance* is a special liturgy to celebrate the lives of our loved ones' who have gone before us to live in the light of the Lord. All are welcome. Invite your family and friends to join us on this special evening to cherish those we love so much and to honor their lives as the gifts they will forever be.

Please bring a photo of your loved one with you and take it home after Mass.

Dear Padre,

I'm tired of being distracted by children sliding around in the pews, fidgeting, and giggling with each other. How would the priest like parents to handle these situations during Mass?

I presume you mean children between the ages of two and six—kids too old to be crying in their parents' arms and too young to be in religious-education programs. Many parishes have children's Liturgy of the Word programs, but the kids still spend time at regular Mass.

It's important for kids to be at Mass and to learn to be quiet for an hour. When children come to Mass, they slowly get used to the idea that they're expected to behave for a limited amount of time.

Parents should bring books or soft toys—anything that won't make more noise—to keep the kids entertained. They shouldn't let their kids bring musical toys, electronic games with sound effects, or toy trucks that can be run up and down the pews. If children continue to be disruptive, parents should take them outside for a short time and then bring them back.

Bottom line: Priests want children to come to Mass. It's better to have fidgeting kids at Mass than no kids at all. We want them to learn to behave now so when they get older, they're ready to deepen their participation in the Mass.

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Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 24
Weekday
Eph 4:32—5:8
Lk 13:10—17

Tuesday

OCTOBER 25
Weekday
Eph 5:21—33
Lk 13:18—21

Wednesday

OCTOBER 26
Weekday
Eph 6:1—9
Lk 13:22—30

Thursday

OCTOBER 27
Weekday
Eph 6:10—20
Lk 13:31—35

Friday

OCTOBER 28
Sts. Simon and Jude,
Apostles
Eph 2:19—22
Lk 6:12—16

Saturday

OCTOBER 29
Weekday
Phil 1:18b—26
Lk 14:1, 7—11

Sunday

OCTOBER 30
Thirty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Wis 11:22—12:2
2 Thes 1:11—2:2
Lk 19:1—10

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

With his birth, Jesus made himself a bridge between God and mankind, reconciled earth and sky, and recomposed the whole human race in unity...And today he also asks you to be little bridges, where you live....Sometimes it is not easy, but if we are united with Jesus we can do it.

ADDRESS TO CHILDREN, DECEMBER 16, 2019



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