

## 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" (Sirach 35:15) and is "not unduly partial toward the weak" (35:16), 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" (see Psalm 34:18). 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" (that is, made right) 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.

## Mass Intentions



**Sat., Oct. 22, 4:30 p.m.** Huval Family, Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Harold Gunther, Louis Perschall Sr., Louie Barbazon, **and for the living:** Karge Family, and Special Intention

**Sun., Oct. 23, 7:30 a.m.** Margaret Mary Mulé, Carol Pieri, Elsa Carlin, Ed Carlin

**Sun., Oct. 23, 9:15 a.m.** Hue Tran, Michael LeBlanc, Vin and Joyce LeBlanc, **and for the living:** Jennifer Moore Maggio and Priscilla Stahel

**Sun., Oct. 23, 11:00 a.m.** Carol Joy Bourgeois, Gary Joseph Treuil, **and for the living:** Mary Anne Treuil

**Mon., Oct. 24, 8:00 a.m.** Margaret Mary Mulé and Salvadore Mulé (L)

**Tues., Oct. 25** NO MASS

**Wed., Oct. 26, 8:00 a.m.** Michael LeBlanc

**Thurs., Oct. 27, 8:00 a.m.** Michael LeBlanc

**Fri., Oct. 28, 8:00 a.m.** Connie Battistella Baas

## PRAYER LIST

Chuck Armstrong  
John DeSilva  
Gary Richardson  
Sean Garlick  
Terry Saux  
Sarah Olivier  
Elizabeth Flokin

Alicia Hanson  
Ruth Pellegrin  
Mac McClendon  
Tuck Tucker  
Chico Mathes  
Florence Baham

## Weekly Collections

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Envelopes	\$ 2,173.00
Loose	\$ 1,602.00
E-giving	\$ \$ 1,280.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Coll. Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 125.00

Thank you to all for the continued contributions. If you wish to give online, please go to:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

### THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

<b>Sanctuary</b>	Parishioners
<b>Blessed Mother</b>	Marilyn Salvaggio
<b>St. Joseph</b>	William Boroughs
<b>St. Anne</b>	Kathy Craig

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle, please call 796-3806.

### 7 DAY CANDLES

Would you like to give someone special a thoughtful gift? Consider a seven-day devotional candle. The candles are lit every Friday for 7 days. For more information, please call 796-3806.

Sanctuary flowers are for  
**Frank Minyard**

### POPE FRANCIS OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

### INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline of November 1<sup>st</sup> is fast approaching to have your family photo and information updated or entered in the parish directory. Our goal is to have a printed copy of the directory by Christmas. Please visit:

[www.members.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://www.members.instantchurchdirectory.com)

## ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY MINISTRY

The mission of St. John's Altar Society is to serve God by caring for the altar needs of St. John's Church. This ministry helps to create the most favorable environment for the community to worship. The membership in this ministry is opened to all members of St. John's Church. The Altar Society is looking for new members interested in investing their time and talents to clean the church, launder altar linens, care for priestly vestments and decorate the church for holidays and special occasions. The goal for our members is to have enough ladies to rotate duties. If you are interested in becoming a member of this very rewarding ministry, please call 796-3806.

## ALL SAINTS DAY FLOWERS

The Altar Society is asking for donations to help with the cost of flowers for All Saints Day. Any donations will be greatly appreciated and may be placed in the flower donation box in the back of church. Your support allows us to continue to make St. John's a beautiful place to worship.

## FUNDRAISER FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

Five members of our Catch Fire Youth Group will be attending the March for Life Pilgrimage in Washington D.C. in January. The bus trip has been organized by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. They will be joining around 500 of their fellow students (along with priests, seminarians, and chaperones) from Catholic schools and youth groups around the Archdiocese. The youth of our parish are on fire for the protection of life. They are ambassadors for Life for our Parish. Please join in supporting the future ambassadors by assisting in the funding of their trip. At the weekend Masses on October 22nd and 23rd, our five representatives will be offering pledge envelopes to any wishing to donate to this very worthy cause. It will be a great chance to meet these young people and assure them of your prayers and support. For those unable to donate, please offer up your prayers for the protection of human life from conception to a natural death.

## ALL SAINTS DAY

Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Day and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses times are 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The office will be closed for All Saints Day and will reopen on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

## MONTHLY YOUTH MASS

Beginning October 30th at the 11:00 a.m. monthly Youth Mass, we will be inviting all children to participate in the offertory by bringing their families donations to the altar.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There is a show on public television in which people search their attics for heirlooms, dust them off, and trek them downtown for ruthless evaluation by teams of antique experts. Occasionally the owners are surprised to learn they have been harboring priceless artifacts: a Tiffany bowl used to catch the car keys, a Van Gogh in the downstairs bathroom. What they lugged downtown in a paper bag, they carry home in bubble wrap and receiving blankets.

It's the same way with treasures in Church life. Lots of things were lugged up into the attic years ago, and it was inevitable that some treasures ended up in the trash. Many Catholics tucked the sacrament of penance away in a dusty corner. We know it's there if we need it, but it is not the weekly routine it once was, like the Saturday bath "whether I need it or not." Today, especially in Lent and Advent or as part of personal preparation for marriage, ordination, or other life transitions, the sacrament of penance is a treasure of the Christian life waiting to be discovered. What's in your attic?

## REMINDERS

- First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- First Friday Adoration and Benediction, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thursday's, 6:30 p.m.
- Knights of Columbus meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays., at 7 p.m. in Odilo Hall
- Wednesday Evening Adoration, in Church from 6-8 p.m.
- PSR Classes, twice a month on Mondays, 6:15 p.m. in Jonathan Hall
- Our 9th and 10th grade Parish School of Religion meets every Sunday at 12:15 p.m. after 11:00 a.m. Mass. On the first Sunday of the month, parents join us for a fellowship dinner and activities.
- Our Church history class will meet on Monday, October 24th at 9:00 a.m. in Jonathan Hall. We will begin the next time in our study called "Weak Leaders and Schism" by viewing and discussing the EPIC Church history video on that topic.
- Our Bible study group will not meet for class on Tuesday, October 25th. Instead, we will have a fellowship dinner for our study group in Jonathan Hall at 6:00 p.m. We will meet again on Tuesday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall (after the 6:00 p.m. All Saint's Day Mass) and begin a new study. Our new study will be a 20-week study called "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible."
- Beginning in November, on the second Sunday of every month, we will have a youth Bible study at 5:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall for High School and College-age students. Our first study will read and discuss fourteen narrative books of the Bible (12 from the Old Testament and 2 from the New Testament) and will take about six months.
- On the last Sunday of every month, we have a youth Mass at 11:00 a.m. and our Catch Fire Youth Group meets at 5:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall.