

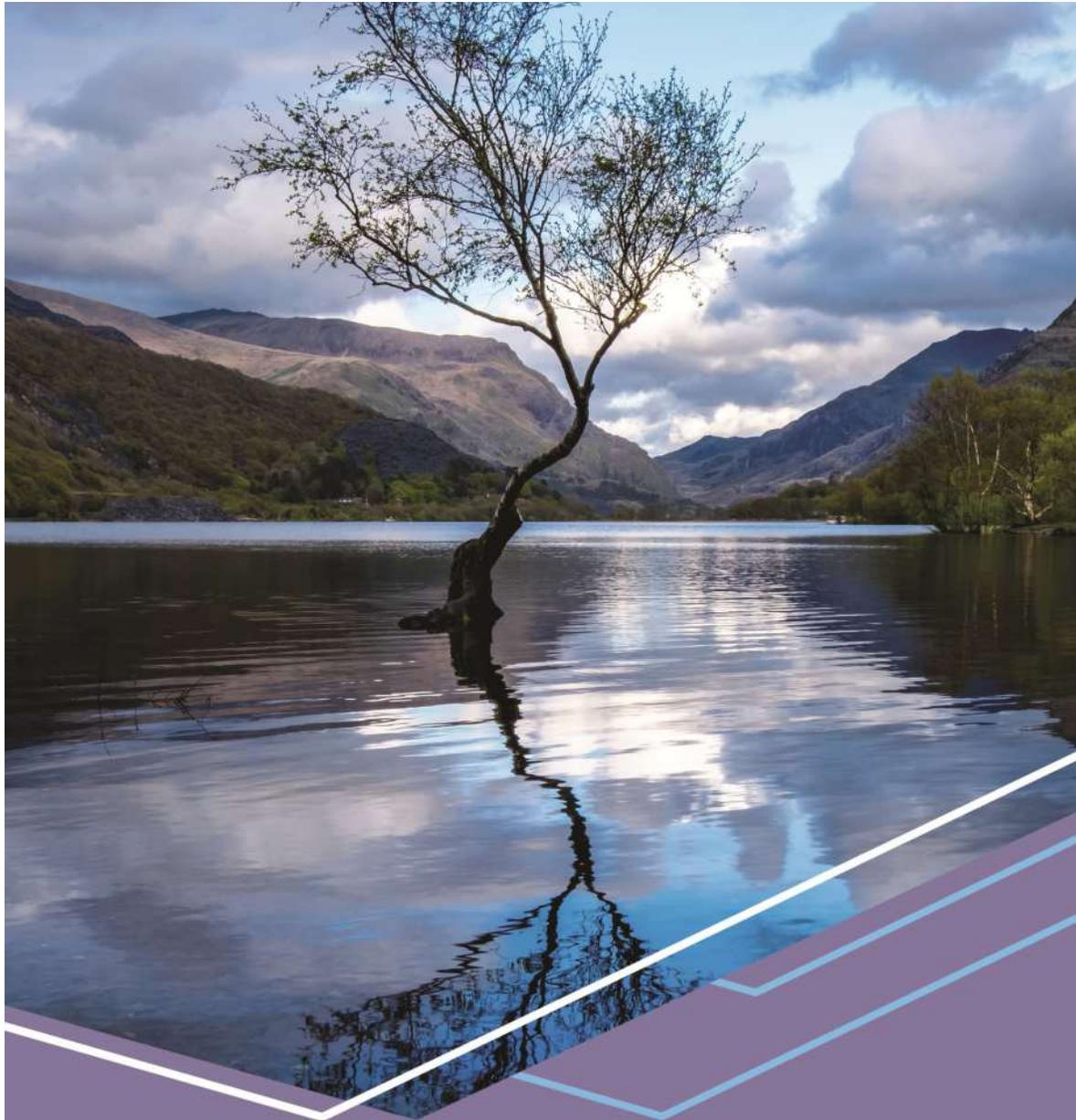


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OCTOBER 19, 2025



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” - Lk 18:7-8

THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

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Exodus 17:8-13/ 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2/ Luke 18:1-8

Nearly two thousand years have passed since the Gospels and we still have poor people living on the margins of society, armies killing each other in war, and people suffering from persistent injustice. It would be easy to conclude that God does not answer the prayers of people in need. Jesus is right to wonder if anyone will still have faith in God by the time he returns. But he himself is the answer to the prayers of those in need. He himself is proof that when God inter-vened in the most concrete way possible out of love for us, it was not to end all the world's suffering, but to share that suffering with us and win us our salvation.

Question of the Week: As this is the Jubilee Year of Hope, can I remain hopeful that God will address my needs and use that hope to help me persist in prayer? Can I promise to do so for ten minutes each day this week? God?

Gospel Meditation

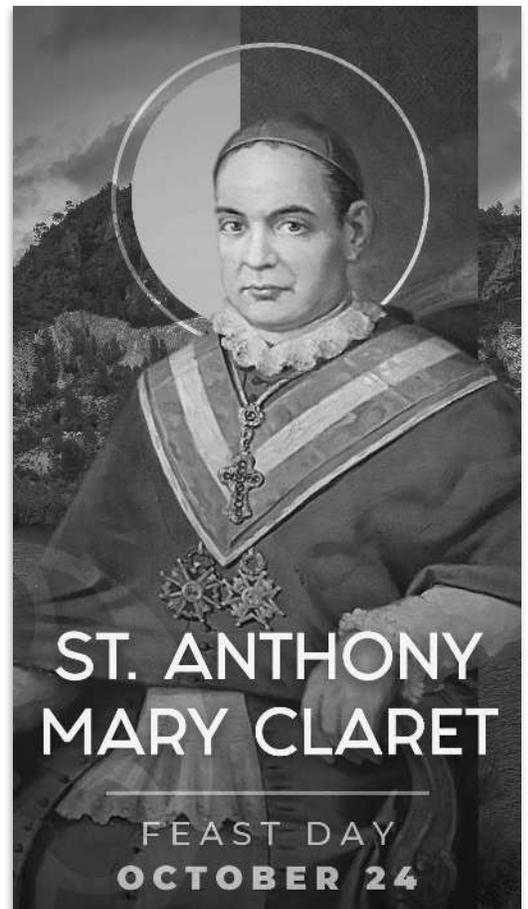
A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable – crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is already answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words – his fear of being "struck" – He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice – the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world – suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done.

– *Father John Muir*
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Prayer for Life of Mission

Dear God,
You are the one who finds a way in the darkness, and clears the path for those You love. Help us to trust in Your call, and to answer generously to the unknowns we face, knowing You will never leave us alone.
Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

OCT 18	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
OCT 19	8:00 AM	RAYMOND & GLORIA VEROLINI
OCT 19	10:00 AM	MICHAEL BRISSON
OCT 24	8:00 AM	DIANE RAPTERY
OCT 25	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
NOV 2	8:00 AM	WESLEY LAFORD
NOV 15	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
NOV 22	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
NOV 22	4:00 PM	LOUIS & ANGELNA ARRUDA
NOV 23	10:00 AM	ANNE RIVARD
DEC 20	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR

Prayer of the Rosary

Every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church, led by members of the Saint Boniface Knights of Columbus.

Food Donations for the months of September and October will go to St. Francis food pantry. Donations can be placed in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

North Star Family Shelter

Our next week to support the North Star family shelter dinner and weekly groceries begins November 9th. Tags will be in the back of the church under the North Star basket. Please put any donations in the basket with the tags, so it doesn't get confused with pantry donations, prior to the 10am Mass on 11/9. Refrigerated items can be placed in the downstairs refrigerator.

If any parishioner enjoys cooking and is able to cook a meal for the families, or if anyone has questions about this ministry, please call Allison Lilly at 617-947-3574. Thank you for your many years of supporting the unhoused families in our community.

Community Clean-Up Day

Our annual Parish's Community Clean-up Day will take place on Saturday, November 1 from 9 am to 1 pm. We are asking you to consider assisting us this year. We will again help some of our fellow parishioners with cleaning and raking of their yards.

We will meet in the upper parking lot of our church at 8:50 am on Saturday, November 1. Please consider giving of your time to this worthy annual activity.

Any amount of time that you are able to help will be much appreciated. To sign up or for further information contact Bob Bourque at bobbourque@comcast.net

Musical Instruments

We are still in need of any musical instruments for the children music program you can donate. They would be greatly appreciated and can be placed in the back of the church. Thanks so much!

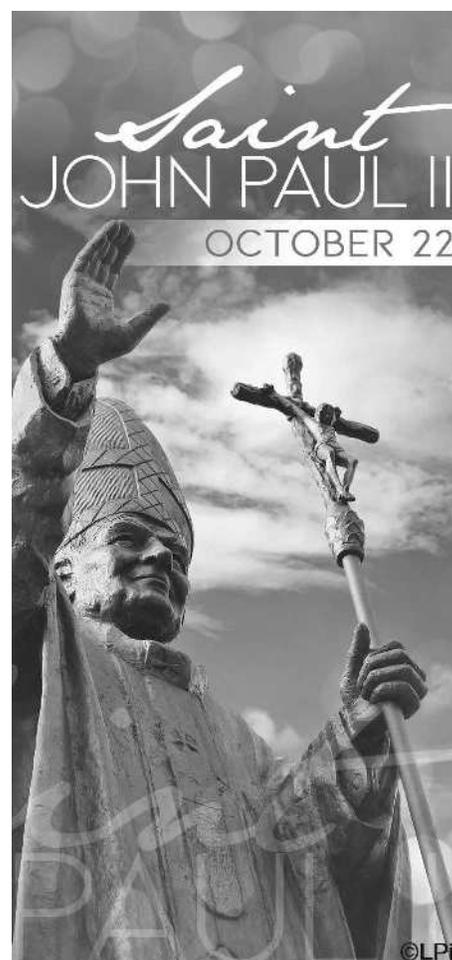
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Parish Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Memorial Day through Labor Day — Sunday: 9:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Holy Hour of Adoration: last Wednesday of the month 5:30-6:30 pm
Weekday Masses: 6:30 pm Wednesday | 8:00 am Thursday & Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) Saturday 5:00-5:30 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

FIRST EUCHARIST Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

CONFIRMATION Our Confirmation program begins in the 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of the 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY It is the policy of the Diocese of Worcester that a couple should contact the parish at least one year prior to the anticipated date of their wedding to allow sufficient time to carry out the various steps of the marriage preparation process. It is important that arrangements be made with the church before plans are made with reception halls, caterers, etc.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK Please call the parish office 978-582-4008, or email Fr. Omolo at stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net to arrange these visits.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY If you or someone you know needs prayers or if you would like to be a part of this ministry of those who pray for the needs of neighbors, please contact the parish office at 978-582-4008, email stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or contact Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16480 In Service to One. In Service to all. Members meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Any Catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights should contact Grand Knight Thomas St. George at tjstgeorge@gmail.com or Deputy Grand Knight, Thomas Bodkin at tbodkin@bodkinmason.com or (508-363-3422), or email kofc16480@gmail.com.

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Newcomers to St. Boniface are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we may stay in touch with you with faith formation news, notices of special events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, the parish office, or on our website.

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.

What does a monk or nun's schedule look like?

A monk or nun's schedule is carefully balanced and structured, reflecting the high level of spiritual discipline which religious seek to attain.

While the exact daily schedule varies between religious orders, with their unique apostolates and charisms, they usually share these basic elements:

The Divine Office: also called the Liturgy of the Hours, which they pray five (or more) times a day
Spiritual reading and meditation: these two mental activities provide essential nourishment for prayer and help the soul advance in union with Christ

Work: monks and nuns divide all the work, assigning tasks to each brother/sister, such as cooking, cleaning, gardening, sewing, and more

Study: to know Truth is to know God—the religious never stop learning! Their main subjects of study are theology and philosophy

Recreation: the community gathers for work and leisure activities, and to converse and laugh together

Some orders break up the day into half-hour and hour-long segments. This is why the daily schedule is often called the horarium, taken from the Latin word for "hour."

Here's how a Poor Clare of Perpetual Adoration spends her day:

5:25 a.m.—Rise
6:05 a.m.—Divine Office (Matins & Lauds), Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
7:00 a.m.—Holy Mass
8:00/15 a.m.—Divine Office Midmorning Prayer/Thanksgiving (Silent Prayer)
8:45 a.m.—Breakfast
9:15 a.m.—Work Time
11:30 a.m.—Divine Office Midday Prayer & Communal Rosary
12:00 p.m.—Lunch
12:30/2:00 p.m.—Free Time/Work Time
3:00 p.m.—Divine Office Midafternoon Prayer & Divine Mercy Chaplet
4:00/30 p.m.—Lesson with Novice Mistress or Study/Spiritual Reading
5:00 p.m.—Divine Office (Vespers & Compline) Evening Prayer & Night Prayer
5:30/6:30 p.m.—Supper & Dishes/Recreation or Choir Practice
8:00/9:30/10:00 p.m.—Grand Silence/Retire/Lights Out

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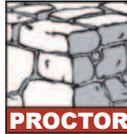
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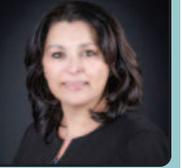
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