

**St Bernadette Church**  
**3825 Don Felipe Drive**  
**Los Angeles , CA 90008**



**Saturday/Sunday**  
**October 25/26, 2025**  
**The 30th Sunday**



### **Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, October 25, 2025 @ 4:00 pm Mass**  
**Danetta Johnson (RIP), Velma Konwea (RIP),**  
**Teresa Richardson**

**Sunday, October 26, 2025 @ 10:00 am Mass**  
**Kim Williams (RIP) Maudell Williams (RIP)**  
**Edward Addo Opoku (RIP) Teresa Richardson**



### **Weekly Services Schedule**

**October 27 to November 01, 2025**

**Monday October 27, 2025**

**Adoration 7:30/Communion Service 8 am**

**Tuesday, October 28, 2025:**

**Adoration 7:30/Communion Service 8 am**

**Wednesday /Thursday/Friday (October 29/30/31)**

**Adoration 7:30 am /Morning Mass 8:00 am**

**Sat, November 01: 4:00 pm Vigil (All Saints)**

**Sun. November 02: 10:00 am Mass (All Souls)**

**Coffee & Donuts after Mass in the Parish Hall**

**Donut Donor: Lorraine Johnson**



### **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 26, 2025**

**First Reading—Sirach 35:12-14,16-18**

God hears the prayer of the poor.

**Responsorial Psalm—34:2-3,17-18,19, 23**

The Lord hears and answers the cry of the poor.

**Second Reading—2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18**

Paul perseveres in faith, confident that God will rescue him.

**Gospel Reading—Luke 18:9-14**

Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly. The parable addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. The Pharisees were taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.



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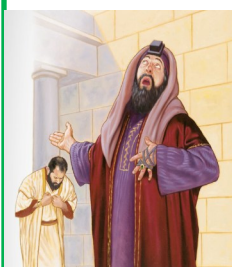
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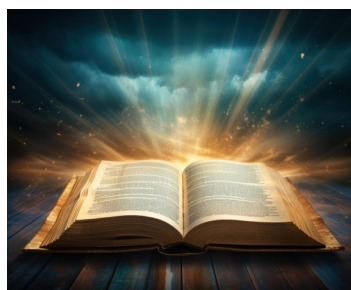
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### **The Pharisee and the Tax Collector and the (Luke 18:9-14)**

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector is a parable of two contrasting prayers from two very different people. Luke tells us up front: "To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable." This parable is about pride and humility. Now, the audience is likely expecting the Pharisee to be the prime example of what we would 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. But Jesus is about to shock his audience. **The Pharisee's Prayer:** 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 the Pharisee prayed, who's he praying to? He's not praying to God, he's praying to himself. The Pharisees considered themselves worthy of God's grace based off their religious performance. They thought they earned the right to demean others and make demands. And this prayer shows this self-righteous attitude. In Luke 18:11 he's demeaning others so that he can elevate himself. Even going so far to point out a particular person around him, the tax collector. He thinks he's better than them. In the next verse he reports all the wonderful things he does. He fasts twice a week and gives a tenth of all he gets. He's showing off, bragging. The Old Testament Law only required a fast once a year. The Pharisees fasted twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays. This is just a ploy to attract attention to themselves. These were the days the market convened and many people came to town. They were just showing off. And the Pharisee in this parable is proud of his religious piousness. His entire prayer centers around how great he is and how terrible everyone else is, especially the tax collector.



### **Join us for Bible Study**

**1st and 3rd Thursday  
1:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
Via ZOOM**

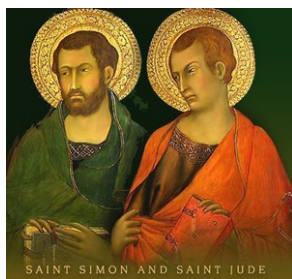
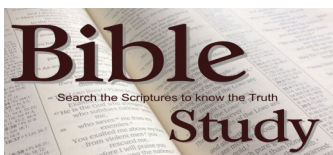
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### **St. Jude Thaddeus and St. Simon—October 28**

Two of the least known Apostles, are paradoxically among the closest to their Master, two of his cousins. At least, the tradition is quite certain of it as regards Jude Thaddeus, since it is clear from the Scriptures that his father, Alpheus, was the brother of St. Joseph, while his mother, Mary Cleophas, was a cousin of the Virgin. As for Simon, things are shrouded in fog. The Gospel names St. Simon as the tenth apostle, just before Jude Thaddeus. Many identify in Simon the homonymous cousin of Christ, brother of James the Younger. The Byzantines identify in him Nathanael of Cana and the canteen director at the wedding of Cana, while St. Fortunatus of Poitiers states that Simon and Jude Thaddeus were buried in Suanir, a city in Persia, where they suffered martyrdom. According to tradition, it is almost certainly in this part of the world that Simon, known as the Zealot or the Canaanite, as the evangelists Matthew and Mark call him, crossed paths with Jude Thaddeus, who would be his companion in mission until the end. Jude, the faithful disciple: When the Eleven dispersed from Jerusalem to proclaim the Kingdom of God in other lands, Jude Thaddeus departed from Galilee and Samaria to go into Syria, Armenia and ancient Persia. In this area, authoritative sources claim, he met Simon, and their missionary partnership won tens of thousands of Babylonians and people from other cities for Christ. As always, the Gospel earned for itself both followers and enemies: for the two Apostles, the hour of supreme witness eventually arrived.

### **Who (or what) is a Deacon?**

A "deacon" is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or "orders," of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, presbyters and deacons. Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served." The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to be a servant in a servant-Church. (USCCB)







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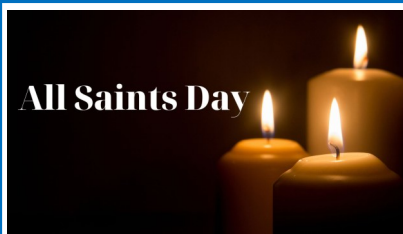
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### **All Hallows Eve—October 31**

All Hallows' Eve, or Halloween, is deeply rooted in Catholic tradition as the vigil of All Saints' Day, celebrating the lives of saints and the faithful departed.

Historical Context:

**All Hallows' Eve**, celebrated on October 31, is the vigil before All Saints' Day. All Saints Day honors all saints, known and unknown on November 01. The term "Halloween" is derived from "All Hallows Eve." Hallow means Holy, and "e'en" is a contraction of "evening." This day begins a three -day observance known as "**All Hallowtide.**" All Hallowtide includes all Saints' Day, as well All Souls' Day (November 2), a time dedicated to remembering and praying for the deceased.



### **Catholic Observances During All Saints and All Souls Days**

Traditionally, various customs have been associated with all Hallows Eve including:

**Prayers for the Dead:** Catholics are encouraged to pray for the souls of the "Departed," Particularly those in "Purgatory," as

part of their "All Souls Day" observances.

**Soul Cakes:** In some cultures people bake "Soul Cakes" and offer them in exchange for prayers for the deceased (an early precursor to modern trick-or-treating).

**Reflection on Saints:** This time also provides an opportunity for Catholics to reflect on the lives of Saints and Martyrs , seeking their intercessions as well as inspiration the Catholic Church encourages the faithful to maintain the spiritual significance of All Hallows' Eve. This includes avoiding practices which contradict Catholic teachings while celebrating the beauty and depth of the Feast of All Saints. In summary, All Hallows' Eve is a significant day in the Catholic tradition, serving as a solemn reminder of the Church's teachings on life, death, and the communion of saints, while also providing an opportunity for reflection and prayer.



### **The ST. BERNADETTE SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB Did you know St Bernadette Church**

**has a senior citizen club?** The "Club" meets the second Wednesday of each month, in the church hall. You are invited to join them monthly for activities, guest speakers on senior related social topics and safety issues, as well as day trips, picnics, crafts, fitness, a catered lunch and much, much more. For instance? A

**Christmas Tribute concert of music by The Temptations and The Miracles**, lunch included on 12/15, cost is \$112. Transportation included on all trips. Upcoming FREE opportunity: **Cyber Tech Assistance, IT Literacy and Safety, Nov. 15.** This 1 hour workshop will be on the USC campus in one of their computer labs, ensuring all attendees have access to equipment during the session. Hosted by the AKA sorority. Space is limited.



**LITURGY SCHEDULE**  
**30TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**MON. OCTOBER 27TH, 2025**  
**TO**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 02, 2025**  
**THE COMMEMORATION OF**  
**ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

#### **Monday, October 27, 2025**

7:30 am Adoration  
8:00 Communion Service  
Live-Streamed and In-Person

#### **Tuesday, October 28, 2025**

**Sts. Simon and Jude Apostles**  
7:30 am Adoration  
8:00 Communion Service  
Live-Streamed and In-Person

#### **Wednesday, October 29 2025**

7:30 am Adoration  
8:00 am Mass  
Live-Streamed and In-Person

#### **Thursday, October 30, 2025**

7:30 am Adoration  
8:00 am Mass  
In-Person Only

#### **Friday, October 31, 2025**

All Hallows Eve  
7:30 am Adoration  
8:00 am Mass  
In-Person Only

#### **Saturday, November 01, 2025**

All Saints Day  
3:00 pm Confessions Heard  
4:00 pm Mass

#### **Sunday, November 02, 2025**

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
All Souls Day  
Daylight Savings Time Ends  
10:00 am Mass

**Following Mass**  
**Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Hall**  
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## 16th Annual Peter Claver Awards Program Brunch

18 Years Promoting and Supporting Vocations

Pray for Vocations



This year's Honorees are:

Father Bill Bolton, St. Jerome Catholic Church, Los Angeles, CA  
Sister Betty Harbison, Sisters of Social Services, Los Angeles, CA

The Peter Claver Awards Program (PCAP) proudly honors these distinguished 2025 Award Recipients who have made significant contributions to the spiritual enrichment of the lives of African American and Hispanic Catholics.

Guest Speaker & Emcee: Rev. R. Tony Ricard, Th.M., M.Div.,  
Archdiocesan Director, Office of Black Catholic Ministries,  
St. Augustine High School, New Orleans, LA

Special recognition of 3 St. John Seminary students:  
Joshua Becket, Christian Eguarone, and Sean Nzeribe.

**Saturday, November 22, 2025**  
**11:00 am • Proud Bird Restaurant**  
**11022 Aviation Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90045**



\$70.00 per person  
Deadline for reservations - **Friday, November 7, 2025**  
(No sales at the door on November 22, 2025)

For information and reservations:  
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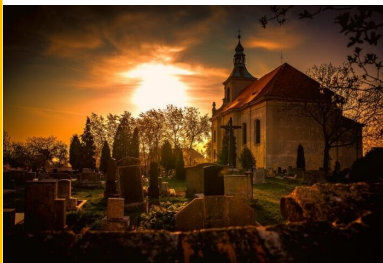
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## Wrapped In Mercy, Hope Renewed!

### The 2026 Religious Education Congress is Coming!

#### What can you expect???

RECongress draws Catholics from across the nation and around the globe. It is provided by the Office of Religious Education, a department of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Initially, it started as an "Institute" of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) in 1956, but it evolved into the three-day "Congress" format in 1967 and will celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. The 2025 Congress in Anaheim was a vibrant and inspiring event that brought together the Catholic community for four days of faith, learning, and connection. The annual event began with Youth Day on February 19, followed by three days dedicated to adult formation. This year's program featured over 140 English, Spanish, and Vietnamese workshops. The overarching theme, "Called to Compassion," resonated deeply with attendees, as dynamic speakers and engaging workshops beautifully captured the essence of compassion in faith.



**Halloween, Catholicism and Prayer** Halloween is a time often marked by costumes, traditions, and an atmosphere that emphasizes mystery, fear, and the supernatural. While many see it as a season for entertainment and cultural expression, Catholics are called to look deeper and embrace this time as an opportunity to renew faith, proclaim God's truth, and live as witnesses of Christ's light. Rather than succumbing to the fear or darkness sometimes associated with Halloween, we can choose to celebrate with prayers that remind us of God's victory over sin, evil, and death. As Catholics, prayer is our most powerful weapon, and even on nights when shadows seem to dominate, we know Christ is our everlasting light. Halloween falls just before All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day—two holy celebrations that remind us of the communion of saints and the hope of eternal life. In this season, we are invited not only to remember the faithful departed but also to walk in holiness, trusting in God's promises.



### Did You Know? October 25/26 || Who is a Mandated Reporter

A mandated reporter is someone who is required to report suspected or disclosed cases of abuse to child protective services or law enforcement including a wide range of persons from teachers, educators, coaches, to school and parish staff, and clergy. The mandated report may involve concerns about possible abuse or neglect in the child's home or by a family member. At a school or parish, if the person making a report believes that child abuse or neglect is the case then the person should make the report to the local law enforcement agency, which has the resources and ability to intervene immediately if needed. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles urges all in our church to speak up to the appropriate authorities if any form of child abuse is suspected.

**For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Facts about Mandated and Ethical Reporting" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know) and visit <https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/>. Read the VIRTUS® article "The Facts about Mandated and Ethical Reporting" [here](#).**