

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 26, 2025

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY, RESPECT LIFE, BREAST CANCER & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

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PARISH STAFF

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Deacons: Ira Chase and Thomas Jones

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Welcome Seminarians: Alexander Lema and Lawrence Omatola

A Parable of Jesus

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Two Men, Two Prayers, Two Attitudes, Two Verdicts

In Celebrating our 105th Church Anniversary

Let us warmly welcome:

His Eminence Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory and Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ.,

Very Rev. Cornelius K. Ejiogu, SSJ, Pastor and all Josephites, Deacons,

other Concelebrates and Liturgical Ministries

Newcomers & Visitors: Welcome to “The Church on the Hill”!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. May you be blessed with hope, joy, love, and peace while here! Should you want to join our parish family please contact a Minister of Hospitality, Priest, or call the Rectory for a Registration Form. **Again, Welcome!**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

(Lunch Hour 12:30-1:30 pm)

OFFICE CLOSED: FRIDAY & SATURDAY

**MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON THE
OLPH WEBSITE**

Sunday 10:00 am Monday-Thursday 8:00 am

Saturday 4:30 pm Mass not Live Streamed

**Mass Intentions may not be made on
Solemnities, Fridays, Saturdays nor Sundays.**

Mass Stipend Donation is \$10.00

**Contact Doris Savoy in the Rectory, Ext. 2,
or email dsavoy0642@aol.com.**

SUNDAY DONUTS

**Sunday fellowship with donuts and coffee
will be held on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays ONLY.**

**The Knights of St. John Commandery #286
covers every 2nd Sunday.**

**Organizations and/or Ministries, please
contact Millicent Hawkins to advise when you
will be able to assist on the 3rd Sundays.**



Memorials are noted by + indicates deceased
BD means Birthday AD means Anniversary of death

Sunday (26th)

10:00 am For the People

105th Church Anniversary Mass

Monday (27th)

8:00 am + Those killed at the Morman Church in Michigan
By Gloria A. Lessington

Tuesday (28th)

8:00 am + Vincent Jordan
By Gloria A. Lessington

Wednesday (29th)

8:00 am Evelyn Akoto
By Sylvia Taylor

Thursday (30th)

8:00 am + Immigrant Detainees killed at ICE Centre in
Dallas, Texas
By Gloria A. Lessington



Tuesday Night Virtual Bible Study

with Deacon Ira Chase at 6:30 pm

Studying Romans

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Meeting ID: 864 813 98261

Passcode: 509931

Wednesday Night Live Stream Bible Study

with Father Cornelius at 6:00 pm

Studying Micah



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 1 at 10 am All Saints Mass

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4,9-14

Responsorial Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

November 1 at 4:30 All Souls Mass

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

Responsorial Psalm 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6

Second Reading: Romans 5:5-11

Gospel Reading: John 6:37-40

Sunday, November 2

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a

Responsorial Psalm 98:5-9

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19



Collections Last Weekend Total \$4076.00

Thanks to all OLPH parishioners for sending in your
tithes and offerings. Please Note the amount
recorded here is from envelopes marked

"My Sacrificial Gift" only.

Special envelopes are **not tithes**. The amount you
put into those envelopes is recorded and provided
to you in your Annual Contribution Statements.

FYI: If you send in envelopes for several months at a
time, please note we **cannot back date your tithes**.
They can only be recorded on the actual date you
submit them.

Church Announcements

Sunday, October 26th:

8:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am 105th Church Anniversary Mass

Tuesday, October 28th:

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Both Simon and Jude were ordinary men who were chosen by Jesus himself to teach others about God's love and to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Their lives help us to understand that even the most average people can become saints when they decide to follow Jesus. They share a common feast day because, according to later tradition, they ministered in Persia and there, received the crown of martyrdom on the same day. Both of these men were known by other names during their lives. Simon was often called "the Zealot." Jude was also known as "Jude Thaddeus." Saint Jude is the Patron Saint of: Desperate Situations. Saint Simon is the Patron Saint of tanners, curriers, sawmen, and sawyers.

Thursday, October 30th:

10:30-12:30 LOC FOOD PANTRY

Friday, October 31st:

Washington School for Girls Harvest Fest

2:30-7:00 pm on the Field and Parking Lot

Saturday, November 1st:

10:00 am Solemnity of All Saints Mass

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relations in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

4:30 pm Feast of All Souls Mass

(Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)

On this the Feast of All Souls, we pray for the souls of all those who have died. There are many choices of readings for this day, focusing on our belief in the resurrection of the dead and Jesus' promise of eternal life. In his death and Resurrection, Jesus has conquered death for all those who believe in him.

Sunday, November 2nd:

8:45 am Sunday School Staff Meeting

10:00 am Mass

Annual Memorial Mass will be combined with regular Sunday Mass. Names of deceased (November 2024 – October 2025) will be called. Families of the deceased are encouraged to attend. Please continue to pass the word.



HOMEBOUND, **HOSPITAL, or *NURSING/REHAB

*Robert Barden, Carolyn Brown, Agnes Dua, *Jerome Hall, Edward Glover, *Cordella Gough, *Agnes Maxine Hart, Deborah Ogarro Kelly, *Edith Lee, Marie Lucas, *Helene Matthews, David McNeill, Deborah McNeill, Gloria Ann Moore, *Rose Quander-Nevedon, Antoinette Reese, *Cynthia Salter-Stith, **Amy Scroggins, George Shearard, Sudie Shelton, Augustine Thomas, New-Velvet Washington, and Kobe Williams

PRAYER REQUEST

WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU

Clement Akoto, Evelyn Akoto, Lisa Alexander, Valarie Ashley, Frances Battle, Barbara Billings-Leftwich, Charlotte Blount-Lewis, John X. Briscoe, Sr., Michelle Brookings-Cheek, Thomas Henry Brooks, Hilda Brown, Selena Brown, Millicent Brown-Howard, Ronald Burton, Demarquis Carter, Dorita Carter, Louis Carter, Terneara Carter, Deacon Ira Chase, Judy Chase, William Clemons, Alberta Colbert, Carla Coleman, Margo Cooke, Roberta Dade-Young, Judith Dean, Linda Bogans, Sterling Dolman, Anne Donelson, Alvin Durham, Beverly Ford, Salim Franklin, Betty Franklin-Swammy, Toni Gaines, LaShawn Gaines, Sy Gaines, Eva Galloway, Bradley Gant, Dexter Goodwyn, Betty Graham, David Malcolm Greene, David Gross, Kathy Gross, Carlene Hawkins, Larry Holloway, Sr., Michael Howard, Lela Hagan, John Hawkins, Sr., Ken Houston, Crystal Jackson, Kathy Jones, Deacon Thomas Jones, Louis Jones, Paul Kearney, James King, Jessica King, Betty Lawson, Dianna Ledbetter, Crystal Marsh, Jeffrey Marshall, Shirel Marshall, Ngoki Masembwa, John Mason, Joseph Mason, Winifred Mason, Carolyn Matthews-Alston, Justine Middleton, Danielle Mitchell, Maurice Moody, Henrietta Moody, Yvonne Moody, Gloria V. Moore, Milton Morgan, Travia Neverdon-Stone, Dorethia Newby, Warren Newton, Marcia Marlene Oliver, Terrance Oxyner, Bettina Penny, Diane Penny, Lawrence (Lonnie) Penny, Marvin Penny, Pam Penny, Theresa Penny, Tina Penny, Yvonne Peterson, Deidre Dorsey Point, Brenda Price, Katalina Quander-Masembwa, Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ, Brenda Robinson, Demetria Savoy, Julia Melva Scott, Madeline Scott, Bernadette Smith, Clementine Smith-Easley, Delores (Polly) Smith, Vivian Staples, George Stewart, Donna Stewart-Moore, Michelle Stone, Kendra Tinsley, Joseph Thomas, Rose Thurston, Debra Tidwell-Peters, Juanita White, Nicky Wilkinson, Christal Williams, Brian Yeldell and Raymond Young

PLEASE REVIEW THE ABOVE LISTINGS. ARE THERE NAMES THAT CAN BE REMOVED?



25th Mauriq Price
 27th Aneesah Blount Phyllis Delaney
 30th Judith A. Dean Alecia Whren
 31st Deacon Ira Chase
 1st Alex Ford
 2nd Alfreda Clarke Tracy Williams
 6th Josephine Williams



Richard & Develle Simms 52nd on October 27th
 John & Michelle Dorsey 18th on November 3rd
 Marvin & Tonique Coley 23rd on November 8th

World Mission Sunday Collections continue this weekend.

October Monthly Prayer From the Pope For Collaboration Between Different Religious Traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Original Nip & Sip Oldies but Goodies

Presented by the OLPH Men's Club

Friday, November 14, 2025

6:00-10:00 pm

Doors open at 6:00 pm

General Admission \$20

Special Early Bird Admission \$10

UNTIL 4:00 pm on Friday November 7th

Tickets available from James King or Joseph Gant

From the Pastor's Desk

Humility in Prayer

"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.'"

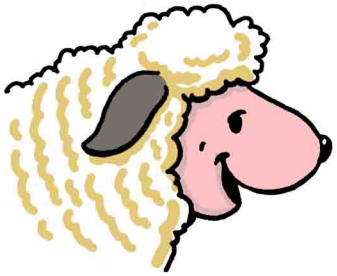
Luke 18:10–11

What a sad prayer. Of course, it wasn't even a prayer to God since the Pharisee "spoke this prayer to himself." The prayer of the tax collector, however, was a perfect model for all prayer. We read that 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.'" Which prayer more resembles your own prayer?

To honestly answer that question, let's examine both prayers. First of all, the contrast of these two prayers is a contrast between humility and pride. The Pharisee was clearly full of pride. Pride blinds us from true self-knowledge. Saint Teresa of Ávila teaches us that the very first thing we must do on our journey to God is obtain self-knowledge through humility. Without that, we will never grow in holiness. The sin of pride is obvious in the prayer of the Pharisee and, therefore, his lack of true self-knowledge is also evident. Note that even his physical posture of standing depicts pride.

True prayer must begin with the humble recognition of our weakness and need for God. The tax collector expressed this humility by bowing his head to the ground, not even daring to look up to Heaven. This reveals he did not consider himself worthy of God's grace. Truth be told, he wasn't worthy of it. That's why God's grace is a mercy. It is all mercy in that He bestows that which we are not worthy to receive. And He only bestows it on those who know they are not worthy of it. The words spoken by the tax collector are the perfect model of prayer because his words depict these truths. As a sinner, he doesn't deserve mercy but begs for God's grace as an act of God's mercy.

Reflect, today, upon the humility found in the prayer of this tax collector. As you do, look at your own practice of prayer and discern whether you imitate this tax collector's disposition and prayer. Try to commit to physically humbling yourself before our Lord every day. Kneel, bow your head, or fall down prostrate every day. When you do pray, beg for mercy as one who doesn't deserve anything from God. This is the humble truth on which all prayer must be based. The more you can humble yourself this way, the more God will lift you up and pour forth His mercy upon you.



According to God's view,
which man prayed the right way?

Cross out these letters below.

Y B G D K S

Then write the remaining letters, in order, on the lines.



B	G	D	K	S	G	Y	B	K
K	Y	T	D	H	B	E	S	G
S	D	G	T	D	A	B	X	D
C	Y	O	K	L	G	L	Y	E
S	C	K	T	B	O	D	R	S
D	Y	B	K	D	S	G	D	Y



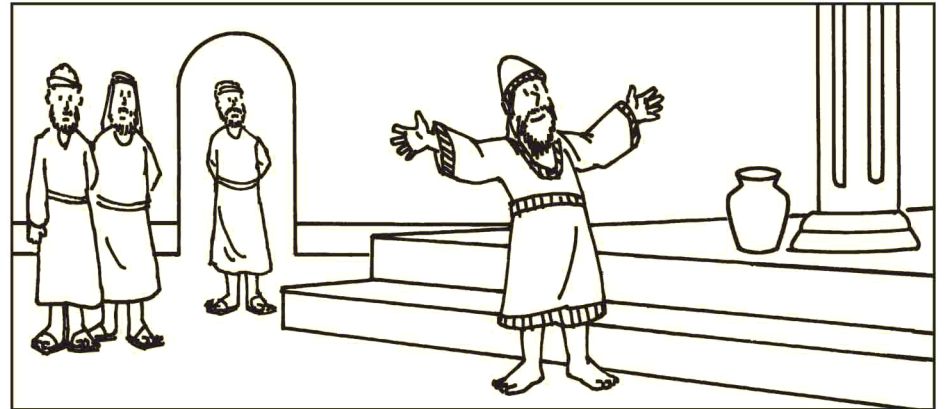
Ages 7+

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The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Jesus told a parable about 2 men.

Find 10 differences in the 2nd picture.



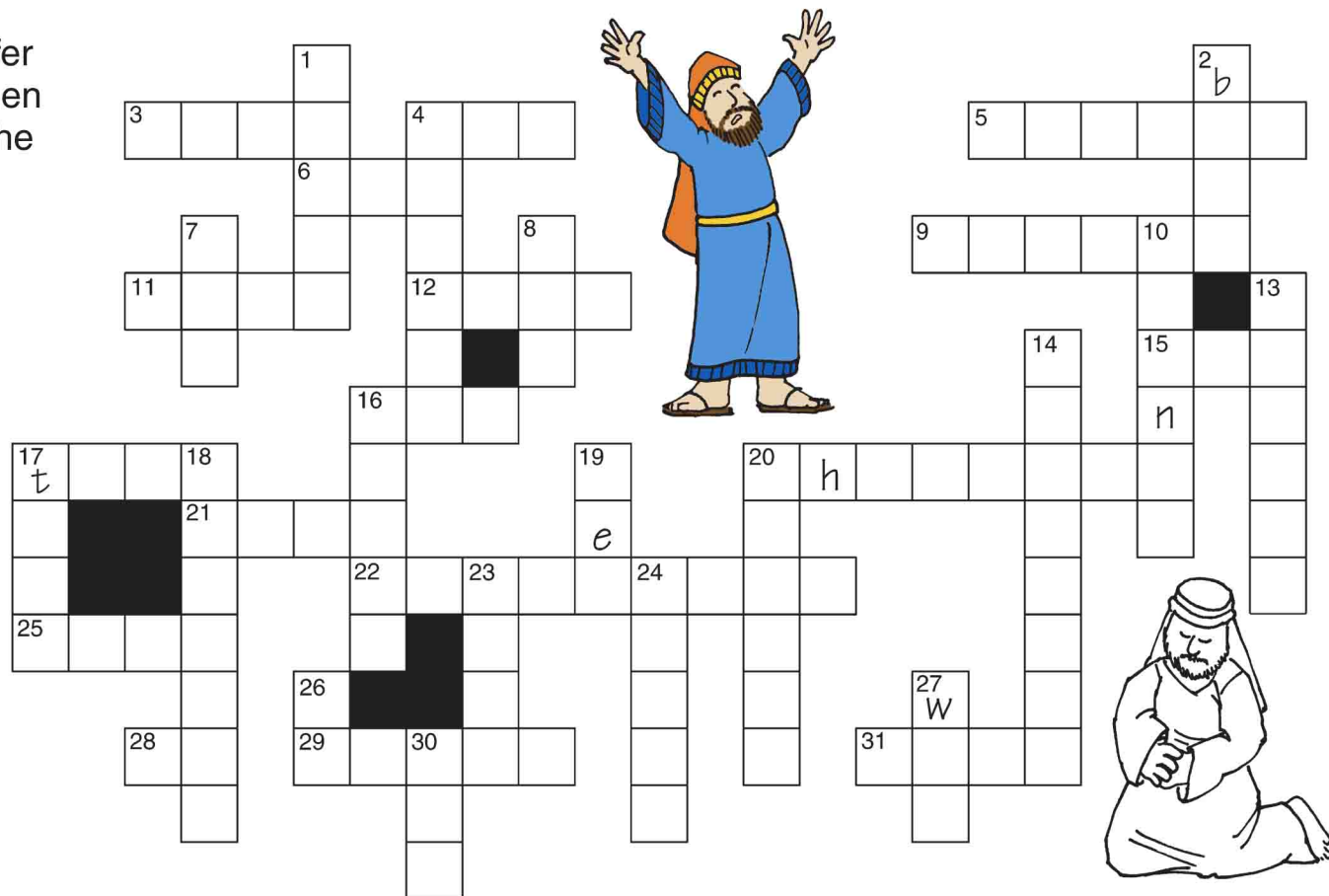
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Fit the words into the puzzle. Transfer the words to the numbered lines. Then read the parable Jesus told about the Pharisee and the tax collector.

Word List		
me	pray	mercy
so	hear	others
see	that	temple
was	down	breast
two	like	people
men	told	looked
one	good	sinner
how	beat	thanked
not	have	distance
tax	other	Pharisee
him	stood	collector
went	could	



4A _____ 16A _____ 3 _____ to the _____ 4D _____ to _____ 12 _____ 6 _____ 27 _____ a _____ 20A _____; the
 29 _____ 27 _____ 8 _____ 22 _____ 20A God _____ 1 _____ 26 _____ 13 _____
 24 _____ 19 _____ 21 _____ 30 _____ 18 _____ 17A _____ 27 _____ 15 _____ 23 _____
 29 _____ 20D _____ 17D _____ 7 _____ 11 _____ 27 _____ 8 _____ 22 _____
 1 _____ at a _____ He _____ and _____ his _____ He said, "God,
 31 _____ 14 _____ 5 _____ 25 _____ 2 _____ 9 _____
 31 _____ 16D _____ 28 _____ 10 _____