

# St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church

DIOCESE OF CORPUS CHRISTI

**October 27, 2019  
Thirtieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

Saturday: 6:00pm  
Sunday: 9:30am  
11:30am

### Daily

Tue-6:00 pm  
Wed-Fri 7:30 am  
& First Saturday of  
the Month: 7:30am

### Holy Days

7:30am, 6:00pm

### Confession

Saturday: 5:00- 5:45pm (or by appt.)

### Rosary

Mon-Sat: 7:00am

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### In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Remember in your prayers those who are ill, in nursing homes, hospital or homebound, and:



Jeff Mullenax, Ramon Ortiz, Annabelle Jane Wally, Noemi Vasquez, & Lizzie Matherne

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Fr. Hamilton

With great sadness we inform you all of the passing of Fr. Hamilton on Tuesday, October 22nd. If you could please keep his family and loved ones in your prayers.

#### The Solemnity of All Saints

Friday, November 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Mass at 7:30 am and 6pm.

All Souls day is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation

#### Saturday Mass Change

As of November 2, 2019 the Saturday evening Mass will be changed to 5pm. Confessions will start at 4:15pm.

#### RCIA Class/Workshop

All those interested in becoming a Catholic are welcome to join on Saturday, November 2 from 8:30am-12noon at the Chapel classroom. Light breakfast will be included.

#### Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, November 5 at 6:30 pm after evening Mass. All heads of ministries & organizations are asked to attend with one other representative for your group.

#### All Souls Day

We will begin our All Souls' Day Novena of Masses on November 2nd. If you would like to have a deceased loved one remembered in the Novena, please take an envelope and return it to the parish office or in the collection basket with the names you wish included. If you wish to include several names, please print them clearly on a separate sheet of paper enclosed in your envelope. These names will not be published in the Parish bulletin, but the envelopes will be placed in a special place in the Sanctuary of the church.

#### Baptisms

If you are interested in Baptizing your child, the deadline for the paperwork to be turned in is on Thursday, November 7. If you turn in the paper work in time you will be able to Baptize your child on Sunday, November 24 after the 11:30 am Mass. For more information on what is required please call the Parish Office at (361) 758-2662.

#### Collection for 10-20-19

Envelopes	\$	1890.00
Loose	\$	848.01
Maintenance Fund	\$	285.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3023.01</b>

**THANK  
YOU**

### NOVEMBER 2019 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat: 5:00 pm

EM Tracy/Pat Yeary

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Sun: 9:30 am

EM Kori De Los Santos

EM Kim Michalec

Sun: 11:30 am

EM Shirley Jo Mullenax

EM Sarah Alvarado

Nov 2, 2019

Sat 5:00 pm

Lector: Patty Berger

Nov 3, 2019

Sun 9:30 am

Lector: DeeDee Weber

Nov 3, 2019

Sun 11:30 am

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Nov 9, 2019

Sat 5:00 pm

Lector: Janet Hester

Nov 10, 2019

Sun 9:30 am

Lector: Alyssa Martinez

Nov 10, 2019

Sun 11:30 am

Lector: Linda Arismendez

### MASS INTENTIONS

10/26 Sat 6:00pm-†David Pyland

10/27 Sun 9:30am-Parishioners

Sun 11:30am-†E.C. & †Gertrude Kelly,  
†Guadalupe Davila, &  
†Warlito & †Susana Dymosco Family

10/28 Mon 7:30am-No Mass

10/29 Tue 6:00pm-†E.C. & †Gertrude Kelly,  
& †Valerie Lara

10/30 Wed 7:30am-†Eida

10/31 Thu 7:30am-†Joe Burnet

11/01 Fri 7:30am-†Esther Jackson  
Fri 6:00pm-†Judy Marchbank

11/02 Sat 7:30am-All Souls Novena  
Sat 5:00pm-†Connie Morales

**\*Sanctuary Candle burns for †Richard Friesenhahn\***

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon: Ss. Simon and Jude

Thur: Halloween

Fri: All Saints; First Friday

Sat: The Commemoration of All the Faithful  
Departed (All Souls Day); First Saturday

## October 27, 2019 • Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When Jesus was teaching or preaching, he would regularly upset assumptions about how the world works, especially the world of religious observances. Moreover, just when we think we've figured this out, we get caught off guard yet again—disorientation layered over surprise.

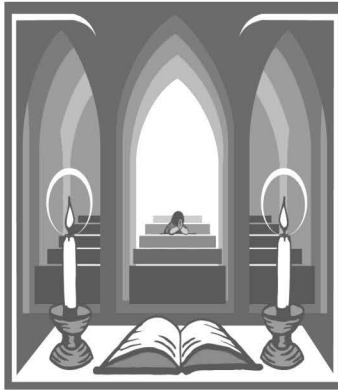
The Pharisees of Jesus's day emphasized the observance of Mosaic Law in everyday life, providing a path of righteousness for people unable to attend temple sacrifices. However, some of them also took pride in their own observances, looking down on others and becoming self-righteous. Jesus addressed this parable them, to "those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else," like tax collectors. But didn't they have a point? 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.

### BUT WHO ARE THE "LOWLY"?

There is another layer of assumptions that gets exposed here: tax collectors could hardly be considered "lowly." Widows, orphans, those who suffer—these are truly lowly ones for whom the Law commands kindness, and obviously God hears their prayers. But tax collectors? They collected revenue for the pagan Romans; they were outcasts, objects of scorn. How could they be considered among the "lowly"? For that matter—what is a tax collector doing in the temple anyway?

Here the parable might be more than surprising; it might even be disorienting. What if the people we cannot imagine being justified before God, embraced by God's mercy, are the ones whom God sees as lowly? What if the parable challenges us to question whether we ourselves unconsciously categorize people as either "worthy" or "unworthy," either "like us" or "one of them"? What if we took seriously the idea that God's love is for "them" just as much as it is for "us"?

Today's Readings: Sir 35:12–14, 16–18; Ps 34:2–3, 17–18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6–8, 16–18; Lk 18:9–14



## 27 de octubre de 2019 • Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Cuando Jesús enseñaba o predicaba, sus palabras a menudo afectaban las creencias de cómo funciona el mundo, especialmente el de las prácticas religiosas. Además, justo cuando pensamos que ya lo resolvimos, otra vez nos toman por sorpresa, desorientación una sobre otra asombrosamente.

Los fariseos en el tiempo de Jesús enfatizaban el cumplimiento de la Ley de Moisés en la vida cotidiana, ofreciendo un camino de virtud para las personas que no podían asistir a los sacrificios del Templo. Sin embargo, algunas de esas personas se sentían arrogantes cumpliendo los preceptos religiosos, mirando de arriba abajo a los demás y se creían lo que llamaríamos hoy uno santurrónes. Jesús les contó esta parábola "sobre algunos que se tenían por justos y despreciaban a los demás", como a los recolectores de impuestos. Pero, ¿eso indicaba algo? Los recolectores de impuestos estaban entre los marginados por la sociedad; ¿acaso este recolector de impuestos no acaba de reconocer su propia maldad? ¿Cómo podía un recolector de impuestos ser "justificado" (es decir, justo) ante Dios, mientras los fariseos no? ¿Por qué Dios escucharía la oración de un recolector de impuestos? Por seguro esto era una sorpresa, molestando las creencias comunes acerca de la justificación.

### ¿PERO, QUIÉNES SON LOS "HUMILDES"?

Hay otra serie de suposiciones que se exponen aquí: los recolectores de impuestos difícilmente podían ser considerados "humildes". Las viudas, los huérfanos, las personas que sufren, ellos son los verdaderos humildes para quienes la Ley exige generosidad y obviamente Dios escucha sus oraciones. ¿Pero los recolectores de impuestos? Ellos recaudaban ingresos para los idolatras romanos; ellos eran los marginados y sujetos de desprecio. ¿Cómo podían ser considerados en medio de los "humildes"? De hecho, ¿qué hace un recolector de impuestos en el Templo en todo caso?

Aquí la parábola podría ser más que sorprendente, incluso podría ser desorientadora. ¿Qué pasa con las personas que pensamos no pueden ser justificadas ante Dios, abrazadas por la misericordia de Dios, son aquellas a quienes Dios las ve como humildes? ¿Qué pasa si la parábola nos desafía a preguntarnos si nosotros categorizamos inconscientemente a las personas como "dignas" o "indignas", o bien "como nosotros" o "una de esas"? ¿Qué pasa si tomamos seriamente la idea de que el amor de Dios es para "ellos" tanto como lo es para "nosotros"?

Lecturas de hoy: Eclo 35:12–14, 16–18; Sal 34 (33):2–3, 17–18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6–8, 16–18; Lc 18:9–14

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Fridays Solemnity of All Saints and Saturdays Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus saving acts. Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the Day of the Dead. Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the pan de muerto, or bread of the dead. A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith.





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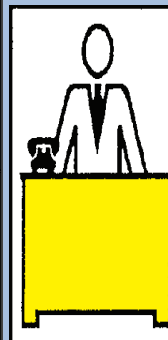
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