

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025 (C)

Reading I: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Responsorial Psalm: 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
Reading II: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

First Reading: The Book of Sirach: God's Justice for the Poor

Sirach often highlights God's fairness and care for the weak. This reading reminds us that God does not favor the rich or powerful but hears the cries of the humble. It shows the book's strong message of justice rooted in God's wisdom and moral order.

Sirach teaches that true worship is not just ritual but righteous living. Helping the poor and trusting God's judgment reflect a heart that seeks His ways. This passage fits the larger call in Sirach to live wisely, with humility and reverence for God.

Psalm 34: The Lord Rescues the Faithful

Psalm 34 praises God as the one who saves those who turn to Him. It shows God's constant help for the broken-hearted and His rejection of evil. The psalm fits the theme of trust in God's protection, which runs throughout its verses.

The psalm also calls the community to praise God together. It encourages all to see His care in daily life and to respond with gratitude. The focus on God's closeness to the suffering ties into the psalm's larger theme of God as a loving protector.

Second Reading: The Second Letter to Timothy: Faithful to the End

In 2 Timothy, Paul speaks about finishing his mission with faith. These words show his trust in God's promise of eternal life. This fits the book's focus on perseverance and courage, even in hardship, for those who follow Christ.

Paul also reflects on God's constant help. Though people abandoned him, God gave him strength to spread the Gospel. This theme of God's saving power encourages all believers to stay faithful, knowing that God's reward awaits.

The Gospel of Luke: Humility Brings Justification

Luke often highlights God's mercy for the humble. The Gospel for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C shows this clearly. The tax collector, aware of his sin, receives God's mercy, while the self-righteous Pharisee does not. This fits Luke's theme of God lifting up the lowly.

The parable also points to true conversion. Luke stresses that salvation is for those who turn to God with sincere hearts. This reading continues that message, showing that humility opens the way to God's kingdom.



Sunday, October 26, 2025

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12:00 p.m. (Noon) + **Lesley Kosiorek**
Birthday Remembrance
req by Husband and Family

+ **All Souls**

Monday, October 27 - Friday, October 31, 2025

MASS AT RESURRECTION PARISH
St. Joseph Site 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 2, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)

12:00 p.m. (Noon) + **Susanne Welch**
req by Family

+ **All Souls**

Votive Candles

Lit for the Week October 26, 2025

Sacred Heart **Dana Howe**
Ed and Diane Palaszynski
Darlene Larkin
Henry Starowitz, Jr.
all req by Henry Starowitz, Jr.

GRIEF SHARE

Offered at St. Brigid Church Parish Center on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 through Wednesday, December 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. (either session). You may attend all or any of the sessions.

Session 8: (October 29, 2025) Grief and Your Friendships

- Other people can help you deal with changes.
- Having realistic expectations of others is important.
- How to talk to people who are uncomfortable with grief.

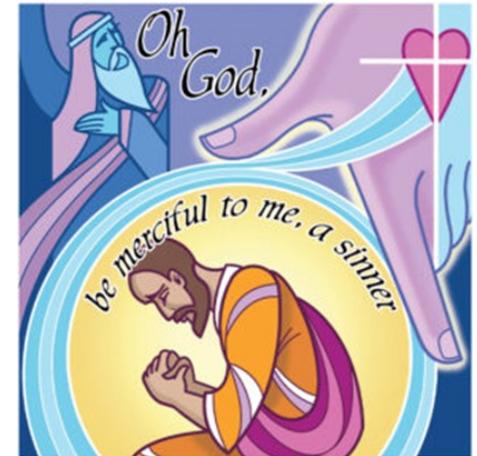
Additional information will be in weekly bulletins.

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Mass Time:

Sunday, October 26, 2025 ~ 12:00 Noon

Parish Office Hours:

Monday and Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Resurrection Parish, St. Joseph Site

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Our series on Paul's Letters to Timothy concludes with dire words: "*The time of my departure is at hand.*" Paul has been arrested for preaching the Gospel and is awaiting execution (did you notice two weeks ago he wrote about his chains?). But Paul is fearless and wants Timothy to be the same: "*I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me.*" So if Jesus is calling you, be fearless.

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**Please join us for the Rosary
at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays
in Ascension Church.**

Pray for Peace



Faith Formation

The next session for sacramental classes will be held on Sunday, November 2, 2025 beginning with Mass at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Joseph Site, followed by classes at St. Joseph School.

**Pray for Pope Leo XIV.
May God grant him wisdom!**

**October 19, 2025
Includes online deposits**

Weekly Offering	\$1,760.40
Miscellaneous	65.00
TOTAL	\$1,825.40

**Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
October 28**

St. Simon

The name Simon occurs in all of the Synoptic Gospels and the Book of Acts each time there is a list of apostles, without further details:

"*Simon, (whom he also named Peter), and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called "Zelotes", and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.*" (Luke 6:14-16)

To distinguish him from Simon Peter, he is given a surname in all three of the Synoptic Gospels where he is mentioned. Simon is called "*Zelotes*" in Luke and Acts (Luke 6:15 Acts 1:13). For this reason, it is generally assumed that Simon was a former member of the political party, the Zealots.

In later tradition, Simon is often associated with Jude the Apostle as an evangelizing team; in Western Christianity, they share their feast day on 28 October. The most widespread tradition is that after evangelizing in Egypt, Simon joined Jude in Persia and Armenia or Beirut in today's Lebanon, where both were martyred in 65. He may have suffered crucifixion as the Bishop of Jerusalem.

St. Jude

Jude the Apostle was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. He is generally identified as Thaddeus or Jude Thaddaeus. He is commonly depicted with a club. He is also often shown in icons with a flame around his head. This represents his presence at Pentecost, when he received the Holy Spirit with the other apostles. Another common attribute is Jude holding an image of Jesus, known as the Image of Edessa. In some instances, he may be shown with a scroll or a book (the Epistle of Jude) or holding a carpenter's rule.

Tradition holds that Jude preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Libya.

According to the legend, Jude was the son of Clopas and Mary of Clopas, sister of the Virgin Mary. Tradition holds that Jude suffered martyrdom about 65 AD in Beirut, in the Roman province of Syria during the 1st century in Lebanon together with the apostle Simon the Zealot, with whom he is usually connected. The axe that he is often shown holding in pictures symbolizes the way in which he was killed.

St. Jude is the patron saint of lost causes and the hopeless.

**All Saints Day
November 1**



All Saints' Day honors the saints in Heaven – those who have been recognized by the Church as saints, as well as those who have not been canonized. The feast was established in Rome as a result of the emperor's giving of the Pantheon (the temple to all the gods) to the Church and its dedication to St. Mary and All the Martyrs. This followed the principle, "*Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat!*" (Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands). Thus, throughout the Mediterranean many churches have been built over pagan sites, sanctifying them for Christ. The Church celebrates All Saints' Day on November 1.

The feast was originally on the date of the Pantheon's dedication, May 13, 609, and the date of an already existing feast in the East. It was later moved to its current date on the Roman calendar, where it is followed by the Commemoration of All Souls, that is, those righteous dead being purified in Purgatory.

If we would ask our friends and family to pray for our intentions, why would we not also ask those closest to God – the saints, angels, and particularly the Blessed Virgin – to pray for us? After all, God is not the "God of the dead, but of the living; for all live to him" (Luke 20:38).

**All Souls Day
November 2**

Please make your All Soul's Day donations separate from your regular ones since All Souls donations are used for Masses and deposited to the Mass account only.

Thank you for your assistance.