

Dear Padre,

I'm tired of being distracted by children sliding around in the pews, fidgeting, and giggling with each other. How would the priest like parents to handle these situations during Mass?

I presume you mean children between the ages of two and six—kids too old to be crying in their parents' arms and too young to be in religious-education programs. Many parishes have children's Liturgy of the Word programs, but the kids still spend time at regular Mass.

It's important for kids to be at Mass and to learn to be quiet for an hour. When children come to Mass, they slowly get used to the idea that they're expected to behave for a limited amount of time.

Parents should bring books or soft toys—anything that won't make more noise—to keep the kids entertained. They shouldn't let their kids bring musical toys, electronic games with sound effects, or toy trucks that can be run up and down the pews. If children continue to be disruptive, parents should take them outside for a short time and then bring them back.

Bottom line: Priests want children to come to Mass. It's better to have fidgeting kids at Mass than no kids at all. We want them to learn to behave now so when they get older, they're ready to deepen their participation in the Mass.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

With his birth, Jesus made himself a bridge between God and mankind, reconciled earth and sky, and recomposed the whole human race in unity...And today he also asks you to be little bridges, where you live....Sometimes it is not easy, but if we are united with Jesus we can do it.

ADDRESS TO CHILDREN, DECEMBER 16, 2019

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Calendar

Monday
OCTOBER 24
Weekday
Eph 4:32—5:8
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday
OCTOBER 25
Weekday
Eph 5:21-33
Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday
OCTOBER 26
Weekday
Eph 6:1-9
Lk 13:22-30

Thursday
OCTOBER 27
Weekday
Eph 6:10-20
Lk 13:31-35

Friday
OCTOBER 28
Sts. Simon and Jude,
Apostles
Eph 2:19-22
Lk 6:12-16

Saturday
OCTOBER 29
Weekday
Phil 1:18b-26
Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday
OCTOBER 30
Thirty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Wis 11:22—12:2
2 Thes 1:11—2:2
Lk 19:1-10

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October 23, 2022

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

Lk 18:9-14

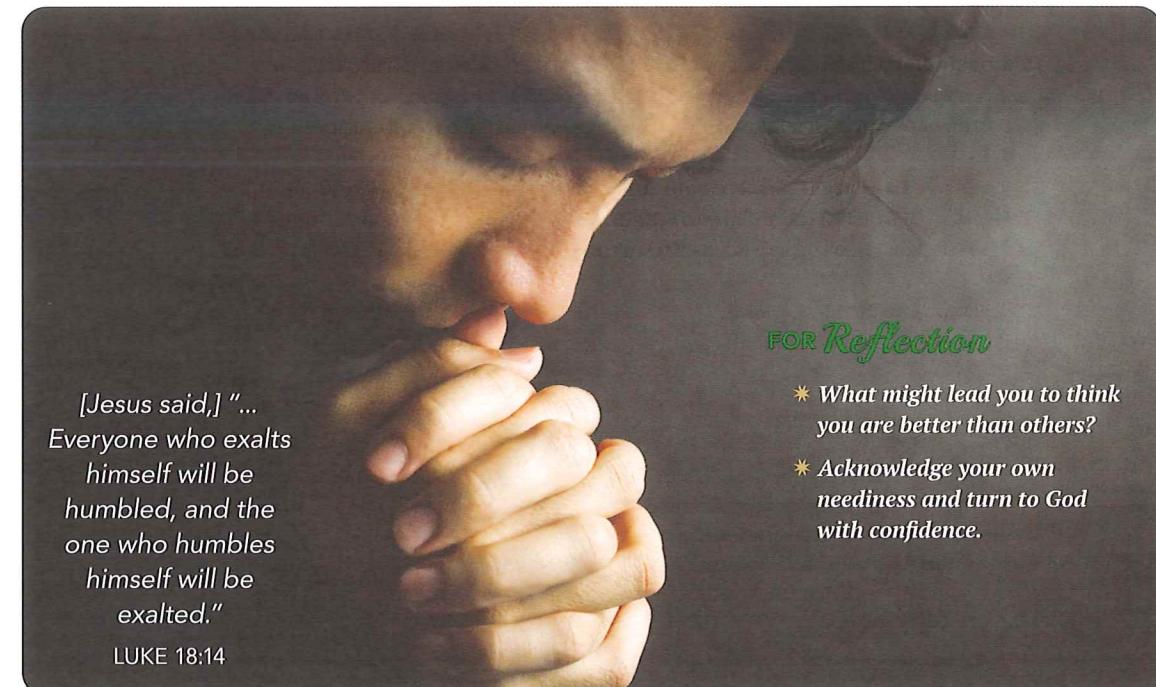
Thank You that I am Better than Others

The words of the Pharisee in today's Gospel might look like a prayer of thanksgiving. However, it is not a prayer, nor does it express gratitude. It is an arrogant statement of self-congratulation. One might think that he had a right to boast. After all, he did observe certain religious obligations and refrain from forms of public immorality. Why did Jesus say that he was not justified?

First, he haughtily presented himself in the temple as a prayerful man. As we saw last week, the fundamental character of prayer is acknowledgement of human neediness and a trust in God's loving care. This man did not see himself as needy or requiring God's care. Second, he did not realize that as important as religious observance and good works might be, they are not requirements fulfilled to earn God's love. Rather, they should flow from one's inner relationship with God. Third, he judged the inner disposition of others by observing the outer circumstances of their lives.

On the other hand, Jesus praised the tax collector. Why? First, he acknowledged he was a sinner in need of God's mercy. After all, as tax collector, he worked for the hated Romans who occupied the land. Most likely he made his own living by adding a commission to the taxes he collected from others. Second, he made no claim of being righteous and deserving God's mercy. Third, overwhelmed by his own unworthiness, he compared himself to no one. His was genuine prayer.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



[Jesus said,] "...
Everyone who exalts
himself will be
humbled, and the
one who humbles
himself will be
exalted."

LUKE 18:14

FOR Reflection

* What might lead you to think you are better than others?

* Acknowledge your own neediness and turn to God with confidence.

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**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(color: Green)**

10/22/2022 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Volunteer, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

Reader: Debbie Frederick

10/23/2022 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Volunteers

Reader: Alvin Bergkamp

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (color: Green)

10/29/2022- Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Lucy Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

Reader: Gwen Waechter

10/30/2022–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Cade Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Julie Kaps

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RCIA	355-6405
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Tressa Powers, Finance Council Chair	355-6206
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& Nanette Rice	355-7676

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Oct. 22	4:00 p.m.	June Terwort
Sunday, Oct. 23	9:00 a.m.	Rita Gorges
Monday, Oct. 24	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Tuesday, Oct. 25	8:30 a.m.	Bob Rooney
Thursday, Oct. 27	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Friday, Oct. 28	8:30 a.m.	MaryAnn Sramek
Saturday, Oct. 29	4:00 p.m.	Suellen Bergkamp
Sunday, Oct. 30	9:00 a.m.	Chuck Sullivan

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –OCTOBER 23, 2022

GOD IS LOVE

The tax collector this Sunday Gospel reading (Luke 18:9-14) prayed, “O God, be merciful to me a sinner.”

Friends, the word “sin” has become sort of a dirty word for many of us. Many of the faithful feel that for a long time there was too much of a focus on sin and not enough emphasis on the joy that comes with living a God-centered life. And that may very well be true. You can decide that for yourself. And yet, admitting that we are sinners does not mean we have to beat ourselves up over it, or consider ourselves worthless, or fear God’s wrath every second of every day.

It simply means that we are not perfect --- and that each of us contributes to the world being a little less than it can be through the choices we. Admitting that we are sinners means that we accept and admit that we need to change --- are called to give more and love more and forgive more and be more --- and most importantly that we sincerely desire to let God change us.

Put simply --- it means we know deep in our hearts that we need to be saved, and we know in whom we will find that salvation, that reconciliation, that peace, that joy --- the best of everything that God so desperately wants to give to us and the world. May we always remember how much we need God. And may we be open to God’s great mercy, allowing his love and forgiveness to transform us into the people he wants us to be.

Fr. Peter

COLLECTION for October 16, 2022: Envelopes: \$825; Loose: \$211; Online Giving: \$1923.92; Total \$2,959;
Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under +1,197.83

CHURCH PROJECT GOAL \$52000—Building Fund To Date: \$15,668.26

Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE During the month of November we hold in prayer all who have passed away in our parish in the past years. Located in our church vestibule is a Book of Remembrance to which parishioners may add lists of names of deceased friends and loved ones. All names will be remembered at our upcoming Masses in November.

PARISH BREAKFAST - THIS SUNDAY , OCTOBER 23—RIGHT AFTER MASS

You are invited to join us for food & fellowship today, October 23rd served by our K of C council. We are so grateful to the Knights' generosity and hospitality! May the Loving God pour down His many blessings upon them.

BUDGET SHOP We will be working at the Budget Shop on Saturday, October 22 and Tuesday, October 25.

Please keep these dates on your busy calendars and try to save a few hours to help us. We are open on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Any help will be greatly appreciated. And "Thank You" ahead of time.

ALTAR SOCIETY - BAKE SALE Altar Society will be having a bake sale at the Holly & Ivy holiday event December 3rd at the Memorial Building. All ladies of the parish are asked to bring baked or food items to this event. Mark your calendars please.

VOCATION VIEW Be humble and allow God to do great things through you. (Luke 18:9-14)

STEWARDSHIP Both the first reading and today's Psalm say clearly that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Have I been given the gifts – of time or money or abilities – to be the means by which God answers their need?

PRAAYER OF THE WEEK "THE JESUS PRAYER" *Read Psalm 34:14-20. After each verse repeat the words of the following ancient prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."*

"14.Keep your tongue from evil, your lips from speaking lies.

15.Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

16.The eyes of the LORD are directed toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

17.The LORD's face is against evildoers to wipe out their memory from the earth.

18.The righteous cry out, the LORD hears and he rescues them from all their afflictions.

19.The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, saves those whose spirit is crushed.

20. Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him from them all..."

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Luke 18:9-14)

Pharisees Pharisees were Jewish men who tried to uphold their religious tradition at a time when it was hard to do so. Their name most likely means "separated ones." Some Pharisees avoided interacting with people whom they regarded as grave sinners. In our Gospels Jesus often argues with the Pharisees and challenges them to look at God, people, and the law differently. Although the Gospels present the Pharisees quite negatively, some of them were good and holy people, faithful to their Jewish heritage.

Tax collectors People didn't like tax collectors 2,000 years ago any more than they do today. Back then, however, tax collectors didn't get paid. In order to make a living, they forced people to pay more than the amount of taxes they actually owed. The tax agents then kept the extra money. Whether or not all tax collectors were in fact greedy, nearly everyone seems to have thought they were. People especially hated the ones who collected taxes for Rome, the nation that controlled Israel.

Prayers of the righteous The Pharisee goes to a prominent place in the temple area. He then starts off by praying, but his words quickly become a commentary in which he praises himself and seems to condemn everyone else. If what the Pharisee says about himself is true, however, then he is in many ways a truly righteous person. Unlike the Pharisee, the tax collector looks entirely inward. He focuses on his flaws and failures. He lowers his gaze and beats his breast, a gesture that signifies repentance. With a short and simple prayer he confesses his need for God.

True righteousness God alone makes people righteous. God alone brings people into a life-giving relationship with him. The tax collector knows that he can't do anything to justify himself, so he simply calls upon God for mercy. The Pharisee seems to have forgotten this. If we condemn the Pharisee, however, then we make the same mistake he did. (www.oursundayreadings.com)

UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING (Sirach 35:12-14,16-18)

A moral guide Although Protestants excluded the Book of Sirach from their Bibles, the book was widely used by Jews and then Christians. It was written in the early second century BC. Because the work contains many teachings about how to live in a way that pleases God, the early church used it to teach converts how to be just, moral, and holy.

Liturgy + justice Earlier in this chapter the author notes that God wants people to pray and help those in need. This inseparable connection between worship and justice is emphasized throughout the Old Testament. People who participate in formal worship but don't help the poor displease God. Those who want God to listen to their prayers must obey God's entire law and not only the parts about prayer. Piercing the clouds Verses 12-13 seem contradictory: God doesn't play favorites, but he hears the cry of those in need. Does God pay closer attention to the poor than to the rich? No. Rather, the prayers of those in need are far more sincere than the prayers of those who think they don't need anything. God heeds the prayer of any person, rich or poor, who prays humbly and genuinely because such people know that everything they have and are is from God .

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL -FIVE PILLARS OF STEWARDSHIP

HOSPITALITY- We welcome and honor each person as a child of God. "Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels" (Hebrews 13:2).

PRAYER— We worship, speak with, and listen to our Loving Lord. "As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 4:31).

EVANGELIZATION— We spread the Good News of Jesus by our words and actions to all our siblings in Christ. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19).

SERVICE—We provide Christ-like assistance to individuals, families, and communities. "Serve one another through love" (Galatians 5:13).

FORMATION—We teach and learn about God's plan for our lives. Christians "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles, and to the communal life" (Acts 2:42).

Question:

Where do our souls go after we die? Do all go to heaven? — Audrey

Answer:

The first destination is the judgment seat of Christ: "It is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment" (Heb 9:27). And again, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body" (2 Cor 5:10).

From here, there are three possible destinations. Many do go to heaven, the ultimate destination of all who believe in the Lord and, by his grace, die in love and friendship with him, and are perfected. But most of the heaven-bound likely first experience purgatory, where those who die in friendship with God, but who are not yet fully perfected in his love, are purified and then drawn to heaven (see 1 Cor 3:12–15).

Finally, some go from judgment to hell, for by their own choice they rejected God and the values of the Kingdom. It is wrong, as some do, to dismiss hell as an unlikely possibility, since the Lord Jesus taught frequently of it, and warned that many were on the wide road that led there.

"Catholic and Curious" Monsignor Charles Pope)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Share some good news

The church isn't stationary but missionary. The word *Mass* shares the same root as *mission*: to be sent. We enter the sanctuary weekly to prepare for our mission. This World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis shares his "dream of a completely missionary Church." To embrace this vision is to do three things: Bear witness. Do it everywhere. Trust the Spirit. We remember on this day five Adorers of the Blood of Christ from Illinois who embraced the vision and were martyred in Liberia in 1992. One sister wrote: "We need to move to the call of our mission, not to the call of our comfort." Venture out of your comfort zone. (Prepare the Word)

TRIGÉSIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Comparte una Buena noticia

La iglesia no es estacionaria sino misionera. La palabra Misa comparte la misma raíz que misión: ser enviado. Cada semana entramos en el santuario para prepararnos para nuestra misión. Este Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, el Papa Francisco comparte su "sueño de una Iglesia completamente misionera". Asumir esta visión es hacer tres cosas: Dar testimonio. Hacerlo en todas partes. Confiar en el Espíritu. Recordamos en este día a cinco Adoratrices de la Sangre de Cristo de Illinois que aceptaron la visión y fueron martirizadas en Liberia en 1992. Una hermana escribió: "Necesitamos acudir al llamado de nuestra misión, no al llamado de nuestra comodidad." Anímate a salir de tu zona de confort.