

# Dear Padre,

**I'm a recovering heroin addict. Do I need to confess my addiction? Addiction is a disease, not a sin, right?**

**R**ight, but addiction and using drugs are two different things. As you know, recovering addicts who don't use drugs are still addicts, and that in itself isn't a sin. But it's against the law to use heroin in the United States, so even if you never committed a secondary crime to get it, the "getting it" was a crime.

More important, though, the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it's a sin to abuse ourselves in any way. Even if it weren't against the law, your use of heroin is certainly an abuse of your body.

The sacrament of reconciliation is more than just receiving absolution for sins. It also helps us look more deeply at our lives. Before you go, examine your conscience: Ask yourself how your addiction has affected your body, your life, your relationship with God, and the welfare of others.

If you bring honest answers to those questions as well as an open heart and an open mind, your conversation with your priest at reconciliation will help you heal your relationship with God and others.

You will also receive the grace to improve your life and do things like overcome addiction so you can be a better person.

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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*I encourage all of you...to pursue your commitment to increasing awareness and offering support to those who have emerged from the tunnel of drug addiction....They need our help and accompaniment so that they in turn will be able to ease the pain of so many of our brothers and sisters in difficulty.*

ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE ON DRUG ADDICTION,  
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## Calendar

**Monday**  
OCTOBER 17  
St. Ignatius  
of Antioch,  
Bishop and Martyr  
Eph 2:1-10  
Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday**  
OCTOBER 18  
St. Luke,  
Evangelist  
2 Tm 4:10-17b  
Lk 10:1-9

**Wednesday**  
OCTOBER 19  
Sts. John de  
Brébeuf and Isaac  
Jogues, Priests, and  
Companions, Martyrs  
Eph 3:2-12  
Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday**  
OCTOBER 20  
Weekday  
Eph 3:14-21  
Lk 12:49-53

**Friday**  
OCTOBER 21  
Weekday  
Eph 4:1-6  
Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday**  
OCTOBER 22  
Weekday  
Eph 4:7-16  
Lk 13:1-9

**Sunday**  
OCTOBER 23  
Thirtieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18  
Lk 18:9-14

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 16, 2022

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ex 17:8-13

2 Tm 3:14-4:2

Lk 18:1-8

## Keep at It

**W**e ask something of God because we recognize that we are needy and unable to meet the need for which we plead. This itself is a good prayer because it acknowledges our human limitation, an acknowledgement that might be very difficult for us to voice. Such prayer is also an admission of our dependence on God and our trust in God's loving care. A prayer of petition can be profound. However, what is one to do when the request is not realized? Do you ask again? And if so, how many times? If it is never realized, do you stop asking? This is precisely the issue in today's readings.

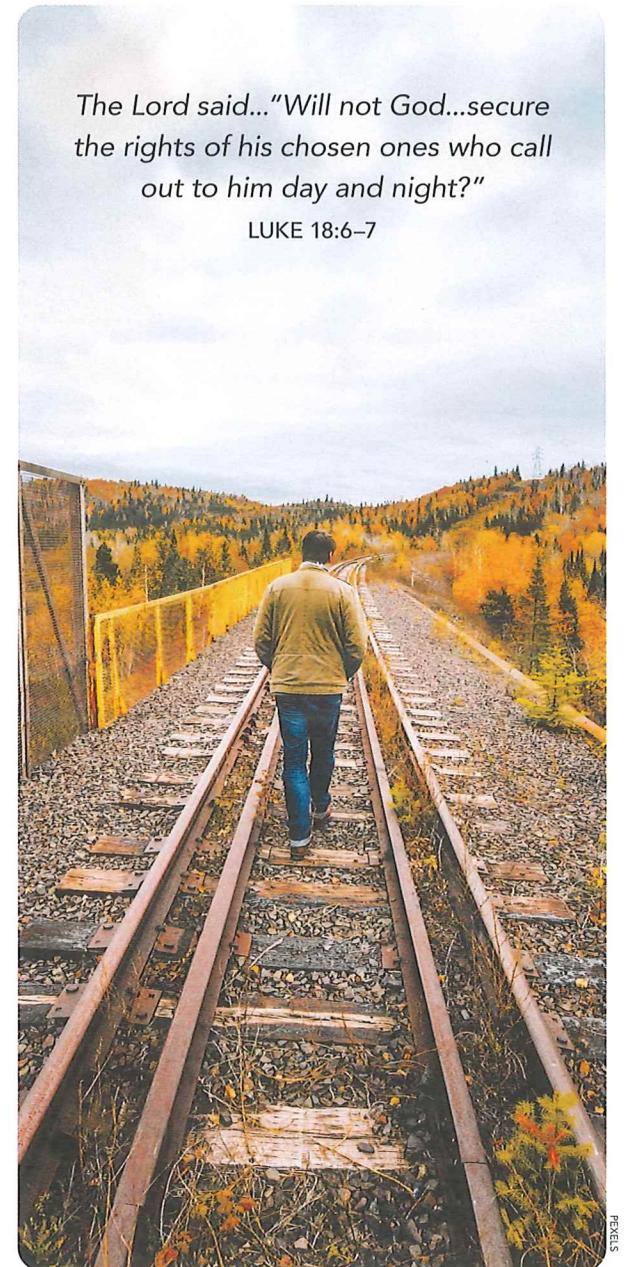
Moses held his hands up in prayer, and he grew tired. His prayer addressed a community need—victory over the Amalekites—and so two leaders of the community assisted him so that the plea for help could continue until victory was won. The Gospel passage tells a story about a woman whose need of justice made her bold. As a widow in a patriarchal society, she had no husband to speak on her behalf. She had to plead her own case again and again until a just decision was delivered. The moral of these stories is clear: Keep at it!

What happens when our prayer does not seem to be answered? It is still a good prayer, acknowledging our fundamental need and God's loving care of us. The moral of our story is the same: Trust and keep at it!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## FOR Reflection

- ✦ *Make your needs known to God and trust that God will provide what you really need. You might be surprised.*
- ✦ *Be patient. God knows what you need.*



*The Lord said... "Will not God... secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"*

LUKE 18:6-7

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, Oct. 15	4:00 p.m.	For Rain
Sunday, Oct. 16	9:00 a.m.	Leon Martinez
Monday, Oct.17	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Tuesday, Oct.18	8:30 a.m.	Bob Rooney
Thursday, Oct. 20	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Friday, Oct. 21	8:30 a.m.	Shnae Budd & Family
Saturday, Oct. 22	4:00 p.m.	June Terwort
Sunday, Oct. 23	9:00 a.m.	Rita Gorges

**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 (color: Green)**

**10/15/2022 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.**

**Servers:** Lucy Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

**Reader:** Tom Bachman

**10/16/2022–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Cade Berning, Jace Berning, Kingston Guerrero

**Reader:** Hannah Schauf

**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

**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.

**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –OCTOBER 16, 2022**

**GOD IS LOVE**

Friends, in the Gospel passage from Luke (Luke 18:1-8) this Sunday we see a widow refusing to give up as she tries to secure a just ruling from a judge against her adversary. Many of us would probably have given up after banging our head against a wall for so long. She didn't --- and she received her just reward.

My friends, a life of faith is not one in which we simply sit still and wait for God to do whatever it is that God is going to do. No, an authentic life of faith involves a union of God's will and our openness to it --- a union of what God wants, and our willingness to cooperate with God's desires and designs --- a union of God's relentless, overflowing love, and our willingness to long for it, ask for it, be channels of it, and be grateful for it.

Faith is not passive. It is active.

And that means that faith is not something that "happens" to us. Life is not something that "happens" to us. God's plan for us is not something that "happens" to us. These things come about in their fullest sense only when we know and believe and accept the role we are asked to play --- a role that is a great gift from God to us.

If it's meant to be, it's meant to be? Hardly. There are a lot of things that won't "be" if we aren't willing to do what it takes to make them happen.

Fr. Peter

**COLLECTION** for October 9, 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.*

**MASS SERVERS** We are having some training for Mass Servers for some students on Wednesday. You will find a Mass Servers Sign-up paper at the back of the church. Please write down your child's name if you would like to your child/children to serve in this holy task—a sign of your love for God and His people. Thank you.

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

You are invited to join us for food & fellowship on October 23rd served by our K of C council. We are so grateful to the our 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.

**VOCATION VIEW** Pray persistently and God will respond. Ask God to bless the Church with faith-filled ministers. (Luke 18:1-8)

**STEWARDSHIP** Today's theme is perseverance – Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing for the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we too must persevere in the roles to which we are called.

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK** Lord Jesus, during your ministry you sometimes prayed for the entire night. Praying for only one hour sounds scary to me. I know that I should pray more, but I don't always know how. Sometimes prayer seems like an assignment instead of a way to spend time with you. Help me to pray. Help me to pray daily. Help me to pray with all my being. Help me to persevere in my prayer. Let me never be afraid to approach you in prayer. Let me know that you are with me when I pray, that you are listening, that you are speaking, and that you love me. I ask this in your holy name. Amen .

**UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Luke 18:1-8)**

**Widows** In Jesus' day most women were financially dependent on their husbands or male family members. Although there is clear evidence that some widows were wealthy, many women whose husbands died were in danger of becoming poor, even homeless. Because of their precarious position, widows were symbols of the poor and powerless.

**A black eye** Despite both her weaker position relative to the judge and the judge's disinterest in her case, this widow keeps demanding that he render a verdict. She's so persistent that the judge worries she'll strike him, which means she could endanger his position as a judge or literally give him a black eye. We find ourselves smiling and cheering for the widow as she compels a powerful person to act.

**God's response time** The judge finally does what the widow wants. If this judge, who's a bad guy, answers the widow's request, then God, who is perfectly good, will not only answer our prayers, he will answer them speedily. As the theologian Tertullian wrote, "Prayer is the one thing that can conquer God." When we look at our world, however, it seems that God is not speedily answering our prayers for peace, justice, healing, etc. Even though this passage promises that God will quickly respond to our prayers, the parable allows us to express our frustration and sadness that things are slow to change.

**A sign of faith** The question that remains is whether we'll keep praying despite our pain, confusion, and doubt. For St. Luke, prayer is a sign of faith. If someone doesn't pray much or at all, then that person must have little or no faith. People demonstrate their faith through frequent and heartfelt prayer. (www.oursundayreadings)

**UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING** (Exodus 17:8-13)

**Fighting for the Promised Land** God has freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and is slowly leading them northeast into Canaan, the Promised Land. Amalek and his people attack the Israelites while they're in the Sinai desert. Moses appoints Joshua to lead God's people into battle. Joshua will eventually replace Moses as the leader of the Israelites.

**Strength of arms** The war against Amalek is paralleled in Moses' battle against the physical strain of holding up his hands and the staff. The same staff signified God's power during the struggle against the Egyptians. As the Israelites struggle on the battlefield, so Moses struggles to keep his hands up. He does so despite growing discomfort and exhaustion.

**Let us pray...** Raising up one's hands is a gesture of prayer – think of priests during Mass. For this reason early Christians interpreted this passage from Exodus as a description of spiritual combat. Origen, an early Christian theologian, wrote: "if you wish to vanquish [the forces of evil] and sweep them away, lift your hands... it is in raising prayers to God that one's enemies will be routed." Then as now, this passage urges us to persist in our prayer so that God will vanquish evil forever.

**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 ).

## OCTOBER GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS

Happy October! Been a long time since I communicated with you folks. A lot of time and water has passed under the bridge.

All summer long the Knights were busy taking care of the church, hall and garden grounds, mowing, trimming and watering. The reason the church looks so good out there is because of the dedication of several Knights members. When you see one of those men, you might thank them for their time and dedication.

Over the summer, and now into the early fall, we hope you have taken advantage of one of the breakfasts the Knights have been sponsoring. Biscuits and gravy and burritos have been on the menu. These breakfasts after Mass are for the parish members to come over and enjoy the food and fellowship. Please plan on attending the next breakfast on October 23<sup>rd</sup> after Mass. October is also the month where we honor our patron, Christopher Columbus. In conjunction with this, this is the month where Knights from all over the country do our "Tootsie Roll" program. As most of you know, the Tootsie roll program aids our intellectually disabled citizens. In the past, the funds collected have been donated to our local Special Education classes for them to use as they need, no strings attached. The knights will be pedaling Tootsie Rolls for the next several weeks. If you would like to purchase some contact any Knight. By the way, they make great Halloween treats.

The last couple of months, our Knight of the month has gone to Kenny Waechter and Chris Polart. Kenny was one of those men who worked all summer making sure the Church, Hall and Garden grounds were kept up and looking good. Chris was instrumental in getting the high school group around to do a bunch of work in the prayer garden and do the highway cleanup on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. Thanks to both of those guys for their hard work and dedication.

You might put on your calendar, BEIROCKS! We are planning our annual beirock fund raiser in December. Is your mouth-watering yet? Well, be thinking about those delicious munchies and getting your orders ready.

I'm thinking I've carried on enough for this month. If you have any comments or suggestions for the Knights of Columbus, please contact any member, or me personally.

Tom Bachman

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### The price we're willing to pay

He failed at many things: marriage, business, sobriety. He was involved in dark dealings: espionage, black market trading, opulent living, the Nazi party. Yet we know Oskar Schindler mostly for his mantle of protection over some thousand Jewish workers in his enamelware factory. Schindler originally hired Jews because they were cheap labor. In the long run those cheap workers cost him a fortune. What changed an amoral businessman into a celebrated humanitarian? Schindler saw through the lie of his culture and it repulsed him. As his grateful beneficiaries put it: "Whoever saves one life saves the world entire." (Prepare the Word)

## VIGÉSIMO OCTAVO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

### El precio que estamos dispuestos a pagar

Fracasó en muchas cosas: matrimonio, negocios, sobriedad. Se vio envuelto en negocios oscuros: espionaje, mercado negro, vivir en la opulencia, el partido Nazi. No obstante, conocemos a Oscar Schindler sobre todo por su manto de protección de unos mil trabajadores judíos en su fábrica de productos esmaltados. Schindler contrataba originalmente judíos porque eran mano de obra barata. Con el tiempo, esos trabajadores baratos le costaron una fortuna. ¿Qué convirtió a un empresario amoral en un célebre humanitario? Schindler descubrió la mentira de su cultura y ésta le repugnaba. Como dijeron sus agradecidos beneficiarios: "Quien salva una vida salva al mundo entero."