

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 23, 2022

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

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Paula Hall

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Cathy McFee

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10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

This Sunday, October 23 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intentions of Janice Green (Mary Ann Hofer)

Next Sunday, October 30, Thirty-First

Sunday in Ordinary Time

Duane Eichenlaub, Birth. (Bryan & Eileen Starr)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

October 23, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Robert Beck (M/M Tim Seasoltz)

10:00 AM +Delphina Rutolo, Birth. (Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

October 24, Monday, St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bp.

6:45 AM +Jane Davidson (Jim & Steph Kilkoyne)

12:00 PM +Gregory Hoover, Aniv. (Linda Strassburger)

October 25, Tuesday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Jack Bell, Anniv. (Family)

12:00 PM +Cheryl Consalvo (Linda Consalvo)

October 26, Wednesday, Weekday

6:45 AM Intentions of Rosemarie Fedeli (Anonymous)

12:00 PM +Pete & Sally Colledge (Children)

October 27, Thursday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Lori Crilley (sisters, Pam & Vicki)

12:00 PM +Ann Rhodes, Anniv. (Family)

October 28, Friday, Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

6:45 AM +Robert Simanski (John & Deb Milliron)

12:00 PM +Eleanor Fischer (Bob & Christina Laraia)

October 29, Saturday, Weekday

8:00 AM +John Gority (Mike Fleck)

12:00 PM +David Hooper (Wife and Family)

Vigil: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Catherine Beech Frederick, Birth. (Family)

October 23, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Vera Hauch (Children)

10:00 AM +Denis Burns (M/M Dave Hanekamp)

5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For the People

There is Mass at 11:30 A.M. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

For the month of October, the sanctuary candle in front of the tabernacle is lit in memory of Duane Eichenlaub by Bryan & Eileen Starr.

**THIRTIETH
Sunday**
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."
Luke 18:14

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalms — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Luke 18:9-14).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;

2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, October 16, were \$1,170.



THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR

It is easy for those who do not face food insecurity or homelessness to turn a deaf ear to those who struggle for survival. We may regularly drive by the street corner and ignore the person who stands there each day asking for help. We might see the commercial on TV, hear the plea on the radio or in our churches, and yet not let the message in, ignoring not only the need, but the people whose needs are great. The prophet Sirach and the psalmist tell us that the Lord is not like us—God hears the cries of the oppressed, the orphan and widow, the vulnerable among us. As Christian disciples we are called to become more like our loving, compassionate God who hears the cry of the poor.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel tells the story of two people. The Pharisee is puffed up with his own importance. His prayer is more a statement of self-justification in which he positions himself as being above the rest of humanity. So much so that he prays to himself, thanking God that he is so much better than everyone else! The tax collector on the other hand raises his eyes to God and acknowledges his sinfulness. He is the one Jesus says is justified, exalted in God's sight. What about us? Are we so puffed up with our own importance, so caught up in the stuff of our daily lives that we fail to recognize our failings or to see the needs of the people around us? This week, let us ask the Lord to pierce our hearts, help us to genuinely admit our failings, and truly live as followers of the one who gave his life so that all might live life to the fullest. God hears the cries of the weakest and relies on us to respond.

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Every week, some treasures from our tradition are shared here. Where does all this history come from? The history of God's people of prayer is always coming to light, mostly because scholars have dedicated their lives to research. They translate and ponder prayers and songs; explore the places used for worship; look at the vessels, books, and vestments; and read works from legal documents to letters and diaries. In the 1930s, Hitler's rush to arm Germany closed seminaries as priests and seminarians alike were drafted into service.

One professor, Father Josef Jungman, forced from his classroom, spent the war years in an Austrian library. His careful work disclosed much of what we know of the history of the Mass. His great work, *The Mass of the Roman Rite*, describes the evolution of Eucharistic celebration and inspired generations of scholars to explore a tradition surprisingly rich and varied. It was said of him that he had a command of the past that cast new light on the present, and opened up a clear direction to the future. His contributions to the Second Vatican Council helped shape the way that we worship today. At the end of his life, in 1975, his studies completed, he told a friend that he was waiting patiently for the Lord's knock at the door to take him to the heavenly banquet.



MADE RIGHT BEFORE GOD

Although the opening lines of today's first reading claim that the Lord "knows no favorites" (Sirach 35:15) and is "not unduly partial toward the weak" (35:16), the remainder of the passage makes it clear that the Lord does indeed pay special attention to the weak, the oppressed, and the orphans and widows. The psalmist reiterates: "The Lord hears the cry of the poor" (see Psalm 34:18). In the Gospel, Jesus claims that a tax collector is more justified in his prayer for mercy than the Pharisee, whose prayer was an account of his own righteous deeds. Jesus' point could not have been clearer: tax collectors in the Jewish society of Jesus' day were not just lowly; they were considered outcasts and cheaters. They collected taxes for the hated Romans and almost certainly collected enough to assure a generous income for themselves. 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.



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