



October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 | 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18 | Lk 18:9-14

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's first reading says, "The Lord is a God of justice who knows no favorites." While we humans show deference to people we admire or give preferential treatment to those we like, God loves all his creatures with the same perfect love. But then the reading goes on to say something that seems to contradict that opening line, even suggesting that God has a soft spot in his heart for the poor: "Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed." The text mentions that God hears the prayers of the widow and orphan, and that "the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds." So what are we to make of all this? While God loves all perfectly, his heart is moved to mercy particularly toward the poor and lowly. And so the tax collector's humble prayer is heard, and he goes home justified, while the Pharisee does not.

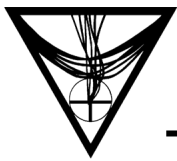
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus knew how to tell stories that acted as a mirror to reveal the state of peoples' hearts. Today's Gospel opens with the line: "Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness." Because we cannot know what's going on in someone's heart the way Jesus knows, we have to be careful not to assume we know what another needs to hear. Yet, in our efforts to accompany others on the road to discipleship, there may be moments where we're called to speak a word that "afflicts the comfortable or comforts the afflicted." If we do, we must always do so from a place of love and humility, recognizing that sometimes we are sharing this word because God has convicted *us* of precisely the same thing we're sharing with another! In that way, our sharing becomes more *witness* to the ways God has humbled us.

PRAY

There is a short, ancient Christian prayer known as the Jesus Prayer that is derived, in part, from our Gospel reading today. The entire text of the prayer is one line: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner" which is repeated over and over again. Consider praying this prayer throughout the week as a way of rooting yourself more deeply in humility and an awareness of our need for God's mercy.



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OUR MISSION

'Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God
To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.'

MONTH OF THE *Rosary* • Visit our table in the Place of Welcome

OCTOBER 26	OCTOBER 27	OCTOBER 28	OCTOBER 29	OCTOBER 30	OCTOBER 31	NOVEMBER 1
Fellowship Sunday 10a Mass 12p Mass 1-4p Adoration 7p Mass	6:30p RCIA	8:30a Mass	8:30a Mass 7p Adoration	8:30a Mass	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration	11a-12p Confession 5p Mass



Memorial Mass
November 13 at 7pm

We will commemorate all those that have died in the past twelve months. If you wish, you may bring a photograph or the memorial card of your deceased loved one for display during the liturgy.

LIVESTREAM
Holy Spirit Parish Facebook & saskatoomass.com

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."



HOLY SPIRIT CWL
55th Anniversary
November 8
1PM To 4PM

All current and former members are invited to attend
RSVP: MARGARET 306.227.8930 • holyspiritcwl@gmail.com



**HOLY SPIRIT
REQUIRES A
WEEKEND SNOW
SHOVELER**

THIS IS A PAID
POSITION

GOOD JUDGEMENT
AND RELIABILITY ARE
REQUIRED

CONTACT THE FACILITY MANAGER 306.374.1425 FOR DETAILS



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK AT THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING!

Question: *Is there something that the Parish could improve on or do better?*

YOU ASKED ABOUT:

**A youth ministry for younger kids GR. 3-7
which encourages faith development**

CHALLENGE (for girls) and CONQUEST (for boys).

Conquest and Challenge are local programs for boys and girls in grades 3-12 that form adolescents as Catholic leaders to transform culture. Challenge meets at Holy Spirit Parish and Conquest meets at St. Matthew school. For information on Conquest contact Daryl at 306-290-6677. For information on Challenge, email:

skchallengegirls@gmail.com.

Activities for teens

We currently have a youth group, grade 8-12 that meets every 3rd Friday. To see the schedule of all the dates and activities go to our website holyspiritsaskatoon.ca/parishlife.

Activities for young adults

Our Young Adults Group at Holy Spirit is the perfect place for anyone aged 18-32 years old who wants to connect with each other in a relaxed and faith-driven way!

Go to: holyspiritsaskatoon.ca/parishlife

KEEP WATCHING FOR MORE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**THE POPE'S
PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

For collaboration between different religious traditions.

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity. OCTOBER 2025

WE PLEDGE 5%

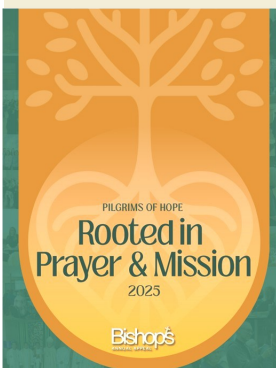
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**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

KofC Membership Drive November 1/2

For more information or to sign up see the table in the Place of Welcome or go to holyspiritsaskatoon.ca



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

For those seeking the Lord's teachings as a pathway from sin, that they find courage in God, may the ministries continue to outreach as we continue to share our blessings through the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

**SCHOOLS
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LET US PRAY

- For the sick and all those who care for them, today we pray for: Adel Gorges, Callam Olver, Phil Klassen, Evangeline Manzon, Erin Stevens, Ljupka Seman, Eilis Harte, Deirdre Branchaud, Vera Wolkosky, Frederick Vizeacoumar, Vijaykumar Soupramaniam Modaliar, Alice Plewes, Silvia Mendes
- For all those who have died, today we remember: Bob Kudel, Louis Piche, Isabel McConnell, Margaret Altrogge
- And on the anniversary of death: Marie Martens, Anacito Patricio, Leon Hartman, Paulino Velasco, Josefina Velasco, Selisa Mendoza, Celestina Garcia

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 10 am, 12 noon, 7 pm

Weekdays Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am

ADORATION

Wednesdays 7-8pm

Fridays, 9 am - 12 pm

Sundays, 1 - 4 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 11 am - 12 noon

or by appointment.



For more news and events in our diocese, see the Diocesan Bulletin at rcdos.ca under the News and Events tab.



Position: Full Time Church Custodian Holy Spirit Parish

Location: 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon SK S7N 3V7

Job Overview

The Church Custodian is responsible for maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for all church members, visitors, and staff. This role includes a variety of custodial tasks, facility maintenance, and occasional assistance with events and programs and reports to the pastor.

Key Responsibilities

Cleaning and Maintenance:

- Perform routine cleaning of church facilities, including worship areas, offices, restrooms, kitchens, and community rooms.
- Ensure all areas are sanitized and presentable for services and events.
- Sweep, mop, vacuum, dust, and remove trash as needed.
- Maintain cleanliness of church grounds, including outdoor areas (e.g., parking lots, sidewalks, gardens).

Inventory and Supplies Management:

- Monitor and maintain inventory of cleaning supplies and equipment.
- Request supplies as necessary and ensure storage areas are organized.

Building Maintenance:

- Recognize any maintenance issues or repairs needed
- Assist with minor repairs and maintenance tasks, such as changing light bulbs, fixing plumbing issues, and performing basic landscaping.

Safety and Security:

- Ensure that all safety protocols are followed, including fire safety and sanitation guidelines.
- Lock and unlock doors and ensure proper security of the facility during and after events.

Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent preferred.
- Previous custodial or maintenance experience is a plus.
- Ability to lift and carry heavy objects (up to 50 lbs) and perform physical tasks.
- Strong attention to detail and the ability to work independently and unsupervised.
- Good communication skills and a friendly demeanor.
- Flexibility to work evenings and weekends as needed for church events.

Applications will be received until the position is filled. Interested candidates should submit a resume and a brief cover letter outlining their qualifications and experience to info@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca with the subject line **Custodian Position**. Successful candidates will be replied to. Thank you.

Ministry of Justice and Peace and Prison Ministry

In Matthew 25, Jesus offers us a startling standard of discipleship: how we treat the poor, the imprisoned, and the vulnerable is how we treat Him. In our diocese, the Office of Justice & Peace led by Myron Rogal and the Prison Ministry led by Dianne Anderson embody this Gospel truth in remarkable ways and your support is what allows these life-changing ministries to thrive.

The Quiet Miracles of Prison Ministry

"I was in prison, and you visited me." (Matthew 25:36)

These words are not just a call—they are a commissioning. Few answer this call as courageously and tenderly as Dianne Anderson. Her ministry behind prison walls is not about punishment or preaching it is about presence. Dianne enters some of the most wounded corners of our world, not with judgment, but with mercy. Through week-long healing workshops, evening groups, and one-on-one accompaniment, she invites incarcerated men to confront their pain and begin the sacred journey of transformation.

This is no ordinary outreach. It is a ministry of encounter, where hearts soften and hope is reborn. And it doesn't end at the prison gate. Dianne walks alongside families mothers, children, and siblings offering a listening ear and a bridge of compassion between those on the inside and the loved ones waiting outside.

Dianne's mission is a living testimony to the boundless mercy of Christ. But she doesn't walk alone. She is joined by a dedicated team who assist with prison Masses, lead faith-sharing sessions, and bring small gifts at Christmas and Easter reminders that even behind bars, these men are not forgotten.

This work is only possible through the generosity of people like you. Your support ensures that those the world deems "too far gone" are reminded they are still beloved by God.

Justice and Peace: From Charity to Transformation

Meanwhile, the Office of Justice & Peace is carrying out an equally profound mission, rooted in Catholic Social Teaching and focused on our diocesan priority: Care for the Poor and Vulnerable. Whether it's emergency aid for families in crisis, parish-supported relief efforts, or systemic change through civic collaboration, this ministry works at every level charity, mission, and justice.

In the past year alone:

Over 500 individuals received emergency assistance.

17 parishes mobilized for local relief efforts.

11 new outreach initiatives were launched to support those at risk of poverty.

A parish-based Mission Centre now serves over 1,000 individuals with overnight shelter and daily accompaniment. And beyond these numbers lies a deeper mission: truth and reconciliation with Indigenous communities, interfaith solidarity through events like Red Wednesday, and global outreach through programs such as Grow Hope Saskatchewan—providing millions of meals worldwide.

This is what the Church looks like when it chooses to be a field hospital. When it remembers that our faith is not only professed in prayer but lived in acts of justice and love.

Why Your Support Matters

It's tempting to believe that the work of justice and prison ministry belongs to "someone else" someone more experienced, more fearless, more holy. But the truth is, it belongs to all of us. When you give to these ministries, you walk with Christ into jails, shelters, food banks, and broken places. You accompany the poor. You visit the imprisoned. You offer healing and hope in His name.

Your donation is not just financial support it is a spiritual act of solidarity. It is a declaration that everyone, no matter their past or their pain, is worthy of dignity, mercy, and the chance to begin again.

If your heart is stirred by this mission if you believe that Christ is present among the forgotten please consider making a gift today to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Together, we can continue to build a Church that reflects the heart of Jesus: compassionate, courageous, and committed to the least among us.

Let us be the hands and feet of Christ, bringing light where there is darkness, and hope where there is despair.

Your contributions to the BAA enables this ministry to work with community partners and parishes



Give online at: <https://dscf.ca/baa> or contact
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Diocesan Bulletin

Oct. 26, 2025 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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<https://rcdos.ca>



*In all things we are rooted in Christ,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.*

Upcoming Events

Multi-Cultural Celebration: St. Mary Parish, 211 Ave. O S., Saskatoon, is hosting a Multi-Cultural Celebration from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Sunday Oct. 26** in the parish hall (*note corrected time*). In addition to multi-cultural performances, international ethnic food and crafts will also be available for purchase. Admission: adult/\$10; child 6-10 years/\$5; child under 6/free. Proceeds go to radiators to heat the church.

STM Keenan Lecture: "Protecting Civilians in a Turbulent Age" will be presented 7 p.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 29** by Dr. Jennifer Welsh at the Shannon Library, St. Thomas More College, 1437 College Drive, Saskatoon. Welsh is currently the Canada 150 Research Chair in Global Governance and Security at McGill University. The lecture will also be live-streamed, register at: <http://bit.ly/KeenanLecture2025>.

All Saints Day Party in Bruno, SK – The St. Bruno Catholic Women's League (CWL) presents an All Saints Party for children on **Saturday, Nov. 1** from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at St. Bruno Parish Hall, 700 Kirby Street, Bruno. Children and adults – come dressed as your favourite saint (prizes for the best-dressed adult). There will be games, with snacks and drinks provided. Admission is by donation.

Celebrating 55 Years: Holy Spirit CWL Anniversary Social: An afternoon of celebration and fellowship will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, Nov. 8** as Holy Spirit CWL marks its 55th anniversary at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon. All current and former members are invited to this come-and-go event of light refreshments and entertainment; no registration necessary.

Four-part Talking Circle - The St. John Bosco Truth and Reconciliation Committee, together with Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, invites you to a four-part Talking Circle which is a part of a shared commitment to Truth and Reconciliation in seeking paths forward in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. The Talking Circle is a space rooted in Indigenous tradition where every voice is valued and the truth is spoken with compassion. Talking Circles will be held each Thursday in November at 6:30 p.m., **starting Nov. 6** at St. John Bosco Parish, 1202 Avenue O South, Saskatoon with alternating Thursdays held at Guadalupe House, 426 Avenue J South, Saskatoon. All are welcome.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Pilgrims of Hope Rooted in Prayer and Mission"

Find this year's video, information, and online giving at: dscf.ca/baa.

Restorative (Prison) Ministry, & Office of Justice and Peace

Restorative Ministry coordinator Dianne Anderson's outreach behind prison walls

is about presence. Through healing workshops, evening groups, prayer opportunities, and one-on-one accompaniment, incarcerated men are invited to confront their pain, find meaning, and begin a journey of transformation. The diocesan Office of Justice & Peace is rooted in Catholic Social Teaching and focused on a priority of "Care for the Poor and Vulnerable." Justice and Peace coordinator Myron Rogal works at every level: charity, mission, and advocacy. Together, we can continue to build a Church that reflects the heart of Jesus: compassionate, courageous, and committed to the least among us.

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A Contemplative Mass led by Fr. Kevin McGee will be held at 5 p.m. **Friday, Nov. 7** at St. Mary Parish, 211 Ave. O South, Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle, steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion, to allow space for reflection and recognition of the intimate presence of Christ who comes to us through scripture and the Eucharist. Silence in this form of worship can feel uncomfortable or awkward; relax and rest in the abiding presence of God.

Search Retreat for Grades 10-12 will be held **Nov. 7-9** in Saskatoon: This powerful Catholic youth retreat is peer-based, revolving around talks given by young adults for young adults. Find out more about Search or register online for Nov. 7-9 at: <https://saskatoonsearch.ca>. (*Youth Ministry is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Message Board

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How has God gifted you? The Called and Gifted discernment process helps you discover your charisms - gifts given to you to build up God's Kingdom. The Introductory workshop will be held **Nov. 1** at St. Mary Parish in Macklin, SK., from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/252308355162251> or contact Sr. Malou Tibayan at mtibayan@rcdos.ca. (*Called and Gifted is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Explore the Call – A retreat for young women will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Nov 10** in Saskatoon. This one-day retreat will give young women the opportunity to connect with Jesus and to come to know the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, their Foundress, Saint Marie Rivier, and their charism. Find more information and event registration at: <https://presentationofmary.ca/events/>.

From Overwhelm to Relationship: Being good neighbours with those living in material poverty will be discussed 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Thursday, Nov. 13** in a presentation by Myron Rogal, diocesan coordinator of Justice and Peace, at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Ave., Saskatoon to expand awareness related to poverty in our community and how faith calls us to respond. Refreshments provided; time for questions; all are welcome. There is no cost and no need to register. (*Justice and Peace is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

"A Day with the Sisters" for girls in Grades 9-12 who are invited to come hang out with the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary and get to know their charism and their Foundress, Saint Marie Rivier 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, Nov. 15** at Mary's House in Saskatoon. Info and event registration at: <https://presentationofmary.ca/events>.

Donations for Christmas Sale: The CWL Clothing Depot in Saskatoon is seeking donations of new items for its annual Christmas sale, including toys, socks, underwear, gloves, sheets, comforters, pillows, blankets, facecloths, towels, dishcloths, health and beauty products, jewelry, small household items and/or individually-wrapped candy. These donations help those who are struggling to make ends meet, giving a joyous opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for loved ones, to choose gifts and toys at affordable prices, and to enjoy the freedom of making their own purchases. As well, children with only a few coins can share in the joy of giving, purchasing gifts for those they love. The sale runs from Nov. 12 to Dec. 23, so donations are needed right away. Donation drop off times are Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the back alley door of 619-20th Street West, Saskatoon – please ring the Clothing Depot doorbell when delivering your items. Thank you for your generosity and support of the CWL Clothing Depot throughout the years!

Feminine Genius Film Forum

The full-length movie "Mother Teresa" starring Olivia Hussey will be shown
Wednesday, Oct. 29

Two times to choose from:

1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. OR 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This "Feminine Genius" follow-up event will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, shown with permission, by free-will donation.

Everyone welcome – women and men.

Includes drink and popcorn; everyone is welcome!

Space is limited; registration is required, online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/251257791562261>

or contact Sr. Malou Tibayan, Verbum Dei Fraternity:

(mtibayan@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5843.

(*Adult Faith is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal*)

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada Fall Action

Campaign: Turn Debt into Hope! In this Jubilee Year, we are called to act for cancellation of unjust and unpayable debts of the Global South. Let's put people and the planet first: <https://devp.org/en/campaign/turn-debt-into-hope>

Employment Opportunity: Church Custodian - Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon is seeking a full-time Church Custodian, responsible for maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for all church members, visitors, and staff. This role includes a variety of custodial tasks, facility maintenance, and occasional assistance with events and programs Find more details at <https://rcdos.ca/employment>. To apply, submit resumé and cover letter to: info@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca with the subject line "Custodian Position."

Diocesan Prayer: We pray as a diocesan family for those seeking the Lord's teachings as a pathway from sin, that they find courage in God, and may our ministries continue to provide outreach and nurture faith as we share God's blessings through the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER 26, 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, Oct 26, 2025

Be who you are

“Do you know who I am?” That’s the question maître d’s, hotel clerks, even arresting officers occasionally receive from the celebrated and powerful among us whose sense of privilege and entitlement gets the best of them. Contrast that with the question Jesus asks his disciples about the word on the street, “Who do they say I am?” When they answer, “The Messiah,” Jesus swears them to silence. In the words of the 20th-century monk Thomas Merton: “Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real.” Strive each day to be who you really are: “The salt of the earth” (Matt. 13-14).

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14 (150). “Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness.”

Monday, Oct 27, 2025

How to keep it all straight

The synagogue leaders, upon seeing Jesus raise up a woman bent in two by years of infirmity, were indignant that Jesus had done this astonishing, good thing on the Sabbath, a day when it was forbidden to work. It seems that those who choose external compliance over compassion are more bent over—bent in upon themselves—than the woman whom Jesus bids, “Stand up.” Being a stand-up person sometimes means going against convention, expectation, and even laws. Choose a loving response even if it means bending the rules.

Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17 (479). “Ought she not to have been set free on the sabbath day?”

Tuesday, Oct 28, 2025

Fight the good fight

The Zealots, of which the apostle Simon was a member, were the radical and militant resistance to the Roman military occupation of Palestine in the first century. Today we would call them insurgents. Though Jude likely did not belong to the Zealots, the devotion that bears his name today is one of the most zealously fervent in the church. Both Simon and Jude, then, join with us in fighting against the oppression that would take away our hope. To that end we are invited to join our resources with organizations like the National Shrine of St. Jude and the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital to help carry on the fight.

FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 (666). “He called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose.”

Wednesday, Oct 29, 2025

Narrow your focus

Jesus speaks of entering salvation through the “narrow door.” Other translations refer to it as the “narrow gate.” Walled portions of Jerusalem contained some gates that were so narrow it was said a person would have trouble passing through them carrying much with them. Perhaps this image can help us consider why the path to salvation involves a narrow passage—we can’t carry anything with us to the other side; it’s only us, shorn of our props and possessions, and God. “We must detach ourselves from all,” says

Saint John of God, “for the all who is Jesus Christ, and we must trust him alone.” It might be a good idea to begin detaching from those possessions now.

Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30 (481). “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter.”

Thursday, Oct 30, 2025

Everything leads back to the divine

For those times when God seems distant or absent, when people move through their day and don’t see signs of God anywhere, it’s easy to forget that God is behind it all. Yet even a world that feels more haunted rather than filled with God’s presence is still beloved creation—the expression of God’s overflowing love. A number of spiritual masters have suggested the practice of seeing God in all things. After all, if God really did create everything, it must be possible to find a string in every moment that leads back to the divine. Saint Paul, for one, was sure nothing in the universe could separate people from God. And why not? It all comes from the one who made it.

Romans 8:31b-39; Luke 13:31-35 (482). “What will separate us from the love of Christ?”

Friday, Oct 31, 2025

Keep the conversation going

Despite his differences with the Pharisees, Jesus never stopped interacting with them, even going so far as to dine with them. And if they were not particularly open to his message, they at least were impressed enough to share a meal with him and hear him out. In an age where public differences of opinion, played out in front of the ever-present media, seem to descend to the level of insult and demonization, consider breaking bread with someone with whom you disagree. Though you will not settle all your differences, you may strengthen the things you have in common and allow for the lines of communication to remain open.

Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6 (483). “On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees.”

Saturday, Nov 01, 2025

Shiny, happy people

Saints come from everywhere—small towns and big cities, local neighborhoods and faraway lands. They are men and women, old and young, laborers and professionals, humble folk and royalty. They wear medical uniforms, bishop miters, religious habits, worker shirts, farmer overalls, and beggar rags. They are the blessed of the gospel Beatitudes, a word from the old Latin that means “happy.” One of them could be reading this page right now. It all depends on how blessedly happy you choose to be.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Bringing Home the Word

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Righteous or Self-Righteous?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

"O God, I thank you that I am not like...this tax collector." The words of the Pharisee in today's gospel might look like a prayer of thanksgiving. However, it is not 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 acknowledgment 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. †

The fundamental character of prayer is acknowledgment of human neediness and a trust in God's loving care.

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

My own story is that of a citizen, the descendant of immigrants, who in turn chose to emigrate. [We] can find ourselves healthy or sick, employed or unemployed, living in our native land or in a foreign country, yet our dignity always remains unchanged: it is the dignity of a creature willed and loved by God.

AUDIENCE OF THE HOLY FATHER,
ROME, MAY 16, 2025



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE? TWO? REFLECTION

- Am I more like the self-righteous Pharisee or the humble tax collector?
- Do I think of myself as superior? To whom? Why?

Sunday Readings

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

[Paul said,] "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."

Luke 18:9-14

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



True and False Humility

Christopher M. Bellitto, PhD

Saint Teresa of Ávila considered humility a potentially dangerous and suspect virtue that, in the wrong hands and circumstances, could end up enslaving, not liberating, a person. She was not going to let that happen to her or her nuns. Teresa's skepticism about humility challenged the monastic notion of humility as quiet obedience and ennobling suffering. Dispatched wrongly, Teresa said, humility could lead to letting yourself be walked over. That's why self-knowledge is so critical to Teresa: it helps a person find the proper range of humility as it sits

appropriately between hubris and humiliation. Both poles were a temptation for Teresa, especially because she was peppered with criticism from male civil and religious authority figures, including those in the Office of the Inquisition, for her powerful influence and mystical visions.

The humility that comes from self-knowledge is an attitude that makes you realize who and what you are and aren't, but it also compels you to find out more by dispelling fear and powering insight.

You know that you're not an expert in everything and you can't control every circumstance, but you're also confident in what you do know and what you should do. In this sense, Teresa's concept of humility cultivates bravery and persistence.

Teresa warns that enemies can employ humility to make you feel small and isolated or to demean your abilities. That's false humility, and it leads to self-delusion, which produces inner turmoil. It's not healthy self-knowledge; you will recognize authentic self-knowledge, because it provides a sense of peace. In Teresa's own life, knowing who she was and wasn't allowed her to push back against her opponents, who saw her reform efforts and visions as disruptive, especially for a woman. It takes guts to tell people to slow down, to think, and to stop trying to control everything and everyone. Because of a proper sense of humility and its role in her life and leadership, Teresa had guts. †

Authentic self-knowledge provides a sense of peace.

From "Saints Hildegard and Teresa: Exemplars of True Humility" by Christopher M. Bellitto, PhD, *Liguorian*, January/February 2025.

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From "What Do Catholics Believe: A Hierarchy of Beliefs and Practices" by Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR

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Forgiving God, when we are tempted to imagine ourselves superior to others, please gently correct us and help us see others as you see them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

October 27—
November 1

Monday, Weekday:

Rom 8:12–17 / Lk 13:10–17

Tuesday, Sts. Simon and Jude:

Eph 2:19–22 / Lk 6:12–16

Wednesday, Weekday:

Rom 8:26–30 / Lk 13:22–30

Thursday, Weekday:

Rom 8:31b–39 / Lk 13:31–35

Friday, Weekday:

Rom 9:1–5 / Lk 14:1–6

Saturday, All Saints: Rv 7:2–4, 9–14 /

1 Jn 3:1–3 / Mt 5:1–12a

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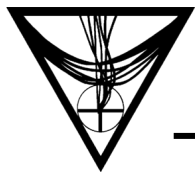
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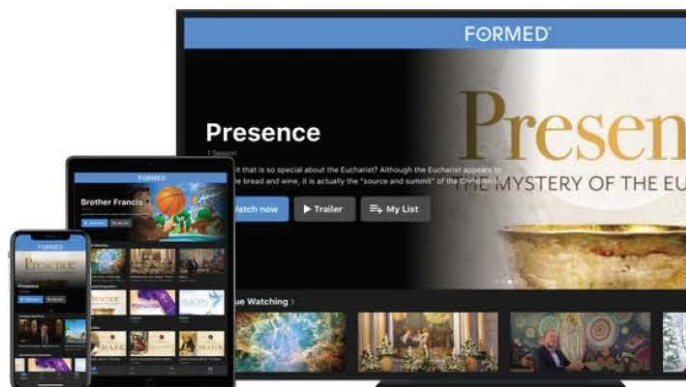


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