



THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. That is our responsorial psalm for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, year C. This is one of many statements from the Sacred Scripture that I really like. However, what does it mean “the poor” in the God's eye?

Does anyone who is poor because of his or her laziness, pray to God and God will listen to his/her prayer? Does anyone who is poor because of not wanting to work, come to God and He will answer his/her prayer? Does God listen to the poor who do evil things, who slander his/her neighbor, who take advantage of others' generosity? When the lowly and afflicted come to God will God approve them?

We need to look at the Gospel of this Sunday to understand what “the poor” means.

In the Beatitude in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus said: “Blessed are the poor in spirit...” The ones, who place their trust in God, are humble of heart before God, will tremble at God's word, follows God's commandments, do no evil things, are honest in whatever they do, are not greedy, are not cheating their neighbor, acknowledges their sins and seek God's mercy, are “the poor in spirit” or in shorter way: “the poor.”

Friends, are we the poor in spirit before God? Do we come to Him often with these spirits, particularly where the Gospel of this Sunday mentions humility: *humility to acknowledge that we have sinned, humility to realize that we need God's mercy, humility to “bow” before God (not try to be “God,”) humility to be sorry for what we have done wrong in God's eye, humility in giving thanks to God for His blessing, humility to acknowledge we are creatures and God is our Creator.*

The Pharisee says the “**prayer to himself,**” while the tax-collector stands off at a distance, and does not even dare to raise his eyes to heaven, and strikes his breast in praying to God. Where is humility? Where is the poor in spirit?

What is your spirit when you come to God, partaking of the celebration of the Holy Eucharist?

May God give us favor when we come to Him with our sincerity of the spirit. Amen.

Peace, Fr. Tien

P.S. I would like to say many thanks to you who sent good wishes, cards, and gifts to me on my birthday. I am 62 so please be patient with me while I am getting old!!!

Diocesan Requirements for Reporting Ministry-Related Sexual Abuse of a Minor: Any individual having actual knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect an incident of ministry-related sexual abuse is to immediately report the incident to the Chancery. After the incident is reported, the Chancery will then report the incident to the proper civil authorities. The individual reporting the incident to the Chancery will be notified of the particulars regarding the Chancery's filing of the incident with the civil authorities. The reporting is not intended to supersede the right of an individual to make a report to civil authorities, but is to ensure proper, complete, and timely reporting. Should an individual choose to make a report to civil authority, a report is still to be made to the Chancery.



This Friday, October 31st, during the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Fr. Tien will administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Those adults who are unconverted or unrepented and healthy children should not receive this sacrament.

“The Registry of the Deceased” will be placed out next Saturday for you to write down the names of your deceased loved ones whom you want to remember during the month of November.

Please remember to keep Saint Francis Parish in your will.



Our Sanctuary Lamp this week is in memory of
Carl Galbrecht by Charlene Galbrecht.

Standard time will resume next Sunday, November 2nd.

Be sure to set your clock back 1 hour.

On November 8th our Saturday Mass will begin at 4:00 p.m.



OCIA-Adult Education on Monday night October 27th at 7:00 p.m.



is **The Paschal Mystery**. What exactly is it? The Paschal Sacrifice pre-figured by the Passover. The ignominy, and paradoxically also the glory of the Cross. Come join your fellow parishioners in the spirit of fellowship. Snacks provided.
Deacon David and Education team

The Faith Formation program will be holding their annual All Saint's Day Party next Sunday November 2nd at 4:00 p.m. We will begin with a procession around church concluded inside with a Litany of the Saints. Join us for lots of food, fun and fellowship. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to dress up like a Saint. Donations will also be accepted for candy, prepackaged snacks and toys for distribution to students. We also will accept any donations of holy cards, rosaries or other small religious items to be given out as prizes. Any donations can be left with the church office.



Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Sarah Holloran, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jigla, Sandra Kanter,



Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamin Nemeth, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Patricia Ruehle, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda

Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.

Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Please pray for our parishioners and
all men and women in the armed forces:
Angel Avila, Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards,
Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriquez
and Elizabeth Scoon



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, October 25

5:00 P.M. †Lillian Nauheimer and †Trevis Ligon
by George Nauheimer and family
†Bill Moffitt, †Germaine Moffitt and
†Caleb Watson by Dee Moffitt

Sunday, October 26

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. †Ethel Badgley by Lisa Golitz
11:30 A.M. †Petra Diaz Pacheco by Sele Ramos
†Ismael Trujillo Nunez
†Evangeline Rodriguez Marez

Monday, October 27

9:00 A.M. †Heather Leonard by Ella Jellison

Tuesday, October 28

**Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
NO MASS**

Wednesday, October 29

5:30 P.M. Rafael Mendoza, Nativida Hernandez,
Raphael Mendoza, Gladis Mendoza,
Lionel Mendoza

Thursday, October 30

9:00 A.M. †Juan Jose Gerrero Hernandez
†Hilda Chavez Vasquez

Friday, October 31

Anointing of the sick

9:00 A.M. †Kenneth Ruple, †George Skinner

Saturday, November 1

All Saints Day

9:00 A.M. Parish Peoples' Mass
5:00 P.M. †Neary & Roger families by Kitty Rogers
†Damaso Daniel Acevedo, †Miguel Diaz
†John Quigley by Dolores Botti

Sunday, November 2

The commemoration of all the faithful departed

All Souls' Day

9:00 A.M. †Poor Souls, †Juan Acevedo,
†Damaso Daniel Acevedo, †Cecilia Rios
†Gonzalo Barriga
11:30 A.M. †Alexis Flores, Charlie Flores,
†Petra Diaz Pacheco by Sele Ramos

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