29th

Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.” - Lk 18:5

October 20, 2019

**Regular Mass Times**

Monday  8:30 am, 10:00 am - Galleria Woods  
  6:30 pm - Communion service only
Tuesday  8:30 am, 7:00 pm - Spanish
Wednesday  8:00 am, 5:00 pm
Thursday  8:30 am, Adoration 9:00 am - 9:00 pm  
  10:00 am - The Oaks  
  12:30 pm - Children's of Alabama
Friday  8:30 am
Saturday  5:00 pm
Sunday  7:00 am, 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm  
  1:30 pm, 7:00 pm - Spanish

**New Parishioners**

Register as a new member either online at www.popcatholic.org or pick up a form at the welcome desk or church office. Please inform the church office of any name, address, email, or phone number changes.

**Sacraments**

Contact the church office about: Anointing of the Sick, Communion to the Sick and Homebound, Baptism, Matrimony, Funerals. Contact Megan Everett about: First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation

**Regular Reconciliation Times**

Confessions are available anytime by appointment.
Tuesday  8:00 - 8:30 am, 6:00 - 7:00 pm - English & Spanish
Wednesday  7:30 - 8:00 am
Thursday  8:00 - 8:30 am
Friday  8:00 - 8:30 am
Saturday  4:00 pm

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**Mass Intentions for October 21 - October 27**

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**In Our Prayers**

- Recently Deceased
  - Pat Crook, mother of Andy (Cindy) Crook  
  Grandmother to Katie, Lexie and Drew
  Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
**What's New?**

All Saints' Day Masses - November 1  
6:30 am | 8:15 am (School Mass) | noon | 5:00 pm  
Spanish at 8:00 pm

All Souls' Day Mass - November 2 - New Time  
9:00 am | Columbarium  
Breakfast afterward in Deasy Hall.

**End of Life Planning Workshop**  
POP is holding a workshop to offer parishioners information about end of life planning for themselves or a loved one. People who are in caregiver roles will also find this “caregiver’s path” information valuable.  
Come to Deasy Hall on Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 pm and hear from knowledgeable caregivers, an estate planning attorney and Prince of Peace staffers who will walk you through the process. The presenters will discuss caregiving and end of life planning and management tools such as wills, power of attorney, health care directives and estate management. In addition, they will talk about how to preplan funerals at Prince of Peace including the purchase of a columbarium niche. No RSVP necessary.

**Online Prayer Request Form**  
If you’d like to submit a name to our bulletin prayer list, you can now do it online! We’ve created a new online prayer request form at [www.popcatholic.org/ministries/prayerlist](http://www.popcatholic.org/ministries/prayerlist). Names remain on the list for four weeks. If continued prayers are needed, you may resubmit the name.

**Upcoming Coffee Talks with Dr. Dale Wisely**  
10/25 | 8:15 am | Youth room  
Rethinking Bullying for Parents (grades 5-8 - see page 5)  
10/30 | 6:00 pm | St. John's room  
Rethinking Bullying for Parents (all age students)  
11/1 | 9:30 am | Youth room  
Social Media (repeat of last year’s talk)  
11/15 | 8:15 am | Youth room  
Communicating with Kids

If attending a class in the youth room, please sign in at the school office and receive a visitor’s pass.

**This Week at Prince of Peace**

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*Popes and the Papacy*  
1:00 pm | *Who am I to Judge?* | St. John

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**Thursday - October 24**

| 8:30 am | Mass | Chapel |
| 9:00 am - 9:00 pm | Adoration | Chapel |

**Friday - October 25**

| 8:15 am | Rethinking Bullying for Parents | Youth Room |
| 8:30 am | Mass | Chapel |
| 9:30 am | MOMs Group | St. Jude |
| 6:00 pm | Special Needs Fall Festival | Deasy Hall |

**Saturday - October 26**

| 7:00 am | Dove Dash | School Campus |
| 1:00 - 4:00 pm | Fall Festival | School Campus |
| 5:00 pm | Mass | Church |

**Sunday - October 27**

*Children/Teen Religious Education Classes, see page 5*

| 7:00, 8:30, & 11:00 am | 5:00 pm Mass | Church |
| 9:30 am | Baptismal Prep | St. Catherine |
| 9:45 am | Sunday RCIA | Classroom by School Library |
| 9:45 am | Scripture in Action | St. Elizabeth |
| 9:45 am | Adult Faith Study | St. Monica |
| 1:30 & 7:00 pm | Mass (Spanish) | Church |
| 2:00 pm | Confirmation Retreat | Deasy Hall |
| 3:30 pm | Indian Mass | Chapel |
| 3:30 pm | Pack 326 Meeting | Deasy Hall |
| 5:00 pm | Confirmation Rite of Enrollment | Church |
| 6:00 pm | Teen Gospel Reflection | St. Anthony |
| 6:15 pm | Women’s Bible Study | St. John |

Visit our website, [www.popcatholic.org](http://www.popcatholic.org), for more information about our events and ministries.
Gospel Reflection

"Render a just decision for me against my adversary." Today’s Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? "Because the widow keeps bothering me." Jesus’ recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We’ve all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something “fair,” which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in our image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones." Sometimes, He may well seem "slow to answer them."

In the face of these very real questions, it’s important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God’s thoughts "are not our thoughts." His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God’s better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to “faith on earth.”

Everyday Stewardship - Where is the Evidence?

The last sentence of Luke 18:8 should give a reason to pause and reflect. Jesus says to his disciples, “But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on Earth?” We can easily respond affirmatively to the question, but if we want to look at the Earth ourselves without being able to see into people's hearts, where is the evidence of the faith that Jesus seeks? When we look at our world, do we see evidence of large amounts of faithful people living in a way that faith would lead them to live?

Our stewardship way of life is evidence of our faith. It is hard to argue that one truly has faith if they do not seek to live as Jesus calls us. An unfortunate cycle is then created when those who do not believe do not see any reason to have faith. Our stewardship is not only evidence, but it is our testimony and witness to faith. If Jesus returned today, what would he see? Where is your evidence? Has your witness brought others to him? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Stewarding Cancer Survivors

Prince of Peace parishioner Betty Shivers was featured in Over the Mountain Journal this month for her volunteer work with breast cancer patients and survivors. As a survivor, she cofounded the breast cancer survivors ministry at POP with fellow parishioner and survivor Bette Graffeo (POP’s director of pastoral care.) Betty Shivers leads the POP ministry’s monthly support meeting on the third Tuesday of each month and also works with Forge Breast Cancer Survivor Center as an advocate for women undergoing treatment. She helps steer survivors and co-survivors through the medical process, checking in on them and helping them manage resources. Betty said, “As soon as I knew that I was fine and I was gonna be fine, it became just a really important part of my life to say, 'What can I do to give someone else an opportunity to have a listening ear or a should to cry on?’" Where is God calling you to stewardship service?

Caregiver Support Ministry Meeting

A ministry that provides support and education to those who are caring for others.

Wednesday, October 23 at 1:30 pm | St. Monica room

This meeting will discuss "What You Need to Know and What You Need to Do." Find out why these two strategies are important for those beginning the caregiver journey or those feeling overwhelmed by the entirety of being a caregiver. Please RSVP to Myra and Shellie Waites at 205-910-5816 or shemyr@charter.net.

Financial Stewardship

Today's Gospel calls all of us - not just the apostles - to "go...and make disciples." If we cannot actually go to the missions, we can answer Jesus’ call by giving generously of our prayers and financial resources to support those who can and do.

Week of October 13

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Faith Direct 9/16-30/19 $ 42,913.82
Connect Through Confirmation
A parent/child retreat for our Confirmation candidates will be held next Sunday, October 27, from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. The first two activities will center around the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit, followed by a presentation by Fr. Joy about being connected through faith. The final activity will be a joint parent/child “Connectedness Pledge.” The afternoon will conclude with the Rite of Enrollment during the 5:00 pm Mass. Sponsors are welcome to attend Mass. Please keep our candidates, sponsors and their families in your prayers as they complete this step in their Confirmation journey.

High School Youth Group
The high school youth group will face off with the middle school youth group in a lip sync battle on Sunday, October 20 at 6:00 pm in the youth room. The group’s Halloween party will be held on Wednesday, October 30 at 6:00 pm in the youth room.

Teens - donations for “Be A Blessing Birmingham” project are due October 23.

“Rethinking Bullying - For Parents”
Dr. Dale Wisely will present “Rethinking Bullying - For Parents” focusing on bullying/bullies in grades five through 8 on October 25 in the school’s youth room at 8:15 am. October is National Bullying Prevention month. All parish families are welcome to attend.

“In recent years, parents and educators have become increasingly aware of the pain and danger associated with bullying. Few are aware, however, that both the victims of bullying AND bullies are at risk for difficulties in their lives. Have we gone too far in demonizing bullying and bullies? What can we do in our families to discourage bullying and to intervene when bullying occurs. In this presentation, we will all be challenged to rethink the problem of bullying.” – Dr. Dale Wisely.

Gospel of Matthew Slides Now Online
If you’re attending Fr. Joy’s Wednesday morning (9:30 am) study on the Gospel of Matthew in the St. Jude room, you’ll be pleased to learn that the Powerpoint slides from his classes are now on the website! You’ll find a link under “Media/Fr. Joy’s Fall Bible Study.”
Parish and School Life

Welcome

Baptisms
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Congratulations

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October 5
Trenton Reed Fondren & Katie Jacqueline Keyes

55 and Better

The 55 and Better ministry will meet on October 23 at 5:00 pm in the St. John room for a pot luck (covered dish) dinner and then head to Deasy Hall for the Interfaith Conversation at 6:30 pm. (All are welcome to this conversation on Muslim, Jewish and Christian perspectives about the importance of mutual respect and common ground among these faiths.) Please bring a “covered dish” and beverage to share with other members of the 55 and Better ministry.

Alabama State Kouncil of Auxiliary Ladies of the Knights of Columbus Scholarship

All Catholic women in Alabama are invited to apply for one of the two $750.00 college or trade school scholarships, that will be awarded at the State Convention in April 2020. Recipients must be a practicing Catholic and a resident of Alabama. They may be a high school senior, already enrolled in college or trade school, a woman who would like to return to college or one desiring to pursue a graduate degree. These scholarships are not based solely on GPA scores. Winners will be contacted in early April and checks will be made payable to the college of the winner’s choice.

To apply for the scholarship, please submit the following:
1) A resumé
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3) Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from your parish priest.

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Rani Myers | Immediate Past President of ASK AL KC | 22737 Colquett Rd. | Opp, AL 36467

Special Needs Support Ministry

October 25 | 6:00 pm | Deasy Hall
Please join us for a fall festival on Friday, October 25 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in Deasy Hall. This is a family event, so parents or guardians should plan to accompany their child. All ages are welcome. It will be a fun night with games, music, and fellowship. Please bring a snack/appetizer to share. Costumes are encouraged. Teenage volunteers are needed. Please contact Hope and David Andras if you plan to attend or if you can help at dhandras@bellsouth.net.

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Parish and School Life

Coat, Hat and Glove Drive
Please consider donating new or gently-used winter coats, hats or gloves to our second annual winter clothing drive. Parishioners Bob and Kathy McCabe are leading this stewardship outreach in order to provide East Cleveland, Ohio-area students in preK through high school with much-needed winter items. The McCabes are frequent visitors to the Cleveland area and have seen firsthand the need in the Maple Heights neighborhood. Students walk to school without coats and hats, using brown paper bags as gloves to shield their hands from the harsh Ohio winter temperatures. The McCabes will personally take all of the donations to Cleveland on our behalf and deliver them to the schools for distribution to the students.

There will be a bin in the gathering space near the welcome desk on the weekends of October 20 and 27 in which to place your donations. All sizes of hats, coats, and gloves (mittens) are welcome to outfit the youngest students to adult-sized high schoolers.

He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’
- Matthew 25:45

Dove Dash & Fall Festival
Saturday, October 26, 2019 | School Campus

Dove Dash | 7:00 am registration | 7:30 am 5K start time
Register at https://princeofpeace5k.itsyourrace.com/register/

Fall Festival | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Games, trunk or treat, marketplace and more! There is no cost for adults to attend the fall festival. Children’s festival entry wristbands are $20 each and may be purchased at the festival. Marketplace vendors include: Addicted You Stained Glass; BBs Body Butter, Shampoo & Scrubs; Bristol Braidz; Free Range Soaps; Grace and Heart Jewelry; Handmade by Cheryl Claybough; Kendra Scott Jewelry; Ramona Caltagirone Furniture; Smith Speaks; Sunnybrooke Designs; The Happy Crafty.

Girl-Powered STEM

Prince of Peace Catholic School teachers Mary Elizabeth Sammis and Alex Jones hosted a fun “Girl-Powered” STEM workshop recently at the school. Girl-Powered is a program initiated by VEX Robotics to encourage girls’ interest in robotics and STEM fields. October is International Month of the Girl, so it was a perfect time to get a bunch of fourth through eighth grade girls together for some fun. After a keynote presentation from Dr. Kathryn Lanier (STEM Education Outreach Director at Southern Research), the girls experimented at four different stations: a VEX building station, pipeline building, foil boat competition, and cup stacking competition. Dr. Lanier also showed the girls how she could light Mrs. Sammis’ hand on fire without the fire burning her! Our teachers are always seeking innovative ways to engage our students in their studies and bring their subjects to life. Registration for this weekend workshop filled in less than two days after it was announced.
Liturgy and Prayer

**Prayer List**

Please pray for all those who are sick or recovering, our military and our first responders. May God bless all caregivers. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks. Names may be submitted online at www.popcatholic.org/ministries/prayerlist.

**Military & First Responders Prayer List**

Virginia Lorino  
Linda Carnaggio  
Josephine Jovings  
Patrick Campbell  
Patricia Muldowney  
Lisa Wool  
Matthew Wool  
Graham Wool  
Frances Padalino  
Frank Wegent  
Tim Manzella  
Ra’el Jenkins Ruiz-Zelaya  

Elizabeth Mezei  
Ben & Wendy Treadwell  
Trip Malouf  
Kyle Hall  
Linda Vaughn  
Kathleen Cesselle  
Charlotte Langley  
Leon Messina  
Joe Dabbs  
Mosby Family  
Jackie Rayburn  
Kai’ Lea Newsome  
Anne Tighe  
Rita Kometh  
Martha Morris  
Lisa Estes  
Anna Popinski  
Jim Koikos  
Babs Barrett  
Ben Abercrombie  
Sherri Abercrombie  
Heather King  
Bill Hine  
Billie Davis  
John Palazzetti  
Nancy T. Zito  
Bragan Ingle  
Barbara Palazzetti  
José Martinez Navarro  
Valerie Wallace  
Anita Muller  
Nancy Zito  
Tim Goetheus  

**Mass Ministry Schedule for October 26 & October 27**

| Sat. 10/26 | 5:00 pm | S. Dobrinski  
D. Angel  
D. Calvert  
T. Clements  
M.R. Contorno  |
| Eucharistic Ministers | D. Dwyer  
Z. Dwyer  
J. Johnson  
J.T. Majerik  
S. Marcus  |
| Readers | R. Johnson  
C. Mahinske  |
| Altar Servers | W. Slowikowski  
M. Smith  
T. Tucker  |
| Ushers | M.A. Levet  
B. Chambless  
J. Tombrello  |
| Volunteers | A. Swanberg  
T. Callahan  |
| Liaisons | H. Lee  
P. Lee  
C.J. Okon  
C. Tilashalski  |
| Deacons | B. Hodges  
G. Binder  
S. Binder  
D. Buford  
C. Clark  |
| Deacons | A. Blair  
A. Bolding  |
| Deacons | S. Black  
B. Cannon  
T. Holley  
D. Kent  |
| Deacons | D. Kent  
J. Kent  
B. Pate  
Volunteer  |

See entire quarterly schedule at www.popcatholic.org/events
Beca del Kouncil de Alabama de Damas Auxiliares de los Caballeros de Colón del estado de Alabama

Todas las mujeres católicas en Alabama están invitadas a solicitar una de las dos becas universitarias o comerciales de $750.00, que se otorgarán en la Convención del Estado en Abril de 2020. Los beneficiarios deben ser practicantes Católicos y residente de Alabama. Pueden ser un estudiante de último año de secundaria, ya matriculado en la universidad o una escuela de oficios, una mujer a la que le gustaría regresar a la universidad o una que desee obtener un título de posgrado. Estas becas no se basan únicamente en los puntajes de GPA. Los ganadores serán contactados a principios de abril y los cheques serán pagaderos a la universidad que el ganador elija. Toda la información debe ser enviada en Ingles. Para solicitar la beca, envíe lo siguiente:

1) Un currículum
2) Una carta de presentación explicando por qué desea la beca, su carrera planificada y por qué siente que merece esta beca.
3) Dos cartas de recomendación, una de las cuales debe ser de su párroco. El currículum y la carta de presentación deben ser preparados por el solicitante, y enviadas por correo con las dos cartas de recomendación como un paquete completo y sellados antes del 30 de noviembre a esta dirección:

Rani Myers • Immediate Past President of ASK AL KC • 22737 Colquett Rd. El • Opp, AL 36467
Ministerio de Mochilas
El Ministerio de mochila de fin de semana provee alimentos para estudiantes que necesitan nutrición adicional en casa los fines de semana durante el año escolar. Los profesores de sus respectivas escuelas identifican a estos jóvenes. En la actualidad, el programa sirve a 145 estudiantes en cuatro escuelas: Simmons Middle School, Sagrada Familia, San Bernabé y Príncipe de Paz. En promedio, 600 bolsas se ensamblan cada mes durante el año escolar y contienen dos comidas. Muchos voluntarios son necesarios para desempacar y organizar los artículos de comestibles el primer jueves de cada mes durante el año escolar a las 10:30 am y para organizar y llenar las “mochilas” de comida a las 6:00 pm en el salón Deasy Hall. Para ser voluntario o para más información, comuníquese con Liset Martinez a liset.martinez@popcatholic.org o al 205-822-9125. La siguiente fecha de desempaquetado/montaje es el 7 de Noviembre.

Algo Nuevo: Baby Café
A partir del 4 de noviembre, ofreceremos una oportunidad semanal gratuita para que las madres embarazadas y en periodo de lactancia se reúnan, socialicen y reciban el apoyo de consultores y enfermeras certificadas en lactancia del Sistema de Salud de St. Vincent. NO es necesario confirmar su asistencia para unirse a esta reunión que será los lunes por la mañana a las 10 de la mañana en el salon de St. Elizabeth y no tiene que ser paciente en St. Vincent, todos son bienvenidos. Ven y comparte tus experiencias, haz amigos y obtén consejos de expertos. Madres: pueden pesar a sus bebés antes y después de alimentarlos habrá una escala profesional en la habitación. Almohadas y refrigerios se proporcionarán en la habitación cada semana en el St. Vincent's Baby Café. Los niños pequeños son bienvenidos, así como otras invitadas, pero esta es una reunión para mujeres solamente. El programa es en inglés, pero el personal de Baby Café puede acceder a los servicios de traducción en tiempo real a través de St. Vincent. Un agradecimiento especial a nuestro miembro Anne Crawford, RN por traer este hermoso ministerio que afirma la vida al Principe de la Paz. Para obtener más información, recoja un folleto en el espacio de reunión, o comuníquese con Anne al 205-212-6667 o Sandra King en sandra.king1@ascension.org.

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A medida que vivimos nuestra vida de fe, es fácil descorazonarse y perder la confianza en el poder y la presencia eficaz de Dios. Podemos caer en la apatía. Dada la inmensidad de las preocupaciones que abundan, nos sentimos impotentes y podemos perder la motivación para perseverar. Para combatir este cansancio, Jesús les dice a sus amigos que oren siempre. Persistir en la oración nos permite encontrar la determinación, la fuerza y la convicción para continuar en curso, incluso cuando se nos presenten dificultades. Si estamos decididos en nuestra búsqueda de Dios, eventualmente encontraremos a Dios atravesando nuestras tinieblas con la luz de su presencia, dándonos una visión contemplativa para que podamos ver como Él ve y amar como Él ama. Es solo cuando tomamos la persona de Cristo que podemos, con la ayuda de Dios, tocar el dolor y la soledad del mundo.
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