



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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O God,
be merciful
to me,
a sinner

October 27, 2019 • Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When Jesus was teaching or preaching, he would regularly upset assumptions about how the world works, especially the world of religious observances. Moreover, just when we think we've figured this out, we get caught off guard yet again—disorientation layered over surprise.

The Pharisees of Jesus's day emphasized the observance of Mosaic Law in everyday life, providing a path of righteousness for people unable to attend temple sacrifices. However, some of them also took pride in their own observances, looking down on others and becoming self-righteous. Jesus addressed this parable them, to "those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else," like tax collectors. But didn't they have a point? 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.

BUT WHO ARE THE "LOWLY"?

There is another layer of assumptions that gets exposed here: tax collectors could hardly be considered "lowly." Widows, orphans, those who suffer—these are truly lowly ones for whom the Law commands kindness, and obviously God hears their prayers. But tax collectors? They collected revenue for the pagan Romans; they were outcasts, objects of scorn. How could they be considered among the "lowly"? For that matter—what is a tax collector doing in the temple anyway?

Here the parable might be more than surprising; it might even be disorienting. What if the people we cannot imagine being justified before God, embraced by God's mercy, are the ones whom God sees as lowly? What if the parable challenges us to question whether we ourselves unconsciously categorize people as either "worthy" or "unworthy," either "like us" or "one of them"? What if we took seriously the idea that God's love is for "them" just as much as it is for "us"?

Today's Readings: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Thursday 8:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Parish Staff

Rev. Albert Yankey, Parochial Administrator
Sr. Valerie Janecka, IWBS - Parish Secretary
Janet Weaver, Bookkeeper
Martha Nichols, PCL/Safe Environment Coordinator
Tammy Fikac, PCL
Martha Nichols - RCIA
Elaine Mayer & Thomas Santos, Music Ministry

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Registration forms online at www.lourdesvictoria.org
or email: ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Daily (Mon-Sat): 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Before daily Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.


BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS:

First Sunday of every month

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Every Wednesday @ 6:15 p.m.

THIS WEEK

SPECIAL REMINDER 

Remember to “fall back” one hour next Saturday night. Masses are scheduled accordingly.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul

MONDAY - Kolache Workshop (8:30 am)

WEDNESDAY - Choir Practice (6:15 pm)

THURSDAY - Unload Workshop (mid-morning)

FIRST FRIDAY - ADORATION - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

SATURDAY - Confessions: 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Building Repairs/Maintenance

NEXT WEEKEND - November 2/3, 2019

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
of HOLY COMMUNION and LECTORS

<p>Sat. 4:00 pm - Lori Ballard, Joe Lara, Standby x1</p> <p>Sun. 7:30 am - Dennis & Dorothy, Boehm, Standby x1</p> <p>Sun. 10:00 am - Melissa Spann, Andy & Olivia Aguilar</p>	<p>Liz Lemke</p> <p>Standby x1</p> <p>Carol Bludau</p>
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ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - James Record, Standby x2
Sun. 7:30 am - Kalynn & Kylie F., Standby x1
Sun. 10:00 am - Renee B., Abby & David K.

USHERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - Julius Cano, John Novak, Norman Schoener
Sun. 7:30 am - Gary Pribyl, Patrick Pribyl, Matt Warwas
Sun. 10:00 am - Howard Bludau, Pat Krenek, Standby x1

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country **November 3-9, 2019**. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God’s gift of a vocation.

WEEKEND of October 19/20, 2019 

Count - 464

Total Operating Income	\$ 3,422.25
2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday	\$ 551.25

Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated.

SUNDAY - October 27 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am - Evelyn Spann †
10:00 am - Dorothy Boehm (74th Birthday)

MONDAY - October 28
8:00 am - Viola Wagner †

TUESDAY - October 29
8:00 am - Michael Low

WEDNESDAY - October 30
8:00 am - Hazel Waida


THURSDAY - October 31
8:00 am - Debby Warzecha †
5:30 pm - Clifton Lau † (Vigil of Holy Day)

FIRST FRIDAY - November 1 (Solemnity of All Saints ~ Holy Day of Obligation)
8:00 am - Edna Kandler †

FIRST SATURDAY - November 2 (All Souls' Day)
8:00 am - Franklin J. Sedlar †
4:00 pm - Clifton Lau †

SUNDAY - November 3 - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family
10:00 am - Wallace & Kathy Bianchi †

Think about it: God has no grandchildren...only children.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK 

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
 Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
 Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

Question of the Week

What can I sacrifice to provide something for others?

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK 

Winston Wilson, Mae Jean Willemin, Johnnie Bomersbach, Hailey Vasquez, Patricia Pooley, W. R. Nichols, Samuel William Bek, Harvin Suggs, Barbara Yanta, Matt Brown, Marvin Kucera, Milton Greeson, Raymond Spann, John Correll, Shirley Parkan, Cheryl Barker, Norma Guerra, Dorothy Boehm, Mary Ann Bernhard, Tom Goslin, Kathleen Edwards, Darren Mikulik, David Reynolds, Tina Moya, Cole Ohrt, Ramona Perez, James Rung, Wade Shumbera, Judge Whayland & Dolores Kilgore, Carly Walker, Gerald Yankey, Ann Hagel, Stephen Diess, Piper Eloisa Lara

PARISH FESTIVAL

The Festival is almost here (November 10, 2019)!

Please take note of the **festival workshops** and the **events** of the next two weeks. Much help is needed to complete these tasks. Please come and support your parish.

Thurs: 10/31/19	Unload Turkeys		Mid-morning
Wed: 11/6/19	Deliver Food & Paper Goods	Jeff Nunley	Mid-morning
Thurs: 11/7/19	Slaw Workshop	Alex & Deborah Sullivan	8:30 am
Fri: 11/8/19	Celery & Onion Workshop		8:30 am
Fri: 11/8/19	Season Turkeys at KC Hall		1:00 pm
Sat: 11/9/19	Cook Chickens & Turkey Necks & Cool Broth	Dennis & Dorothy Boehm	6:00 am
Sun: 11/10/19	FESTIVAL		

Donations are being accepted for the **Live Auction**. If you, your business, or if you know of a business that would like to donate an auction item for the live auction, please contact Tammy Fikac at 361-649-3717. Auction items may be dropped off in the basement or brought to the Education Building on Saturday, November 9th. Large items may be taken directly to the Community Center the morning of the festival (just let Tammy know who and what was donated).

The Silent Auction Committee is again asking for your help to make the Silent Auction at the 2019 Festival a huge success. Donations of handcrafted items, seasonal autumn harvest and Christmas items, baked goods, baskets of homemade canned goods, and/or anything else you can think of would be greatly appreciated. Thanks to those of you who have already donated items and baskets. With all of us working together we can make this year's Festival the best one yet! Chairpersons you may contact are Sherron Baker @ 361-550-1556, Josie Berger @ 361-550-2079, and Diana Tuch @ 361-649-0178.

Raffle tickets are waiting for you at the entrance of the church and extras are in the Rectory. Please help sell! Each book contains 5 tickets (@ \$1.00 per ticket). You may turn in your money and ticket stubs in an envelope (with your name written on the outside) to the Rectory or place it in the collection basket. Thank you so much for all your donations and help!

Flyers advertising the Fall Festival are available at the entrance of the Church and in the rectory. Please help distribute this information to places of business, etc., where folks will be reminded of our parish picnic. Thank you!

The **cake walk** needs cake donations. The donated cakes may be brought to the Victoria Community Center by 10:00 am on Sunday, November 11th. Thank you, Helen John, Chairperson

Reminder: Festival workers, please park in the back of the community center to allow our patrons plenty of parking in front.

TOP THREE RAFFLE TICKET VENDORS

(as of 10/21/19)

Mr. & Mrs. B.J. Kloesel.....\$ 166.00
 George Alvarez.....\$ 100.00
 Cindy Smith.....\$ 75.00

- EVENTS ALL AROUND -

St. Andrew Altar Society Turkey Dinner October 27, 2019

St. Andrew Parish Hall (Hillje, Texas)
 Serving begins @ 11:00 am \$10.00 per plate

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Blessing will hold their annual Barbecue Turkey with Dressing Dinner on **Sunday, October 27, 2019**. Serving will start at 11:00 am at the parish center with dine-in or drive -thru available. Plates are \$12.00 each. The menu includes barbeque turkey, homemade dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, dessert, and tea/coffee. The live auction will start at 12:00 noon. There will also be a raffle and country store. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be held on October 27th at 9:30 am at St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Everyone is invited to join the parishioners of St. Peter's Catholic Church for a day of fellowship and fun.

Come Out, Have Fun, Meet Friends

Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Bingo Night on **October 30**. Hall opens 6:00 pm. Bingo games from 7:30 pm until 10:00 pm. \$10.00 per Bingo sheet pack for 10 games. Food and drinks available. Location is Airline at Ben Wilson. Proceeds benefit various council charity projects. For info, call the hall Wednesday evening at 575-9214.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Ann #369 will meet on **November 4**. We will have a Memorial Mass for Deceased Members celebrated by Father Kristopher at **St. Mary's Church at 6:00 pm** with a regular business meeting to follow at **St. Mary's Hall. REMEMBER, THIS WILL TAKE PLACE AT St. Mary's!**

STJ Shadow Days...be a Flyer for the Day! Monday, November 11th

The St. Joseph High School Shadow Day Program offers prospective students an opportunity to spend the day on the STJ campus, attending classes and following the schedule of a STJ Student.

In addition to meeting teachers, students and administrators, shadowing students will participate in classroom discussions and learn more about Flyer clubs, sports organizations, and areas of interest to them.

To reserve your Shadow Day Experience, please contact:

Jen Korinek at 573-2446 x.217 or email at jkorinek@stjflyers.com

The STJ Shadow Days are scheduled on VISD student holidays so you won't have to miss a day at your school to participate. The Shadow Program is open to students who are considering enrollment and in good standing in their current school. Shadow Students must adhere to STJ policies and dress code while on campus.

St. Mary's 29th annual HARVEST BAZAAR

Saturday, **Nov 16th**, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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