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O GOD,
BE MERCIFUL TO
ME A SINNER.

— LUKE 18:13 —



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Recall that last week's lesson invited us to reflect on being persistent in prayer. This theme continues this weekend when Jesus introduces us to a Pharisee and a Tax Collector who are praying in the Temple. The Pharisees' prayer highlights the sins of others while the prayer of the tax collector is a humble admission of being a sinner. What does your prayer look like? Remember, prayer is not saying words, prayer is meeting the Lord! Prayer is always about entering into a deeper relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

This weekend we are welcoming Net Ministries to Saint Joseph's. 11 College age missionaries from all over the country will conduct a day long retreat on Sunday with all our Confirmation students. The mission of Net Ministries is to challenge young Catholics to follow Jesus Christ and embrace a life of community in the church. Pray for these college Missionaries visiting our campus as they inspire our high school Confirmation youth!

Planning for our Thanksgiving Drive to support over 100 needy families is well underway. Thanks to many of you who are bringing new blankets this weekend that will be placed in the Thanksgiving food boxes. We always need new drivers and if you would like to assist us on Saturday morning, November 22 and distribute the Thanksgiving boxes and gifts to a family, it will bring joy to your Thanksgiving! Please scroll down for further information.

Just a reminder that next Saturday, November 1, traditionally All Saints Day is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year since it falls on a Saturday. We will begin the month of November by celebrating All Souls Day next Sunday Nov. 2.

Next Saturday evening, Nov. 1, after the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass, we will have our annual All Souls Remembrance Service. Family members of the parishioners who died during the past year are invited to attend this service. We will remember all the beautiful souls who graced our parish family and went home to the Lord during this past year. If you lost a loved one during this past year, you are welcome to attend and light a candle in their memory.

November is the month of All Souls and if you would like to share with your Parish family how you or your family honors the dead or how you remember your deceased family members or friends through various customs, rituals, or family traditions, email us at stjoseph@stjosephlb.org Just include your first name with your brief entry and we will choose a selection of responses and post them in this bulletin during the month of November. Your submission grants us permission to publish your story of faith.

Let's pray that all our children are safe as they celebrate the festivities of Halloween.

GO DODGERS!

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal light and peace. AMEN!

I'm praying for you and your families,

Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The one who serves God willingly is heard;
his petition reaches the heavens. (Sir 35:20)

Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat
and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen. (2 Tm 4:18)

Gospel:

"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."
(Lk 18:14)

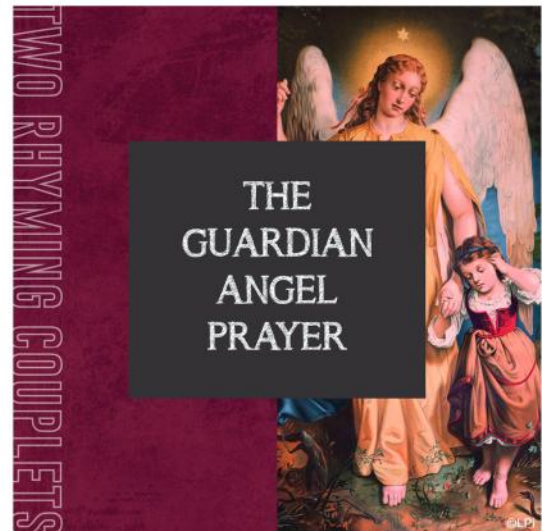
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisee took such pride in his good deeds that he forgot to ask God for forgiveness; the tax collector acknowledged his many sins, and went home justified. Remember that we are saved not by our own merit, but by the mercy of God.

Observances for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday:	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Friday:	All Hallow's Eve
Saturday:	All Saints
Next Sunday:	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day); Daylight Saving Time Ends



Devotions, *Explained!*

Often one of the first prayers taught to children, the Guardian Angel Prayer consists of two rhyming couplets invoking the protection of one's guardian angel. Its exact authorship is unknown, but it originated in the medieval period.

Prayer of Praise

Dear God,
As we look to the week ahead,
help us to remember that You will
accompany us at every moment
— You who greet us with mercy
anew every morning, and grace in
abundance each night.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday:

Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday:

Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday:

Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35

Friday:

Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday:

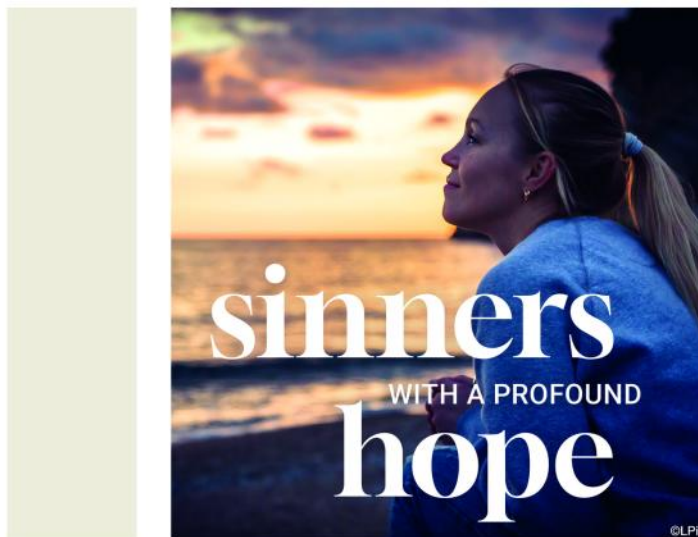
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Next Sunday:

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— Father John Muir

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-Charlie Brown

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Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: *DRIVERS NEEDED.* As a parish community, we will support 70 families for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter! Can you help us deliver? So meaningful to kids! Please contact Jill Salinaz (562) 822-7367 or jmsalinaz@yahoo.com.

Family Adoptions: Would you like to adopt a family to support Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter? Call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Rose Bauss rhbauss@gmail.com.

For many opportunities to serve, call Tim Clark, (562) 431-4385

Please be attentive to Skip-a-Meal donations during the holiday season!



Did You Know?

Who is a mandated reporter?

A mandated reporter is someone who is required to report suspected or disclosed cases of abuse to child protective services or law enforcement including a wide range of persons from teachers, educators, coaches, to school and parish staff, and clergy. The mandated report may involve concerns about possible abuse or neglect in the child's home or by a family member. At a school or parish, if the person making a report believes that child abuse or neglect is the case then the person should make the report to the local law enforcement agency, which has the resources and ability to intervene immediately if needed. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles urges all in our church to speak up to the appropriate authorities if any form of child abuse is suspected. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Facts about Mandated and Ethical Reporting" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know and visit lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/.



Senior Group



**Our next get together will be at the
El Dorado Restaurant on
Monday, November 10th at 9:30 am.**

Please join us for a nice time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. When you arrive, tell the server that you are with St. Joseph and he/she will direct you to the area we are gathering in. Everyone will order and pay for his/her own breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there. For future reference, we meet there on the 2nd Monday of every month, at the same time. Looking forward to seeing you!



Meditation



St. Joseph's Meditation Group currently meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00PM via Zoom. Our weekly session is based on the teachings of Fr. John Main, OSB. Meditation is an age-old Christian practice and open to everyone. No experience is required and beginners are welcome. For more information, contact Frank McKown at (310) 633-1744 or frmckown@gmail.com



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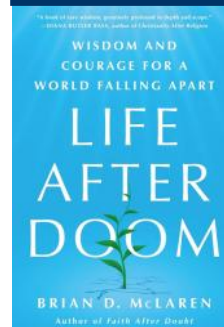
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Book Club



Our next Book Club meeting is
Wednesday, November 19th
at 7pm on Zoom

**Life After Doom: Wisdom and
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

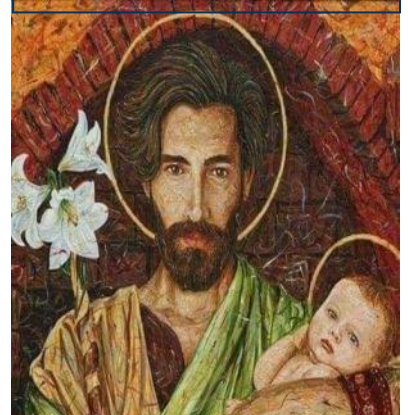
Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

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8:00-9:00 a.m.





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