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PARISH NEWSLETTER
TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY

October 16, 2022

“All beginnings are somewhat strange; but we must have patience, and little by little, we shall find things, which at first were obscure, becoming clearer”.

(Vincent de Paul)

READINGS

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Scripture Reflection

One of the specialities of the St. Luke's Gospel is that it is a Gospel of Prayer, because it contains prayers of many prominent people and important teachings about prayer. He uses two parables to teach on perseverance in prayer- Parable of the friend knocking at the door (Lk. 11:5-8), and the unjust judge and the widow. In the first parable the friend gets up and gives bread not out of generosity or benevolence, but to avoid disturbance. The unjust judge gives justice to the widow not out of sympathy towards her as demanded in the OT and NT, but to get the widow out of his gate. Jesus teaches that if perseverance produces positive result in human conditions how all the more God the Father who is concerned about the wellbeing of his children bless those who persevere in prayer. Instruction to persevere in prayer can be seen in the book of Sirach (35:21-22) “The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and it will not rest until it reaches its goal; it will not desist until the Most High responds, and does justice

for the righteous and executes judgment. Indeed, the Lord will not delay.”

Perseverance in prayer needs deep faith in the love and faithfulness of God. God sometimes delays to answer the prayers to increase our faith. A person with shallow faith will stop praying if the prayer is not answered instantly. When we are badly in need of some thing we continue to pray for the same and it will help to develop a habit of prayer.

Pope Francis on Vatican II Anniversary:

‘May the Church be overcome with Joy’

On the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis encouraged Catholics to leave behind criticism and anger and to live the faith with joy. “May the Church be overcome with joy. If she should fail to rejoice, she would deny her very self, for she would forget the love that begot her,” the pope said during Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica Oct. 11. “Yet,” he continued, “how many of us are unable to live the faith with joy, without grumbling and criticizing? A Church in love with Jesus has no time for quarrels, gossip, and disputes. May God free us from being critical and intolerant, harsh, and angry. This is not a matter of style but of love. For those who love, as the Apostle Paul teaches, do everything without murmuring.”

In his homily, Pope Francis encouraged members of the Church to return “to the council’s pure sources of love.” “Let us rediscover the council’s passion and renew our own passion for the council,” he said. “Immersed in the mystery of the Church, Mother and Bride, let us also say, with St. John XXIII: *Gaudet Mater Ecclesia*.” Francis also warned Catholics about the strategy of the devil, who sows weeds of division among the faithful. “Let us not succumb to his flattery, let us not give in to the temptation of polarization,” he urged.

“How many times since the council have Christians gone out of their

way to choose a side in the Church, not realizing that they were tearing their Mother's heart," the Pope said. "How many times have they preferred to be 'supporters of their own group' rather than servants of all, progressives and conservatives rather than brothers and sisters, 'of the right' or 'of the left' rather than of Jesus; standing up as 'guardians of the truth' or 'soloists of novelty,' rather than recognizing themselves as humble and grateful children of holy Mother Church."

Pope Francis noted that there is always the temptation to start from one's self and one's agenda, rather than from God and his Gospel. "Let us rediscover the council in order to restore primacy to God, to what is essential".

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

October 9, 2022

Gift Aid collection	127.00
Loose cash	132.78
Total	259.78

SAINTS AND FEASTS OF THIS WEEK

October 17	St. Ignatius of Antioch
October 18	St. Luke the Evangelist
October 19	St. John de Brebeut and Companions

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Universal Church celebrates October 23rd as World Mission Sunday. The Holy Father Pope Francis has invited all faithful to cooperate in the Church's world Mission by prayer and financial support. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for this intention. Those

who like to use Gift Aid envelopes and give donation directly to Mission the envelopes are available at the back of the church.

WORD OF GRATITUDE

Michael and Natalie Rhodes would like to sincerely thank Father Paul and all parishioners who joined them to celebrate the baptism of their son Ramon within Holy Mass on Sunday 9th October. All of the kind wishes and lovely gifts were much appreciated along with the happiness and enjoyment of the celebrations in the Pilgrim's Hall after the Holy Mass. Thanks also to everybody who helped in the Pilgrim's Hall.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Sacrament of Confession at 11.30 am on Saturday

Please Pray for our Sick

Eliza Brizzi, Mary Toumaine, Patrick Nagle,
Phillip Mc Greavy, Toni Whalley,

“Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them; and I will reveal to them an abundance of peace and truth. (Jeremiah 33:6)

ANNIVERSARIES

Sr. Sarah Mooney, Mary Kershaw, Angela Tidswell, John & Marjory Cavanagh, Michael John Gavin, Fr. Edmund Delaphine, Heather Rigby.

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