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PARISH NEWSLETTER THIRTIETH SUNDAY

October 23, 2022

“Always strive to have the robe of charity of which the signs are love of God, love of our neighbour, and love of our Sisters, lest God may wipe your names out of the book of life”.
St. Vincent De Paul

READINGS

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Scripture Reflection

The introduction and conclusion of the Parable of the Publican and the Pharisee explains the message Jesus wants to give to his audients. Two very distinctively contrasting pictures are drawn in the parable- 1) Pharisee as the epitome of pride, 2) publican or tax collector as an example of contrite and humble heart. The prayer of the proud Pharisee has two distinguishing characteristics- a) self-righteousness, b) despising others. They steal the glory due to God and denies the dignity due to the fellow human beings. His prayer is not motivated by love of God and neighbour, but self-love. The book of Sirach warns against such pride The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely” (Sirach 10:12-13). In contrast to that the prayer of the tax collector is characterised by humble acceptance of one's own guilt and acknowledgement of God's mercy and benevolence. God always answers the prayer of the humble and

lowly, and he has preferential option for the poor. Jesus admonishes his disciples to approach God in prayer with a humble heart. A similar advice is given in 1 Peter 5:6- “So humble yourselves under the mighty hands of God, that he may exalt you in due time”.

Pope's Mission Day message:

The Pope reflected on three foundations of “the life and mission of every disciple”. The first, he said, is “the call of every Christian to bear witness to Christ,” calling it the “heart of Jesus’ teaching to the disciples.” The Pope said each baptized Christian is called to carry out the Church’s mission in a communitarian way, even in the ordinary activities of our daily lives. Christians, are sent on mission by the Church in Christ’s name, and never under our own initiative. Jesus sent the disciples out in pairs, since “the witness of Christians to Christ is primarily communitarian in nature.” “In evangelization the example of a Christian life and the proclamation of Christ are inseparable. One is at the service of the other.”

The second foundation of the Christian mission is: “to the ends of the earth.” The early disciples gradually expanded the scope of their mission, and lived an image of the Church “going forth” and guided by divine Providence, not the desire to proselytize. As they faced persecution, early Christians fled their homelands, taking the Gospel with them to new countries, something which happens in our own day. The phrase “to the ends of the earth” also challenges modern Christians to proclaim Christ to those who have still not encountered Him.

The third foundation of mission: “You will receive power from the Holy Spirit”. The Spirit broke the bonds of the Apostles’ fear in the first days after Jesus’ death and resurrection. The Spirit prompted St. Peter to give his missionary address to people in Jerusalem, as recounted in Acts, kicking off an “an era in which the disciples of Jesus evangelized the world.” The Christians are only able to bear

“full and genuine witness to Christ the Lord with the Spirit’s inspiration and assistance.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

October 16, 2022

Gift Aid collection	35.00
Loose cash	64.70
Total	99.70
Votive Candles	120.07
Thanksgiving offering box	101.56
Church Renovation Fund	87.40

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. This weekend there will be a second collection for the Mission. Those who like to use Gift Aid envelopes and give donation directly to Mission the envelopes are available at the back of the church.

ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1st is celebrated in the Universal Church as All Saints Day and it is a **Day of Obligation**. And the **Holy Mass Will be at 10.00 am**.

ALL SOULS’ DAY

Holy Mass- 10.00 am.

Blessing of the Graves- 11.00 am

Plenary Indulgence: Plenary Indulgence is granted to any who 1) one of the days from 1-8 November visit devotedly a cemetery or simply pray mentally for the dead 2) On All Souls' Day visit a church or chapel with devotion and there recite the Our Father and the Creed.

A partial indulgence, applicable only to souls in Purgatory, is granted to an 1) Visit devotedly a cemetery or who simply pray mentally for the dead, 2) Recite devotedly Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer of the Office of the Dead or invocation "eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord..."

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

Bernice Knight, Sr. Hubert, Jack Jones, Anne Higgins, Edmund West OFM cap, Josephine Brunton, Joseph Nash, Emily Alice Elizabeth Butcher, Patrick Fleming, Joan Moynihan, Sean Cahill, Janet Poscha, Mary Clare Marsh, Sr. Gregorious, Sr. Dominique
May the Lord grant them eternal rest, and may they rest in peace!

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