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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 27, 2019

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.
— Sirach 35:17-18a

RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Today's readings invite us into prayer, into relationship with God. Because relationships feel more natural when we know one another well, Sirach encourages us to know God better. In his wisdom, Sirach tells us what God is like: fair, open-minded, compassionate, and attentive. "The Lord will not delay," he says. Knowing that God's help comes right on time, whenever we need it, calms our hearts and helps us trust the Lord. In his second Letter to Timothy, Saint Paul demonstrates his own trust in God. Despite the grueling struggles Saint Paul has faced because of his Christian faith, he praises the Lord for rescuing him time and again. Today's Gospel draws us close to Jesus too, revealing his special love for the poor and humble. As Jesus tells his parable about the prayer habits of a Pharisee and a tax collector, our hearts long to become as gentle as Christ's.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Friday's Solemnity of All Saints and Saturday's Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus' saving acts. Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the "Day of the Dead." Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the *pan de muerto*, or "bread of the dead." A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

October 20th	
Budget	\$2100
Actual	\$1470
Short	\$630

Church Staff

Pastor: Fr. Anthony Onyekwe

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Mass Intentions

October 26th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

October 27th: Charley Therrell + by Eleanor Michie

November 2nd: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

November 3rd: Healing of Marietta Smith by Mary Theresa Foster

Liturgical Ministers

November 3, 2019

Lectors — Mark Bartel

Gift Bearers — Mr & Mrs Ted Thiele

Eucharistic Ministers — Carmen McDaniel, Sheri Parkinson, Heather McKee

Servers — Melanie Sadler, Nicki Raudry

Sacristans — Carmen McDaniel

Altar Linens — Anabell Gonzales, Susan Plascencia

Ushers—Men of the Parish

TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR C

First Reading — The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The Lord will rescue me from every threat (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — All who exalt themselves will be humbled; all who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 18:9-14).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Grant Adams, Joyce Franckowiak, Ethel Huffman, Gigi Lui, Marietta Smith

Relatives

Michel Amrhein, Thomas Blankenship, Christopher Butler, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

Friends

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

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

Mass Schedule



Monday: 11:30 am

Tuesday: 12:30 pm

Communion Service

Wednesday: 11:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday, All Saints:

11:30 am and 6:00 pm

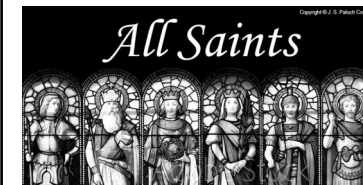
First Saturday: 9:00 am

with Rosary and Benediction

Sunday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

Coming Events



All Saints

November 1st: All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be at 11:30 am and 6:00 pm. at St Andrew.

St Regina will have the vigil Mass on Thursday, the 31st, at 5:00 pm.

There will be no Adoration on First Friday.

The office will be closed for All Saints Day.

November 2nd: First Saturday Mass will be at 9:00, with saying the rosary and benediction following.



ALL SOULS

Turn Clocks Back



November 2nd: Make sure you turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed or you will be late for Mass on Sunday!



Bishop David Talley will be saying Mass at St Andrew on November 24th, at 9:00 am. Please join the Bishop and our parish family in a potluck brunch. The Church will provide the turkey and ham. Please sign up to bring a dish. The sign up sheets are on the table in the Narthex.

Help Feed the Kids

The PRE students would like the whole parish to join them in bringing non-perishable food and placing it in the basket in the Narthex. It will then be distributed to our local schools to feed those kids who need a meal on the weekend. This is an ongoing project for the school year.