

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 20, 2019

We hear a lot about “rights.” And Jesus tells us in today’s gospel that in our prayer we should ask for our rights. What are these rights that Jesus talks about?

He says: “Will not God secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?” What are my rights? In other words, what should I ask for from God?

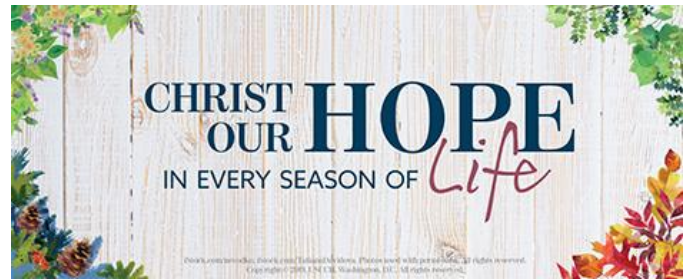
- It’s common for us to think of our rights as practical items: I have a right to food, I have a right to water, I have a right to shelter. And these are important – without them we will end up in heaven sooner than God intended...
- And there are other rights that are not so essential, perhaps, but we still want them: we want to be understood, we want to be listened to, we want to be respected, we want to be successful.
- These are also good – although sometimes we may not have them. But our greatest right is something far more amazing.

In Jesus, we are sons and daughters of God. By Christ’s death on the Cross we have been saved from our sins. In Jesus, we see the thirst of God made visible; we see how God thirsts for our love – for the love of each person.

So our greatest “right” is actually a gift.

Our greatest right, our greatest privilege, is to be with Jesus. To be with Jesus in his suffering and to be with Jesus in his triumph. To belong completely to Jesus, and to possess him as the great love of our souls. Our greatest right is not success or perfection; our greatest right is not a life without suffering or difficulty. Our greatest right is to be able to say with St Paul that the life I live now is not my own, but it is Christ living in me. Our greatest right, our greatest privilege, is to be with Jesus. To let his love for us fill our entire being, and to love him in return.

--Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome



Celebrate Respect Life Month! Every Day is Pro Life Day but October in a special way is a month to honor life. You're invited to join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month this October with the message "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent"! Learn more at www.usccb.org/respectlife.

RCIA You Are Invited To: The Source! The Source is a series of dinner conversations to explore the basics of life and faith in a friendly, informal, and open environment; no strings attached. Sessions are on Wednesdays, Oct 16 – Nov 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at St. Anthony Catholic School Cafeteria (across from the Post Office). For more information and to RSVP go to sgdc.church or call (202) 726-9092, Ext. 108. Invitation cards located at both entrances to church.

Volunteers are needed for Religious Education on Sundays and for monthly Youth Days. All must follow VIRTUS and Child Protection policies of the ADW.

Catholic Daughters. Our Lady of the Americas, Court 2344, will meet on Sunday, October 20. All Catholic Daughters are encouraged to arrive promptly at 7:30 am. After the Mass, the CDA Court will meet in the Lounge for regular meeting.



Be not afraid – All are welcome! October 26.

8:30 am. Walk begins at Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish; 2:00 PM Mass at Saint John Paul II National Shrine; 3:30 pm Celebration with music and food. Sign up at jp2shrine.org/pilgrimage

Mass Intentions

October 19 - 26, 2019

Sat. 10/19	8:00 am	Souls in purgatory
	5:30 pm	Radich family
Sun. 10/20	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	+John Godwin Akwarandu
	1:00pm	Carlos Gonzalez (birthday)
Mon. 10/21	12:00am	+Jennifer Hulsinger.
Tue. 10/22	11:00	+Imelda Chase funeral
Wed. 10/23	12:00	+Jennifer Hulsinger
Thu. 10/24	12:00	No mass
Fri. 10/25	12:00	+Jennifer Hulsinger
Sat. 10/26	8:00 am	Home-bound & sick parishioners
	5:30 pm	People of the Parish

Please pray for the sick and home-bound of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Catherine Baum, *Jose Guadalupe Bonilla, *Ann Butler, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Eileen Carroll-Doshier, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Linda Foster, *Fr. Ricky Gancayo, *Charlie Gick, *Fr. Paul Grauls, SDB, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *James Humphries, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Manuel Juarez, *Busara Kennedy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Agnes Moore, *Larry Morris, *Iris Newman, *Gloria Payne, *Fr. Everett Pearson, *Michelle Perez, *James Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Fr. Vince Rigdon, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Robert Schaeffer, *Andre Sims, *Bonafacio Selayo, *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Suzie Thompson, *Auristela Toro, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams.

White Mass 10th Anniversary! Renewing Baptismal Promises, Recognizing the Gifts of Persons with Special Needs. - Sun, **Oct 27**, at The Cathedral 11:30 am, with Archbishop Gregory as celebrant.

Question of the week: What can I do to carry out God's mission in my life? Will I make time to pray persistently for guidance and support?



Rest in Peace

Imelda Chase, 66, died on Saturday, October 12, faithful parishioner and catechist. Funeral at Nativity on Tuesday, October 22. Viewing 10:00, Mass 11:00 am.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto her, Oh Lord

Catholic Appeal update: 2019 Parish Goal: \$63,541

- **Amount in commitments:** \$26,955
- **Total paid:** \$17,799
- **Percentage of goal paid:** 28%

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Appeal! Did you forget to pay off your pledge? Please do so this month or by November! You can give online too: <https://appeal.adw.org/>

Catholic funerals. Nativity will celebrate funeral mass for its parishioners. In case of a funeral from another parish, a permission from his/her priest is required. **For non-Catholic:** Effective March 2019 no non-Catholic funerals are allowed in the Catholic Church, as well as burials in ADW cemeteries. Please note that if the family of the deceased is Catholic or if the deceased attended a Catholic school doesn't mean that he/she was a Catholic in good standing.



National Evangelization Teams (NET) Will have a youth retreat at Nativity on Sunday, October 27. Stay tuned for more information.



October is the month of the holy rosary.

The Rosary will be prayed before the 1pm Mass this Sunday. All are welcome. "The Virgin attending to our prayers prepares the Christian for the 2nd

coming of Christ." - Frances Hogan, Ireland; Scripture Professor