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Gospel Meditation

“Render a just decision for me against my adversary.” Today’s Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? “Because the widow keeps bothering me.” Jesus’ recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We’ve all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something “fair,” which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in our image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will “secure the rights of his chosen ones.” Sometimes, He may well seem “slow to answer them.”

In the face of these very real questions, it’s important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God’s thoughts “are not [our] thoughts.” His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God’s better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to “faith on earth.”

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**Oct 20 - Oct 27, 2019
 Readings and Mass Intentions**

Sunday, October 20 9:00am-Mass
 Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/
 Lk 18:1-8
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, October 21 4:30pm-Communion Service
 Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 22 10:00am-Communion Service
 Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]
 /Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 23 4:30pm-Communion Service
 Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, October 24 8:30am-Communion Service
 Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday, October 25 9:30am-Communion Service
 Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68b]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday, October 26 5:30pm-Bilingual Mass
 Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

Sunday, October 27 9:00am-Mass
 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
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Thelma Waldrep, Rebecca Duckworth, Dale Sellers, Wuisayo Kuciamba and baby, Dalynda Costello, Irene Johnson, Janet Hudson; Charles Dean, Diane Necessary, Jessie Day, Steve Tompkins, Linda Lowery, David Marold, Sam Lilley, Harold Rebbe; Bennie Mahaffey, Don Watt, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson, Ted Koch, Fr. Frank Rossi, Henry Rossi, Cheyenne Courtney

Repose of the soul: Ricky Reinhardt, Raylene Lowe; Michael Murphy, John Abbott

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.

Questions for Family Discussions


Adults: Whose needs might you be failing to listen to right now?
Children: How often do you put off chores until you are forced to do them? Who is hurt by such a decision?

Weekly Stewardship

Oct 12 & Oct 13 Weekly Offering \$ 3,741.49
Average Weekly Cost \$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit \$ 589.49

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Sun. Oct 20 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am—Mass Faith Formation following Mass	Mon. Oct 21 4:30pm—Communion Service	Tues. Oct 22 10:00am—Communion Service 6:30pm—Exploring the Catholic Faith	Wed. Oct 23 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Communion Service 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE	Thurs. Oct 24 4:30pm—Communion Service 5:00pm—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Oct 25 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Oct 26 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 5:30pm—Bilingual Mass 6:30pm—Halloween Party
Sun. Oct 27 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am—Mass Faith Formation following Mass 2:30pm—Life Chain Courthouse Square	Mon. Oct 28 4:30pm—Communion Service	Tues. Oct 29 10:00am—Mass 6:30pm—Exploring the Catholic Faith	Wed. Oct 30 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Communion Service 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE	Thurs. Oct 31  4:30pm—Communion Service 5:00pm—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Nov 1 ALL SAINT’S DAY Holy Day of Obligation 4:30pm—Mass	Sat. Nov 1 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

Life Chain Nationwide Event

Sunday, October 27, 2019 2:30pm-3:30pm
 Sidewalk of the Tyler County Courthouse Square

One hour of silent prayer for an end to abortion as well as forgiveness and healing for those affected by abortion.

Make a pro-life sign to hold during the hour of prayer.

Try to arrive by 2:15pm
 Bring chairs if you are unable to stand for the full hour
 umbrellas and water too



Saturday, October 26, 2019
 6:30 pm

**OUR LADY OF THE PINES
 FAMILY CENTER**

Bilingual Mass at 5:30pm

COSTUME PARADE, GAMES, FACE PAINTING, CUPCAKE WALK, COTTON CANDY, POPCORN, WITCHES BREW, HOT DOGS & FRITO PIES

Drinks will be available for purchase from CYO

Exploring the Catholic Faith

**Join us on our quest as we explore the Catholic Faith
 Tuesday, October 22, 6:30 pm
 Refreshments served**

Opening prayer Luke 18:1-8
The Good News-God Has Sent His Son

Presented by the RCIA Team

Called, Formed, & Sent

The Diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis Annual Conference
 St. Pius X Parish, Beaumont, TX
 November 2, 2019, 9:00am-3:30pm

**Come Abide with Us
 “Families from the Parking lot to Participation”**

Featured speakers: Sr. Pat McCormack, IHM, Ed. D.
 Peter Ductram, MA, MDIV

There is no cost and lunch is provided.
 Presentations will be in English and Spanish.

Contact Diane Sanderson, 409-489-3394, to register.

Religious Articles

*Browse on Saturday after Mass
 or while having coffee on Sunday mornings after Mass.*

Upcoming Events

October 26: Halloween Party, Family Center, 6:30pm
 October 27: Life Chain, Courthouse Square sidewalk, Woodville, Tx, 2:30pm - 3:30pm
 November 2: Called, Formed, & Sent Day, St. Pius X Beaumont, TX, 9:00am-3:30pm
 November 9: Charismatic Renewal Day, St. Jude, Beaumont, TX, 9:00am-4:00pm
 November 28: Thanksgiving Day

October
 Month of the
 Holy Rosary



Prayer Support for Our Pastor and Parish

Let’s join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00 pm. God’s grace always remains with us.