

**The Bells of St. Mary's
The Church of the Immaculate Conception**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 27, 2019**

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THE PRAYER OF THE LOWLY

Today is the last Sunday of the Extraordinary Missionary Month, National Cancer Awareness, and the month of the Holy Rosary.

The readings continue the theme of prayer, especially in a society where money and power are everything and the 'little people' suffer.

What kind of attitude do we bring with us to Mass each weekend? Do we feel proud of ourselves for what we have accomplished this month? Or are we remorseful, inadequate, or sorry for all the times we have failed our God? It is in prayer that we lay bare our nothingness before God, humbly asking Him for mercy. It is such a prayer that Scripture tells us God hears.

The First reading (Sirach 35:12-14, 16 - 18), mentions the widow, and the orphans, the lowly and the oppressed how God treats all people fairly. He shows no partiality to the rich and powerful. He listens to the humble prayer of the just and the lowly.

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax - collector (Luke 18: 9 - 14) makes the same point even more forcefully. The proud Pharisee is relying on his good works. Because of these, he thinks that God owes him salvation. The tax - collector has nothing to fall back on. He knows he is just a poor sinner. So he throws himself at the mercy of God. His words are few yet powerful; his attitude, a contrite heart, makes him pleasing to God. His humble prayer wins him forgiveness. In our Gospel today, the parable aims at those who pride themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. Although the Pharisee in the story was boastful, the main problem was that he had no concept of the need for God or grace or forgiveness. For the 'Lord hears the cry of the poor' (Psalm 34). Even the book of Torah itself demands such attentiveness to the poor for example, Leviticus 23:22 "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not be so thorough that you reap the field to its edge, nor shall you gather gleanings of your harvest. These things you shall leave for the poor and the alien. I, the Lord, am your God." (Lev 23:22) and "Instead, you shall freely open your hand and generously lend what suffices to meet that need." Deuteronomy 15:8.

Let us take some time today and examine our attitude towards one another, and in our humanness recognize our need for God in our journey of life. What prayer do we need to make to God today on this last Sunday of the month?

"The prayer of the lowly pierces the cloud;
it does not rest till it reaches its goal..."
(Sirach 35:16-18).

Priesthood Sunday USA - October 27

Today also is the national observance of Priesthood Sunday USA. It was inaugurated in 2002 to express appreciation and gratitude to all the priests who serve the people of God. It is a way to allow Catholics to recognize good priests who, day in and day out, do an outstanding job in serving and helping in parishes across America. The shortage of vocations makes priests less visible and, consequently, less prominent. Take a little time today, acknowledge your priests for what they do to bring the Lord to the faithful through the Sacraments.

NEED FOR A NEW BOILER

We are in need of a new Boiler for the Rectory. The one we have now is having some problems and it has been serving for about twenty years or more. ATLAS WELDING & BOILER REPAIR COMPANY who maintains the Heating—system for us are proposing we get a new one because the parts are now difficult to find or fix and are obsolete. A new one will cost about \$31, 350 including labor.

Stewardship

*Tithing - God's Plan for Giving on Sunday, 10/20/19 our Offering was \$ 3,440.00

Last week we collected \$1,381.00 for Mission Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

*Today, we will have a second collection for our Church Property Insurance. Thank you for your generosity.

Food Collection: Reminder next week we will have our monthly food collection for the needy in our community and as always thank you for your generosity in helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Would you like to be an Altar Server, part of the Choir, an Extra Ordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist, a Lector, Sacristan, or an Usher, etc.? Call our Parish Office and find out how you can help serve in our Church.

Forty Hours Devotion, @

St Paul the Apostle Yonkers,

October 27th, 28th, and 29th Opening Mass is October 27th, at 12:15pm followed by Adoration until 10pm. Oct., 28th Adoration will be from 9:30 am—10:00 pm. Oct., 29th Adoration will be from 9:30am -7pm with closing Mass at 7pm

Sundays Readings:

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 p. 50

Though not unduly partial toward the weak, God hears the cry of the oppressed. God is not deaf to the wail of the orphan or the complaints of the widow. The LORD is a God of justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34: 2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 p. 51 The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 p. 51 Paul claimed to Timothy that he had fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. He claimed that now a crown of victory awaits him as he arrives safely in the heavenly reign.

Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14 p. 52 Jesus told the story about the Pharisee and the tax collector to help those who placed confidence in their own righteousness while holding others in contempt. Jesus encouraged people to pray with the tax collector, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

Religious Education

November:

11/02/19 Religious Education Classes

* Confirmation 1st meeting in the school cafeteria 11:30am

11/09/19 Religious Education Classes

11/16/19 Religious Education

11/23/19 Religious Education Classes ~ Family Catechesis

Day Families and Children 9:30am to 1:00pm

11/30/19 No Religious Education Classes - Happy Thanksgiving

PARISH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Saturday, November 16, 2019

Have you made the necessary arrangements for our Parish celebration? Invite your family members and friends to come; book for a table for them to join us celebrate birthdays,

Wedding anniversaries, and all that the good Lord has done for us. Let this be another way our Church of the Immaculate Conception of St Mary's is kicking off Thanksgiving Day spirit this year. It will be from 8:00 pm - 1:00 am in our Parish Hall.

NOVEMBER, FRIDAY 1, 2019 - ALL SAINTS DAY,

Which is a holy day of obligation, falls on First Friday this year. Please, mark your calendar for the time for Masses.

- Morning Mass 8:14 am
- Adoration with Holy Rosary 11:00 am - 11:45 am
- Confessions 11:45 am - 12 noon.
- Noon Mass at 12:05 pm
- 7:00 pm Evening Mass

NOVEMBER, SATURDAY 2, 2019 - ALL SOULS' DAY

We pray during the month of November for all the faithful departed. It is praiseworthy for Catholics to pray for our deceased on All Souls Day, offering Mass intentions for the faithful departed throughout the year; visiting cemeteries and praying for all the faithful departed. There will be sign - up sheet at the entrance / back of the Church for you to write down the names of your dear ones who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection. May the souls of our faithful departed rest in peace. Amen!

We plan to place them on the Altar during Mass throughout November month with your envelopes for All Soul's in your package.

Mass Intentions**For the week of October 26 – November 3 2019****Saturday, October 26, 2019:**

12:05 pm - Bonny Mathew * Bency Mathew

5:00pm - Fr. James Lloyd, CSP * Tony Felicissimo

7:30pm - Carlos Enrique Antepara+ * Cesar Cuadra y Family

Sunday, October 27, 2019:

7:30 am - For the Parishioners

9:00 am - Eduardo Cuadra+ * Cesar Cuadra y Familia

11:00 am - Thomas T. Chennikara+ * Brigid Thomas

Monday, October 28, 2019:

8:15am - Efren Lindo Sr. Claudio Mital (Healing) * Rachel Mital Family

12:05 pm - Michelina De Luca + * Grace De Luca & Family

Tuesday October 29, 2019

8:15am - Carlos Antonio Santiago + * Marta Gonzalez & Family

12:05pm - Fr. James Lloyd CSP (Living) * Tony Felicissimo

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

8:15am - Bonny Mathew * Bency Mathew

12:05 pm - Carl & Vee Motta + * Son George Motta

Thursday, October 31, 2019:

8:15 am - Rita, Ramon, Frank Navarro * Josefa Navarro

12:05 pm - Fr. James Lloyd CSP (Living) * Tony Felicissimo

5:00 pm - Available/Disponibile

7:00 pm - Available/Disponibile

Friday, November 1, 2019: Holy day of obligation

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm - Frederick Beck *Anthony Kunny

7:00 pm— For the Parishioners/Para Los Parroquianos

Saturday, November 2, 2019: All Souls Day

12:05 pm - All Soul

5:00pm - All Soul

7:30pm - All Soul

Sunday, November 3, 2019:

7:30 am - For the Parishioners

9:00 am - For Parishioners

11:00 am - Celina Antao * Esther & Eduardo Rodrigues

+Indicates deceased *Indicates the person (s) who requested the Mass.

BIBLE STUDY

“Ignorance of the Scripture is Ignorance of Christ!” - St Jerome, 5th Century
Our Bible studies have started on Monday nights at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
Studies are both in Spanish and in English.