

October 23, 2016

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Only those who truly know they need God will come to trust in his word.

30th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME



"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

- Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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Ministries for October 29th & October 30th

Ministry	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 9:00am	Sunday 11:00am
Lector	LeRoy Armstrong	Ty Anderson	Sharal Raphael
Bread	Susanne Valdez	Helen Rotello Cathy Markoff Gerri Romero	John Jiron Marlyne Aguilar Tim Aguilar
Cup	Charlene Theis Tina Little	Mary Vargas Jenn Anderson Vic Palazzini Treresa Pardo	Elaine Burns Michael Fontaine Sandy Howard Lorraine Crespin
Altar Server	Cameron Wilkes Kyle Wilkes	Joseph Rupinen Jonny Aiello Leah Aiello	Sybil Raphael Troy Lopez Shaun Raphael

Stewardship of Tithing October 16th, 2016

Saturday, 5pm Mass	\$1,664.30
Sunday, 9am Mass	\$1,887.51
Sunday 11am Mass	\$1,140.00
Children's Collection	\$56.17
Capital Improvement	\$197.00
School	\$45.00
Outreach	\$141.01
Parish Hall/Gym Reno. Project	\$345.00
Total:	\$5,475.99
World Mission Sunday	\$109.51
Annual Golf Tournament	\$5,947.46

Parish Hall/Gym Renovation

Amount raised to date: \$292,332.20

Amount still needed: \$7,667.80



Have you contributed yet?
There is still time!

Thank You

We are so close to reaching our \$300,000 goal, and YOU CAN help us get there!

The Archbishop's Guild Annual Fundraiser Presents:

A Traditional High Tea

To be held at St. Mark Parish Center
3141 W. 96th Ave, Westminster
Saturday, November 12, 2016
11:00am—2:00pm

For more details or to RSVP
(RSVP Required by November 5th)
Becky Marinelli 303-550-3986
AnnaMarie Brafford 303-460-9844

Q

I wonder if there's anything I can do to influence my friends to get involved in church—and even go more often? Can you help?

A

Evangelization is always a delicate balance. Faith itself is a gift, yet it needs to be nourished. So any influence you have needs to be the kind that encourages and invites deeper commitment, stronger faith, and a desire for God. Being “preachy” or overly pious often has the exact opposite effect. In the Gospel Jesus says you will know a tree by its fruit. Show others the fruit of the church's work and ministry. Look for activities, service projects, special events, outreach programs, etc., that you can invite them to. Introduce them to the priest and pastoral staff. Use personal contact to make others feel welcome and comfortable. The best way to be a witness to the faith is by doing. When your friends, cradle Catholics or not, see what you do and what the community of faith does to live and spread the Gospel, they'll want to be part of it. People are drawn to be part of something that is good, helpful, and makes their lives better. You just have to show them that the church is more than just Sunday Mass or a stopover for Christmas. Jesus called the apostles with little more than “Come and see!” You can too.

ARE YOU READY FOR "UNDIE-SUNDAY"?!

October 29 – November 6th

What is this you may be asking yourself? Allow me to explain:



We are asking each family to purchase a pack or two of regular men's, ladies and children's underwear, white socks and/or white undershirts for a collection for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. You can drop these off at the parish office or bring them to mass with you.

Thank you in advance for your support!



From the Pastor's Desk

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." The Pharisee and the tax collector--polar opposites by practice. The one is a religious leader, a professional follower-of-the-law. The other is a deviant who extorts money for himself as he goes about his economic business. But in today's parable, Jesus flips these perceptions around. The humble tax collector is the one who "went home justified." Whereas the Pharisee has a flawless outer appearance, when we see a glimpse into his inner thoughts we detect his vanity and presumption. We see a man who may keep the letter of the law, but who is not truly converted to God's ways in his heart. The tax collector, on the other hand, pleads for God's mercy, recognizing that he needs it.

So, which one are we? Honestly, most of us are probably a combination of these two character types. Most of us follow God's laws some of the time, and fail to do so at other times. But the important point is to honestly acknowledge when we do fail, and to ask God to have mercy upon us. If we think we have nothing about which to plead for mercy, chances are we are living in a kind of self-imposed blindness like the Pharisee. When we won't admit we need help, it's hard to get the help we need! Instead, we should humble ourselves by honestly examining our conscience (regularly!) and seeking God's forgiveness, particularly through reconciliation, the great sacrament of divine mercy.

As hard as it may be for some of us to confess our sins to a priest, this humble act of acknowledging our failings prepares us to be "justified" like the tax collector who cried out, "Be merciful to me a sinner!"

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK:

Becoming self-righteous is a trap into which many well-meaning people can fall. We can mistakenly believe that we are somehow more favored or superior in God's eyes because of our fidelity. This is a blatantly wrong assumption. God's mercy and love extends to the worst of sinners and he responds to the pleas of those who are most humble.

America Needs Fatima Rosary

On Saturday, October 15, 2016 a group of people gathered in the back parking lot of the Assumption Church to pray the Holy Rosary in commemoration of the Sixth Fatima Apparition-the Miracle of the Sun -Oct. 3, 1917.

There were 3 scenes that day - Lucia alone saw all three, Francisco and Jacinta saw only the first.

1st scene) St. Joseph appeared beside the sun with the child Jesus and Our Lady - the Holy Family.

2nd scene) Our Lady of Sorrows and our Lord on the way to Calvary looking very sad.

3rd scene) Our Lady of Mount Carmel, crowned queen of heaven holding the child Jesus.

There were about 70,000 spectators witnessing - It had rained all during the apparition. At the end of the conversation between Our Lady and Lucia - when the Blessed Virgin rose and Lucia shouted, "Look at the sun!" - the clouds parted, revealing the sun as an immense silver disk shining with an intensity never before seen - though not blinding. This lasted only an instant. Then the immense disk began to "dance".

The sun spun rapidly like a gigantic circle of fire. Then it stopped momentarily, only to begin spinning again. Its rim became scarlet; whirling, it scattered red flames across the sky. Their light was reflected on the ground, trees, bushes and on the faces and clothing of the people, which took on a brilliant hues and changing colors.

After performing this bizarre pattern three times, the globe of fire seemed to tremble, shake and then plunge in a zigzag toward the terrified crowd. All this lasted about ten minutes. Finally the sun zigzagged back to its original place and became still with its normal brightness. Many people noticed that their clothes, soaking wet from the rain, had suddenly dried. The Miracle of the Sun was seen by witnesses up to twenty-five miles away from the place of the apparition.

Joyce was the, "Captain" for our congregation. She compiled the literature, secured the location and led the Holy Rosary. She will be forwarding the photo of our little group to the main site of America needs Fatima as a final report. I just wanted to be sure to give her special thanks for all her good work.



Holy Cross Parish Mission:

November 10 –11, 2016

7:00pm

Please join us for these Family Faith Nights.

TV Star— Frank Runyeon presents

John: Signs of Mercy—Thursday Evening

Luke: Stories of Mercy—Friday Evening

Holy Cross Catholic Church 9371 Wigham St. Thornton CO.

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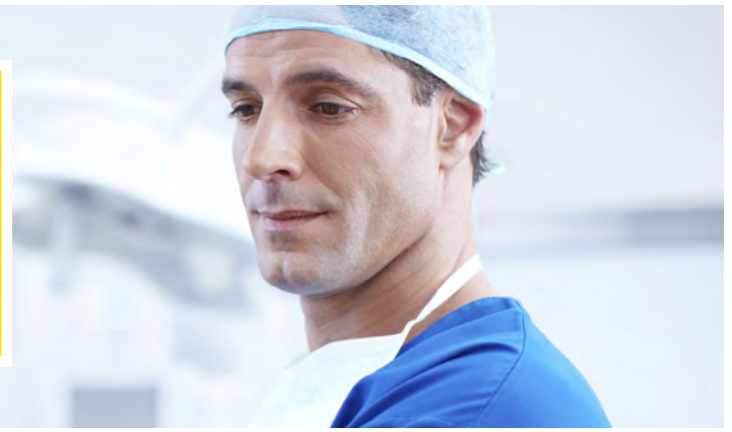
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FOR THE GOOD
of those who
LOVE HIM,
WHO HAVE BEEN
CALLED ACCORDING
to his purpose.

— Romans 8:28

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NO PROP 106

A FATALLY FLAWED MEASURE



Prop 106 would allow Colorado doctors to write a suicide prescription for a consenting person who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness who the doctor believes has with six months or less to live. But as 9 NEWS in Denver points out, the measure “requires the patient to self-administer the drug to end their own life.” That’s why it’s called Assisted Suicide. A doctor is required to write the prescription, but then patients are on their own. No doctor or trained professional will prepare or administer the deadly medicine. And no professional is required to be there when the patient passes.

REFLECTING ON OUR FAITH



Pope Francis has spoken about this issue very recently:

“A society truly welcomes life when it recognizes that it is also precious in old age, in disability, in serious illness and even when it is fading; when it teaches that the call to human fulfillment does not exclude suffering; indeed, when it teaches its members to see in the sick and suffering a gift for the entire community, a presence that summons them to solidarity and responsibility.” “Palliative care is an expression of the truly human attitude of taking care of one another, especially of those who suffer. It is a testimony that the human person is always precious, even if marked by illness and old age. Indeed, the person, under any circumstances, is an asset to him/herself and to others and is loved by God.”

Excerpts from Pope Francis’ addresses to the Pontifical Academy for Life, 2014 & 2015

DISCUSSING WITH REASON



Your friends and family will likely be unaware of the specifics and ramifications of this bill. Please think about and discuss the following points:

- The American Medical Association holds that “physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer.”
- We all know that doctors can make mistakes. The fact is that patients can outlive their prognosis by months or even decades.
- The opinion of a licensed mental health professional is not required for those pursuing physician-assisted suicide.
- Long-term treatments for those with chronic illnesses, the elderly, disabled and the poor will be branded as unnecessary economic burdens. This could lead to coercion to commit suicide because of cost.
- The long term implications for insurance are unknown. Cases are documented where insurance has covered assisted-suicide but not other life-prolonging treatments prescribed by doctors.
- The prescription typically requires a person to swallow 100 lethal pills that can be picked up at a pharmacy or mailed to private homes.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

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**LEARN MORE AT
ARCHDEN.ORG/LIFE**

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**DISCUSS WITH
FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS**

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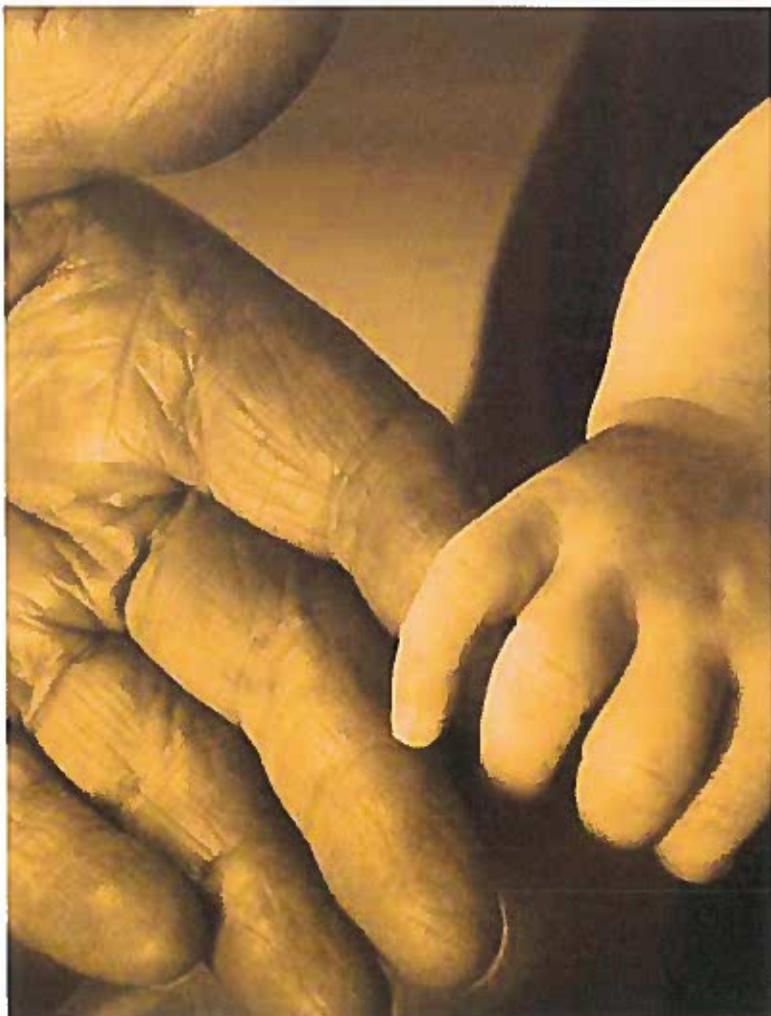
**VOTE NO
ON PROP 106**



M O V E D B Y M E R C Y

We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.

P O P E F R A N C I S



He lay helpless and alone on the roadside, half dead from the robbers' merciless beating. Two travelers came upon the injured man, but rather than offer assistance, they simply avoided him. Finally, a third passerby "was moved with compassion at the sight" of him (Luke 10:33) and went out of his way to help.

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, we can see ourselves in each person. Like the robbers, we have hurt others. Like the priest and the Levite, we have failed to show compassion. Like the injured traveler, we have suffered in body and spirit, feeling rejected and alone. Yet God never stops offering each of us his mercy, "a concrete reality with which he reveals his love" (MV 6).

We have been treated with mercy ourselves, and Jesus tells us to "go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37), giving us the roadmap of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

Each person "has a place in God's heart from all eternity" (AL 168). Within this context, Pope Francis reminds us, "we are called to protect our humanity, and this means, in the first place, accepting it and respecting it as it was created" (AL 56).

Like the Good Samaritan, may we always treat each person with merciful love and respect that affirms the gift of his or her life.



R E S P E C T L I F E
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UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

"Moved by Mercy"

Respect Life Month, October 2016

My dear friends in Christ:

This summer, I traveled to Poland for World Youth Day, where millions of young Catholics gathered. A theme chosen by Pope Francis that I addressed in a talk I gave to young people was, "Now is the time for mercy." It's timely, isn't it? Yet, as in a story I shared about Pope Saint John Paul II, it's also timeless. For years, Poland had been oppressed, with no freedom of religion. Human rights had been trampled, and the sacredness of human life violated. Then Pope John Paul II visited in 1979 with a message that changed the world.

He spoke about God, about faith, about human dignity, truth, and the sacredness of human life. He spoke about Jesus and the Church. And what do you think happened? Over a million people responded, chanting over and over, "We want God! We want God!" Mikhail Gorbachev said it was Pope John Paul II's nine-day visit that led to the fall of communism.

After my talk concluded, history repeated itself. Youth from all over the world chanted, "We want God! We want God!" The Lord was moving hearts with his mercy.

God offers his gift of mercy to each and every one of us, no matter what. But we have to decide to receive that gift—whether or not to turn away from sin and turn, instead, toward him. We have to decide whether we want God.

The theme of the 2016-17 Respect Life Program is "Moved by Mercy" (usccb.org/respectlife). When we let our hearts be moved by God's mercy, it shapes everything. As Pope Francis said, "We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us" (*Misericordiae Vultus*).

God made each of us in his own image and likeness. He desires to be united with us forever in a loving relationship. God loves us, treats us with respect, and asks us to do the same with others. Every person is sacred and must be treated with the dignity they deserve. No one should ever be treated callously or carelessly - - everyone should be cherished and protected!

From each tiny child waiting to be born, to individuals nearing death, all are precious and deserve our care and protection. Women and men suffering after abortion, individuals tempted to end their lives, couples longing to conceive a child, people pushed to the margins of society by a "throwaway culture," expectant mothers facing challenging pregnancies, and every other person—each "has a place in God's heart from all eternity" (*Amoris Laetitia*, 168).

Let's ask God to make us channels of his loving mercy: Lord, help us to receive your mercy and turn to you each moment. And please guide us in extending your mercy to others today. Now is the time for mercy.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Timothy Cardinal Dolan
Chairman
USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities
October 2016

Upcoming Community Events

Faith Sharing
October 24th

Bingo
October 25th 12:00 pm
October 26th 7:30 pm
Turn II Bingo Hall at 72nd and Pecos

Bazaar Meeting
October 25th 6:30pm

All Souls Remembrance:
All Souls Day envelopes need to be returned to the office by Wednesday October 26th.

Free Neighborhood Outreach Medical Clinic
October 26th 6:00pm
Call 720-491-1571 for an appointment.
Walk-Ins also welcome.

Save the Date:
Assumption Mission
December 10 - 14th
Fr. John Collins

 **Mass Intentions**

Tuesday October 25
9:00 am † Joseph Tau
Wednesday October 26
9:00 am †Fr. Patrick Kennedy
Thursday October 27
9:00 am † Jean Younger
Friday October 28
9:00 am † Peter Thong
Saturday: October 29
5:00 pm †Jean Younger
Sunday: October 30
9:00am People of Assumption
11:00am †Delia Torres

Prayer Corner:

Please pray for:



The sick: Ruth Mazzotti, Larissa Stur and Xavier Stur, Rochelle Nadeau, Kyle Nadeau and Jeff Nadeau, Gene Brienza, Michael Cassidy, Larri Lou Kallsen, Lola Cisneros Pacheco, Nolan Burnett, Kevin Harlass, Gloria Covarrubias

For the repose of the souls of:
Patrick Bravo, Frank Florsek

Call Sandy in the parish office to have names added to this Prayer Corner list.
303-288-2442 x 100 or email

Contact Us

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PARISH HOURS

Monday 12:00pm-3:30pm
Tue – Thu 8:00am-3:30pm
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

DAILY MASS

Tuesday-Friday 9:00am
Saturday Confession 4:00pm
Mass 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Readings for the Week of October 23, 2016

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
Monday: Eph 4:32--5:8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-14/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2-3, 5/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Wis 11:22--12:2/Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14/2 Thes 1:11--2:2/Lk 19:1-10



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