



O God,
 be merciful
 to me,
 a sinner

October 27, 2019 • Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When Jesus was teaching or preaching, he would regularly upset assumptions about how the world works, especially the world of religious observances. Moreover, just when we think we've figured this out, we get caught off guard yet again—disorientation layered over surprise.

The Pharisees of Jesus's day emphasized the observance of Mosaic Law in everyday life, providing a path of righteousness for people unable to attend temple sacrifices. However, some of them also took pride in their own observances, looking down on others and becoming self-righteous. Jesus addressed this parable to them, to "those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else," like tax collectors. But didn't they have a point? Tax collectors were among society's outcasts; didn't this one just admit his own sinfulness? How could a tax collector be "justified" (that is, made right) before God, while the Pharisee was not? Why would God even listen to the prayer of a tax collector? This surely was a surprise, upsetting common assumptions about righteousness.

BUT WHO ARE THE "LOWLY"?

There is another layer of assumptions that gets exposed here: tax collectors could hardly be considered "lowly." Widows, orphans, those who suffer—these are truly lowly ones for whom the Law commands kindness, and obviously God hears their prayers. But tax collectors? They collected revenue for the pagan Romans; they were outcasts, objects of scorn. How could they be considered among the "lowly"? For that matter—what is a tax collector doing in the temple anyway?

Here the parable might be more than surprising; it might even be disorienting. What if the people we cannot imagine being justified before God, embraced by God's mercy, are the ones whom God sees as lowly? What if the parable challenges us to question whether we ourselves unconsciously categorize people as either "worthy" or "unworthy," either "like us" or "one of them"? What if we took seriously the idea that God's love is for "them" just as much as it is for "us"?

Today's Readings: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

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Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

As I write this our tour group is preparing to head towards Rome, our final destination before returning home. Thus far we have had an amazing journey through Sicily and Southern Italy! The natural beauty of southern Italy and the creative artistic beauty of Rome both speak to the transcendent beauty of God. Along the way I have experienced many graces which I will share with you in upcoming homilies. I am happy to share with you two pictures from our travels— one of the altar containing the remains of the Apostle Andrew, where I offered prayers on your behalf. The other is of Fr. Andrew and myself— Fr. Andrew is the pastor of St. John, Davison and is the one who asked me to help lead this trip.

Please pray for us as we return home! Thank you for your generosity to our missionary priest. I look forward to being home amongst you.

Fr. Bob Bacik



PARISH WIDE

Oct. 31—Halloween Party— 6:00—8:00 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Oct. 27—REF Classes

Nov. 3—REF Classes

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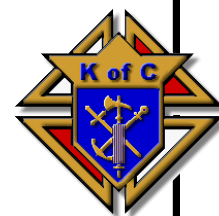


The Knights will once again be sponsoring a Community Halloween Party [on October 31 from 6 - 8 pm](#). As in past years we are requesting donations of candy which can be dropped off anytime in the small hall kitchen.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Nov. 13—Business Meeting—7:00 pm



Knight of the Month: George Lehman

Family of the Month: Eric & Mary Lefevre

FREE THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Nov. 28—1:00—3 :00 pm
American Legion Hall, Laingsburg

Menu: turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, cranberries, green beans, coleslaw, dressing, rolls, pumpkin pie, and beverages

Sponsored by the Laingsburg Lions Club and the Laingsburg American Legion post 248

RSVP by calling 651-6254 or 651-6323 by Nov. 15. Walk-ins will be served and any one who is disabled and cannot pick up their food will have it delivered.



MISSIONARY APPEAL



**Diocese of
Kumbakonam**

This weekend please welcome a visiting Missionary, Rev. Anthony Muthu.

He will speak about the missionary activities and challenges of the Diocese of Kumbakonam, India. Our second collection today will be for the missionary activities of that Diocese. You may write a check out to St. Isidore Church as usual and mark “Mission Appeal” in the memo section.

We welcome Rev. Anthony Muthu!

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY — October 26	5:30 PM	✠ Carolyn Platte by Paul Platte
SUNDAY — October 27	9:00 AM	✠ Harold Hurst by Janice Hurst
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	✠ Anna Hurst by Jack & Julie Risch
Thursday	8:30 AM	✠ Sheila Doyle by the Family
ALL SAINTS DAY—Nov. 1	10:00 AM	✠ Fr. Mark Berland by Christ & Kay Basgall
	7:00 PM	✠ Carolyn Mahoney by Jack Mahoney
SATURDAY — November 2	5:30 PM	✠ All Deceased Members of the Parish
SUNDAY — November 3	9:00 AM	✠ All Deceased Members of the Parish

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR MELVIN PAMMENT, - KEVIN PLATTE, OLIVER WASHINGTON, - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - KYLE WALLER, - JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - JIM (MAYO) HURST, - CHARLES OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - BRUCE CHANDLER (BROTHER OF MARTI ROWLEY), - JIM OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - FRANK LUNDIE, - JOHN MARTINEZ, (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO) - JANET ARTHUR, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - THERESA HEEG, - LANA MIERSEN, - MARY STEIN, AGGIE CASSADY, - SHIRLEY GREENE, - MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), - BILL DUSO, - TERESA KECK, (SISTER OF PHYLLIS HART & HELEN STELZER), - JOSEPHINE ANDERSON, - SHANNON HURST. - DENNY LEE, - DAVID OLENICZAK, - JEANNE OLENICZAK, - VERN WRIGHT, — DON ELLIOTT, - TONI DOYLE, - KEITH HURST, - MARY LOU DOYLE, - VIRGINIA BERNAL (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO)

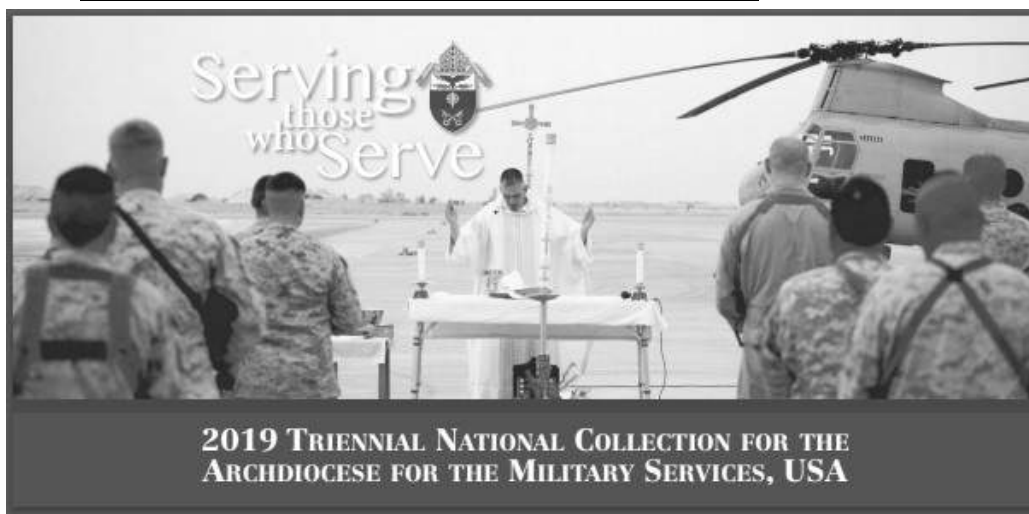
COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA November 2 & 3

Why do they need your support? They do not receive funding from the government or the military to support its programs and services. Only source of Catholic chaplains for the military and Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers. No other diocese or non-profit organization serves to provide the sacraments and pastoral care to almost 1.8 million Catholic around the world. Envelopes are near the bulletins.

OFFERTORY

Oct. 19 & 20, 2019

59 Adult Envelopes	\$2,087
Loose Collection	\$291
Children's Offertory	\$11
Total Weekly Offertory	\$2,389



MASS SCHEDULE NOV. 1—ALL SAINTS DAY

10:00 am - St. Isidore
6:30 pm - Holy Family
7:00 pm—St. Isidore