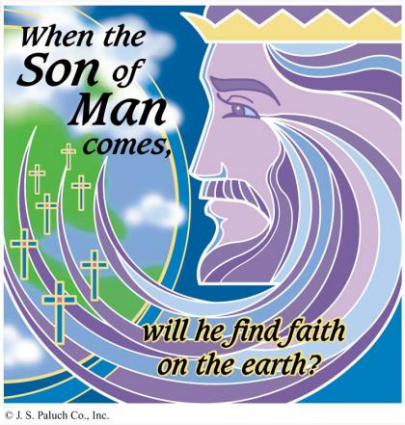
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



PERSISTENCE

Today's readings are about persistence, passionate persistence. Exodus tells of a battle won despite weariness because Moses, with help from Aaron and Hur, held his hands raised. Timothy asks that same persistence of his community and us. Luke tells of a court case won by a widow, despite the dishonesty of the judge, because she will not leave him alone. The psalm reminds us that God is everywhere, guarding us from harm day and night, coming and going, now and forever. The readings are about persistence, the relentless, unwavering pursuit of what must not be lost. The readings are about God's passionate persistence in pursuing us, seeking to win our hearts.

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REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

My house shares a back yard with four college students. Ryan is one of them. Every morning the first thing Ryan does is go out the back door with a bagful of nuts and feeds the squirrels. They hang out in our apple tree the way teenagers hang out around malls. One of the squirrels has become particularly bold and now waits expectantly for Ryan right at the back door. Lately the squirrel won't go away, no matter the time of day, no matter who's in the back yard. The squirrel just won't leave, nuts or no nuts, people or no people. Because it's become pesky, I now ignore the squirrel most of the time. Though Ryan doesn't, I do. Nevertheless, the squirrel is slowly getting my attention. Over the course of my lifetime, God is getting my attention, too.

People tend to hear this week's Gospel parable about the widow who keeps knocking on the judge's door as a story about God who eventually gives in to the widow. I think it's more a story about me eventually giving in to God. I hope God's not offended by being compared to a squirrel, but God is much more like the squirrel (or the widow) than like the judge. God's the one who does the pleading, it seems to me. While the parable seems to say, "Don't lose heart; God will eventually hear and answer," perhaps it's really saying, "Don't lose heart; God will not give up knocking on your door." —Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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ALL SOULS DAY –

is Sunday, November 2nd. Please note the back page of this bulletin which includes an article from Fr. Josh. This weekend, the article is in English. Next weekend, it will be published in Spanish.

Living God's Word -

The good news is that God refuses to lose heart with us, like the widowed woman who refuses to quit knocking. Neither will turn away and go home, not from the judge's barred and silent door or from ours.

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Celebrate the Baby by Helping Babies!

The parish will be collecting baby items during the month of October to donate to the Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center.

►**BABY DONATIONS to include:**
Diapers – Sizes 4-6, Wipes,
New or gently used Baby Clothes, preferably 12 months and up,
Baby Lotions, and Baby Shampoo.

You can bring your donations to any of the Masses.

¡Celebra al Bebé ayudando a los bebés!

La parroquia estará recolectando artículos para bebés durante el mes de octubre para donarlos al Centro de Crisis de Embarazo de Mujeres.

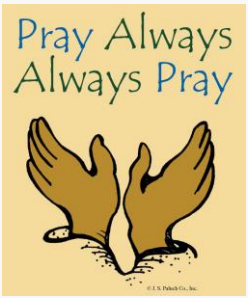
►**DONACIONES PARA BEBÉS para incluir:**
Pañales - Tallas 4-6, Toallitas húmedas,
Ropa de bebé nueva o poco usada, preferiblemente de 12 meses en adelante,
Lociones para bebés y Champú para bebés.
Puedes llevar tus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Next Sunday

We will be having a Trunk-or-Treat next Sunday, October 26th, 6-8 pm, Immaculate Heart parking lot. If you would like to help by decorating your car, please text me here or in a separate text.

If you can't help by decorating your car, maybe you can help by donating bags of candy (drop off at church office) or you can Venmo me a monetary donation and I can purchase the candy for you. Brenda -- (325) 242-3114. Attached is the Venmo info.



Saturday, October 18th -
5:00PM-IHM– +Maria Morales & Carlos C. Guerrero, Rodolfo Morales; +Fidela Gonzales; +Alma & Frances Solano

Sunday, October 19th
8:00AM – Por Grupo Misionero y en acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Francisco Medellin, Claudia Aguayo, Odilia Arredondo, Gabriela y Fidencio Carlos
9:30AM – HF – For the People of Nolan County
11:00AM – For our seminarian Martin Luna; +Stonie Gabby Carrillo; In thanksgiving for Nancy Montealvo's birthday

Tuesday, October 21st 9:00AM - HF
Communion Service

Wednesday, October 22nd 6:00PM–IHM
Communion Service

Thursday, Ocotber 23rd 9:00AM HF
Communion Service

Friday, October 24th 9:00AM– HF
Communion Service

Saturday, October 25th -
5:00PM-IHM– +Belinda Gomez, Tomas & Guadalupe Morales; +Daniel Grimaldo; +Esther Rodriguez

Sunday, October 26th
8:00AM – +Rodrigo DeLoera; +Joe DelaCruz; en acción de gracias por familia Falana
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
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

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE
Oct. 25 - Cursillo Nov. 1 - Finance

EMPOWERING GOD'S CHILDREN SESSION – for parents of CCD students - from Kinder to 11th grades is scheduled for **NEXT** Sunday, October 26th, at 9:35a.m. at IHM Hall. It is important that you attend this session as **MANDATED** by the Diocese. We look forward to seeing you on October 26th. Thank you for your presence!
Sr. Tita Iglesias, OND

►**ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA**– begins Sunday, November 2nd and will continue until November 12th. If you would like to have your loved ones remembered in the Novena Masses for "All Souls Day," the ushers will be handing out the remembrance envelopes after Mass. Check the bulletin for the schedule of Masses for our faithful departed. Please remember to turn in your envelopes by Wednesday, October 29th.

CCD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026
● Sunday classes - Pre-K to 6th Grade; 9:30-10:40am
● Wednesday Classes -7th to 11th Grades; 7:00-8:30pm
OCIA – Classes are held on Thursdays, 6:00pm at Holy Family Hall, 507 Crane St.

● **FIRST COMMUNION -** Session for parents of First Communion students 2nd and upper grades -- this Sunday, October 19th at 9:35am @IHM Hall. Attendance is **MANDATORY.** *Sr. Tita*

WEDNESDAY – No Confessions; Communion Service at 6:00pm, followed by Adoration until 7:30pm at IHM.

WHY AM I CATHOLIC? Deacon Bill's sharing session is every Tuesday at his home, @6pm. All are invited!

ULTREYA– meets Monday, October 20th, 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html

GRUPO MISIONERO meets on Thursdays, IHM hall, @7:00pm.

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – meets this Sunday, October 19th, 4:00pm, Holy Family Hall.

● **PROJECT RACHEL** Hope and Healing after Abortion
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Website: HopeAfterAbortion.com
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COLLECTION DATA -- 10/11-12/2025

ENVELOPES/CHECKS	$3287.00
LOOSE PLATE	1856.25
World Mission Sunday	931.06
TOTAL COLLECTION	$6074.31

Thank you for your generosity!

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
— Psalm 121:1 2

All Souls Day

The most important event in human history happens every single day in our communities in local churches, often on simple altars. The high point of this simple event is when God bends time and space and unites himself to us in Holy Communion. It is a real sacrifice taking place at every Mass.

The Catechism says, *""In this divine sacrifice, which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner*" (CCC 1367).

A Mass intention is when the Mass is offered for a specific petition. The perfect sacrifice of Jesus offers himself on the altar of the Cross, now present on our altar, for the intention that is requested.

When we offer Mass for someone who has died, we are praying for their purification. If someone dies and still has sin on their soul, they must first be purified of that sin before they can enter heaven. Jesus tells us this in the parable of the wedding feast (Matthew 22:1-14). At the end of the parable, the king spots someone at the banquet who was not wearing the wedding garment, and that person was kicked out! Now Jesus does not kick people out of heaven. But if we are not wearing a clean wedding garment, that is, our souls are not perfectly clean from all stain of sin, then we need to get that garment scrubbed! When we offer a Mass for someone who has died, we are offering the perfect sacrifice of Jesus for the cleansing of their soul.

The Catechism also says*, "From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the* ***Eucharistic sacrifice****, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God"* (CCC 1032).

On All Souls Day, we have a special opportunity to unite all of the intentions into one single offering. Every single name that is brought forward with the request to have Mass said for them is specifically prayed for, so that they may attain the joys of heaven. And if they are already in heaven, the prayers are not wasted. God will use those graces for whoever needs them.

In regard to the offering for the Masses, you are **NOT** paying for the Mass. You are making a donation which is given to the priest for the work he will be doing. The standard amount in our diocese is set by the bishop at $5 per Mass intention, though more may be given, or if that amount is too much, the Mass must be said, even if there is no offering. The origin of this practice comes from the Gospel passage where Jesus says, "The laborer deserves his payment (Luke 10:7).

Please know of my prayers for you and let us remember our loved ones together at the altar throughout the year, and especially on All Souls Day.