

OCTOBER

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>		
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>		
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>		
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>		
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>		

**YEAR C
WEEKDAYS II**

Saturday, October 1, 2022
(Lec. 460)

- 1) Job 42:1-3,
5-6, 12-17
- 2) Luke 10:17-24

SATURDAY OF
26TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church)

FOCUS: God allows us to know him in many different ways.

God allows us to come to know him in an infinite number of ways. We recognize him in Creation, and in the miracle of birth. We grow closer to him in our suffering. Sometimes, it comes in an instant, and sometimes it takes quite a while, as in the Book of Job. Let us have faith and be open to God making himself known to us in all that we do.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, a repentant Job finally accepts the revelation of the Lord to him, and God rewards him handsomely. In the Gospel, the seventy-two disciples come back to Jesus following a mission trip in which they were able to cast out demons in Jesus' name.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: We now bring our prayers and petitions to our heavenly Father.

- 1) For Pope Francis and all bishops, may God continue to give them strength and courage in their ministry, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government officials throughout the world, may God's mercy be upon them and those they serve, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who suffer from physical, financial, or psychological burdens, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the Holy Spirit provide wisdom and understanding for us in all we do, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the souls of the faithful departed, may they, through the mercy of God, find peace in our Savior's arms, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Merciful Father, we humbly pray that you grant our prayers and petitions, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

(Lec. 141)

- 1) Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
- 2) 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
- 3) Luke 17:5-10

**27TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FOCUS: Christ helps us grow in faith and in the ability to act in his name.

Courage, a gift of the Holy Spirit, lies at the heart of today's Scripture – the courage to be faithful to Christ and the Gospel in all things and in all places. Like the disciples, we should be unafraid to ask Jesus for an increase in faith, for he reminds us that even with the smallest amount of faith we have the ability to do great things in his name.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Habakkuk cries out to the Lord, and the Lord answers. Saint Paul encourages Timothy to never lack courage or be ashamed of his faith in Jesus Christ. In the Gospel, the Apostles ask Jesus to *increase [their] faith*, and Jesus gives them instruction using a mustard seed as a metaphor.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting in our God who knows our joys, our hopes, and our fears, let us bring our needs and prayers before him.

- 1) For the Church, drawn from all nations, cultures, and languages, may she grow in holiness and charity through the grace of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all in civil power and authority, may God inspire their leadership in bringing peace to our world and justice to those in need, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick, may Christ, the Divine Physician, bring his healing touch to their lives, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the Holy Spirit be our guide in continuing to grow in the virtues of faith, hope, and love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they take their place at the eternal feast in the kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we offer this day, we ask through your Son, Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Monday, October 3, 2022

(Lec. 461)

- 1) Galatians 1:6-12
- 2) Luke 10:25-37

MONDAY OF
27TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: We are called to witness to the one true Gospel.

Today's Scriptures focus on what it means to be faithful to the Gospel. Since there are many things we can prioritize in our lives, we have to consider what or who we respect as the ultimate authority. Jesus' words reveal enduring truth. The one true Gospel is revealed in his life and teachings.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In his Letter to the Galatians, Saint Paul says he is amazed at how quickly they have forsaken what they have been taught, and calls for those who preach anything other than the *Gospel of Christ* to be accursed. In the Gospel, a scholar of the law asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life, and asks, *who is my neighbor?* Jesus answers by telling a story of a man who *fell victim to robbers* and was saved by a Samaritan traveler.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting that God is always near to us, let us bring our prayers to him.

- 1) For our Church, may the Lord raise up holy men and women to humbly labor on her behalf, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all who hold political power, may God grant them strength in working to protect the dignity and sanctity of life from conception through natural death, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who suffer or are oppressed by others, may God's healing presence bring them peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us gathered here today, may God reveal to us a greater sense of what it means to be a neighbor, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have passed away from this life, may they rest in the eternal peace and presence of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Lord God, you show your compassion and love to all who turn to you. Hear these prayers from your children, offered in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

* * * * *

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

(Lec. 462)

1) Galatians 1:13-24

2) Luke 10:38-42

TUESDAY OF
27TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Francis of Assisi)

FOCUS: The Lord is there to guide us.

Our Lord Jesus calls us, through his grace, to be present, to sit and listen to his teaching, to prayerfully discern our choices in life. He is the one we can rely on to guide us along the everlasting way.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Paul writes to the Galatians, outlining his history as a persecutor of Christians, telling how the Son was revealed to him, and what he did in the years following. In the Gospel, Jesus visits Mary and Martha. Martha serves, but Mary *has chosen the better part* because she sits at Jesus' feet.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Called by the Lord to open ourselves to the mysteries of the kingdom, we present with faithful hearts our prayers of petition.

- 1) For all members of the Church, may God give us the grace to listen at the feet of Christ in our service to him, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For world leaders, may the Holy Spirit give them wisdom in enacting laws to protect the vulnerable, especially the elderly and the unborn, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who are anxious and worried about many things, may God grant them rest and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For members of this faith community, may the Holy Spirit help us discern God's call in each moment of our day, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead, may they rejoice in the gift of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Lord, you created us and formed us in our mother's womb. In your tender love, hear our prayers and attend to our needs. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

(Lec. 463)

- 1) Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14
- 2) Luke 11:1-4

WEDNESDAY OF
27TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.)

Saint Faustina Kowalska,
Virgin;

USA: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos,
Priest)

FOCUS: The Lord has taught us how to pray.

Jesus was praying in a certain place. Jesus teaches by the example of his life. *Lord, teach us to pray.* Do we have a place we regularly pray? Jesus' words offer a pattern for daily prayer. Present our needs. Ask forgiveness for our sins. Keep praying.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In Paul's Letter to the Galatians, he tells of his mission to Jerusalem with Barnabas to present the Gospel to the Gentiles, as Peter preaches to the Jews. In the Gospel, a disciple asks Jesus to teach them to pray, and he gives them the words to use.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As Jesus taught his disciples to seek God for their daily bread, let us offer our prayers to him with confidence this day.

- 1) For bishops, priests, and deacons, may God in his great love grant them unity to draw all people to himself, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For public authorities, may God lead them to serve with equity and justice, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For missionaries at home and abroad, may God open doors and guide them as they proclaim the Good News, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this family of worship, may God bring grace to our relationships, that we may be a people who freely ask and offer forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our faithful departed, as they served him on earth, may God welcome them to his kingdom in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Gracious God, please hear and answer our prayers this day according to your holy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Thursday, October 6, 2022
(Lec. 464)

- 1) Galatians 3:1-5
- 2) Luke 11:5-13

THURSDAY OF
27TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.
Saint Bruno,
Priest;
USA: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher,
Virgin)

FOCUS: God provides for our needs.

Both of today's readings speak of the Spirit. We receive the Spirit by faith in Christ's death and resurrection, and especially through persistent prayer. Just as a father would not deny his child a good gift, even more so will our Father in heaven provide his Spirit when we ask. The *catechism* reminds us that the Holy Spirit "contains all gifts" (2613).

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Paul addresses the Galatians as *stupid*, and asks, *Who has bewitched you? ... Did you receive the Spirit from works of the law or from faith in what you heard?* In the Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples a parable about friendship and persistence. He instructs them, *ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.*

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting in God's providence, we offer our petitions to the One who provides for all our needs.

- 1) For those who shepherd our Church, may the Spirit of truth guide them in their ministry and preaching, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all nations, may the witness of committed Christians foster an increased desire to work for the common good, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who live in situations where they are oppressed, intimidated, or scared, may God's grace and courage fill their hearts and give them strength, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For members of this faith community, may God increase the fruits of the Spirit among us and guide us in using them to serve others, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may God welcome them into his loving arms in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Father, giver of every good gift, look with favor on the prayers of your Church and answer them according to your will. Through your Son, Jesus Christ.

* * * * *

Friday, October 7, 2022

(Lec. 465)

- 1) Galatians 3:7-14
- 2) Luke 11:15-26

FRIDAY OF
27TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Our Lady of the Rosary)

FOCUS: *The Lord will remember his covenant forever.*

In Paul's day, the term *children of Abraham* referred to circumcised Jews – and this group alone – who made up the family of God. How revolutionary it was for Paul to claim that all people, Gentiles especially, could become *children of Abraham*. This gift is made possible not by circumcision or adherence to the Judaic law, but by faith in Christ.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Paul writes to the Galatians *that the blessing of Abraham [has been] extended to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus*. One is no longer justified by adherence to the law. In the Gospel, Jesus is accused of driving out demons by the power of Beelzebub. He tells the crowd that whoever is not with him is against him.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Confident in God's goodness and mercy, let us turn to him with our prayers.

- 1) For Pope Francis, may the Holy Spirit continue to animate his leadership with joy and service, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For leaders of nations and peoples, may the Good News guide them in promoting peace and unity in the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who suffer from burdens, whether spiritual, physical, or emotional, may the healing hand of Jesus bring wholeness to their lives, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this community of believers, may Christ increase our faith and bond us together as family, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the souls of the faithful departed, may the mercy of God guide them to their eternal home, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving Father, we thank you for never leaving us to face our trials alone. We entrust these prayers to your gracious will, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Saturday, October 8, 2022

(Lec. 466)

- 1) Galatians 3:22-29
- 2) Luke 11:27-28

SATURDAY OF
27TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Saturday in honor
of BVM)

FOCUS: We are all one through baptism.

Those who followed the Mosaic law could be recognized by anyone as Jews. Men were circumcised, and all were to follow ritual purification and dietary restrictions, among other duties. These practices set Jews apart from the Gentiles. In Christ, however, following the Mosaic law did not show who was a member of God's people. All the baptized are God's children.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the Letter to the Galatians Saint Paul writes, *through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus*. All who are baptized into Christ are clothed with Christ – there is no Jew, Greek, slave, free person, male, or female, for all are *one in Christ Jesus*. In the Gospel, when a woman says *blessed is the womb that carried you*, Jesus replies that those who hear and observe God's word are blessed.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Gathered as a family united in faith and baptism, let us with confidence bring our needs and prayers before our loving God and Father.

- 1) For the Holy Father, may God continue to bless him and his efforts to lead the people of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For the salvation of the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who struggle with mental illness, may the Lord graciously look upon their needs and provide for their care, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those who offer the gift of their time to this faith community, may God bless their ministries, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the faithful departed, may they be welcomed into perfect union with God and all the angels and saints in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving and eternal God, we beg you to look favorably upon the petitions we bring to you in the name of Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

(Lec. 144)

- 1) 2 Kings 5:14-17
- 2) 2 Timothy 2:8-13
- 3) Luke 17:11-19

**28TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FOCUS: The Lord has done great things for us.

Today's readings invite us to reflect on our gratitude for what God has done for us, particularly through Christ. It begins with acknowledging that it is the Lord who has acted on our behalf. Such recognition can in turn lead us to a greater appreciation for God's greatness, to a deeper faith, and to true worship.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Naaman is healed after following Elisha's instructions to plunge himself into the Jordan seven times. Afterward, he pledges to offer sacrifice only to the Lord. Paul writes to Timothy that it is the Gospel of Jesus Christ for which he is suffering, *even to the point of chains, like a criminal*. In the Gospel, Jesus is traveling throughout Samaria and Galilee when ten lepers call to him, *Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!* Jesus tells them to go show themselves to the priests and the lepers are healed while on their way. Only one leper, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks to Jesus.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With humility and confidence, let us bring our petitions before the throne of the Lord.

- 1) That the Lord may continue to draw forth holy and faithful servants to shepherd his flock, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That a spirit of understanding, forgiveness, and love may overcome divisions among all people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That God may bring healing, peace, and justice to all victims of violence, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That the Holy Spirit may strengthen the faith of all families in this faith community, drawing them closer to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That our beloved dead who have gone before us in faith may live forever in the presence of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Merciful Father, hear our prayers and grant them, we ask, in accordance with your divine will. Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Monday, October 10, 2022
(Lec. 467)

- 1) Galatians 4:22-24,
26-27, 31—5:1
- 2) Luke 11:29-32

MONDAY OF
28TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Live in the freedom of God, who calls us to live in his love.

The people of God have been called to eschew the yoke of slavery to sin and to live in the freedom of God's love, which Jesus offers to all generations. His love springs from the hope that people will no longer fall into evil or turn away from God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Saint Paul writes to the Galatians that their belief in Christ sets them free from slavery to sin. In the Gospel, Jesus invokes Jonah, who was a sign to the people of Nineveh, and Solomon, who was filled with wisdom. He claims that something is taking place greater than either of those men of God.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Together with one voice, we offer our prayers to God for our needs and for those of the world.

- 1) For Church leaders, may the Eucharist fill them with grace and wisdom in leading all people to God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For elected and appointed leaders, may God's wisdom guide them in meeting the needs of the people they serve, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those suffering from loneliness or family difficulties, may the Lord hold them close and bring them comfort, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For members of this faith community, may the Holy Spirit conform us ever more to the mind and heart of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may God welcome them to his heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Good and gracious God, in your mercy, listen with kindness to the prayers of your people, which we have made through Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

(Lec. 468)

- 1) Galatians 5:1-6
- 2) Luke 11:37-41

TUESDAY OF
28TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.
Saint John XXIII,
Pope)

FOCUS: God knows our hearts.

There is no fooling God. He knows how clean our hearts are. We can say all the nice words and even do the good deeds, but if our hearts are full of pride or are condescending toward those whom we serve, the good turns to sin. It is what is inside our hearts that counts most in God's eyes.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Paul encourages the Galatians to stand firm against *the yoke of slavery*, for *only faith working through love* in Christ Jesus counts for anything. In the Gospel, Jesus does not participate in the prescribed pre-meal washing, and scolds the Pharisees for appearing clean but being filled with evil.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Together let us present our petitions to the Father, confident in his all-encompassing love.

- 1) For Church leaders, may the Holy Spirit direct them in their service to the faithful, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For elected and appointed officials, may God work through their efforts to create a more just society, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who are seeking purpose or meaning in their lives, and for those who may be experiencing difficulty at any transitional stage of their lives, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us gathered in this holy place, may the Eucharist fill us with perfect grace while increasing our hunger to be in ever more perfect union with God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the faithful departed, may they soon find peace and joy in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of glory, we place these prayers in your hands, trusting that you will grant us what we most need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

(Lec. 469)

1) Galatians 5:18-25

2) Luke 11:42-46

WEDNESDAY OF
28TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: *If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit.*

Today's readings invite us to consider how our actions reflect our beliefs. From Saint Paul's letter, we can examine whether or not our words and actions reflect the fruits of the Spirit. From the Gospel, we can examine whether or not we have become too preoccupied with tasks or following rules. Do we live with kindness, patience, generosity, and self-control?

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Saint Paul writes to the Galatians regarding what it means to live a life guided by the Spirit. When we follow the Spirit, our lives bear the fruits of love, joy, and peace. In the Gospel, Jesus calls out the Pharisees and scholars of the law for being too preoccupied to pay attention to their neighbors and God's presence.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us bring our needs and those of our brothers and sisters in Christ to our loving Father.

- 1) For all of us in the Church, may the Lord bless us and purify our hearts for the coming of the fullness of the kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civic and world leaders, may God grant them wisdom, compassion, and integrity in serving their communities, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For couples who are struggling with difficult relationships, may the Holy Spirit guide them in reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may God help us to grow in charity and kindness and the fruits of the Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all of our beloved dead, may they come to share in the fullness of Christ's glory in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Gracious and loving God, we ask you to hear these petitions we offer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Thursday, October 13, 2022

(Lec. 470)

- 1) Ephesians 1:1-10
- 2) Luke 11:47-54

THURSDAY OF
28TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: The Lord has blessed us with spiritual gifts.

Today we consider the warnings Jesus gives to Pharisees and scholars of the law – those who follow God's law in a superficial way. This is in contrast to how we ought to behave as those chosen by God *before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him*. Love and forgiveness are the foundation of relationships – with God and with one another.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Paul praises God, who through Christ and by Christ, has given us *every spiritual blessing and destined us for adoption to himself*. In the Gospel, Christ issues a series of warnings to the Pharisees and scribes, who focus on the superficial but fail to recognize God's prophets and Apostles.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As we seek to listen and respond to God's word, let us offer our prayers to our Father in heaven,

- 1) For our Church, may God continue to help us grow in holiness and strength as we nurture a culture of healing and life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For our national and local leaders, may God guide them in seeking justice and peace, especially for the poor and suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick and those who care for them, may the Lord of comfort and peace bring healing and strength, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us gathered in this holy place, may we be transformed by grace to a life of Gospel fidelity, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom by the communion of saints, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Father of all goodness, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

* * * * *

Friday, October 14, 2022

(Lec. 471)

- 1) Ephesians 1:11-14
- 2) Luke 12:1-7

FRIDAY OF
28TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.
Saint Callistus I,
Pope and Martyr)

FOCUS: God knows us, chooses us, calls us by name: How do we respond?

We all have a desire to be seen and known. The first reading and Gospel remind us that, not only are we seen and known but also chosen, despite our shortcomings and sin, by none other than God himself. Which prompts the question: How have we responded?

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Paul writes to the Ephesians, saying, *In Christ we were also chosen ... were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance.* In the Gospel, Jesus warns the disciples to *beware of the leaven – that is the hypocrisy – of the Pharisees.* He assures them that God cares for them.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting in the life-giving power of the Spirit, we lift up our prayers and petitions to our Father in heaven.

- 1) For the Church, may God guide our lives of prayer and draw us more deeply into his love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For our national and local leaders, may God guide them in their work protecting the dignity and sanctity of human life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those traveling the long road of grief, may they know Christ's presence and rest in the confidence that nothing can separate us from the love of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this family of believers, may the Lord continue to bless us and help us grow in faith, hope, and charity, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died in the light of faith, may they soon know the joy of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we share this day and answer them according to your divine will. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Saturday, October 15, 2022

(Lec. 472)

- 1) Ephesians 1:15-23
- 2) Luke 12:8-12

SATURDAY OF
28TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church)

FOCUS: Christians are called to testify to the truth of God in word and deed.

The theme of today's readings is about giving witness to Christ. He is not only Lord over the universe, but the Church has the privileged role as his body. As such, Christians have a heavy responsibility to witness Jesus to others. How might we acknowledge Jesus as Lord in the presence of others today?

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Saint Paul writes of his thanksgiving for the Ephesians, and that he remembers them in prayer. In the Gospel, Jesus indicates to his disciples that there will be those who acknowledge him and those who deny him, and that they should not worry about defending themselves because the Holy Spirit will teach them what to say.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Guided by the Spirit, let us bring the needs of our community to the Lord.

- 1) For the Church, may the Spirit's promptings be her guide in witnessing to the Gospel message throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For lawmakers, may God inspire their work in always protecting the weakest and most vulnerable in our society, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who despair, may the Lord shower them with comfort and hope, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those in this faith community seeking work, may God open doors of opportunity that lead to fulfilling employment, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may our heavenly Father bring them to eternal peace and glory, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Father of glory, hear our humble prayers and grant all that is good. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022

(Lec. 147)

- 1) Exodus 17:8-13
- 2) 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2
- 3) Luke 18:1-8

**29TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FOCUS: Persist in prayer.

Prayer comes easily in times of need. But how often do we breathe in the silence and communicate with God – to hear his word, to know his will, to find true peace? Let us persist in our prayer to God, who made all things and keeps them in existence.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, a fatigued Moses keeps his hands raised – with the assistance of Aaron and Hur – so that the Israelites can conquer the Amalekites. Saint Paul encourages Timothy to be faithful to what he has learned and believed. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples a parable about the necessity to pray always without becoming weary.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As we seek to follow Christ to fullness of life, we turn to the Lord with our prayers and petitions.

- 1) For God's holy Church, may he bless her with continued growth in number and holiness, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all nations, may God lead those in power to a just governance and give them the grace to discern what is best for their people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who are absent from the life of the Church, may the Lord encourage them in their faith and deliver them from doubt, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this community of worship, may God strengthen us against temptation and graciously hear our prayers for one another, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all the faithful departed, particularly those who have no one else to pray for them, may they be welcomed into the heavenly Jerusalem, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Gracious God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, which we offer through Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Monday, October 17, 2022

(Lec. 473)

- 1) Ephesians 2:1-10
- 2) Luke 12:13-21

MONDAY OF
29TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop and Martyr)

FOCUS: Our God is rich in mercy.

We live not to be comfortable now, but to be forever happy with our God in eternity. God, who is truly rich in mercy, freely gives salvation even while we remain dead in our sins and enslaved to the greed of our hearts. In his mercy, Christ Jesus has given us our most valuable possession: our salvation in him.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Paul instructs the Ephesians about the mercy of God which saves us by grace – even while we are yet sinners. In the Gospel, Jesus cautions a man to guard against greed and tells the parable of a rich man who resolves to build bigger barns for his harvest before his life is suddenly demanded of him.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Confident in the mercy of our God, who sent his Son to save us even while we were yet sinners, let us bring our prayers and petitions before him.

- 1) For all members of the Church, may the wisdom of the Lord continue to guide our every action, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For those responsible for public policy, may God guide them in enacting laws that uphold the eternal law of truth given in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the poor, may God provide for their material needs and give them peace, comfort, and rest, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For the needs of this community, may God tame the desires of our hearts for worldly things and increase our desire for him, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died marked with the sign of faith, may God grant them eternal rest, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Merciful God, hear and answer the prayers we ask through Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

(Lec. 661)

1) 2 Timothy 4:10-17b

2) Luke 10:1-9

**SAINT LUKE,
EVANGELIST
- FEAST**

FOCUS: We have inherited Christ's mission to proclaim the kingdom.

Our readings today contain practical considerations for ministry – a ministry we have inherited from Jesus and the Apostles. As we continue Christ's mission to proclaim the kingdom of God, not everyone we encounter will be for us. Whether we are accepted or rejected, we are to proclaim a kingdom of healing and peace.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Paul writes that Luke is the only one who remains with him and asks Timothy to bring Mark with him to assist him in his ministry. Though everyone deserted him, the Lord gave Paul strength. In the Gospel, Jesus sends seventy-two disciples ahead of him, instructing them to proclaim that the kingdom of God is at hand.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Confident in God's grace, let us turn to him with our prayers.

- 1) For an increase in religious vocations, may the Lord bless those discerning priesthood or consecrated life with generous and open hearts, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all those who are elected to government, may God's justice be in their hearts and guide their decision-making, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who are facing adversity or burden of any kind, may the peace of Jesus calm their fears and bring them consolation, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all who worship in this place, may God's grace help us grow in perfection in faith and love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died in the peace of Christ, may God grant them eternal rest, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: O God, in your compassion hear us and answer our prayers. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

(Lec. 475)

- 1) Ephesians 3:2-12
- 2) Luke 12:39-48

WEDNESDAY OF
29TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM

USA: Saints John de Brébeuf
and Isaac Jogues,
Priests,
and Companions,
Martyrs)

FOCUS: Blessed is the one whom the master finds vigilant and prepared.

In the Nicene Creed, we recall that Christ will come to judge the living and the dead. Since we do not know the time, however, as people of faith, we must strive to be well prepared for that great day. Like a servant waiting for the return of his master, we are called to be vigilant, dutiful, and prudent. For blessed is the one whom the master finds doing his duty.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Saint Paul writes to the Ephesians that the mystery of Christ has been revealed and that the Gentiles are now co-heirs with Israel in the promises once made to God's chosen people. In the Gospel, Jesus explains the parable of the prudent servant who is vigilant and prepared for the return of his master.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With confidence and trust, let us bring our prayers and needs before our eternal Father.

- 1) For Church leaders, may the Spirit continue to guide and inspire them and keep them faithful to Christ and his Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For elected officials, may the Holy Spirit strengthen them in wisdom and compassion, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick, the anxious, and the fearful, may God bring them healing of mind and body, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For members of this faith community, may God grant us courage in spreading the Good News, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead, may they receive the reward of a life well spent and come to share in the fullness of Christ's glory, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of strength and joy, we bring these prayers and needs before you today, trusting in your mercy. Answer them, we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Thursday, October 20, 2022

(Lec. 476)

1) Ephesians 3:14-21

2) Luke 12:49-53

THURSDAY OF

29TH WEEK

IN ORDINARY TIME

(Opt. Mem.)

USA: Saint Paul of the Cross,

Priest)

FOCUS: Christ dwells in our hearts through faith.

Jesus came to set the earth on fire – a fire which does not burn with peace, but division. He has also come to dwell within us, through faith and grace, enabling us to choose on which side of the divide we wish to fall. We proclaim our faith to the world, and others may choose to follow Christ or not. We may find ourselves separated from loved ones here on earth because of the presence of Christ within us, but we will never be separated from the one who calls us to himself forever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Saint Paul writes to the Ephesians that he is praying that Christ may dwell in their hearts. In the Gospel, Jesus says that he has come *to set the earth on fire*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us now bring our prayers before the Lord.

- 1) For the Church, may the Lord bless her and keep her safe from all evil, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civic leaders, may the Holy Spirit guide them in embracing sound and moral principles in solving the issues before them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For children everywhere, and for those who advocate for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the Spirit be our guide in using our gifts and talents for the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all the souls in purgatory with no one else to pray for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: We thank you, Father, for hearing our prayers. We ask you to accept and bless them in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

* * * * *

Friday, October 21, 2022

(Lec. 477)

- 1) Ephesians 4:1-6
- 2) Luke 12:54-59

FRIDAY OF
29TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: *Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received.*

It's a lofty bar *to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received*, as Paul writes. Then again, it's a lofty call we have received: *to live virtuously, bearing with one another through love, [and] striving to preserve the unity of the spirit*. This is what God desires, and this is what God enables us to do through the grace of baptism and the gift of faith.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Saint Paul urges the Ephesians to model humility, gentleness, and patience, that they may live with one another united by the God in whom they are baptized. In the Gospel, Jesus castigates the people for being able to interpret what the earth and sky tell them by their appearance, but not being able to understand what is happening in the present time.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: We bring our prayers before the Lord, confident in his eternal love for us.

- 1) For the Church, may she grow in holiness and charity through the gracious mercy of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For policymakers, may the Holy Spirit inspire them in passing laws protecting all life from conception to natural death, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who are suffering from illness, may they have the comfort of family and friends and be restored to health, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those gathered here today and for those we love, may God open our hearts to hear his word, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may God welcome them into eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of heaven and earth, in your goodness, listen to the prayers we have placed before you, for ourselves and for the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Saturday, October 22, 2022

(Lec. 478)

- 1) Ephesians 4:7-16
- 2) Luke 13:1-9

SATURDAY OF
29TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.
Saint John Paul II;
Saturday in honor
of BVM)

FOCUS: We never outgrow our need – or our ability – to become more like Christ.

We humans will never reach the point where we have no more need to grow and improve. That is a blessing God gives us, always allowing us to grow closer to his perfection. No matter how young or how old we are, the drive to make ourselves more like Jesus is a noble endeavor.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Paul encourages the Ephesians to see themselves as maturing in faith, each of them doing their unique part to help bring others to God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a fig tree, in which the gardener convinces the owner not to cut down the tree.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us join together as one voice and bring our needs to the Father.

- 1) For the Church, may the Lord fortify and sustain her in her prophetic witness to the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government leaders, may the Lord make his presence known to them as they carry out their duties, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the victims of violence, may God grant them healing and strength, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those gathered here, may the Lord help us grow in our understanding of his merciful love for us and so be transformed, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they be embraced this day by the light of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, we offer these prayers, trusting that you know what we need. We ask that you answer them according to your will. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

(Lec. 150)

- 1) Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
- 2) 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
- 3) Luke 18:9-14

**30TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FOCUS: In prayer, we turn to God with all our needs.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor, the oppressed, and the tax collector who share the virtue of humility. He knows no favorites but hears those who admit their need for his mercy and redemption. When we pray, it is not to exalt ourselves but to humble ourselves and place ourselves in his hands.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sirach says that God hears the cry of the lowly and oppressed. Paul praises the Lord for giving him strength as his life is threatened. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the Pharisee and tax collector praying at the temple. The humble tax collector – not the self-righteous Pharisee – leaves justified.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: We offer our petitions to the Lord, who hears the cry of the humble and those in need.

- 1) That the Church may continue to be graced with shepherds after Christ's own heart who lead his Church with loving care, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That civic leaders may be guided by the Holy Spirit in always working for the common good, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That the Lord may be close to the brokenhearted and save those crushed in spirit by poverty or oppression, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That the Holy Spirit may cleanse us of self-righteousness and teach us to pray with humility, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That all who have died may live in glory forever in heaven with God and all the saints and angels, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Lord God, hear these prayers and petitions that we bring before you with humble hearts and answer them in accordance with your holy will. In Christ's name we pray.

* * * * *

Monday, October 24, 2022

MONDAY OF

(Lec. 479)

30TH WEEK

- 1) Ephesians 4:32—5:8
- 2) Luke 13:10-17

IN ORDINARY TIME

(Opt. Mem.

Saint Anthony Mary Claret,
Bishop)

FOCUS: Turn away from darkness, so as to walk in the light of Christ's grace and power.

We were once in darkness but now are light in the Lord – *live as children of light*. Paul's instruction and encouragement also convey truth: In faith and with God's help, we cannot continue in darkness when the light of Christ has begun to heal our souls. When we commit our whole lives to Christ, we find our freedom in him.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Saint Paul urges the Ephesians to *be imitators of God* and to *live in love*. In the Gospel, Jesus cures a crippled woman on the Sabbath, incurring the anger of the synagogue leader. The woman and the crowd, however, rejoice and give glory to God.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Together as the body of Christ, let us lift our prayers to our loving Father.

- 1) For the Church, may the Spirit help her grow in faithfulness and holiness, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government leaders, may God give them the grace to enact just laws, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who suffer from serious illness, may God's light shine as a source of comfort and hope, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those in our midst in need of material or spiritual help, may the Lord provide what they need through this loving faith community, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they rest in God's eternal love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Lord God, we bring these petitions before you in hope for the good things you wish to bestow upon us. Hear and answer them, we ask, through Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

(Lec. 480)

- 1) Ephesians 5:21-33
- 2) Luke 13:18-21

TUESDAY OF
30TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: We are called to increase in Christ.

The kingdom of God is a great mystery, one that is partly revealed in parable and analogy, and experienced with just a taste in the Eucharist. Jesus helps us to understand it today through the examples of things that increase. It is about growing and building in astonishing ways. We might only catch glimpses of what the kingdom of God is like in our own faith experiences, but we know the fullness is still to come.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Saint Paul encourages the Ephesians to be in relationship with, and to love, each other in the same way that Christ loves the Church. For we all *are members of his Body*. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches about the kingdom of God. He says it is like a mustard seed that grows into a large bush, or yeast that leavens flour into a great amount of dough.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Mindful of our dependence on God, let us bring our needs before him.

- 1) For the Church and her work to proclaim the kingdom of God here on earth, may God continue to bless and protect her in this holy mission, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all who publicly serve to defend the vulnerable, may God work through their actions to bring justice in every case, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who suffer from anxiety or depression, may God be present to them with tenderness and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all who work in agriculture and provide food for our tables, may God bring great yields to their labors, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have passed from this life in anticipation of God's kingdom, may God welcome them to his eternal banquet, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of abundance, we ask that you hear and answer the prayers we offer, through Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

(Lec. 481)

- 1) Ephesians 6:1-9
- 2) Luke 13:22-30

WEDNESDAY OF
30TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: With God, there is no partiality.

Saint Paul writes that there is no partiality, no pecking order, in God's household of salvation. Jesus subverts the usual expectation of blessing and reward by saying that some who are first may be last, and vice versa. At the heart of it all is the purpose of our lives, and our relationships here in this world: to act toward another with sincerity of heart, doing the will of God and striving for eternal life with him.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Paul writes to the Ephesians with instructions for how children, fathers, slaves, and masters ought to act toward one another. In today's Gospel, Jesus responds to the question, *Lord, will only a few people be saved?* He answers by telling them to *strive to enter through the narrow gate*, and that some who are first will be last, and some who are last will be first.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting in the Lord's love and concern for us, we offer him these prayers.

- 1) For leaders in the Church, may the Lord continue to bless them with vitality and health and help them grow in holiness, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For those in positions of leadership in the judicial system, may the Holy Spirit guide their hearts as they balance justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who suffer oppression for their belief in Christ, may God protect and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those gathered here, may God hear and answer our prayers for eyes to see and ears to hear those in need, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they rest in the joy of God's heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Lord God, you show your compassion and love to all who turn to you. Hear these prayers from your children, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Thursday, October 27, 2022
(Lec. 482)

- 1) Ephesians 6:10-20
- 2) Luke 13:31-35

THURSDAY OF
30TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Rely on God's strength to win the spiritual battles of this life.

We all face spiritual battles in this life as we journey to our eternal home in heaven. In our day-to-day lives, these could include our own weaknesses and sinful tendencies, or the temptations of the world. Saint Paul encourages us to rely on God's strength and use our weapons of faith, righteousness, and truth to stay strong.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Paul encourages the Ephesians to trust in God and to put on the armor of God to *stand firm against the tactics of the Devil*. In the Gospel, Jesus is warned by the Pharisees that Herod wants to kill him and that he should leave Jerusalem. Jesus tells them that he will stay and accomplish his purpose.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Knowing we can always rely on the strength of God, we bring before him the concerns of our world and our community.

- 1) For those in the Church entrusted with the spiritual care of others, may God grant them wisdom and compassion, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For world leaders, may they be blessed with God's wisdom in policy-making and governing, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For women facing challenging pregnancies, may God look graciously upon them and grant them strength, hope, and a community of support, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all in our faith community who are homebound or sick in hospitals or nursing homes, may they find comfort in the Lord and in our support for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the souls of the faithful departed, may God welcome them into eternal life in his heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God our Father, we know you are with us in all the struggles we face in this life. Listen to our prayers and grant them according to your will. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Friday, October 28, 2022

(Lec. 666)

- 1) Ephesians 2:19-22
- 2) Luke 6:12-16

**SAINTS SIMON & JUDE,
APOSTLES
- FEAST**

FOCUS: Christ is our capstone, our foundation of faith in God's promises.

The first disciples – particularly the Twelve Apostles – were the last of the strangers and sojourners: the Israelite people who had longed for and awaited their redeemer. In Christ, they found the living presence of God's promises to them. We find the same through our own gift of faith, and we, too, are united to Christ and his body. He is our capstone, we rely on him to keep firm our foundation.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Saint Paul tells the Ephesians, they are *no longer strangers and sojourners*, but members of God's household and a dwelling place for his Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus prays all night, then chooses the Twelve to be his Apostles.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As members of the household of God, we gather our prayers and present them to the Father.

- 1) For all priests and bishops, may the boundless love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus inspire their witness, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For our country's legislative bodies, may the Holy Spirit guide them in enacting policies that recognize human dignity at all stages, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who grieve the loss of a loved one, may the Holy Spirit grant them solace and comfort, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those in our community who serve in faith formation, may the Holy Spirit bless their ministry, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead, may the Lamb of God welcome them to the wedding feast of heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Father of love and mercy, we humbly implore you to look kindly upon the petitions we bring you in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son.

* * * * *

Saturday, October 29, 2022
(Lec. 484)

- 1) Philippians 1:18b-26
- 2) Luke 14:1, 7-11

SATURDAY OF
30TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Saturday in honor
of BVM)

FOCUS: The humble and lowly will be exalted.

In today's Gospel, Christ advises us to avoid competing for the highest position or place of honor and to approach events with humility and lowliness. Those who seek the lowest place will be honored, while those who seek honor for themselves will be brought low.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Paul proclaims to the Philippians his hope that whether he lives or dies, Christ will be magnified in his body. In the Gospel, Jesus dines at a Pharisee's home and tells a parable about choosing one's seat when invited to a wedding banquet: seeking the lowest places, rather than high places of honor.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As we seek to be faithful to Christ's teaching, let us offer our prayers to our Father in heaven.

- 1) For the leaders of the Church, may the Holy Spirit continue to guide them in humble service for others, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For our national and local leaders, may God inspire them in serving with integrity, compassion, and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick, especially those struggling with chronic illness, may God bring them healing of mind and body, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those of us gathered here, may the grace of this sacrament transform us in the image of Christ's love and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom by the saints and angels, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022

(Lec. 153)

- 1) Wisdom 11:22—12:2
- 2) 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2
- 3) Luke 19:1-10

31ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Receive the Lord with joy and be ready for change.

Zacchaeus was not looking for a miracle; he just wanted to see Jesus. When Jesus called him, he came down quickly with great joy. When Jesus calls us, do we come quickly, or do we hesitate? Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist. As Zacchaeus did, we ought to receive him with great joy. For Zacchaeus received Jesus and was changed by the encounter. We, too, are meant to be transformed, for the sake of the world.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The author of the Book of Wisdom praises God for his love for all things he created and for the mercy he has on all people. Paul tells the Thessalonians that they always pray for them, that *God may make [them] worthy of [their] calling*. In the Gospel, Jesus calls Zacchaeus to come down from the tree, and the tax collector says he will give half his possessions away and repay what he owes anyone *four times over*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting in God's love and care for us, let us bring our prayers before him.

- 1) For all members of the Church, may God grant us open hearts to welcome the lost and receive them with love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For public officials, may God grant them courage in working for the common good rather than personal gain, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those nearing the end of life, may God send his peace and enable them to receive his love through those who support them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us gathered here, may Jesus open our hearts to see others as God sees them and to love without judgment or criticism, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the souls of the faithful departed, may they, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty and ever-loving God, we thank you for always hearing our prayers. Please answer them according to your will. Through Christ our Lord.

* * * * *

Monday, October 31, 2022

(Lec. 485)

- 1) Philippians 2:1-4
- 2) Luke 14:12-14

MONDAY OF
31ST WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Be at the humble service of neighbors, especially those in need.

“Humility is the foundation of prayer” (CCC 2559). Saint Paul and Jesus both exhort Christians to think and act for others, not for themselves. True humility involves charitable action and focuses on God and neighbor.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Saint Paul urges the Philippians to complete his joy by being *united in heart*, and *[doing] nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory ... humbly [regarding] others as more important than yourselves*. In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts his host to invite the needy, rather than influential people, when they hold a banquet. They will be blessed by their guests' inability to repay them.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: We turn to our merciful God, who is the source of all grace, and present our prayers and petitions.

- 1) That God may continue to bless his holy Church and all her works, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That God may inspire lawmakers in respecting the rights of the most vulnerable, especially the unborn, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That God may grant his help to those in need, both spiritually and temporally, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That those who have closed their hearts to God may be blessed with the certainty of his love for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That our beloved dead may come to share in the heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God our Father, we beg you to grant these, our petitions, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

* * * * *