

# *Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine*

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, October 23rd, 2016



The Italian National Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
Served by The Missionaries of Saint Charles – Scalabrinians  
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-Giulio Camerini

-Jose Ramon Arenas

### *Secretaries*

- Nancy Diaz

- Daniel Michel

## *Office Hours*

### *Sunday*

-8:00am—3:00pm

### *Tuesday- Friday*

-8:30am—8:30pm

### *Saturday*

-8:30am — 1:00pm

-2:00pm—5:30pm

### *Monday*

- *We're Closed*

## *Sunday Mass Schedule*

5:30pm - Sat. Vigil Mass

7:45am - English

9:00am - Español

10:30am - Italiano

12:00pm - English

1:30pm - Español

5:00pm - Español

## *Weekly Mass Schedule*

### *English*

-Monday - Saturday at 7:45am

### *Español*

-Martes y Jueves a las 6:30pm

### *Italiano*

-Sotto richiesta



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Who are the Priests serving at Mount Carmel?

### MISSIONARIES OF ST. CHARLES - Scalabrinians

The Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Charles – Scalabrinians – is an International community of religious serving migrants and refugees of different cultures, religions and ethnicities in 32 countries and on five continents.

The Congregation was founded on November 28, 1887, by Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini (1839-1905), bishop of Piacenza (Italy). It was the period of massive emigration from Italy and Europe toward the Americas. It was a far-reaching phenomenon whose importance Bishop Scalabrini was able to grasp in both its social and religious dimensions.

Our missionary focus has been to be migrants with the migrants and to be in mission with people on the move along with a special priority for the poorest migrants. What has become very obvious is that as we have taken more missionary risks and made an effort to clarify our Charism we have been blessed with more and more vocations.



**Bishop Scalabrini**

**Father of the Migrants**

### Church Services

We encourage all to register at the Parish-Shrine.

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*Les invitamos a registrarse en el Santuario Parroquial.*

*Support Staff*

Business Manager  
Alexander Sanchez 708.345.3632

Religious Education  
Modesta Martinez 708.344.4140

Activities Coordinator  
Miguel Aldana 708-345-3632

Music Coordinator  
Ann Marie Nabor 708.579.5373

Community Center Site Director  
Pablo Cruz 708.345.3632

#### *Sacramental Life*

Confessions *Confesiones*

Saturdays—*Sábados*  
4:00pm—5:30pm or by appointment/ *o con cita.*

Baptisms *Bautizos*  
Come to the parish office. *Pase a la oficina parroquial.*

Weddings *Bodas*  
Contact the priest at least six months in advance.  
*Contactar al sacerdote seis meses antes de la ceremonia*

Quinceañera  
*Contactar a la secretaria cuatro meses antes de la ceremonia.*

Presentaciones  
*Contactar la Secretaria al menos dos semanas antes*

#### *Religious Services*

Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
Mon—Sat at 7:00am

Adoration *Adoración al Stmo. Sacramento*  
Wednesdays 6:00pm—8:00pm

Novena & Benediction  
Wednesday/Miércoles 7:30pm

Grupo de Oración Carismática  
Martes a las 7:00pm

Grupo de Estudio Bíblico  
Miércoles a las 7:00pm

#### *Other Services*

Gift Shop Hours *Venta de Artículos Religiosos*  
During the regular office hours.  
*Durante las horas de oficina*

Community Center *Centro Comunitario*  
Social outreach *Servicios a la comunidad* (708) 345 - 3632

Food Pantry *Despensa de comida*  
Wednesdays 4:00pm—6:00pm

#### Religious Education—*Catecismo*

Saturday - *Sábados* 3:30pm — 6:30pm

Sunday - *Domingos* 10:00am—1:00pm

*- Mass Included—Incluye la Misa*

### For the Month of OCTOBER

Sun/ Dom 9  
+ 8:00am St. Anthony's Breakfast

Sun/ Dom 30  
+ 9:00am Feria del Mole

Mon/ Lun 31  
+ 7:00pm Misa de Todos los Santos

Monday/Lunes  
5:30 Clases de Guitarra

Thursday/Jueves  
6:30 Ballet Folkorico

Tuesdays / Martes  
6:30 Ballet Folkorico  
7:00 Grupo de Oracion  
7:00 Eng. Choir Practice

Friday/Viernes  
7:30 Practica de Coros  
7:00 Matrimonios con  
Proposito

Wednesday/ Miércoles  
6:30 Ballet Folkorico  
7:00 Grupo de Biblia

7:30 Boys/Girls Scouts  
7:00 JPC Jovenes para Cristo



#### *Weekly Offering*

October 15 – 16, 2016

Regular Sunday Collection: \$5,563.00

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### From the Pastor's Desk



**October count is happening in our Parish every weekend.** This is a practice requested by the Archdiocese of Chicago in order to have a better idea of how many Catholics attend Sunday Mass on regular basis. Our records show that an average of approximately 2,700 people come to Our Lady of Mount Carmel in order to keep holy the day of the Lord, making our Faith Community one of the largest ones in the entire Archdiocese. This high numbers are a concrete expression of how good people feel in coming to worship with us, at the same time they reflect what a vibrant Spiritual Family we are. At a moment when most Parishes experience low mass attendance, we can feel the confidence and joy of being a church where weekend activities are still happening at full speed.

Our being disciples of Jesus Christ is best expressed in our willingness to gather together and celebrate the Eucharist. In Word and Sacrament, the God of life continues to instruct and nourish His people while we seek to better live out the Good News of Salvation. Nowadays Christians are urged to witness their faith by the way we embrace Jesus' teaching, by the way we respond to the challenges of this world with a Gospel oriented attitude, by the time we spent in silent prayer in dialogue with God, etc. However, the most Solemn and concrete expression of our Faith is our celebration of the Eucharist every Sunday. Since the beginning of Christianity in the early Church, the importance of celebrating the day of Christ's Resurrection was a common way of identifying the followers of Jesus.

We cannot pretend to be active members of the Church and avoid gathering together to praise and worship the Lord who saved us. In fact, it is active participation in the Sunday Liturgy how we best express our belonging to any given Faith community. Contrary to a common believe in people's heart, the Church is not a social club, it is not a cultural oriented gathering of peoples, and of course it has nothing to do with bringing together people whose common philosophy of life, cluster to promote time-elapsd ideals... The Church is an assembly of God's Holy People whose common initiation in Christ -through Baptism, Confirmation and weekly celebration of Sunday Communion-, moves them to promote the Gospel of Jesus while celebrating their faith in faithful gatherings of Thanksgiving when coming to Sunday Mass. Hence the importance of Coming to Church on Weekends... Hence the importance of October Counting...

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### CALLING ALL SINGERS AND MUSICIANS!

- Now is the time to share your love of music with your Parish. Come, join the Festival Choir as we prepare for Christmas celebrations.
- All are welcomed to the music ministry program, which meets on Tuesday from 6:45pm to 8:30pm in the St. Anthony Room. (Choir does not meet on the last Tuesday of the month)
- We are a multi-generational, multi-lingual choir. Instrumentalists and vocalist alike are most welcomed!

Questions? Please call Anne Marie at  
(708)579-5373



Be merciful  
to me,  
a sinner

### A NOTE OF THANKS

**I would like to extend my gratitude to each one of you for your concern on my behalf. After not feeling so well last Saturday, I was taken to the hospital where doctors ran tests and kept me under observation for two days. After being released and some time of rest, I am back to normal and looking forward to continue to serve all of you.**

**Blessings,**

**Fr. Miguel Alvarez, c.s.**

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Imagine the frustration of bishops who work strenuously over their *ad limina* reports, directing study committees, assembling data, honing the texts, traveling to Rome “to the threshold,” only to have it all collapse into a fifteen-minute group meeting with the pope. More than a few have grumbled at the weight of this “treasure” from our tradition, yet from the pope’s vantage point, they are essential to his ministry.

Pope John Paul II recalled his own experience as the Bishop of Kraków, visiting with Pope Paul VI in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The memory of those individual visits caused him to strengthen the format, assuring each of the world’s 2,744 bishops a privileged fifteen private minutes with the pope every five years. If you wonder what the pope does all day, the thought of dealing with five hundred bishops a year and reading their detailed reports on diocesan life should help fill up the calendar. Pope John Paul II used to say that he approached each individual meeting with the personal goal of learning something new about the Church, and his lively interest made the visits immensely worthwhile. The content of the private meetings remains under a privilege of secrecy, or as Cardinal Theodore McCarrick once said, “You’re only supposed to quote the pope if he tells a joke.”

Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Altar and Rosary

### 2nd Annual Holiday Bazaar

Sunday, November 13, 2016

8:30am-4:00pm

OLMC Gym 22<sup>nd</sup> & Cortez  
Melrose Park, Illinois 60160

Join us before or after mass for a treat or snack in the Bazaar Cafe, shop for religious items, purchase a homemade Bake Sale item and visit our white elephant table and Crafters to get ready for this Holiday Season.

### **Admission is Free**

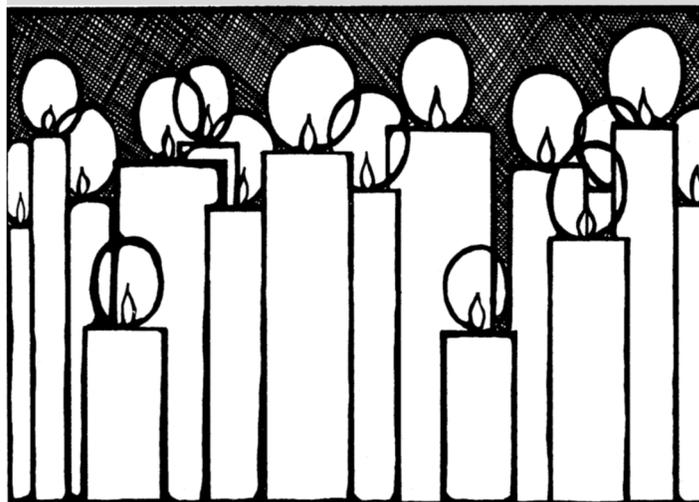
There will be a raffle drawing, however, winner need not be present at 3:00pm for drawing.

**Come one, Come All!**

*Looking forward to seeing you there!*

During the month of October, by the entrance of the Church there will be envelopes for you to take, and write the intentions of your deceased loved ones.

Please write the names in the envelope, and return with your donation before October 30th.



## Mensaje del Párroco



**Cada Domingo durante todo el mes de Octubre** estamos contando la asistencia a Misa Dominical. Esta práctica ayuda a la Arquidiócesis de Chicago a tener una idea clara de cuantas son las personas que practican su Fe. Es importante conocer el número de creyentes que asisten a la Eucaristía los fines de semana porque eso proporciona una idea clara de la vitalidad parroquial al mismo tiempo que nos muestra hacia donde debemos dirigir la actividad misionera-evangelizadora de la Iglesia. De una manera especial, el conteo de octubre de este año tendrá una repercusión directa en nuestras comunidades de Fe debido al proyecto “Renueva mi Iglesia” que el Arzobispo de Chicago ha iniciado en la Arquidiócesis desde hace algunos meses.

La asistencia a Misa Dominical es, sin duda, la mejor manera como los creyentes en Cristo podemos manifestar nuestra Fe. No se puede ser un discípulo auténtico de Jesús y pensar que nuestra presencia en la Iglesia los Domingos no sea importante. Es precisamente en el reunirnos a celebrar la Resurrección del Señor en torno al altar de la Iglesia que nuestra Fe se fortalece y nuestra fraternidad crece y se vuelve más auténtica. Al congregarnos cada Domingo, como Familia de Dios en la Parroquia, hacemos auténtica y real en el mundo la presencia de Cristo el Señor que ha venido para salvar a los que estaban perdidos y a conducirnos a todos hacia el Padre de las Misericordias. Nos acercamos al Altar dando Gracias y conscientes que en la Sagrada Comunión el Creador de todos nos nutre con el Pan de la Vida y el Cáliz de la salvación; comulgando el cuerpo de Cristo, nos volvemos Iglesia, es decir miembros vivos del Señor Resucitado y testigos de su Evangelio en el mundo. Por todo esto es tan importante que santifiquemos el día del Señor celebrando la misa los Domingos.

Durante estos fines de semana, estamos también ofreciendo la posibilidad de registrarse en nuestro Santuario Parroquial. Es importante que, como miembros de esta Comunidad de Fe, nos registremos y ojalá también adoptemos la costumbre de utilizar los sobres dominicales para nuestra ofrenda, esto nos convierte en miembros activos de la iglesia con posibilidades y beneficios que en otro momento explicaremos. Celebremos nuestra Fe y animemos a otros a hacerlo invitándoles a celebrar con nosotros este Misterio de Fe tan profundo y único que es la Eucaristía.

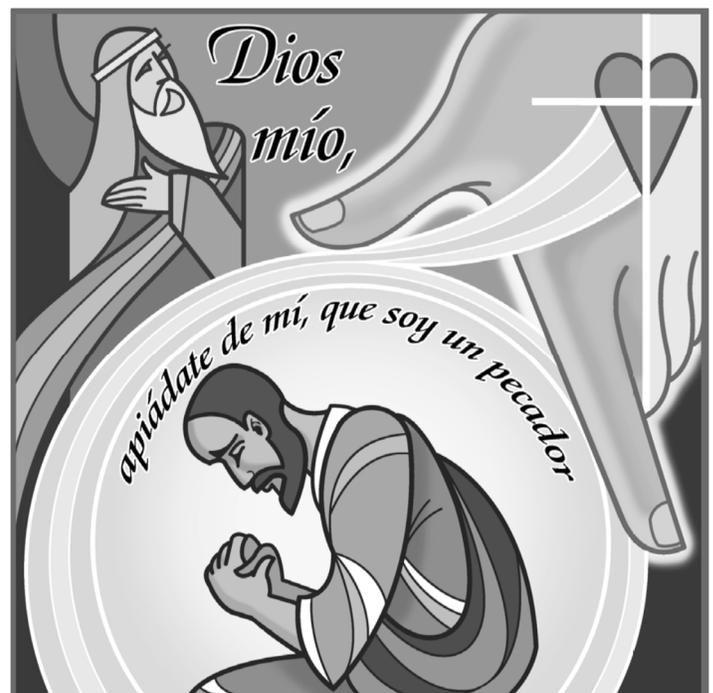
*Adsum,*

## Nota de Agradecimiento

Mi gratitud a cada uno de ustedes por sus atenciones y detalles durante los últimos días. Debido a unos síntomas preocupantes, el Sabado pasado fui llevado al hospital. Después de dos días de estudios y observación médica, fui dado de alta. Con unos días de reposo me encuentro en condiciones de continuar sirviendo con ganas y entusiasmo.

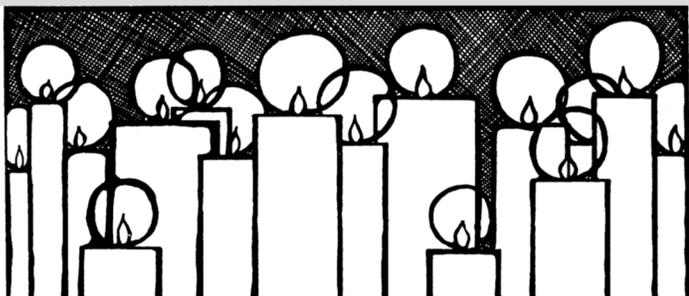
Bendiciones,

P. Miguel Alvarez, c.s.



**Durante el mes de Octubre a la entrada de la Iglesia, puede recoger su sobres para las intenciones de sus fieles difuntos.**

**Inscriba los nombres en el sobre, y regreselos con su donacion antes del 30 de Octubre.**



### NO HACER COMPARACIONES

¿Cuántas veces hemos leído o escuchado acerca de alguien que se metió en problemas, incluso despedido de su empleo, por un roce con la ley? Mientras nuestras mentes "cristianas" nos dicen que nos apiádemos de esa persona y que roguemos por ella, puede que una vocecita interior también esté diciendo: "Me alegro de que yo nunca haría algo así".

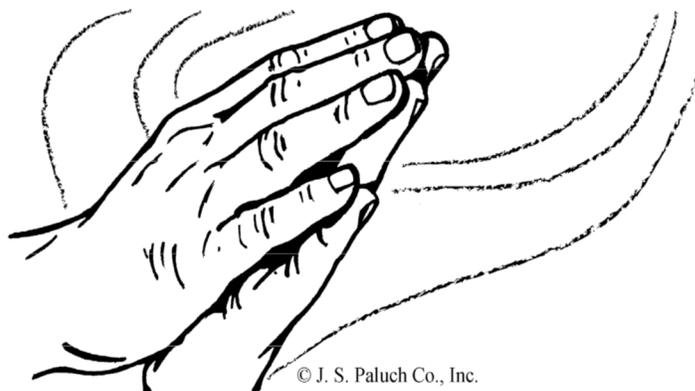
Y tal vez no lo haríamos. Pero, ¿hay algunas cosas que hacemos que no agradan a Dios? Las lecturas de hoy nos advierten no mirar tan atentamente a las maldades de otros que pasamos por alto nuestras propias debilidades y defectos. Cuando nos comparamos con las peores personas a nuestro alrededor, salimos bastante bien. Sin embargo, hay un peligro en usar la conducta ajena como medida para reflejar nuestras propias virtudes.

### TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En 1823 se fundó el pueblo de San Rafael de las Quebrajillas en Puerto Rico. Este pueblo fue dedicado al santo patrón de los pescadores. Rafael, también es el ángel patrono de la salud. Aunque hoy día su fiesta esta combinada con los otros arcángeles el 29 de septiembre, en el viejo calendario este santo fue conmemorado el 24 de octubre.

Rafael (Dios salva) se encuentra en el libro de Tobías y según el autor bíblico, este es el ángel de la guarda de Tobías. El mismo Rafael se presenta como uno de los siete ángeles o arcángeles que llevan las oraciones de los justos al trono de Dios y que gozan de la presencia gloriosa del Santísimo (Tobías 12:15).

Mi padre siempre dice que hay que pedir una cosa a Dios, la salud. Si tenemos la salud nada nos falta. Es interesante que en latín, salud y salvación son la misma palabra, *salus*. El santo patrón de la salud, Rafael nos recuerda que Dios es el único que nos puede salvar, dándonos salud de cuerpo, alma y espíritu.



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## GRAN RIFA!

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**SI GUSTA AYUDARNOS A VENDER Y OBTENOR SUS BOLETOS, POR FAVOR DE PASAR A LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL.**

## Fr. Feccia's Reflection



«Due uomini salirono al tempio a pregare». È tipico della caricatura cogliere un elemento del modello prescelto e metterlo in evidenza esagerandone i tratti. Con un procedimento analogo Gesù descrive i due estremi della società religiosa del suo tempo, presentando due opposti atteggiamenti spirituali. Questo quadretto riguarda da vicino ciascuno di noi: in quale personaggio possiamo riconoscerci? nel fariseo o nel pubblicano? Incontriamo in primo luogo il fariseo, con la sua magnifica «*eucaarestia*»: «*Dio, ti ringrazio. . .*» Non chiede nulla per sé, e sicuramente non è un ipocrita: ciò che chiede corrisponde ad una pratica che egli osserva scrupolosamente. Ma ne è troppo consapevole: rivolge una grande attenzione a se stesso: si ascolta a pregare. E soprattutto, giudica gli altri. Per quanto riguarda Dio, se ne interessa unicamente nella misura in cui non mancherà di riconoscere i suoi meriti eccezionali.

Di fronte a questo uomo pio tanto sicuro di sé, il pubblicano non improvvisa una preghiera di grazie, ma semplicemente si confessa non perché sente il bisogno di scavare nella propria coscienza (il fariseo l'ha già fatto per lui) o di elencare le proprie colpe, quanto piuttosto per esprimere tutto il dolore che prova. Non trovando nulla che possa dargli sicurezza di fronte al giudice, si affida alla misericordia divina: da essa soltanto spera di ricevere la propria esistenza come un dono, come una grazia. «*Questi tornò a casa sua giustificato, a differenza dell'altro*».

«*Salire non molto in alto, ma da soli!*», esclama Cirano di Bergerac. Il cristiano invece, sa che il giusto è sempre un uomo giustificato, salvato da Dio, al di là di qualsiasi merito. Siamo sufficientemente convinti di questo, quando preghiamo? Il miglior indice rivelatore di ciò che siamo davanti a Dio, è ancora la nostra preghiera.

**Il fariseo e il pubblicano**— Il pubblicano è in uno stato di confusione completa: come potrebbe ottenere il perdono senza cambiar vita e senza rimborsare le persone che ha defraudato? Agli occhi dei «benpensanti» il suo caso è senza soluzione. Ma il cuore di Dio ha sempre una soluzione per i casi disperati: Egli ama il peccatore e lo giustifica, poiché si è posto in un atteggiamento di umiltà, che lo trasforma in purificazione, comunione e giustizia. Il fariseo invece non ha alcuna apertura verso Dio, tanto è preoccupato del rendimento delle sue azioni religiose, che aumentano le sue «benemerienze» nel tempo. Come potrebbe Dio entrare in rapporto con un uomo così autosufficiente e sprezzante degli altri? La sua preghiera si riduce ad un monologo dinnanzi a un Dio muto.

## Il fariseo e il pubblicano: due modi di dialogare con Dio

Nella parabola ci sono due modi di concepire l'uomo e il suo rapporto con Dio. La preghiera del fariseo è un rendimento di grazie a Dio. Solo apparente però. In realtà è un pretesto per lodare se stesso e non Dio, compiacersi di sé per la mancanza di ogni peccato e per il merito delle buone opere, in forza delle quali si ritiene giustificato ed «esige» da Dio la ricompensa. La preghiera del fariseo non è preghiera, anzi è l'opposto.

Il pubblicano invece è «nella verità»: è consapevole della sua colpa e di non avere meriti davanti a Dio. Chiede grazia. La sua è vera preghiera.

Perciò dietro i due personaggi della parabola si può scorgere l'opposizione tra due tipi di giustizia: quella dell'uomo che ritiene di poterla realizzare col compimento perfetto della legge e quella che Dio concede al peccatore che si riconosce tale e che si converte. Il tema paolino della giustificazione mediante la fede si trova già delineato in questa parabola.

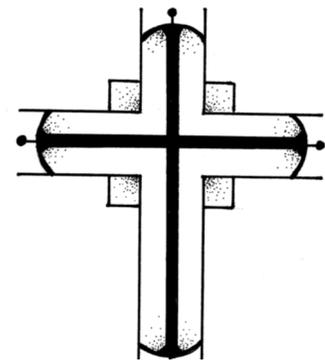


# Mass Intentions

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
WHO ARE ILL OR INFIRMED :

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|---|---|
| <b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22</b>   | <b>ST. JOHN PAUL II, POPE</b>               |
| 7:30 am † John LoRacco by Wife Pasquina & Fiffio                        |   |
| 5:30pm For the birthday of Josephine Misasi by Children & Grandchildren |   |
| <b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23</b>   | <b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>    |
| 7:45am †  |   |
| 9:00am †  |   |
| 10:30am † Generoso Trombetta by Wife Consolata Trombetta                |   |
| 12:00pm †   |   |
| 1:30pm †  |   |
| 5:00pm †  |   |
| <b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 24</b>   | <b>WEEKDAY</b>                              |
| 7:30 am †   |   |
| <b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25</b>  | <b>WEEKDAY</b>                              |
| 7:30 am †   |   |
| 6:30 pm †   |   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26</b>  | <b>WEEKDAY</b>                              |
| 7:30 am †   |   |
| 7:30 pm NOVENA  |   |
| <b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27</b>   | <b>WEEKDAY</b>                              |
| 7:30 am †   |   |
| 6:30 pm †   |   |
| <b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28</b>   | <b>SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES</b>      |
| 7:30 am †   |   |
| <b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29</b>   | <b>WEEKDAY</b>                              |
| 7:30 am †   |   |
| 5:30pm †  |   |
| <b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30</b>   | <b>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> |
| 7:45am †  |   |
| 9:00am †  |   |
| 10:30am †   |   |
| 12:00pm †   |   |
| 1:30pm †  |   |
| 5:00pm †  |   |

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Phyllis Aiuppa     | Joseph Pulido    |
| Linda Bandy        | Lauren Rendi     |
| Art Conti          | Bobby J. Villa   |
| Mary Conti         | Luke Westrick    |
| Antonela De Biasio | Ann Yench        |
| Nico De Biasio     | Angela Williams  |
| Mary Donato        | Alexandra Vitali |
| Judith Escamilla   | Vicki Parisi     |
| Jacob Duda         | Ken Douglas      |
| Kristie Goldi      | Michael Turso    |
| Linna Goldi        | Anna Baffa       |
| Susan Humpf        | Jan Clark        |
| Carol Maioni       | Sara Zonca       |
| Vandy Liala        | Nancy Oshea      |
| Ethan Maidl        | Madeline Vittori |



† Pedro Aguilar Tejada

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### BLIND JUSTICE

A statue of Blind Justice stands atop many courts of law in the United States. She wears a blindfold and holds the scales of justice. She represents the ideal expressed in today’s reading from Sirach—that each person will be treated equally in the eyes of the law and that judges will “[judge] justly and [affirm] the right” (Sirach 35:18) based solely on the justness of each plaintiff’s case.

Yet we know that the wealthy can buy very good lawyers, giving them an edge in the courtroom. We know that blacks far outnumber whites on death row. We also know that high-profile defendants are often tried and convicted by the media before the judge and jury ever enter the court. However careful, no human judge or human justice system can be completely blind to factors such as race, wealth, religion, gender, age, or background.

### THE MERCY OF THE COURT

In comparison, today’s scriptures depict God as “the just judge” who offers every person an equal measure of justice. Like the Pharisee in today’s Gospel, we must be careful not to overestimate our own worthiness or to judge the unworthiness of others. Like the apostle Paul, we must realize that, if we are judged to be righteous in the courts of God, it will be based not on our status as Christians, or on our good deeds, or on any other factor by which we might exalt ourselves. Instead, it will be solely because we asked for and relied on God’s mercy.

Sirach reminds us that God is swift to hear and respond to every person who cries out for mercy, even those whom the world despises as unworthy. “Those who [are] convinced of their own righteousness and despise everyone else” (Luke 18:9) would be well advised to humble themselves enough to beg for mercy, or they may get a surprise on judgment day!

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