

OCTOBER 23, 2022  
**THIRTIETH SUNDAY  
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré**

The Lord hears the cry of those humble enough to admit their need for him.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor and the oppressed. He also hears the cry of ... the tax collector.

In Jesus' time, the tax collector's job was to enforce the tax imposed by the Roman occupiers. Tax collectors were known to overcharge and pocket the difference. They were perceived as greedy, dishonest, and more loyal to the Romans than to their own community and kin. Of course, we feel sympathy for the lowly and the oppressed; we understand why the Lord attends to the cries of orphans and widows. But the tax collector? It is not so easy to feel sympathy toward him, or to understand why his prayer is heard. Yet Jesus challenges us with this parable and its conclusion: The tax collector went home justified.

Obviously, the circumstances of the lowly and oppressed are very different from the tax collector. One does not choose to be weak or poor, or to be a widow or orphan. It is life's unfortunate circumstances that bring about such conditions, usually through no fault of one's own. The tax collector chooses his profession and how he conducts his business. Yet in this parable, the tax collector shares an important virtue with the poor and oppressed: humility. They have all been humbled, whether by life's circumstances or their own doing.

The lowly and oppressed know their poverty, their weakness, and their need for the Lord. They have been humbled by life's circumstances, and they willingly place themselves at the Lord's hands. The tax collector, too, has been humbled. He realizes he is a sinner in need of God's mercy. He goes to the temple to pray, but cannot even lift his eyes. As he beats his breast in the traditional gesture of sorrow and remorse, he begs for mercy. Like the orphan and widow, he puts himself in God's hands. The Lord hears his cry, and he goes home justified.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor and the tax collector; but does he hear our prayers? The Lord knows no favorites, but he hears the cry of those who are humble enough to admit their need for him, their need for his mercy and redemption. He waits for us to need him – to long for him – so that he can be our strength and our salvation. When we pray, it is not to exalt ourselves as more worthy to be heard by him than others. Rather, when we pray it is to humble ourselves to be heard.

God's Son humbled himself to be one with us, to teach us to be humble and to place ourselves in God's hands, as he did when he surrendered himself to the cross. In this Eucharist, we recall his humility and seek the grace to be humble like him.



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OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM      10:00 AM
HOLY DAY MASSES	9:00 AM      7:00 PM
CONFESSIONS	4:00-4:30 PM, SATURDAY OR BY APPOINTMENT

**ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 22</b>
5:00 PM	Mass: Patricia Monroe (RIP)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 23</b>
8:00 AM	Mass: Living & Deceased Members of Parish
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Robert Carnevale (RIP)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 24</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Intentions of the Dunn Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 26</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Mary Dixon (RIP)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 28</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

**NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS**

5:00 PM	Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Open for your Intentions
10:00 AM	Mass: Anthony Lena (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING  
 A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

**All Saints Day– November 1**

This year, the Solemnity of All Saints' is Tuesday, November 1, a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses will be celebrated at 9AM and 7PM.

**All Souls Day—November 2**

Wednesday Nov. 2nd, 9AM Mass will be celebrated for the Deceased Members of the Parish.

**Commemoration of Our Beloved Deceased**

The month of November begins our commemoration of all the faithful departed. We would like to once again display photographs of our departed loved ones in church during the whole month. We will also continue with the commemorative book of names for our loved ones who have died.

**Please bring your unframed photographs (smaller than 8 x 10) to the church office at your earliest convenience.** Place them in an envelope labeled with your name and number so they can be returned to you.

**Fifth Sunday Rosary for Families**

The St. Paul Council, Knights of Columbus invites all families to join us and our families in praying the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament after the 10AM Mass on **Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022** followed Benediction.

Please join us in asking for Mary's intercession for an end to abortion in our country and world, for peace in our families and country, an end to pandemic & healing of all affected.

**World Mission Sunday Collection**

**This weekend, October 22/23,** we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Support for the missions is coordinated by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the oldest international organization tasked by the Pope with this responsibility. Our generosity makes it possible for local clergy, religious, and catechists to reach out to communities, families, and children in desperate, bringing the light of Christ to the most difficult of circumstances.

**GIFTS RECEIVED**

Offertory Collection – Oct 15/16  
**\$2,299.00**

**Thank you for your support!**

**2022 Faith Formation**

We have scheduled two meeting dates to kick off this year's catechism program. To prepare your child to receive First Communion, or Confirmation, or have your child take part in Catechism Classes, please attend one of the following meetings:

**Sat. October 29 6:15 – 6:45 PM**

**Sun. October 30 11:15 – 11:45 AM**

We will meet in the church to answer questions, hand out catechism books and lesson schedules, and review the following plan:

- Using catechism books and online resources at home
- Meeting in person on the 2nd Sunday of each month with children and families
- Choosing a flexible schedule to meet with young people seeking Confirmation
- Offering a Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10AM Mass on Sundays

**RSVP online: [stpaulsfoster.org/faith](http://stpaulsfoster.org/faith)**

so we have enough books on hand

**Help Fill Thanksgiving Baskets**

We are collecting food items in order to prepare Thanksgiving Food Baskets which have been so important and appreciated by some of our neighbors. **Please drop off all items by Sunday, November 8.**

Canned Fruit/Applesauce  
Gravy (Cans, Jars, Packages)  
Cranberry Sauce, Instant Potatoes,  
Biscuit/Roll Mix, Canned Vegetables,  
Stuffing Mix, Muffin Mix,  
Pie Crust/Fillings

**Baby Bottle Boomerang**

Please take a bottle home and fill it with your spare coins (cash /checks are also much appreciated) and **return the bottle to church by next Sunday, October 30th.** Your generosity helps Right to Life Services. May the Good Lord Bless you many times over for your generosity.

**Christmas Bazaar Meeting**

Monday, October 24 at 6:30PM

**The Holy Eucharist Our All****The Mystery of Faith**

The Holy Eucharist is the touchstone of faith. Our Divine Saviour wishes to remain with us under the insignificant appearance of bread, so that everything we do toward uniting ourselves to Him should be a pure act of most meritorious faith. Our faith is only then an act of homage to the Divine Majesty and a meritorious act of adoration when it is based on the authority of Divine Revelation.

Everything concerning the Blessed Sacrament is shrouded in deep mystery. No created spirit, not even the **Seraphim** or **Cherubim**, is capable of penetrating the mystery which hovers about this sublime Sacrament.

Our reason is suspended before this unsolved problem; our senses protest against a doctrine which is beyond their sphere. Natural knowledge fails in this case. Here avails only **humble faith** in our Saviour's words: "This is my body, which is given for you." (Luke 22:19) "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. ...my flesh is meat indeed; and my blood is drink indeed." (John 6:52, 56)

If, then, a man finds his unshaken faith solely on the words of Christ, that faith is, in truth, supernatural— a faith such as God expects from him. Such faith is unyielding; it stands the test of the touchstone which Christ has left to us in the Most Blessed Sacrament. We may say in all truth that our **zeal** and  **fervor** toward the Most Blessed Sacrament is a reliable barometer of our whole spiritual life. The true Christian is known by his faith in the Blessed Sacrament.

(continued next week)

~ Fr. Lukas Etlin, O.S.B.