



Like the Rings of a Tree

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

For some, going to confession can bring a sense of relief—as if the slate has now been wiped clean; as if we have gotten a do-over with life or the past has been left behind as though it never happened. Our past, however, is always with us—the good and the bad, the joys and the sadness, the grace and the sin. There are no do-overs. We carry with us the marks of our lives simply because every experience, every kindness and cruelty, every moment of generosity and selfishness, all have made us into who are. We are much like a tree that adds a ring to its trunk each year. The ring always bears the marks of that year, whether it has been a year of rain or drought, whether insects have attacked, or whether Mother Nature has been kind. The tree always remembers and carries with it forever the rings of what life has been.

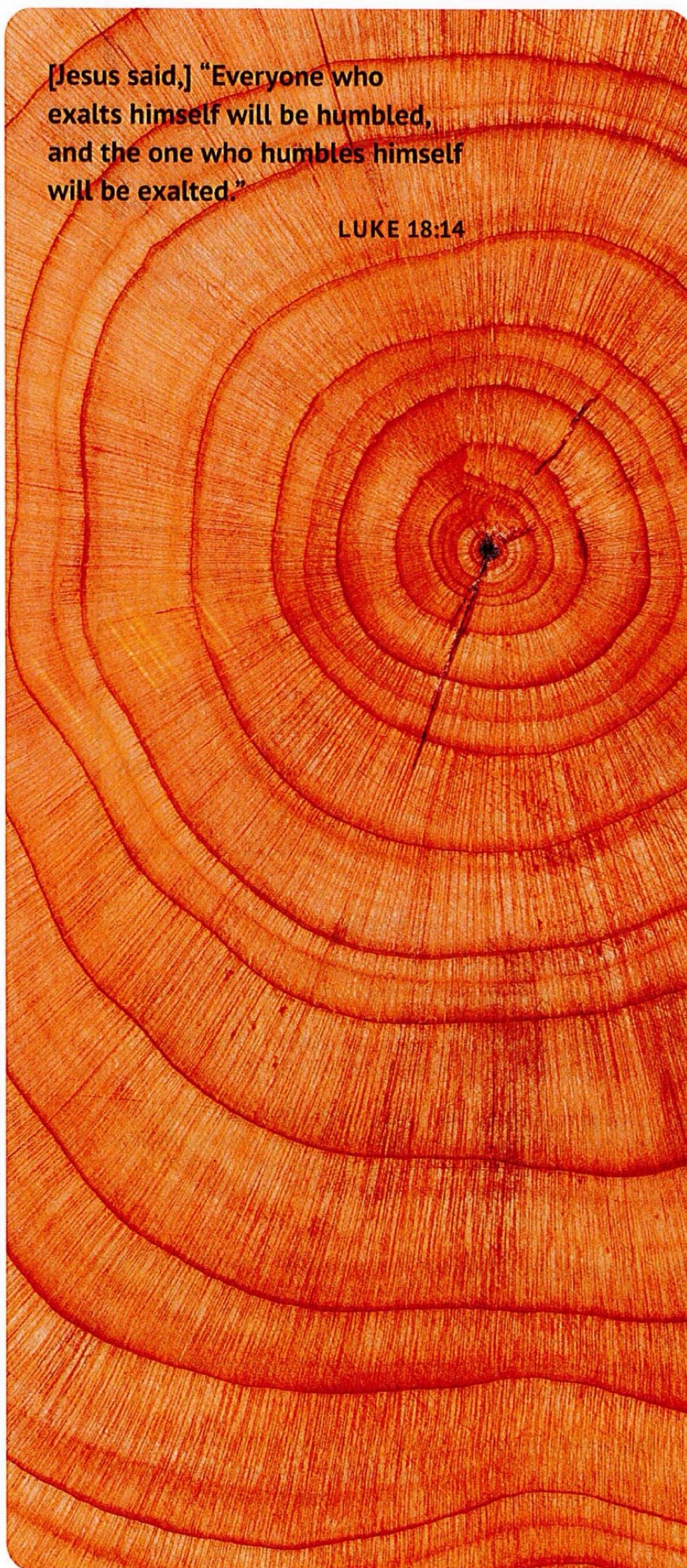
Our lives are the same. The story of the Pharisee and the tax collector tells this tale. Like the Pharisee, we have much good in our lives. We too have prayed and have been generous. We have been kind and honest and cared for the poor. We have tried to be faithful. The Pharisee's downfall was that he forgot about his sinfulness; he forgot he needed God's mercy. The tax collector, on the other hand, remembered his failings. Both were in need of God's love. Only the tax collector seemed to realize it. ●

Reflect

***How has my life been a mixture
of sin and grace?***

[Jesus said,] "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

LUKE 18:14



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Holy Mass Schedule: May God Bless You

Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday & 1st Saturday
Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday
Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 pm.: Saturday
Confession 3:00 p.m.: 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.
30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary
For more information, please contact the Church Office.

Sacraments

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!

The Sacrament of reconciliation is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors. R.C.I.A. Adult Education.

 Mass Intentions

Saturday/ October 25th –

4 p.m. Holy Mass: Robert Belec †
by People of the Parish

Anointing of the Sick after Holy Mass

**2nd collection is for World Mission Sunday

Sunday/ October 26th – Thirtieth Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Janet Furrow †
by David Donahoe

**2nd collection is for World Mission Sunday

Anointing of the Sick after Holy Mass

*** The Rosary is at 5 pm at St. Michael's

Monday/ October 27th –

11 a.m. Funeral Mass for Ariela Wege

10:30 a.m. The Rosary

*KC officers meeting at 6 pm / The Rosary at 5:30 pm

Tuesday/October 28th – St. Simon and St. Jude,
Apostles

No Holy Mass

Wednesday / October 29th –

No Holy Mass

Thursday / October 30th –

No Holy Mass

**BINGO doors open at 5 pm games start at 6 pm

Friday/ October 31st –

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Peter Kootz
by Buddy and Anne Kootz

Saturday/ November 1st – All Saints Day
First Saturday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : All the Kootz's Godchildren
by Buddy and Anne Kootz

4 p.m. Holy Mass : Faye Lassiter †
by Kent and Mary Schultz

*2nd Collection is for the Maintenance Fund

*Food Pantry Collection

Sunday/ November 2nd – All Souls Day

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Al Czechs †
by Tom and JoAnn Helfert

*2nd Collection is for the Maintenance Fund

*Magnificat Breakfast after Holy Mass today

*Food Pantry Collection

**Bingo today doors open at 1 pm doors open at Noon

Thought
for the week

30th Sun-C Luke.18:9-14

When you
can't put your
prayers into
words,
God hears
your heart.



🙏 Wishing you a Blessed Week 🙏



Collection Report

October 18th and 19th, 2025

Main Collection : \$ 1338

Respect Human Life : \$ 550

Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?

ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration

Friday 5 pm to 6 pm

Rose, (870) 847-5018, or

Anne, (870) 847-19859



God Bless the Donors and their Intentions

Altar Flowers this week are generously
provided by : **Buddy and Anne Kootz**, in
honor of their son, **Peter's birthday**.

Tabernacle Roses this week are generously
provided by: **Rhonda Bystry** in honor of
Trudi William's birthday.

Magnificat Breakfast

On Sunday November 2, the Magnificat Team will host a breakfast after the 9 am Holy Mass in the Parish Hall. The cost of the breakfast is \$8.00. Tickets are the door. Come join us for a wide spread of breakfast dishes. For more information: contact Lori Templet at 225-717-0238. **Thank you for supporting us!**

Our Lady of Sorrows Prayer Group

Please, join us for a short prayer session invoking St. Monica and Our Lady of Sorrows to bring our loved ones back into the arms of Holy Mother Church. We will meet for about 10 minutes on 1st Thursday of every month after the 9 am Holy Mass in the Library. **Starts November 6, 2025.** Please contact Anne Kootz 870-847-1985 for more information.

Big Thank You !!

To the Bingo Team for donating the funds for the Storm Shelter at the rectory. We know that you donate many hours of your time and energy to keep Bingo going at our church and we all appreciate Izzy, Dana and Joyce along with their whole team for keeping Bingo going all these years. Also, the Knights for running the concession stand. St. Michael's has been blessed with all the funds you have contributed to our church. Also, Garry and all the men who helped to prepare the area and supervised in the installation.

Food Pantry Collections

The food pantry collection is always the 1st weekend of each month. This helps to service the poor and those in need. You can also bring food for the pantry at anytime just make someone from St. Vincent de Paul aware that you will be bringing it in. They can accept expired products..Blessings ~

LAST OPPORTUNITY

To get your photo and information in the **new church directory or update** any information if you have not already this week. Make sure we have your most current cell phone or contact phone number. Several people may have moved or changed their phone numbers. Contact the parish office with your request.



Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Mary Welch, Jack Heuser, Crystal Hawkins, Michael Gagne, Isabelle Wiest, Michael & Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, JoAnn Colwell, Georgia Harris, Dan Such, Jerry Gorton, Dawn Logan, Mary Lee, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Jimmy White, Joan Schulz, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Pat Kimball, Marcella Birckhead, Michael Reddick, Gerald and Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Maryann Barber, Martin Moriarty, Maria Gerrah, Colleen Royal, Cecilia Cefalu, Darrell and Elizabeth Beason, Jim Whorl, Joyce Speir, Amy Moriarty, Doug and Tammy Wortham.
Nursing Home: Ruth Klinge, Chuck Wolff and KayLynn Rodenbeck
Expectant Mothers: Samantha Eichhorn, Kristene Bates and Josephine Gregory.

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!

- 🍰 October 26th – Alex Conrad
- 🍰 October 26th – Will Munroe
- 🍰 October 28th – Martha DeCoster
- 🍰 October 31st – Christopher Raith



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

- ♥ October 25th - Scott and Linda Elmore
34 years
- ♥ November 1st - Willie and Glenda Moore
42 years

*****No Holy Mass on October 27th, 28th and 29th, 2025*****

Praying for the poor souls in purgatory is very important!

The Church dedicates November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. She encourages the faithful to offer prayers, indulgences, and works of penance, and or almsgiving for these suffering souls who cannot help themselves.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches:-

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." (CCC 1030) "This teaching is also based on the practice of **prayer for the dead**, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture:- **Maccabees 12:43-45:-**

⁴³" He also took up a collection, man by man, to the amount of two thousand drachmas of silver, and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering. In doing this he acted very well and honorably, taking account of the resurrection. ⁴⁴ For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. ⁴⁵ But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Therefore he made atonement for the dead that they might be delivered from their sin."

'Therefore Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead that they might be delivered from their sin.'" (CCC 1032)

"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. **The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead:**" Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? (Job.1:4-7)

Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." (CCC 1032) --- EWTN

Special Intentions:- This is a spiritual way to honor a special occasion or remembrance of a deceased loved ones and All the Souls in Purgatory, can be offered **THE HOLY MASSES** in the month of November, and **We can do *the Corporal works of Mercy*: Feed the Hungry, Give drink to the Thirsty, Clothe the Naked, Shelter the Homeless, Visit the Sick, Visit the Imprisoned, Bury the Dead.**

*Please, see the church office for available dates to request a Special Intention said at Mass. Thank You.

Oct,26.2024.

As we enter Heaven, WE will see them, So many of them, Coming towards Us.

We will ask Who They are and They will say, "A Poor Soul you prayed for in Purgatory,"
-Blessed Archbishop. Fulton J Sheen,

Plenary Indulgence for the Faithful Departed

During the Octave of All Saints (Nov. 1st thru Nov. 8th)

The church gives us special opportunity to gain indulgences for our departed loved ones.

A Plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, Can only be obtained by:

On any and each day from November 1st to the 8th, devoutly visit a cemetery

(Or Our Columbarium) and pray, even if only mentally, for the faithful departed

OR

On All Souls Day, devoutly visit a **church or oratory {Chapel}** and recite an: **Our Father and Creed.**

It is also necessary to fulfill the following conditions for the plenary indulgence:

1. Make a sacramental confession within one week.
2. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the indulgence.
3. 3. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (i.e. One Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

Our Lord promised St. Gertrude 1,000 souls would be released from purgatory each time this prayer is said devoutly:

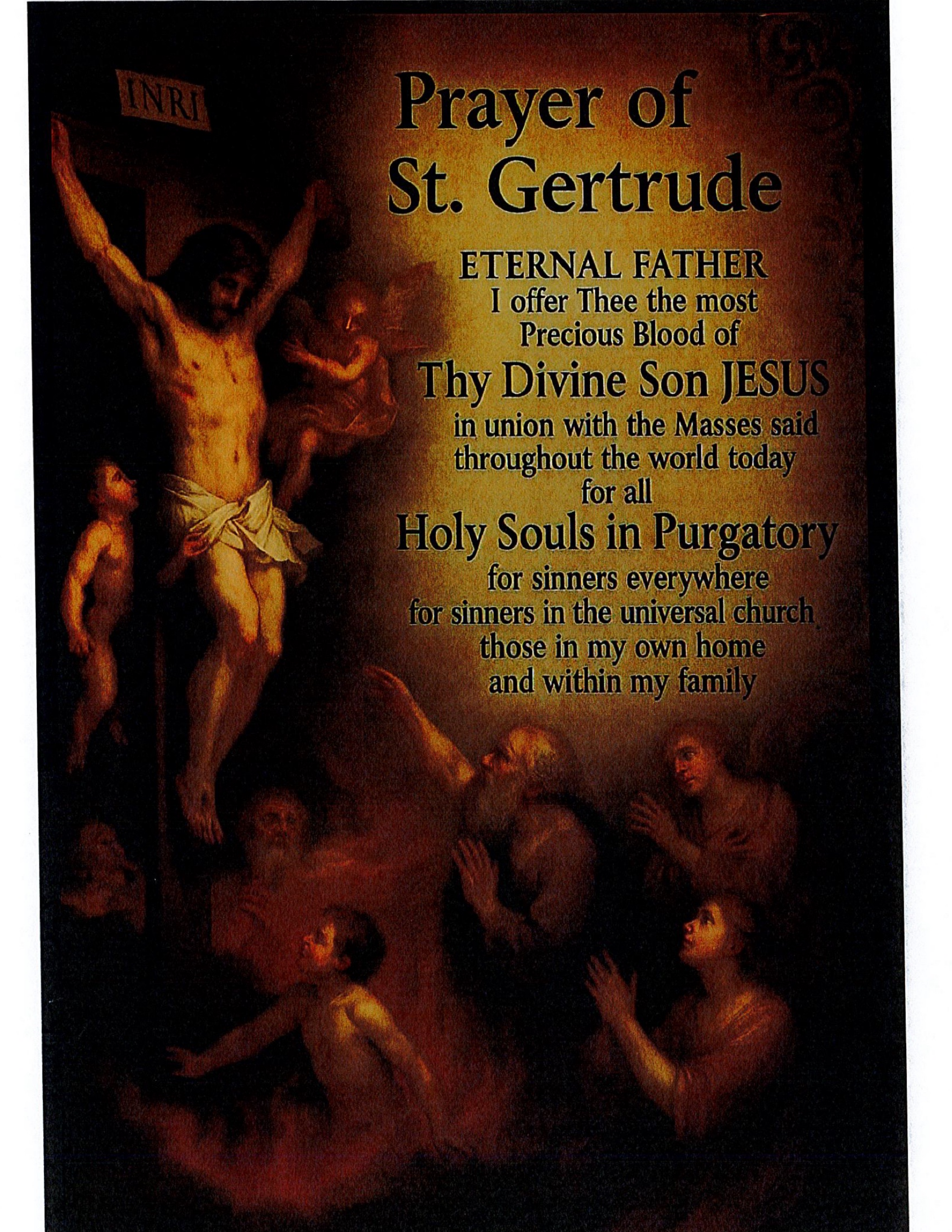
"Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners Everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen"

Eternal Rest Prayer:-

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

R. And let the perpetual light shine upon them.

**And may the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**



Prayer of St. Gertrude

ETERNAL FATHER

I offer Thee the most
Precious Blood of

Thy Divine Son JESUS

in union with the Masses said
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for all

Holy Souls in Purgatory

for sinners everywhere
for sinners in the universal church
those in my own home
and within my family

Holy Family Catholic Cemetery
Burial Plots

Contact: Bernie Brandenburg

St. Michael's Columbarium
Payment Plans Available

Contact: Jim Wege



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Social and Potluck Meeting

2nd Monday of the month

Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

Officers Meeting

Last Monday of the month

Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.



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2nd Saturday of the month

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Dear Padre,

Is it wrong for children to dress up as zombies and devils and other evil creatures for Halloween?

No. It is perfectly acceptable to choose these kinds of costumes and to participate in the festivities of Halloween. Halloween is primarily a secular celebration. Although it is true that the original celebration is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, that tradition is more properly celebrated during the great feast days of the Church that follow Halloween: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Mythological representations, and the costumes that remind us of these kind of characters, are to be understood with a sense of fun and mischief. There is no difference between a ghost, a goblin, a zombie, Captain America, Superman, or one of the Mario Brothers. They are all fictional characters in the very human stories we share with each other. The meaning we assign to them must be proportional to what they represent. On Halloween, they represent nothing more than a person in costume. It could be an entirely different story under different circumstances in which there might be the possibility of a misunderstanding about the meaning of such a costume. Halloween pretty much blurs that distinction and takes away the misunderstanding. It is meant to be entertaining and fun. That is all. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

My own story is that of a citizen, the descendant of immigrants, who in turn chose to emigrate. All of us, in the course of our lives, can find ourselves healthy or sick, employed or unemployed, living in our native land or in a foreign country, yet our dignity always remains unchanged: it is the dignity of a creature willed and loved by God.

AUDIENCE OF THE HOLY FATHER, ROME, MAY 16, 2025



STEFANO SPAZIANI

Monday

October 27

Weekday

Rom 8:12-17

Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

October 28

*Sts. Simon and Jude,
Apostles*

Eph 2:19-22

Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday

October 29

Weekday

Rom 8:26-30

Lk 13:22-30

Thursday

October 30

Weekday

Rom 8:31b-39

Lk 13:31-35

Friday

October 31

Weekday

Rom 9:1-5

Lk 14:1-6

Saturday

November 1

All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday

November 2

*The Commemoration of All the
Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)*

Wis 3:1-9

Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9

Jn 6:37-40

(These readings or any
from no. 668 or from
the Masses for the Dead)