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## Remember In Prayer

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The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.— *Sirach 35:17-18a* 

### **RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

Today's readings invite us into prayer, into relationship with God. Because relationships feel more natural when we know one another well, Sirach encourages us to know God better. In his wisdom, Sirach tells us what God is like: fair, open-minded, compassionate, and attentive. "The Lord will not delay," he says. Knowing that God's help comes right on time, whenever we need it, calms our hearts and helps us trust the Lord. In his second Letter to Timothy, Saint Paul demonstrates his own trust in God. Despite the grueling struggles Saint Paul has faced because of his Christian faith, he praises the Lord for rescuing him time and again. Today's Gospel draws us close to Jesus too, revealing his special love for the poor and humble. As Jesus tells his parable about the prayer habits of a Pharisee and a tax collector, our hearts long to become as gentle as Christ's.

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Friday's Solemnity of All Saints and Saturday's Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus' saving acts. Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the "Day of the Dead." Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to No vember, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the pan de muerto, or "bread of the dead." A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith.

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

**Psalm** — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The Lord will rescue me from every threat (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

**Gospel** — All who exalt themselves will be humbled; all who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 18:9-14

## **BUSINESS**

Perpetual devotion to what a man calls his business is only to be sustained by perpetual neglect of many other things.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31;

Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;

Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;

Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or

from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;

2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

## HEARTFELT JUDGMENT

When you meet someone, you judge them by their clothes; when you leave them, you judge them by their heart.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary

Time; Priesthood Sunday

Monday: Ss. Simon and Jude

Thursday: Halloween

Friday: All Saints; First Friday

Saturday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day); First

Saturday

Mass Intention for the repose of the soul of Charly Therrell



Our next Sunday lunch will be Nov3rd. Janet and Florencia are the host for Nov.

The clocks need to be **turned back next** Saturday night Nov 2nd daylight savings time ends.

Nov 3rd
Lector Peggy
E/M Jim / Tom
USHERS Peach/Marina
Server Jesus

Offertory 10/23/2019
BUDGET \$1351.00
ACTUAL \$ 1032.00
-\$319.00
World Mission
\$365.00