

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2022

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.



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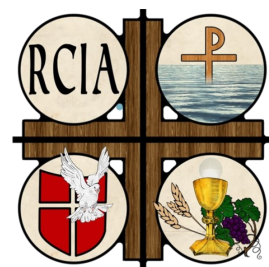
MADE RIGHT BEFORE GOD

Although the opening lines of today's first reading claim that the Lord "knows no favorites" (Sirach 35:15) and is "not unduly partial toward the weak" (35:16), the remainder of the passage makes it clear that the Lord does indeed pay special attention to the weak, the oppressed, and the orphans and widows. The psalmist reiterates: "The Lord hears the cry of the poor" (see Psalm 34:18). In the Gospel, Jesus claims that a tax collector is more justified in his prayer for mercy than the Pharisee, whose prayer was an account of his own righteous deeds. Jesus' point could not have been clearer: tax collectors in the Jewish society of Jesus' day were not just lowly; they were considered outcasts and cheaters. They collected taxes for the hated Romans and almost certainly collected enough to assure a generous income for themselves. Tax collectors were among society's outcasts; didn't this one just admit his own sinfulness? How could a tax collector be "justified" (that is, made right) before God, while the Pharisee was not? Why would God even listen to the prayer of a tax collector? This surely was a surprise, upsetting common assumptions about righteousness.

R.C.I.A.

Thursday,

at 6:00 pm



**Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults**

Reflection question:

How would I change if my faith, hope, and charity were to increase? How would I behave differently?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

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

Second Reading — The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Luke 18:9-14).

..PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Peggy Hauck will have a scripture study
on the book of Romans at her home at
1:30 pm on Thursday
Call Peggy @937-707-0083

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5;
Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef;
Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;
2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

DEACON MOSS

Class on Tuesday from 10:00 AM
11:30 the book titled
"The Apostles"

HAVEN

There are places and moments in which
one is so completely alone that one sees the
world entire.

Oct 30 th

Lector Beverly

Servers Carlos & Max

Counters

Beverly & Ann

OCT.16th 2022

\$867.00

Spaghetti dinner

\$530.00