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30 Ordinary Sunday

FAITH SHARING

The central focus of today's readings is not on prayer itself, but rather on the evil of pride, the need for true humility, and the role of God's grace in our salvation.

The first reading, from Sirach, teaches us that prayers are heard because they come from the hearts of people who know how much they need God.

In the second reading, the former Pharisee Paul, humbly acknowledges his work as accomplished by the grace of God, and he thanks God for enabling him to fight a good battle — to run a good race while keeping his Faith intact and proclaiming it.

In today's Gospel parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus reminds us that God hears the prayers of one who approaches Him in humility with a repentant heart. God did not hear the prayer of this Pharisee because he exalted himself. His prayer was a prayer of thanksgiving that he was not as evil as other people. He announced to God his freedom from sin and detailed his fidelity in observing the prescribed fast and in giving tithes. The tax collector's prayer, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner," was heard because he humbled himself, acknowledging his sins and requesting God's mercy.

Responsorial Psalm R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Sirach 35:12-13)

V. For He is a God of justice, Who knows no favorites.

R. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet He hears the cry of the oppressed.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel

LK 18:9-14

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

R. Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus addressed this parable

to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.

"Two people went up to the temple area to pray;

one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector.

The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself,

'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity -greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector.

I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.'

But the tax collector stood off at a distance

and would not even raise his eyes to heaven

but beat his breast and prayed,

'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'

I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former;

for whoever exalts himself will be humbled.

and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn 001 Hymn of Faith

Hymn to the Holy Spirit 144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn 160 We Kneel Before You

Communion Hymn 224 Amazing Grace

Recessional Hymn 195 Morning Hymn

SECOND COLLECTION:

11/6 – For the Mission Fund 12/4 – For the Mission Fund

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, October 30 31 Ordinary Sunday 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Tuesday, November 1
Solemnity – All Saints
12:00 Noon – Holy Mass
2:00 PM - Procession
and Prayers for the Departed
at Our Saviour PNCC Cemetery
(Hamilton, NJ)

Wednesday, November 2 Commemoration of All Souls 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Jane Aldorshoff, Elizabeth McAlanis, Dolores McGlone, Marianna Pelka.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

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