

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 23, 2022**  
**30 Domingo Del Tiempo Ordinario, 23 de Octubre de 2022**



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**30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“But the tax collector stood off at a distance...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.” - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

“El publicano, en cambio, se quedó lejos...diciendo: ‘Dios mío, apiádate de mí, que soy un pecador’.  
Pues bien, yo les aseguro que éste bajó a su casa justificado y aquél no; porque todo el que se enaltece será humillado y el que se humilla será enaltecido”. - Lc 18, 13. 14

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**LITURGY SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 1ST : ALL SAINTS MASS  
(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) 9AM ENGLISH, 7 PM SPANISH**

**Public Weekend Masses—In Church**

Saturday: 5 PM English—Livestreamed  
Sunday: 8:30 AM Spanish  
10:30 AM English—Livestreamed

**Public Weekday Masses—In Church**

Tuesday: 7 PM Spanish  
Wednesday: 9 AM English  
Thursday 10/27: 8:30 AM English  
Friday: 9 AM English  
1st Friday & Adoration: 8 AM-Adoration  
8:30 AM-Rosary  
9 AM-Mass  
Adoration ends at 11 AM

**All weekday Masses are also livestreamed**

**Adoration**

Tuesday: 5 PM—6:45 PM  
Friday: 9:30 AM—11 AM

**Anointing of the Sick**

First Friday of the month, or by appointment.

**Confessions**

Tuesday: 6 PM—6:45 PM  
Friday: 9:30 AM—10:15 AM  
Saturday: 4 PM—4:50 PM  
Sunday: 7:30 AM—8:20 AM

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday: 9 AM—2 PM  
Friday: 9 AM—Noon  
Saturday & Sunday: Closed



## No Jesus No Peace — Know Jesus Know Peace

Our Scripture readings this weekend remind us that we are all sinners in need of God's grace and the gift of salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Sadly, many people have taken the Social Justice teachings of the Catholic Church and have divorced them from this message. Many people in the Church advocate for the physical needs of people (which is obviously a part of the Gospel message) but no longer understand the importance of faith in Jesus Christ and the new way of life rooted in that relationship. The result of this "other gospel" (c.f. Galatians 1:6) is the decline of our faith and the call to evangelization to make disciples of all nations (c.f. Matthew 28:19). As Jesus said, "What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?" (Luke 9:25)

I remember well a prayer service I celebrated for law enforcement officers at St. Brendan parish several years ago and the testimony a man gave during that service. He was a police officer from Bellevue and he spoke about how a painful divorce threw him into a period of horrible darkness and depression. A co-worker invited him to go to his church where he heard a powerful proclamation of the Gospel. The preacher said if your life is full of hurt, pain, and confusion, Jesus Christ can change that. At the end of the message, the preacher led people who wanted to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior to do so. He led them through a simple prayer. This man did that and then spoke beautifully for a few minutes about dramatically his life had changed and now he had "hope" and knew that he would never walk alone through all of his life experiences. It was very powerful. As I left the service, I thought to myself, "How come I seldom ever hear testimonies like that in the Catholic Church?" Do people really understand the basic message of the Gospel? Have they had the experience that police officer had?

Unfortunately, we are living in a world where there is very little emphasis on the importance of faith and we tend to just run people through the Sacraments assuming they believe. Where is the evidence of personal transformation? Where are the testimonies about how Jesus changes our lives and brings joy and hope?

To a great extent (and I have reflected on this a lot in light of my 25th anniversary celebration of ordination last June) I think we are very much like the Galatians and have subscribed to another Gospel based on works. We think we can build a better world and bypass our own personal conversion. Our Church is in great decline not because God isn't generous and merciful and wanting to help us, but because we have rebelled and no longer see the importance of faith in Jesus Christ.

I am so grateful to a young woman who gave a presentation one night during my preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation when I was a junior in high school. She bluntly said that none of the things we were studying would make any sense if we didn't accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and stopped trying to save ourselves. She told us to go home and invite Jesus into our hearts. I did that and my life has never been the same.

Pope Benedict XVI gave a prophesy about the future Church in 1969 indicating that very difficult times were in store for the Church. He was certainly right about that. However, the message indicated that after the turmoil a fresh rediscovery of the Faith would happen. I don't believe we are through the storm yet but I do believe in his conclusion which I will share below.

As things unravel around us the best advice I can give you as your pastor is to cling to Jesus. He never disappoints. He is always faithful and will never abandon us. Most importantly, He has prepared a place for us and will take us to Himself (c.f. John 14:3). Strengthen your faith in this Truth and you will always have a wonderful source of hope.

And so it seems certain to me that the Church is facing very hard times. The real crisis has scarcely begun. We will have to count on terrific upheavals. But I am equally certain about what will remain at the end: not the Church of the political cult, which is dead already with Gobel, but the Church of faith. She may well no longer be the dominant social power to the extent that she was until recently; but she will enjoy a fresh blossoming and be seen as man's home, where he will find life and hope beyond death.

**Benedict XVI, Faith and the Future (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2009), 118.**

In Christ,  
Fr. Jim Northrop - Pastor  
Pastor



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**WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS PARISH!**

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

**BIENVENIDOS A LA PARROQUIA DE SANTO TOMÁS!**

Gracias por celebrar con nosotros. Les damos una cordial invitación para celebrar la santa misa cada domingo con nosotros. Si usted desea ser un miembro de nuestra comunidad de fe, por favor llene el formulario de registro. Nos encantaría contar con usted como miembro de nuestra familia.

**THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS**

**INTENCIONES DE LA MISA DE ESTA SEMANA**

**Sunday, October 23, 10:30 AM**

† Heather Raymond (by Mona Fonseca)

**Monday, October 24**

**No Mass**

**Tuesday, October 25, 7 PM**

† Jesus Antonio Villalobus (by Maria Angelica)

**Wednesday, October 26, 9 AM**

† Carole Fisher (by Jerry Wheeler)

**Thursday, October 27, 9 AM**

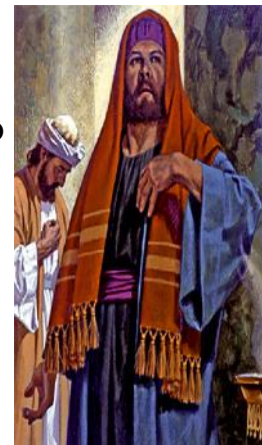
**Friday, October 28, 9 AM**

**Saturday, October 29, 5 PM**

**EVANGELIO DE HOY**

**“DIOS MIO, APIADATE DE MI, QUE SOY UN PECADOR”**

**PUES BIEN, YO LES ASEGURO QUE ESTE BAJO A SU CASA JUSTIFICADO Y AQUEL NO; PORQUE TODO EL QUE SE ENALTECE SERA HUMILLADO Y EL QUE SE HUMILLA SERA ENALTECIDO”**



**LUCAS 18, 9-14**

**EL SENOR NO ESTA LEJOS DE SUS FIELES**

**BENDECIRE AL SENOR A TODAS HORAS, NO CESARA MI BOCA DE ALABARLO. YO ME SIENTO ORGULLOSO DEL SENOR, QUE SE ALEGRE SU PUEBLO AL ESCUCHARLO.**

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:**

**FOR THE SICK:** We remember especially: Judy Lund, Joan King, Martha Hickman

**FOR THE DEAD:** Please pray for our beloved deceased John Legitt and Joan Meryhew. May the Lord receive him unto Himself giving strength, comfort, and peace to their families and our parish community. Amen.

**2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL \$31,669**  
**One Time gifts & Pledges \$36,961 \***  
**\* Includes Pledges not yet received**

**OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS**

**October 15th and October 16th, 2022**

Saturday & Sunday English Masses.....\$3,615.20

Sunday & Tuesday Spanish Masses.....\$2,108.80

Weekly Online Stewardship.....\$799.44

Maintenance Fund /

Fondo de Mantenimiento.....\$100.00

**Total Donation /**

**Donación Total.....\$6,623.44**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**BAUTISMOS:** Cada PRIMER DOMINGO del mes.  
Para mas información favor de llamar a la oficina.

**PRESENTACIONES:** Cada ULTIMO DOMINGO del mes. Favor de llamar a la oficina primero

**CONFESIONES:** Todos los Domingos de 7:30 am  
8:20 AM  
Todos los Martes de 6:00 a  
6:45 PM

**CLASES PREMATRIMONIALES**

Mas información, favor de llamar a Gabriel y Átala Olivas al numero. (206) 909—4944

**Bulletin Notices:** *The article deadline is 12 PM (Noon) on the Friday* a week before the weekend you wish it to appear (8 days in advance). Notices about parish events or items of interest to the parish are welcome, however posting cannot be guaranteed. Email bulletin articles/notices to : michellem@saintthomastukwila.org