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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 26, 2025

From the Desk of the Pastor:

The famous actor Gregory Peck was once standing in line with a friend, waiting for a table in a crowded Los Angeles restaurant. They had been waiting for some time, the diners seemed to be taking their time eating, and new tables weren't opening up very fast. They weren't even that close to the front of the line. Peck's friend became impatient, and he said to Gregory Peck, *"Why don't you tell the maitre d' who you are?"* Gregory Peck responded with great wisdom. *"No,"* he said, *"if you have to tell them who you are, then you aren't."* -- That's a lesson that the Pharisee in our Gospel reading apparently had never learned. On the contrary, humble prayer justified the tax collector.

The first reading, taken from the book of Sirach, is a perfect companion piece to the Gospel parable. In one striking image from Sirach, the writer declares *"the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds to reach the unseen throne of God."* Such prayers are heard because they come from the hearts of people who know how much they need God. Although God has no favorites and answers the prayers of all; the oppressed, the orphans, the widows, and those who can least help themselves are His special concern. The best prayer is humble and selfless service. In the refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 95), we sing this warning reminder, ***"If today you hear His Voice, harden not your hearts,"*** in pride or scorn. In the second reading, Paul, the former Pharisee Saul, like the publican in the Gospel parable, 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.

Life Messages: 1) **Let us evict the Pharisee and revive the publican in each of us.** We become the proud Pharisee when we brag about our achievements, giving no credit to God or those who help us, when we seek praise and recognition from others for our accomplishments, and when we degrade others with insensitive comments, hurting their feelings. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to imitate the humble publican (tax collector), by acknowledging our total dependence on God and His grace for all our achievements and blessings; by confessing to God daily our sinfulness; by asking for His strengthening through the daily anointing of His Holy Spirit living within us; and by becoming more sensitive to the needs and feelings of others, serving Jesus in them as best as we can. 2) **Let us include all the necessary ingredients in our prayers.** Our personal prayers must include our request for pardon and forgiveness for our sins, our thanksgiving for the numerous blessings we receive daily from God, our praise and worship, the unconditional surrender of our life and all our activities completely and unconditionally to God, the acknowledgement of our weakness and total dependence on Him, and finally, the presentation of our needs and petitions, asking that they be granted only to the extent that they are in accord with His Holy Will, accompanied by the fervent request for God's strengthening in our weakness and temptations through the daily anointing of His Holy Spirit. Let us pray every day: *"Be merciful to me, a sinner."*

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday

Rosary at 4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:25 a.m.

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon

12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:00 p.m. English

7:00 p.m. Spanish

Masses at Wellspring

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.



Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Rosary

The Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Shirley Stenklyft, Matthew Williams, Blanca Villatoro, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Oct 25	5:00 p.m.	Maria Elena Soon+
Sun	Oct 26	10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Parish
		12:30 p.m.	Matthew Williams S.I.
Tue	Oct 28	12:30 p.m.	Andre & Clotilde Meyert+
Thu	Oct 30	5:00 p.m.	James Plumb, Jr.+
Fri	Oct 31	12:30 p.m.	Jennifer Schuricht S.I.
Sat	Nov 01	9:30 a.m.	Darlene Nolan S.I.
		5:00 p.m.	Deceased Near & Dear Ones whose names are written in the Book of Remembrance placed before the Altar

Parish Giving

October 19, 2025

1st Collection	\$3,544.00
2nd Collection	\$ 367.00
3rd Collection	\$ 340.00
Children's Collection	\$ 64.00
2nd Collection	Oct 26 Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales
2nd Collection	Nov 02 Emergency Fund
3rd Collection	Nov 02 Lawn Care/Maintenance

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 65
10:00 a.m. 137 and 12:30 p.m. 118

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Michael Morris
Felipe Segura; Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

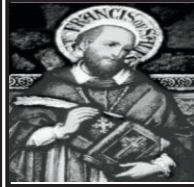
Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



To live according to the spirit is to
love according to the spirit.

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

Altar Society Fall Bake Sale

The Altar Society's Bake Sale is this weekend at all Masses. Everyone is encouraged to support the sale, as the money raised goes towards providing items for the celebration of the Mass—candles, altar bread, linens, vestments, and any other items that are needed.

Women's Group October Meeting

The Women's Group's next meeting is on Monday, October 27, at 6:00 p.m. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Participants Needed for Singing Christmas Carols

Those who would like to participate in Christmas Carol singing, which will be on December 7, please sign up at the earliest. The sign up sheet is in the church foyer.

Book of Remembrance During the Month of November

Masses for the month of November will be offered for our deceased near and dear ones whose names are written in the Book of Remembrance that will be placed before the Altar beginning at 5:00 p.m. on November 1st.

POPTeens Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser!

Join us on **Saturday, November 8, from 3:00–5:00 PM** for fun, food, and fellowship as our youth lead their very own chili cook-off to help raise funds for upcoming retreats and events! **\$10 tasting tickets** include samples of all chili entries + a vote for your favorite top 3! Add cornbread, desserts, and drinks for a small donation. **Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place chili champs.** Bring the heat and your best recipe! Come hungry. Leave full of chili, joy, and support for our amazing youth! **Want to enter your chili?** Please contact **Dianna or Noelia** at the church office to sign up!

Kelly Jackman Mission of Love—Dominican Republic January 26 - February 1, 2026

The Cathedral's annual mission to the Dominican Republic will take place from January 26 to February 1, 2026. Volunteers from Prince of Peace have been represented in the mission for the past several years. If you would like to volunteer for this trip, the cost is \$900 which covers travel, lodging, and food. Donations are also accepted, including monetary donations or in kind contributions that can be used for the mission. The first \$100 of the \$900 cost is due on November 1st. You must have current passport. Copies of last week's insert with details and contact information are in the foyer.

Summary of the Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2025

This year, there are currently 56 enrolled students in the **Faith Formation** program.

The **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** is on December 12. Mañanitas will start at 5:00 a.m. then Mass at 5:30 a.m. Breakfast follows. The Procession will be at 5:45 p.m., then the Rosary at 6:15 p.m., and a reception will follow the Rosary.

The **parish directory** will be placed together soon. The directory will be bound in a way that new members can be added.

Biblical question project will be starting soon. This will be an ongoing process.

Since not everyone understands **the meaning of different parts of the Mass**, Father Luke will use part of his homily time to explain parts of the Mass. It will start in a couple of months.

Saturday, November 1, All Saints Day, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. **Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m.**

Sunday, November 2, is All Souls Day. Saturday's 5pm Mass & both Sunday Masses will be of All Souls. There will be no Gloria.

The **Christmas Gathering** will be on Sunday, December 7, after an 11:00 a.m. bilingual Mass.

Carolyn Barrett manages the **parish website**. She asked if any parish organization would like to add special notices or information on the website. She is willing to help with that.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.



The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

Kids and Youth/Adult Corner

Answers of October 12:

Kids: a: Sarah (17/15)
b: Abimelech (20/2)

Answered correctly by Bradley Boltz, Kai Reid, Kara Reid, Rylie Reid, Matthew Plata, Yasmine Zavala, Zaya Monnen, Vicky Gutierrez, Sara Maldonado, Mathew Dakanay, Emily, Isabela, and Ismael Briones, Steven Rocha, and Natalia Gutierrez.

Adults: a: Abraham and Hagar (16/11)
b: For fear that Abraham would be killed on account his wife (20/11)

Answered correctly by Omar and Fatima Gutierrez, Bacilia Velazquez, Eriselda and Alonso Gutierrez, Michael Rivera, Mamelia Tinu, Andrea Gustafson, Linda Rossler, Theresa Cheatham, Tinu John, Melissa Howell, Maria Ocampo, Maria Gutierrez, Neri Gutierrez, Nazaria Coralde.

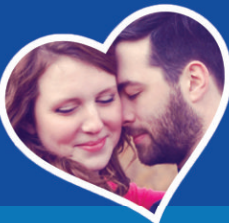
Questions for October 26 - From the Book of Genesis, Chapters 26-30

Kids: a. The city, 'Beer-sheba', is named after which well?
b. In order to marry Rachel, how many years did Jacob serve her and her father?

Adults: a. What was the name of the well Isaac managed to dig near Wadi Gerar without any argument with the local shepherds?
b. Which was the place Jacob named Bethel?

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