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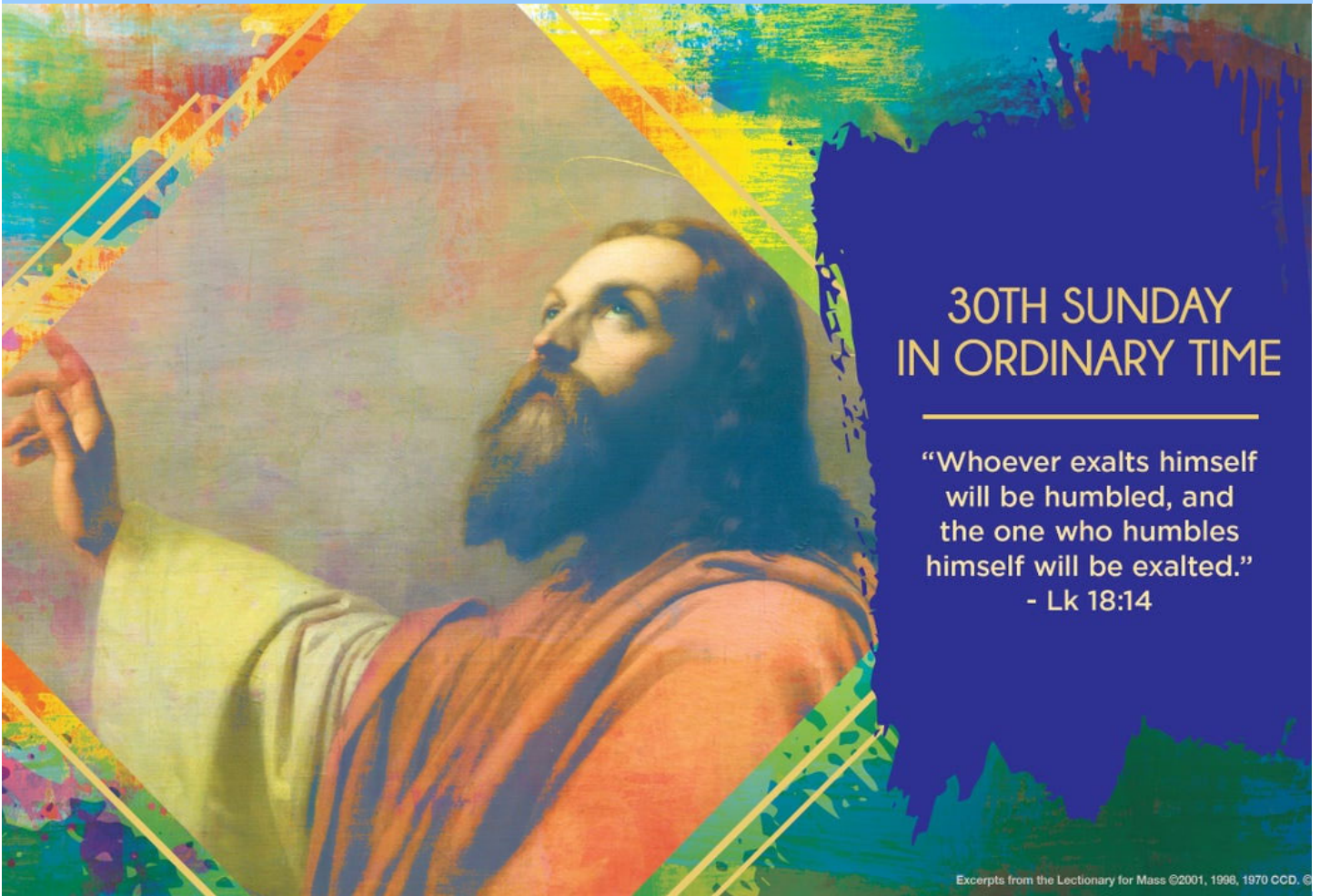
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To foster a harmonious, loving and prayerful atmosphere within the parish community that will project the love of Christ!



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever exalts himself
will be humbled, and
the one who humbles
himself will be exalted.”
- Lk 18:14

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Welcome to St. Didacus Church

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the Parish. We invite

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The one who serves God willingly is heard;
his petition reaches the heavens. (Sir 35:20)

Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat
and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen. (2 Tm 4:18)

Gospel:

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and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."
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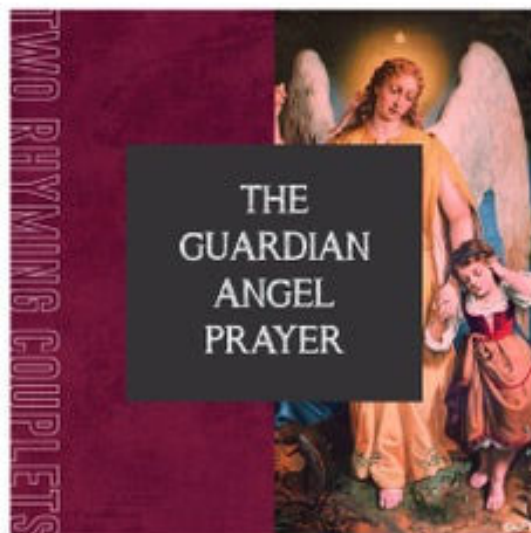
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisee took such pride in his good deeds that he forgot to ask God for forgiveness; the tax collector acknowledged his many sins, and went home justified. Remember that we are saved not by our own merit, but by the mercy of God.

Observances for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday:	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Friday:	All Hallows' Eve
Saturday:	All Saints
Next Sunday:	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day); Daylight Saving Time Ends



Devotions, Explained!

Often one of the first prayers taught to children, the Guardian Angel Prayer consists of two rhyming couplets invoking the protection of one's guardian angel. Its exact authorship is unknown, but it originated in the medieval period.

Prayer of Praise

Dear God,
As we look to the week ahead,
help us to remember that You will
accompany us at every moment
— You who greet us with mercy
anew every morning, and grace in
abundance each night.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday:

Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday:

Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday:

Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35

Friday:

Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday:

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Next Sunday:

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— Father John Muir

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"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

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Sirach teaches us that God cares deeply about our desire for justice. Can you think of a time when you fought against an unjust situation?

Second Reading:

As Paul nears the end of his life, he shares with Timothy how he fought hard for the faith, ever grateful for the Lord's support. As you look back on your life, can you see where God has been present?

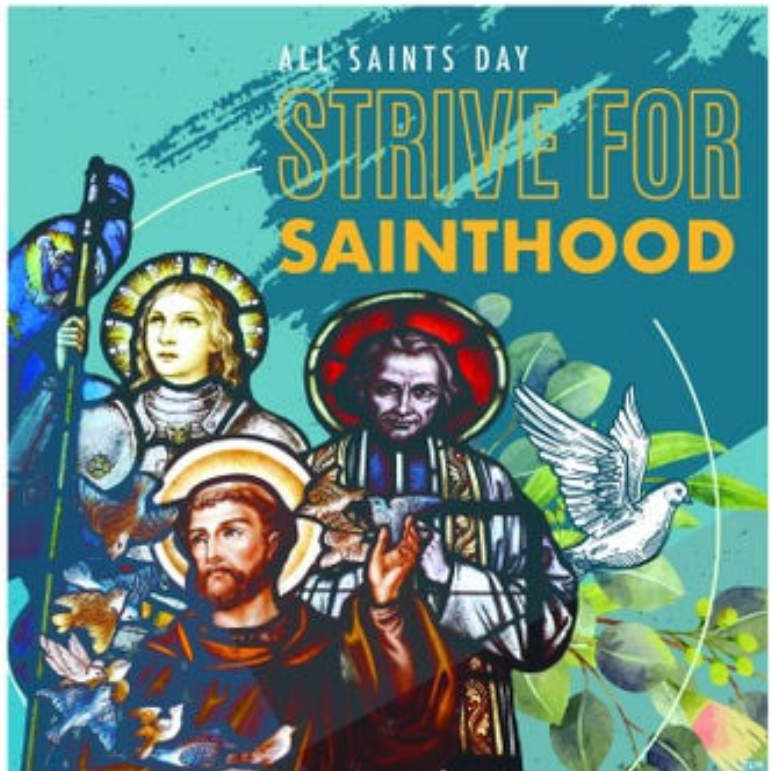
Gospel:

Jesus teaches the crowds about the importance of humility. Does humility come to you naturally or do you have to work at it?



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Prayer

Lord, please forgive me.

Mission for the Week

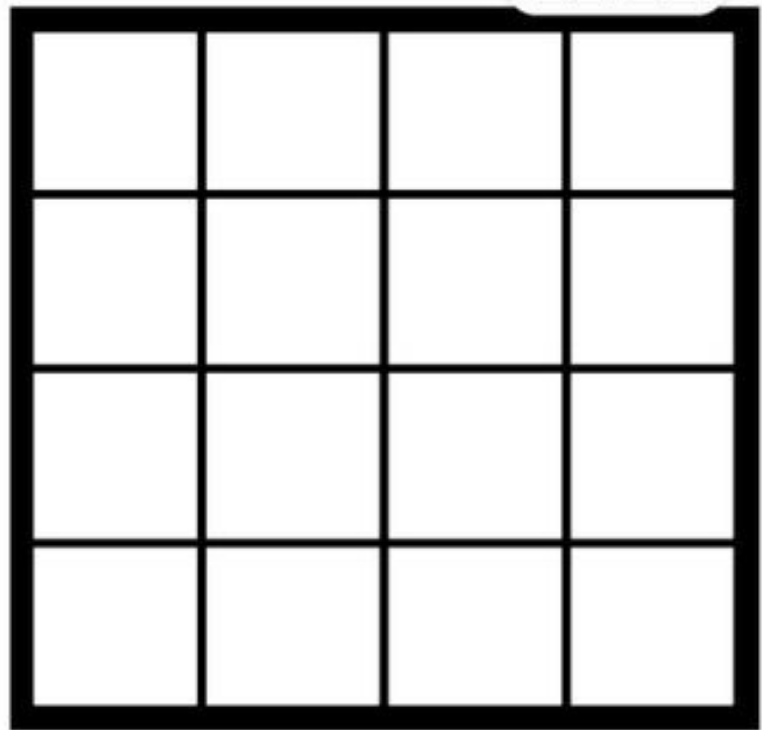
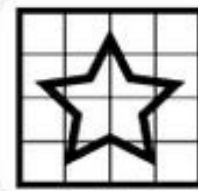
I will ask God for forgiveness morning, noon, and night.

Sharing the Gospel

During Mass you will hear the priest and people say, "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy." It means, "Lord, forgive me." You are human. You will make mistakes. God is proud when you are honest and admit that you did something wrong. He smiles when you forgive yourself and others. He frowns when you talk and act like you are better than others. God wants you to do right.

Now color the picture! →

Draw the star square by square.



Saturday, October 25

7:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Rosario Duran, Mario Alberto Duran e Elodia Perez. Intencion Especial De Reyna Isabel Ramirez

6:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.
Special Intentions of Reyna Isabel Ramirez. Intercessions to all
Souls in Purgatory

10:00 a.m. Juan Martin & Juan Leonardo Munoz may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for the health of Honorio Martinez.

11:30a.m Luis Lopez , Matthew Escajeda, & Carmen M. Cisneroz may they rest in peace.

6:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Petra Reynaga, Justin Contreras, Juan Francisco Martinez, Dora Ramos e Esperanza Ramos Intención Espacial de la Familia Vargas Aguilar e la familia Aguilar Anguiano. Intención Especial de Isaac Flores

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.
Special intentions for the health of Honorio Martinez & Daniel Macias

6:00PM Para El Eterno Descanso de Dora Ramos, Esperanza Ramos, Adolfo Palma e Luis Roberto Alarcon. Intension Especial de Reyna Isabel Ramirez e Daniel Macias. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Abigail “Bibi” Martin & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory. Special Intentions of Danial Macias Happy Birthday to Raul Melgoza Sr.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Alberto Valencia, Mariano Valencia, Dora Ramos e Esperanza Ramos Special Intentions of Daniel Macias e Reyna Isabel Ramirez. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.
Special Intentions of Danial Macias. Happy Birthday Samantha Dominguez

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Dora Ramos e Esperanza Ramos Intención Especial de la salud de Honorio Martinez

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, maty they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Daniel Macias. Happy Birthday Rafael Arriaga

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Luis Pulido, Dora Ramos e
Esperanza Ramos Intencion Especial de Reyna Isabel Ramirez

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib may they rest in peace
Special Intentions of the Palomera Rios Family.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Araceli Prudencio, Aurelio Castillejo Barbosa e Luis Pulido.

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee, Emiliana Resendiz, Reymundo Alcauter & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Palomera Rios family. Intercessions to all souls in Purgatory.

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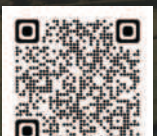


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