

## **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 29, 2023**

*“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”*

— *Matthew 22:37*

### **REFLECTION**

In today's Gospel (Mt. 22, 34-40), Jesus sums up all the commandments into two: Love of God, and love of neighbor as oneself. Love is the vision. Love is the mission. Love is the key, the answer to all our problems and questions. With love, we can overcome all our calvaries and purgatories. People say that money makes the world go round. Not true. It is love that makes the world go round. Maybe not as fast as the way money makes it, but slowly and surely. Moreover, there will always be people who are willing to sacrifice, go the extra mile, stand up for their principles, and do what is noble and right. The world is not a hopeless situation, after all. It is not a broken world as long as we do not become cynical about love. Love is the greatest gift and the greatest responsibility in our lives. If you look back into your life and into your heart, you'd realize that the happiest moments happened because you loved, and the saddest moments happened because you were selfish. God makes us focus on love. What are you looking at? What is your focus in life? Is it possible to love God to the max? With all of one's heart and soul? Mother Teresa once said: "It's not what you do in life, but how much love you put into it that matters." The love of God and love of neighbor is symbolized by the two beams of the cross. It is our call to balance the vertical dimension of our relationship with God in prayer and sacrifices with the horizontal dimension of our relationship with others in mutual and loving service. So, if we take away the vertical dimension or detach either beam, you'll obtain neither love of God nor love of neighbor, there is no sign of the cross and we are not true Christian Catholics. God, you display your almighty power in loving us without regret. In the human heart of Jesus your Son, you have shown us how far love can go. Give us a love that is forgiving, generous and gentle like Jesus.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

**Psalms** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

**Gospel** — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

### **~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~**

#### **ALL SAINTS PRAYER**

*Dear Father, You have given the saints in heaven eternal happiness and they now live in the fullness of Your glory. Because of their holy love for You, they also care about me and my family, my friends, my church, and my neighbors. Thank You for the gift of their friendship and the witness of their holy lives. Amen.*

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Monday:** All Saint's Day  
**Tuesday:** The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)  
**Friday:** St. Martin de Porres; First Friday  
**Saturday:** St. Charles Borromeo; First Saturday

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** Johnny Shack Riley 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †  
**Tuesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.  
Jimmy Gorman  
J.R. for healing  
**Wednesday:** In thanks to All Saints  
**Thursday:** Saint 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Eddie O. 69<sup>th</sup> Birthday †  
Penn 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary †  
Boz Sherlock 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
**Friday:** Evan Michael Birthday  
Maverick 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Suede 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday  
Betty Riley Birthday

### **CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal (\$19,882.00) by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** A priest and a pastor are standing by the side of a road holding up a sign that reads “The end is near! Turn around before it's too late!”

A passerby driver yells, “You guys are nuts!” and speeds past them.

From around the curve, they hear screeching tires — then a big splash. The priest turns to the pastor and says, “Do you think we should just put up a sign that says, ‘Bridge Out’ instead?”

## OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,867.00	\$2,132.00
Number of Families contributing	82	65
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (40 Weeks)	\$131,283.00	\$133,167.00
Received to Date	\$113,676.00	\$89,010.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$17,607.00	\$44,157.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$272.00	\$8,874.00

Twenty-six people contributed last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$50.00	\$50,155.00

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$6,810.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$214.00.

5 CHILDREN contributed \$23.00.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Jim Elliot Mack and Cartier Carroll.

TUESDAY MASS on October 31<sup>st</sup> will be at 10:00 A.M.

NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>: ALL SAINTS DAY is a *Holy Day of Obligation*. Mass will be celebrated this Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 A.M.

ALL SOUL'S DAY The mass for all the faithful departed will be held this Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 A.M.

ROSARY AT THE CEMETERY The *Rosary at the Cemetery* for our Parish Family members who have gone to eternal rest will be held next *Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. at Pineview Memorial Gardens.*

THANK YOU to a member for donation in honor of St. Christopher for a special intention; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Monica and St Rita of the Impossible; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Padre Pio; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Jude and St. Anthony; a member for a donation in thanks to Jesus, Mary and Joseph; and also to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

## 5 TIMES TO MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

### 1. DURING PERSONAL PRAYER.

As an introduction/invocation to the Blessed Trinity.

### 2. WHEN PASSING A CHURCH.

To honor the Blessed Sacrament present inside.

### 3. WHEN YOU HEAR A SIREN.

To heal those who are in danger of dying.

### 4. WHEN PASSING A CEMETERY.

As a prayer for the Holy Souls.

### 5. WHEN YOU SEE AN ACCIDENT.

As a protection for those who are in peril.

KEYBOARD & MUSIC CLASSES will be held on Tuesday at 5:00 P.M. in the Church. All those who are interested in practicing please come on Tuesday. Classes will resume November 7<sup>th</sup>.

SINGING PRACTICE for the children will be held on Wednesday at 5:00 P.M. Practice will resume November 7<sup>th</sup>.

ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE will be held on Tuesday after 7:00 P.M. Mass for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up. Practice will resume November 7<sup>th</sup>.

### READERS

**Sat. Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**

Macy & Montela

**Sun. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**

Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

**Sat. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**

Reed & Cathy Lisa

**Sun. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**

Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

### READERS – WEEKDAYS

<b>Monday</b>	- Josie
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Julie Ann
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Gracelynn
<b>Thursday</b>	- Sherlock's Mary Theresa
<b>Friday</b>	- Lauren Ashley

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

<b>Monday</b>	- Theresa Hun
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Winnie Ann
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Julie Ann
<b>Thursday</b>	- Cathy Carroll
<b>Friday</b>	- Rosie Cat

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<b>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>October 29<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Right</b>	Theresa Hun
<b>Left</b>	Cathy Carroll

### Sunday 10:00 A.M

<b>October 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>November 5<sup>th</sup></b>
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie