"Let the little children come to me." Matthew 4:19

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a woman who is persistent. She asks a judge for what she wants. The judge gives the woman what she wants because she is persistent. Jesus says that we are to be persistent in our prayer. God invites us to be closer to him by praying often. He always hears and answers our prayers.

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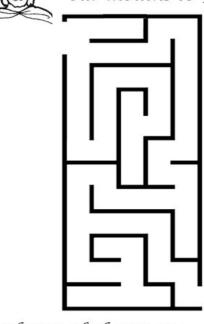


God's plan is always better.





Our prayers travel from our mouths to God's ear.





# I know He hears me. Kindergarten through 5th Grade **Every Sunday at the** 9:00am & 11:00am Masses Join Us!

# RISEN SAVIOR **CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE

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October 19, 2025 Twenty-Nineth Sunday In Ordinary Time

### Clergy

Rev. Charles Ugochukwu, Pastor Deacon Mark Bussemeier Deacon Manuel Garcia Deacon Tim Parker

## Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.

First Fridays: 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days are Announced

## Reconciliation

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00 a.m. until the beginning of Mass Saturday at 3:00pm

# **Sacramental Preparation**

Baptism Classes: Contact the parish office to register for the next scheduled date.

Please contact the parish office or visit the parish website for more information on all other Sacraments

# **Anointings**

Please contact the Parish Office.

# Parish Office

Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand lesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of lesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent

widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then lesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, lesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.







#### Saturday, October 18th

**4:00pm -** + Charles Kavecki, + Ivelisse Cates, + AnnMarie Gurule-Koester & Eddie Gurule, + Frank Schoepfer, + Alex Nieves, Special intention for Katicic Matea

#### Sunday, October 19th

**7:00am** - + Jay, Mary, & Jaylene Maestas, Birthday blessings for Kelvin Oyinatunba

**9:00am** - + Arlyne Tuma, + Judy Liebling, + Ralph Conway

**11:00am** - + Nina Armijo, + Gay Tierney & Christian Picado, + Matthew Thompson, Special intention Barbara Thompson

Monday, October 20th

Tuesday, October 21st

11:30am - + Mela Casaus, + Mary Catherine Fordice

#### Wednesday, October 22nd

7:00am - Special intention for Katicic Matea

#### Thursday, October 23rd

11:30am - + Henry Torres, + Benny Gallegos, + Jose Griego

Friday, October 24th



# Baptized in Christ

Matteo Kristopher Medina Child of Anthony & Julianne

Roman Alexander Julian Child of Marc & Aubreanna

Welcome to the Risen Savior Parish Family!

### Can you play the piano?

If you can, we are looking for someone to fill in for funerals, weddings, or as needed.

Please call the front office for more information or email liturgy @risensaviorcc.org.



#### PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, October 20th

Knight of Columbus Meals on Wheels Off-site

Tuesday, October 21st

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church Divine Mercy 10:00am, Rm 4 Adult Book Study Group 10:00am, Youth Center Confessions 11:00am Mass 11:30am Alcoholics Anonymous 12:00pm, Rm 4

#### Wednesday, October 22nd

Mass 7:00am Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church Child or Youth Faith Formation 5:30-7:00pm Adult OCIA 6:00pm, Library

#### Thursday, October 23rd

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church Confessions 11:00am Mass 11:30am

#### Friday, October 24th

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church

#### Saturday, October 25th

Confessions 3:00pm Gambler's Anonymous 3:30pm, Rm 4 Mass 4:00pm Halloween Carnival 5:00-8:00pm

#### Sunday, October 26th

Masses 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am Young Adults Lectio Divina after 11:00am Mass, Youth Center

#### There will be a second collection this weekend to benefit the Mission Sunday campaign.

Thank you for your support and generosity!



Please return your All Souls envelopes to the parish office or in the collection on or before October 26th.

> May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

# Liturgical Minister Training

We will have training sessions for those currently serving or would like to serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Sacristans

Training for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Sacristans will be held on Thursday, October 23rd at 6pm and Sunday, October 26th at 5pm in the Church.

Training for Altar Servers will be held Tuesday, October 28th at 6pm in the Church.



# Lifting You Up in

# We ask our faith community to keep these individuals in your prayers:

Pat Dubois · Barbara Thompson · Cathy LeFebre McCachren · Mary Gurule · Mike Goldmann · John Geekie · Sr. Geneal Kramer · Sofia Blackwood · Raquel Rodriguez · Daniel Miranda · Gynelle Miranda · Jared Miranda · Joseph Lucero · Cindy Accardi · Lynda Benedict · Loretta Dow · Joann · Kathleen Valcourt · Chris Chavez · Donna Harris · Peter Maioriello · Marianne Nichols · Sr. Maria Luisa Vasquez · Gene Muny

To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the parish office, or submit your request through our parish website. The names remain in the bulletin for four weeks.

# Weekly Votive Intentions October 18th - 24th

**Sacred Heart of Jesus** In loving memory of Eugene Muniz, WWII Veteran

St. Michael, St. Francis, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph, Our Lady of Grace, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary PRAY FOR US!

#### We need your help!

To ensure the families that attend the Halloween Carnival have a great time, we are asking our amazing parishioners to help us out with gift card donations for Bingo as well as cake donations for the cake walk. Gift cards can be brought to the parish office between Oct. 6th-24th. Cakes, cupcakes, pies, etc. may be brought to the office on Friday, Oct. 24th. Thank you for supporting this fun event for our parish families and community! Thank You!



# **Christian Women Outdoors Ministry**

Tuesday, October 21st, 4:30-5:30pm. Social walk around North Domingo Baca Park (Carmel/Wyoming). Thursday, October 23rd, 9-10:30am. Second try for Fall colors at Álameda Bosque.

Contact Kay at kayhockey@comcast.com about this event and to find out more about Christian Women Outdoors!

#### The Persistence of St. Monica's Prayers

The intercession of St. Monica is often sought when a parent is concerned, worried or distraught over the behavior of their children. Her persistence in prayer for her son, Augustine, is well documented through his writings. In the Confessions, Augustine recalls her steadfast prayer for his conversion and

baptism. She prayed long and hard but eventually her prayers were answered, far beyond what she had hoped. Augustine eventually became an engaged, energetic, zealous and steadfast disciple and apostle of Christ in His Church. Monica's persistence in prayer is wonderfully described by her son as he recalls an incident on his long and winding journey to faith. The year was 371; he was 16 years old. He and Monica were in Carthage, a port city on the northern coast of Africa. He wanted to go to Rome, alone. Monica did not want to separate. So the son deceived his mother and sailed away while she slept.

He recalls: But I deceived her, when she violently restrained me either that she might retain me or accompany me, and I pretended that I had a friend whom I could not quit until he had a favorable wind to set sail. And I lied to my mother — and such a mother! — and got away. For this also You [Lord] have in mercy pardoned me, saving me, thus replete with abominable pollutions, from the waters of the sea, for the water of Your grace, whereby, when I was purified, the fountains of my mother's eyes should be dried, from which for me she day by day watered the ground under her face.

And yet, refusing to go back without me, it was with difficulty I persuaded her to remain that night in a place quite close to our ship, where there was an oratory in memory of the blessed Cyprian. That night I secretly left, but she was not backward in prayers and weeping. And what was it, O Lord, that she, with such an abundance of tears, was asking of You, but that You would not permit me to sail? But You, mysteriously counselling and hearing the real purpose of her desire, granted not what she then asked, in order to make me what she was ever asking [a Catholic Christian]. The wind blew and filled our sails, and withdrew the shore from our sight; and she, wild with grief, was there on the morrow, and filled Your ears with complaints and groans, which You disregarded; while, by the means of my longings, You were hastening me on to the cessation of all longing, and the gross part of her love to me was whipped out by the just lash of sorrow. But, like all mothers — though even more than others — she loved to have me with her, and knew not what joy You were preparing for her by my absence. Being ignorant of this, she did weep and mourn, and in her agony was seen the inheritance of Eve,—seeking in sorrow what in sorrow she had brought forth. And yet, after accusing my perfidy and cruelty, she again continued her intercessions for me with You, returned to her accustomed place, and I to Rome. (Augustine, Confessions, V.15)

Augustine's reflection on his mother's prayer and God's plan for him and her may give us some insights into the importance of persistence in prayer. Monica's greatest prayer and most longed-for desire was that Augustine be baptized Catholic. There on the shore of Carthage she wanted either Augustine to stay with her or for her to go with him to Rome. She also prayed for this. However, God wanted Augustine to go on his own to Rome so that he would eventually find faith. Augustine reflects that Monica's lesser prayer was delayed (she would be with Augustine again) so that the greater prayer could be answered.





Saturday, October 25th

5:00-8:00 p.m.

### **COMMUNITY FAMILY EVENT!**



PRIZE BINGO & CAKE WALK TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOORS, 4 FOR SI



#### Thank you for your generous donations to the October Diaper Drive for CareNet!

The final weekend of collection will be next weekend, October 25th and 26th. Disposable diapers of any size are welcome, especially 1-2 or larger, and can be dropped off after Masses in the bin in the lobby.

For more information, please contact the Risen Savior Respect Life Ministry at rsrespectlife@gmail.com.

"The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities....Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Respect Life Reflection: Called to Serve Moms in Need.



Would you like to enjoy a child-free evening at no cost?

# Parent's Night Out! November 14th • 6:00-9:00pm

Bring your children in grades Kindergarten through grade 5. We will enjoy games, crafts, snacks, and a movie.

Register on-line or pick up a registration form in the lobby. Contact Tes in the office for more information.





Congratulations to Aimee Skidmore, a long-time Risen Savior parishioner. Aimee teaches at St. Mary's Catholic School in Albuquerque. Aimee was the recipient of the 2025 Catholic Awards for Teachers.

Aimee is a leader of Children's Liturgy of the Word, as well as a VBS Station Leader during the summer. Her family also volunteers as ushers at the 9:00am Mass.



