

From the Desk of the Pastor

October 5, 2025

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Perhaps it is true to say that the most generous and heroic deeds in life are those performed, not in the line of duty or in the hope of monetary or other rewards, but out of pure love.

And yet it is amazing how many of us are tempted to think that God owes us something.

Those true and sincere people who take religion seriously, and who try as best they can to live God's commandments: what could we be thinking... even though we may never say in words: 'I have kept my side of the bargain; now it's up to God to keep his side of it.'

Could it be possible that sometimes we imagine God as being like the typical employer:

If you do the work then as a matter of justice, your employer owes you your wages. Does not this attitude reduce the service of God to a bargain or a contract – something for something?

The interpretation of Judaism at that time, was dominated by the idea of merit: as if God owed salvation to those who kept the Law of Moses.

Jesus says that salvation cannot be earned. It is a gift from God. We can never put God in our debt. He is our Father and we are his children. Children do not do the will of the Father for the sake of rewards. Do they...?

VIGÉSIMO SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Quizás es cierto que las acciones más generosas y heroicas en la vida son aquellas realizadas, no en la línea del deber o en la esperanza de recompensa monetaria u otra forma, pero por puro amor.

Y sin embargo es sorprendente cuántos de nosotros nos sentimos tentados en pensar que Dios nos debe algo.

Esas personas verdaderas y sinceras que toman en serio la religión, y que tratan de la mejor manera que puedan para vivir los mandamientos de Dios:

qué podríamos estar pensando... aunque tal vez nunca lo digamos en palabras: 'Yo he mantenido mi parte del trato; ahora le toca a Dios mantener su parte del trato.'

Puede ser posible que a veces nos imaginamos a Dios como si fuera el patrón típico:

Si haces el trabajo entonces como una cuestión de justicia, su empleador le debe su salario.

¿Qué no esta actitud reduce el servicio a Dios a un trato o un contrato – algo por algo?

La interpretación del Judaísmo en aquel tiempo, estaba dominada por la idea de mérito: como si Dios le debiera la salvación a aquellos que mantuvieran la ley de Moisés.

Jesús dice que la salvación no puede ser ganada. Es un don de Dios. Nunca podemos poner a Dios en nuestra deuda. Él es nuestro Padre y nosotros somos Sus hijos. Los niños no hacen la voluntad del padre por una recompensa. ¿O sí...?



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

September 27 – 28, 2025

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 233.00

San Lorenzo Ruiz Novenas.....\$ 786.00

Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$2,289.62

Archdiocese for Military Svcs.....\$ 705.00

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

October 5: Reserve Fund

October 12: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

October 19: World Mission Sunday

November 1: All Saints' Day

November 2: All Souls' Day / Reserve Fund

A A A 2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$31,021.00
YTD we paid:	\$17,855.04
Balance we owe:	\$13,165.96

Pledges Balance	\$ 600.00
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Thank you for your generosity!

MASS COUNT:

The Archdiocesan office of the Chancellor requests that every parish record the mass attendance at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses during the month of October. For 2025, Mass Counts begin the weekend of October 04–05 and will continue every weekend to October 25–26.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4 TO OCTOBER 11

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
October 4, 2025	October 5, 2025	October 6, 2025	October 7, 2025	October 8, 2025
9:00am Parish of St. John	8:00m ✠ Henry & Teresa Thrane Olazo Family	9:00am ✠ Leonila & Hermogenes Datu ✠ Adita Parmelee	9:00am ✠ Ebe Medford ✠ Milagros & Esmenio Vilar	9:00am ✠ Eduardo S. Genoves ✠ Liwayway Espino ✠ Mr. & Mrs. Perfecto Hierro Sr.
4:30pm Parish of St. John	10:00am ✠ Benjamin Caceres ✠ Mel Ventura	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		October 9, 2025	October 10, 2025	October 11, 2025
	12:00pm Jorge Avellan ✠ Jorge Alberto Plata y Familia Gomez Uribe	9:00am The deceased members Young Men's Institute	9:00am The Living Members Young Men's Institute	9:00am Parish of St. John 4:30pm ✠ Rufino Labari Paul Larcy Santiago

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