

From the Desk of the Pastor

October 19, 2025

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TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

VIGÉSIMO NOVENO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO
DOMINGO MUNDIAL DE LAS MISIONES

Prayer is a good test of our commitment and fidelity to God. How often do we pray? What kind of things do we pray for? Do we pray only for material things or when we are in trouble?

La oración es una buena prueba de nuestro compromiso y fidelidad a Dios. ¿Con qué frecuencia oramos? ¿Por qué tipo de cosas oramos? ¿Oramos solamente por las cosas materiales o cuando tenemos problemas?

In the first Reading, the people of Israel put their trust in God to protect them. If they have faith, nothing can stand in their way.

En la primera Lectura, el pueblo de Israel puso su confianza en Dios para protegerlos. Si tienen fe, nada puede interponerse en su camino.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a tenacious widow. The story exemplifies the necessity to be persistent in prayer.

En el Evangelio, Jesús nos dice una parábola acerca de una viuda tenaz. La historia ejemplifica la necesidad de ser persistentes en la oración.

We pray too seldom. Sometimes we excuse ourselves by saying that we have no time to pray; and when we do pray, often our hearts are empty and our minds distracted and drifting into other things.

Rezamos muy poco. A veces nos justificamos diciendo que no tenemos tiempo para rezar; y cuando si rezamos, a menudo nuestros corazones están vacíos y nuestra mente distraída y pensando en otras cosas.

No matter how busy we are, we find time to eat, check our e-mails, phone messages, to read newspaper, etc., etc., don't we all? Yet we say we do not have time to nourish our souls with prayer. If we starve our soul, we will deprive our lives of their fruitfulness, no matter how full they appear to be of activity.

¿No importa lo ocupados que estamos, encontramos tiempo para comer, repasar nuestro correo electrónico, mensajes telefónicas, leer el periódico, etc., etc., o no? Sin embargo, decimos que no tenemos tiempo de alimentar nuestras almas con la oración. Si no alimentamos nuestra alma, privaremos nuestras vidas de su fecundidad, no importa qué tan lleno aparente estar de actividades.

We often hear people ask: why pray at all, if God loves us, He will give us what we need.

A menudo escuchamos a la gente preguntar: para qué rezar, si Dios nos ama, Él nos dará lo que necesitamos.

However, prayer gives us insight as well as strength. It supports those who go beyond human hopes and human reasons. It helps us to entrust our cares to the Lord, to discern well, to choose and peacefully do things we could not have done if we did not pray.

Sin embargo, la oración nos da perspicacia así como fortaleza. Apoya a aquellos que van más allá de razones o esperanzas humanas. Nos ayuda a confiar nuestros cuidados al Señor, para discernir bien, para elegir y pacíficamente hacer cosas que no podríamos haber hecho si no oráramos.

'Prayer is the oil that keeps the lamp of faith bright'
(Mother Saint Teresa)

'La oración es el aceite que mantiene brillante a la luz de fe'
(Madre Santa Teresa)



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

October 11 – 12, 2025

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 430.78
Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$2,114.00
A. A. A.....\$ 979.78

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

October 19: World Mission Sunday
November 1: All Saints' Day
November 2: All Souls' Day / Reserve Fund
November 9: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$31,021.00
YTD we paid:	\$22,657.04
Balance we owe:	\$ 8,363.96
Pledges Balance	\$ 225.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18 TO OCTOBER 25

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
October 18, 2025	October 19, 2025	October 20, 2025	October 21, 2025	October 22, 2025
9:00am Zaraki R. Santiago ☩	8:00m Parish of St. John	9:00am ☩ Medina & Eufracio Ermitaño	9:00am ☩ Ramon Berry Merlin Cayabyab ☩ ☩ Mary Redublado	9:00am Living members of the Y.M.I.
4:30pm Parish of St. John	10:00am ☩ Mel Ventura	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		October 23, 2025	October 24, 2025	October 25, 2025
	12:00pm ☩ Pablo Alberto Durán	9:00am Deceased members of the Y.M.I.	9:00am ☩ Ralph Parayo & Rafaela Avila ☩ All Soul's Novena	9:00am All Soul's Novena
				4:30pm ☩ Luis & Tranquilina Baron

