



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 28, 2007

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.

~Sirach 35:17-18a

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

Although the Pharisee is faithful to pious practices, he is missing the heart of prayer demonstrated by the tax collector. God willingly and speedily hears dependence upon God and humble acknowledgement of one's true identity. Such self-abasement would seem to create a greater distance between the holy God and the sinful tax collector, but the opposite is true. The tax collector's humility draws him closer to God and allows him to go home justified. The Pharisee uses his pious practices to separate himself from "the rest of humanity." Authentic religious practices—for the Pharisee and for us today—ultimately lead us to communion with God and one another. *Do I act like the Pharisee or the tax collector in dealing with others and with God?*

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

All Saints is first mentioned in the 4th century Eastern feast of All Martyrs (May 13) and attested to by St. Ephrem of Odessa (373). This feast came to be celebrated on other days such as Easter Friday and the Sunday after Pentecost. In 609, the Roman Pantheon was dedicated on May 13 under the title S. Maria ad Martyres. Many see in this the origin of All Saints day. Pope Gregory IV (827-844) transferred the feast from May to November 1, adopting the English-Gallican practice dating from the first quarter of the 8th century.

All Souls feast is rooted in ancient Christian tradition (2nd century and Tertullian). St. Odilo of Cluny established a memorial of all the faithful departed in 988.

This feast was accepted and celebrated in Rome in the 13th century. This day (and the entire month of November) is a traditional time for visiting graves of loved ones.



ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS MASSES

Thursday, Nov. 1, All Saints – It is a HOLY DAY and you are invited to the following Masses: Vigil Mass on Wed., Oct. 31 at 5pm; Mass of All Saints on Thursday at 9:00am.

Friday, Nov. 2, All Souls – the Mass at 9:00am will be celebrated at the Santa Rosa Old Chapel, followed by procession in the cemetery and blessing of the graves. The Mass in Spanish will be at 6:00pm here in the church. During November a Novena of Masses will be offered for our deceased loved ones. Offertory remembrance envelopes are available on the tables near the church entrance.

BAKE AND BOUTIQUE SALE

Bake and Boutique Sale will take place next Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass. All proceeds



will go toward our religious education program.

Your help in either buying or baking is appreciated.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Finally, we are underway with producing a new pictorial directory for our parish via Olan Mills publishing company. Our last directory was made more than a decade ago. Please plan to have your picture taken on one of the following dates: Nov. 29 and 30 from 2-8:30pm; Dec. 1 from 10am-5pm; Dec. 7 from 2-8:30pm and Dec. 8 from 10am-5pm. Your entire appointment will take just a few minutes. Sign ups for portrait appointments will take place after all Masses beginning next weekend. Each family that comes for photography will receive a complimentary directory and an 8x10 free custom portrait. Every parishioner is encouraged to participate – we expect 100% participation.

If you would like to volunteer to help with sign ups, telephoning or as a host/hostess, please contact the parish office.

PARKING LOT FUNDS

As stated in the financial report, our next major project is repaving our parking lot. In the past our parish spent thousands of dollars for patching and slurring. As anyone can see, a band aid on a big wound doesn't work. To address our needs we have to completely repave. The Finance Council has set a goal to raise a minimum of \$100,000.00. The estimate is modest and is the minimum amount required for repaving with asphalt. Ideally, our lot should be paved with concrete but that doubles the cost.

The projected time line for fund-raising is for a short term (five months). This is an effort to reduce costs as the more we wait for repaving, the more expensive it will be. For the next five months I strongly encourage every registered family to donate an additional \$100.00 per month for the Facility Repairs & Maintenance second collection. These funds will be dedicated to the parking lot project. Your donation must be restricted for this specific purpose, therefore, please avoid mixing your intended donation into the first collection. Implementing an aggressive five month plan, \$20,000.00 a month would be raised, and we will reach our goal by the end of March 2008!

If you are able to donate more than \$100.00 per month this would be very welcome. One-time donations of \$500.00 are appreciated and would greatly benefit our cause. If these donations are made before the end of the year it may provide your family a needed tax benefit. Donations will also be accepted at the church office, and our progress will be regularly published in the bulletin. (Fr. Emil +)

BIBLE STUDY

Meet in Room #5, at 6:30pm on Nov. 7; Nov. 14; Nov. 28; Dec. 7; Dec. 14, and Dec. 19, Fr. Emil leading all sessions. [Introduction to the Bible](#) is the theme for the first sessions. Following are a series of [The Infancy Narratives of Jesus](#), focusing on the coming of the Messiah and Christmas themes. Bibles are provided.



FUNDRAISING SPONSORS

Certain businesses within our parish area encourage parishioners to patronize them because a certain percentage of what you spend comes back to our church. Such is the case with **Manta Rey Restaurant** in San Simeon and **artist James Kelly**. Both are returning 10% to us. James Kelly is offering a special program named Portraits for the Parish where you can have a portrait painting for yourself or your entire family. Contact him at 805-909-2503. If you own a business and would like to participate in this program, let us know.

Weekly Offerings

Last Weekend

Plate:	\$4,071.00
Other Income:	\$ 931.00
Total:	\$5,002.00
Budgeted Expenses:	\$6,103.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 906.00

Thank You for Your Support!

Masses for the Week

- Sat., Oct. 27th, 5:00 PM- Intentions of the Linn Family
- Sun., Oct. 28th, 9:00 AM- +Mary Gertrude Tierney
- Sun., Oct. 28th, 6:00 PM- +Pascual Hernandez
- Mon., Oct. 29th, 9:00 AM- Communion Service
- Tues., Oct. 30th, 9:00 AM- Communion Service
- Wed., Oct. 31st, 9:00 AM- +Justin Linn
- Wed., Oct. 31st, 5:00 PM- People of the Parish
- Thurs., Nov. 1st, 9:00 AM- People of the Parish
- Fri., Nov. 2nd, 9:00 AM- All Souls (Mass at Chapel)
- Fri., Nov. 2nd, 6:00 PM- All Souls

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Mark your calendars now. The last meeting for this year will take place at El Chorlito Restaurant in San Simeon on Tues., Nov. 13th, at 6:00 PM. All men of the parish are welcome. Please use the sign-up sheet near the church entrance to let us know you will attend.

Pray for ...

Mary Collins, Cornelia Carey, Laverne Fisher, Kathleen Harms, Hector Hernandez, Richard Macedo, Albert Knolls, Kelly Martinez, Cherrie Waterman, Julian Amodei, Katherine McMicking, Betty Fiscalini, Jim Adams, Carol Nava, Dale Donohoe, Tamara Donohoe, Glen Graham, Celise Rogers, Mary Lennan, George Shuster, Laura Edwards, Linda Hotchkiss, Michele Krohn, Bob Lennan, Pat Ensign, Jim Greathouse, Elie Crettol, Steve Richardson, Tommye Brennan, Don Schwarzkopf, Timothy Maschler, Michelle Moran.

