

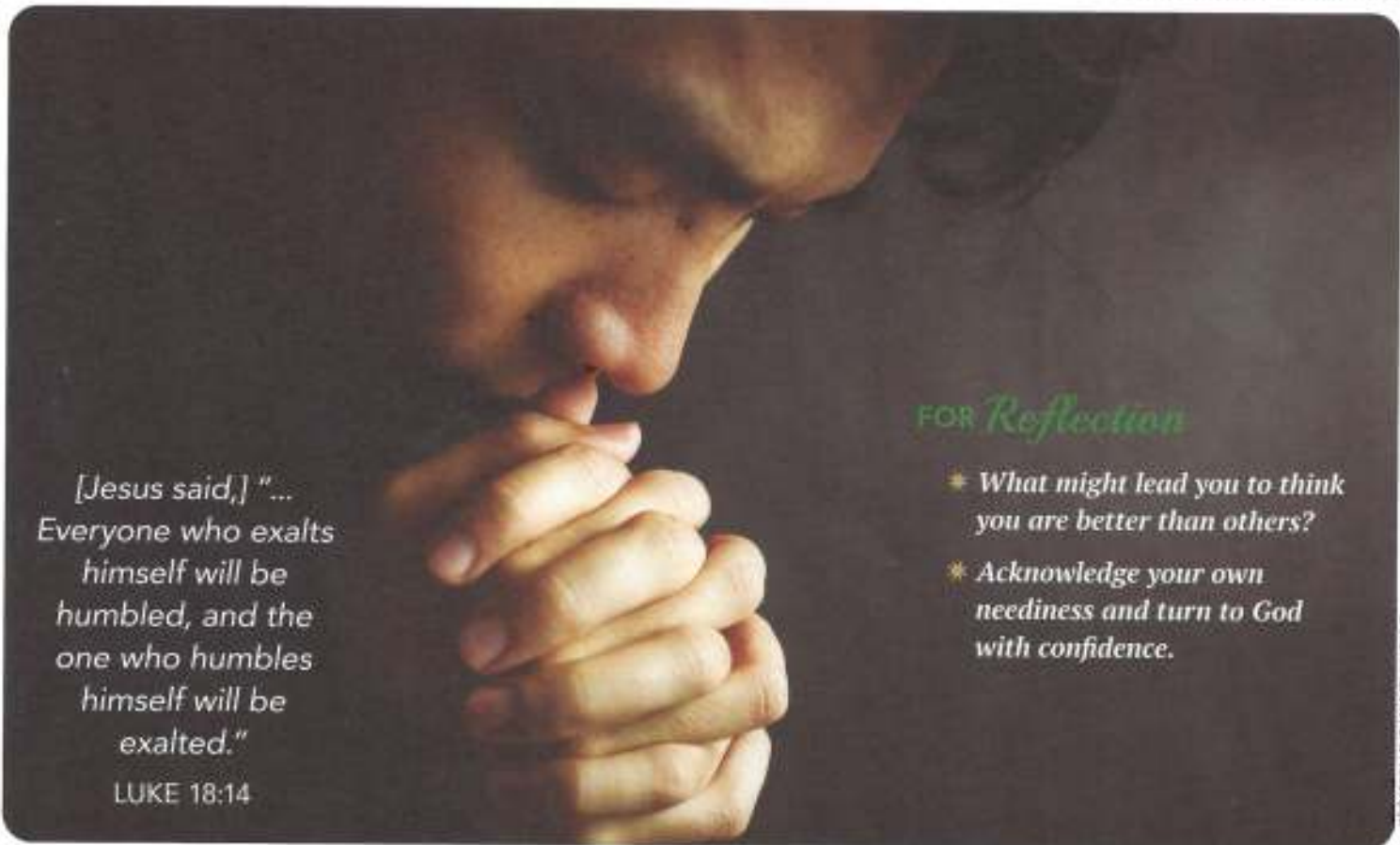
Thank You that I am Better than Others

The words of the Pharisee in today's Gospel might look like a prayer of thanksgiving. However, it is not a prayer, nor does it express gratitude. It is an arrogant statement of self-congratulation. One might think that he had a right to boast. After all, he did observe certain religious obligations and refrain from forms of public immorality. Why did Jesus say that he was not justified?

First, he haughtily presented himself in the temple as a prayerful man. As we saw last week, the fundamental character of prayer is acknowledgement of human neediness and a trust in God's loving care. This man did not see himself as needy or requiring God's care. Second, he did not realize that as important as religious observance and good works might be, they are not requirements fulfilled to earn God's love. Rather, they should flow from one's inner relationship with God. Third, he judged the inner disposition of others by observing the outer circumstances of their lives.

On the other hand, Jesus praised the tax collector. Why? First, he acknowledged he was a sinner in need of God's mercy. After all, as tax collector, he worked for the hated Romans who occupied the land. Most likely he made his own living by adding a commission to the taxes he collected from others. Second, he made no claim of being righteous and deserving God's mercy. Third, overwhelmed by his own unworthiness, he compared himself to no one. His was genuine prayer.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



[Jesus said,] "...
Everyone who exalts
himself will be
humbled, and the
one who humbles
himself will be
exalted."

LUKE 18:14

FOR Reflection

- ✦ What might lead you to think you are better than others?
- ✦ Acknowledge your own neediness and turn to God with confidence.



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9:30 am — 10:30 am at Cherry Church Hall
Sunday, October 23rd — 5th thru 8th grades
Sunday, October 30th — K thru 4th grades

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of October 24, 2022

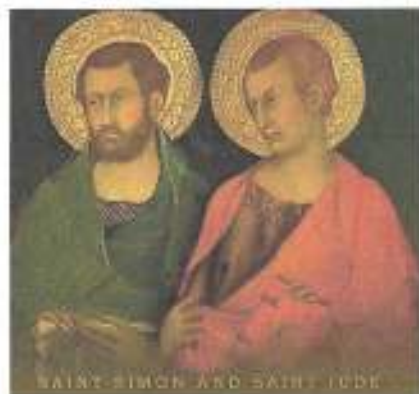
Monday	10/24			† No Mass
Tuesday	10/25	8:00 am	STM	† No Mass
Wednesday	10/26	5:30 pm	HT (Rosary before mass)	† No Mass
Thursday	10/27	9:00 am	HT	† No Mass
Friday	10/28	8:00 am	STM	† No Mass

Mass Intentions for the weekend of October 29-30, 2022

Saturday	10/29	4:00 pm	St. Thomas More	† Betty Newhalfen
Sunday	10/30	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Daisy Kopek
		10:30 am	St. Patrick	† William Bonnell
		5:00 pm	St. Thomas More	† For the Parishioners

October Saints.... Simon and Jude ~ Feast Day October 28th

Both Simon and Jude were ordinary men who were chosen by Jesus himself to teach others about God's love and to "make disciples of all nations". Their lives help us to understand that even the most average people can become saints when they decide to follow Jesus. Both of these men were known by other names during their lives. Simon was often called "the Zealot." A zealot is a person who is strongly committed to something. In Simon's case, he firmly believed in the importance of people following Jewish law. Once he met Jesus, his life was changed and he became convinced that the most important thing was to follow Jesus and his teachings. We believe that another reason Simon had a nickname was to keep people from confusing him with the other apostle named Simon, the one Jesus called Peter. Jude was also known as "Jude Thaddeus." People used this formal title so that he was not confused with Judas, the apostle who betrayed Jesus. Jude is the patron saint of hopeless cases and desperate situations. People often pray to Jude when they feel that there is no one else to turn to. They ask Jude to bring their problem to Jesus. Because Jude had such great faith, we know that nothing is impossible for those who believe in the Lord. Simon and Jude traveled together to teach others about Jesus. Simon and Jude died for their faith on the same day in Beirut. We honor their feast day on October 28. These two saints remind us to learn all we can about Jesus and to share it with others, as they did.



The month of November always has a very important meaning to all members of the Church around the world. We honor the Triumphant Church on Nov 1st with All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) and on Nov 2nd, All Souls Day, we commemorate the Church Suffering, all the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Many of them are our beloved.



All Souls Day

Mass times are as follows:
Tues, Nov 1st—All Saints Day
8:00 am @ STM and 5:30 pm @ HT
Wed, Nov 2nd—All Souls Day
8:00 am @ STM and 5:30 pm @ HT

Candles will be available to purchase Oct 29-30

Tortellini Twisters Needed

St Thomas More Rav Group is looking for more volunteers to help prepare tortellini for orders. They meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00-12:00. Come out to socialize and have fun twisting pasta! Call the church office for more information.



2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal Follow Up



As you know, 2022 ADA is underway in our parishes. Thank you to all who have already contributed! With your help, we are getting closer to reaching our parish goal.

If you have not received a pledge card in the mail or misplaced it, the Diocese of Peoria will be mailing a follow up letter at the beginning of November. It will include another pledge card and a self addressed envelope. Please consider supporting our diocesan ministries.

If you have already contributed and receive this letter in the mail, please disregard it, as pledges are often received and processed after a letter is assembled and mailed.

LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND OCT 16TH

HT – \$872.00
SP – \$468.00
STM – \$775.00



CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS
WILL BE SAT. OCT 29TH.
10:30 – 11:15 AM AT
ST PATRICK IN THE CHAPEL

Dear Padre,

I'm tired of being distracted by children sliding around in the pews, fidgeting, and giggling with each other. How would the priest like parents to handle these situations during Mass?

I presume you mean children between the ages of two and six—kids too old to be crying in their parents' arms and too young to be in religious-education programs. Many parishes have children's Liturgy of the Word programs, but the kids still spend time at regular Mass.

It's important for kids to be at Mass and to learn to be quiet for an hour. When children come to Mass, they slowly get used to the idea that they're expected to behave for a limited amount of time.

Parents should bring books or soft toys—anything that won't make more noise—to keep the kids entertained. They shouldn't let their kids bring musical toys, electronic games with sound effects, or toy trucks that can be run up and down the pews. If children continue to be disruptive, parents should take them outside for a short time and then bring them back.

Bottom line: Priests want children to come to Mass. It's better to have fidgeting kids at Mass than no kids at all. We want them to learn to behave now so when they get older, they're ready to deepen their participation in the Mass.



CHRISTIAN ARTS/ISTOCK

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

With his birth, Jesus made himself a bridge between God and mankind, reconciled earth and sky, and recomposed the whole human race in unity...And today he also asks you to be little bridges, where you live....Sometimes it is not easy, but if we are united with Jesus we can do it.

ADDRESS TO CHILDREN, DECEMBER 16, 2019



Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 24

Weekday

Eph 4:32—5:8

Lk 13:10—17

Tuesday

OCTOBER 25

Weekday

Eph 5:21—33

Lk 13:18—21

Wednesday

OCTOBER 26

Weekday

Eph 6:1—9

Lk 13:22—30

Thursday

OCTOBER 27

Weekday

Eph 6:10—20

Lk 13:31—35

Friday

OCTOBER 28

*Sts. Simon and Jude,
Apostles*

Eph 2:19—22

Lk 6:12—16

Saturday

OCTOBER 29

Weekday

Phil 1:18b—26

Lk 14:1, 7—11

Sunday

OCTOBER 30

*Thirty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Wis 11:22—12:2

2 Thes 1:11—2:2

Lk 19:1—10

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