

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Sunday, October 27, 2019

Readings: 1) Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 2) 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 3) Luke 18:9-14

Sunday Liturgy

The Focus for today's Mass is: Relationship with the Lord requires us to recognize our dependence on him.

While pride is the root of much sin, humility is the soil in which a life of virtue can grow. The more we recognize our need for God and his mercy, the more we can open ourselves up to the grace he wishes to pour out on us. It is when we think ourselves independent of God that we close ourselves off to his saving mercy and grace.

Sirach says that *the Lord is a God of justice* who is not partial, but does hear the cries and prayers of the most vulnerable. Saint Paul writes that he has *kept the faith* and looks forward to the *crown of righteousness*, noting that it was the Lord who rescued him from evil. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the Pharisee and tax collector who go to the Temple to pray, noting the justification of the tax collector due to his humility.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

God knows our joys, hopes and fears.

In complete trust, let us bring our needs and prayers before him.

For God's holy Church,

may God's mercy and justice create in us lives of humility and dependence upon his love.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

For the work of missions abroad,

may the Lord continue to spread his word to all nations.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

For all who are sick, or suffering from any infirmity of body, mind or spirit.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

For all those who have died,

may they be welcomed into the loving presence of God.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

For those of us gathered here and for those we love,

may the Holy Spirit give us the grace to grow in humility and love of neighbor.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

For our own personal intentions..... (long pause)

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, here our prayer.

PRIEST:

Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your son, Jesus Christ.

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