

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025

Christ has truly loved us!



Sun 26 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

08:00 am +Felipe Angel Zamora (Dotty Zamora)
+Joe Garcia III (Irma Arizola)
For the Health of Iris Gonzalez (Irma Arizola)

Thr 30 Weekday

12:05 pm NO MASS – Fr Nolasco on Vacation

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The tax collector, completely aware of his unworthiness, beats his breast and prays, “O God, be merciful to me a sinner.” Where does he get the confidence to do this? His experience of limitation and failure has led him not to despair, but to depend. He remains certain that there is something beyond “every evil threat” and that the Lord will rescue him. Maybe he had in mind the promise of Sirach: “The Lord hears the cry of the oppressed. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.” This is why the formerly anti-Christian Paul can say without boasting: “From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me.” For “whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 / 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 /
Luke 18:9-14

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

For some, going to confession can bring a sense of relief—as if the slate has now been wiped clean; as if we have gotten a do-over with life or the past has been left behind as though it never happened. Our past, however, is always with us—the good and the bad, the joys and the sadness, the grace and the sin. There are no do-overs. We carry with us the marks of our lives simply because every experience, every kindness and cruelty, every moment of generosity and selfishness, all have made us into who are. We are much like a tree that adds a ring to its trunk each year. The ring always bears the marks of that year, whether it has been a year of rain or drought, whether insects have attacked, or whether Mother Nature has been kind. The tree always remembers and carries with it forever the rings of what life has been.

Our lives are the same. The story of the Pharisee and the tax collector tells this tale. Like the Pharisee, we have much good in our lives. We too have prayed and have been generous. We have been kind and honest and cared for the poor. We have tried to be faithful. The Pharisee's downfall was that he forgot about his sinfulness; he forgot he needed God's mercy. The tax collector, on the other hand, remembered his failings. Both were in need of God's love. Only the tax collector seemed to realize it. ●

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco and Michelle Angela Nelson.



ALL SOULS DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE

Pick up your *All Souls Day Mass Remembrance* envelopes located in the entrances of the church.

Please deposit them in the collection

basket. All Souls Day will be celebrated on November 2, 2025, Sunday, at 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Family in Laredo.

Your intentions will also be included. Remember to include deceased loved ones. Thank you



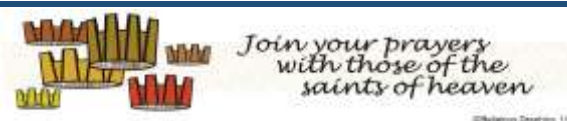
MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR THE YEAR 2026

On Tuesday, November 4, 2025, the Mass Intention Book for 2026 will open. During the first week, the faithful are limited to only *three* individual intentions. During the second week, another three intentions will be allowed. After the third week, you may choose as many dates that are available. The purpose of limiting is to give all the parishioners an opportunity to get an intention for their loved ones. If you have intentions you would like to offer during a Mass, please bring them to the Parish Office. **NO intentions will be accepted by phone. All intentions must be made in person (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9a-12p & 1:30p-4:00p).** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Fr. Nolasco.



SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE YEAR 2026

Anyone interested in making a \$10.00 donation to have the Sanctuary Candle burning weekly in memory of a loved one or for a special intention may do so in person in the Parish Office during regular hours on or after November.



Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 799.00

Loose: \$ 14.11

Children's Envelopes: \$ 3.65

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 816.76

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 802.73

Dear Padre

October 26, 2025

Is it wrong for children to dress up as zombies and devils and other evil creatures for Halloween?

No. It is perfectly acceptable to choose these kinds of costumes and to participate in the festivities of Halloween. Halloween is primarily a secular celebration. Although it is true that the original celebration is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, that tradition is more properly celebrated during the great feast days of the Church that follow Halloween: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Mythological representations, and the costumes that remind us of these kind of characters, are to be understood with a sense of fun and mischief. There is no difference between a ghost, a goblin, a zombie, Captain America, Superman, or one of the Mario Brothers. They are all fictional characters in the very human stories we share with each other. The meaning we assign to them must be proportional to what they represent. On Halloween, they represent nothing more than a person in costume. It could be an entirely different story under different circumstances in which there might be the possibility of a misunderstanding about the meaning of such a costume. Halloween pretty much blurs that distinction and takes away the misunderstanding. It is meant to be entertaining and fun. That is all. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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