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2021

Twenty-Ninth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant;  
whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.

Mark 10:43-44

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Throughout this part of Ordinary Time, Mark's Gospel tracks the disciples' progressive misunderstanding about Jesus' mission and the nature of discipleship. We heard Jesus make two predictions about his Passion on Sundays in September, and just before today's Gospel episode, Jesus informed the Twelve: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise" (Mark 10:33-34). Despite Jesus' three predictions and his definition of "glory" and "power" as serving others in humility, James and John still imagine Jesus as bound for a glorious earthly messiahship. How moving that Jesus, rather than scolding James and John as he had previously rebuked Peter, instead begins teaching them patiently, "You do not know what you are asking" (10:38).

### SELF-EXAMINATION

Knowing that Jesus' throne of glory is also a "throne of grace" from which Jesus bestows "mercy and grace for timely help" (Hebrews 4:16), today's Gospel suggests sincere self-examination: How do we approach Jesus and make our requests? What do we ask for: what Jesus wants us to do or, like James and John today, do we demand "whatever we want" from Jesus? Does the world in which we live and work focus our hearts on glory to the right and power on the left? Or do "the cup we drink" and "the baptism" we've received inspire us to gladly become servants of all, like the Jesus who has made us his disciples? Do we also avoid imitating the "indignant ten" other Apostles who rebuked James and John? Or are we also quick to see the errors of others and rash in passing judgment on them? How do we live in response to Jesus who gave his life "as a ransom for many"?

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Today's Readings: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;  
Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

**PASTOR:** Rev. Michael T. "Mike" Snider

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Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

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# Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us  
and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."  
Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,  
you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:**

Jess Corrigan, Jr. Jane Bidlack. Fr. Mike Snider. Judy Smith. Thomas Holzmann. Jim Hickey. Michael Allen. Joe Fazzio. Rick & Teri Jackson. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Bollinger Family. Charlie Parker. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: George Smith, spouse of Judy Smith. Address: 669 Holly Trail East #304, HLR, TX 75765**

**Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:**

Dawn Quinn, US Army PVT 2nd Class (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 1LT Joey Chaney, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

**Psalms:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading:** Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

**Gospel:** Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

**Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

**Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

**Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

### Mass—Intentions

**Sat. 10/16 Melinda Miller+** (Pat & Vicki Miller)

**Sun 10/17 Melinda Miller+** (Al & Yvette Bowman)

**Tue 10/19**

**Wed 10/20**

**Thurs 10/21**

**Fri. 10/22**

**Sat. 10/23 Beau Funk** (M/M Bonicard)

**& Mabel Thibodeaux+** (M/M Clymer)

Fr. Mike will remain home until 10/23.

Fr. Ron Demski will be take his place weekend of Oct. 16th & 17th.

### PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the month of August, 2021

**Expenditures \$ 3,882**

**Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,628**

**Attendance 10/16 Saturday 47 10/17 Sunday 57**

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.



### Pope's Intention for October:

Missionary disciples.. We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

### ACHIEVING SANCTITY

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.

—St. Paul of the Cross

### THE HUMANITY OF JESUS CHRIST

All three readings today support—each in its own way, of course—a reflection on the humanity of Jesus Christ and how that humanity played a key role in the drama of our salvation. Although not chosen specifically to coordinate with the other two readings, today's second reading does in fact carry forward the theme of Christ's humanity in a remarkable way. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews highlights the solidarity that exists between Jesus and us, precisely because in his human nature Jesus has known the same sufferings and testing that are our own experience. Because he can "sympathize with our weaknesses," we can "approach the throne of grace to receive mercy." For the author of Hebrews, the humanity of Jesus was an essential requirement for his redemptive death, as well as an invitation to us to find in Jesus someone with whom we can identify in our daily struggles.

→ Adoration will resume Tues., Nov. 2nd  
→ Time: 9:30am—12:30pm & 6:00—8:00pm  
All are welcome to attend!



*If Interested in spending one hour with the Lord.* Please contact Cathy Ellis at [cathy.ellis@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.ellis@gmail.com). Cathy will need your name, and a one hour time slot on Tuesdays that you would be willing to come to the church and adore our Lord.

### Life Chain 2021



Sunday's 2021 Life Chain was very successful, thanks to more than 30 people who participated from Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Holly Tree Bible Church, and Whispering Pines Nazarene Church. The weather was perfect, and traffic on FM 2869 in both directions seemed heavier than last year with many favorable, enthusiastic drivers. We look forward to next year's annual event

### Annual Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Baby Shower

The K of C sixth baby shower event is held this weekend: Oct. 16th & 17th. The year the Knights will again be supporting the Building Blocks, Living Alternatives Ministry (<https://livingalternatives.org/building-blocks/>). The Building Blocks Ministry offers practical help to parents that encourages and renews hope for the future. It's a unique earn-while-you-learns program where moms and dads earn points for going to doctor appts, attending parenting classes, and meeting with parenting mentors.

### OCTOBER NEWS & EVENTS

Sat. 10/16—Fri. 10/22: *Fr. Mike is feeling better, but will remain at home.*

Sat., Oct. 16th & Sun., 17th: *Fr. Demski will take Fr. Mike's place this weekend. Annual K of C Pro-Life Baby Shower*

Sun., Oct. 17th: *Immediately following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall. Jane Bidlack rescheduled "The Bible and the Mass Study" until Sun., Oct. 24th.*

Tues., Oct. 19th—Fri., Oct. 22nd: No weekday Mass's. No adoration on Tues. Oct. 19th or Tues. Oct. 26th.

Sun., Oct. 24th: Immediately following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall. Jane Bidlack facilitates "The Bible and the Mass Study."

Sun., Oct. 31st: *Immediately following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall. 5:00pm Mass of anticipation of "All Saints Day."*

### October Second Collections:

23rd & 24th: "World Mission Sunday."

Genacle of Life: Genacle of Life devotion each Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. *Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382*

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749.**

The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **We are in the need of peanut butter; canned vegetables; cereal; boxes of pudding & jello.**



Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry. Call or email **Bob Mailliard** at 903-769-3963 or [theduckdude@att.net](mailto:theduckdude@att.net)

Thank you, *Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin. Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team*

### PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR MASKS

Holy Spirit plans to participate in the Christmas Golf Cart parade. We would like to collect any leftover candy that we can toss to those who line the parade route. The children always have a smile on their faces. Please hold on to yours after Halloween and drop the candy off at church. *Thank you. Welcoming Committee*

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANKSIVING FOOD DRIVE

We expect to be delivering food to 20 families this year. This drive is above and beyond our weekly food distribution. Below is a list of food items needed.

**Stuffing mix; gravy packages; can cranberry sauce; can yams; cake mix & frosting; can pumpkin; instant potatoes; \$ 10/\$ 20 gift cards for meat; pudding; jello & fruit cups, etc.**

Thank you in advance for your continued support for this food drive and our weekly food baskets. Please place donations in the K/C box just before you enter the Parish Hall on or before **11/17/2021.**

If you are unable to deliver your donations, please call or text **Robert Mailliard at 503-559-6022**

We are also looking for volunteers to deliver the food boxes on **11/20/2021.**

**MANY BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS  
FOR THIS PROJECT**

# 2021 LIFE CHAIN



**HOPE YOU JOIN US NEXT YEAR!**



Continuing our Halloween history from last week ...

**Black Cats and Ghosts** Halloween has always been a holiday filled with mystery, magic and superstition. It began as a Celtic end-of-summer festival during which people felt especially close to deceased relatives and friends. For these friendly spirits, they set places at the dinner table, left treats on doorsteps and along the side of the road and lit candles to help loved ones find their way back to the spirit world. Today's Halloween ghosts are often depicted as more fearsome and malevolent, and our customs and superstitions are scarier too. We avoid crossing paths with black cats (an idea rooted in the Middle Ages, when people believed witches avoided detection by turning into black cats), afraid that they might bring us bad luck. We try not to walk under ladders for the same reason – this superstition may have come from ancient Egyptians, who believed that triangles were sacred – it also may have something to do with the fact that walking under a leaning ladder tends to be fairly). And around Halloween, especially, we try to avoid breaking mirrors, stepping on cracks in the road or spilling salt.

**Halloween Matchmaking and Lesser-Known Rituals** What about the Halloween traditions and beliefs that today's trick-or-treaters have forgotten all about? Many of these obsolete rituals focused on the future instead of the past and the living instead of the dead. Many had to do with helping young women identify their future husbands and reassuring them they would someday – with luck, by next Halloween – be married. In 18<sup>th</sup>-century Ireland, a matchmaking cook might bury a ring in her mashed potatoes on Halloween night, hoping to bring true love to the diner who found it. In Scotland, fortune-tellers recommended that an eligible young woman name a hazelnut for each of her suitors and then toss the nuts into the fireplace. The nut that burned to ashes rather than popping or exploding, represented the girl's future husband. In some versions of this legend, the opposite was true: The nut that burned away symbolized a love that would not last. Another tale was that if a young woman ate a sugary concoction made out of walnuts, hazelnuts and nutmeg before bed on Halloween night she would dream of her future husband. Young women tossed apple-peels over their shoulders, hoping that the peels would fall on the floor in the shape of their future husbands' initials; tried to learn about their futures by peering at egg yolks floating in a bowl of water and stood in front of mirrors in darkened rooms, holding candles and looking over their shoulders for their husbands' faces. Other rituals were more competitive. At some Halloween parties, the first guest to find a burr on a chestnut-hunt would be the first to marry. At others, the first successful apple-bobber would be the first down the aisle. Of course, whether we're asking for romantic advice or trying to avoid seven years of bad luck, each one of these Halloween superstitions relies on the goodwill of the very same "spirits" whose presence the early Celts felt so keenly.

So now, let's turn to **The day of the Dead** (<https://www.history.com/topics/halloween/day-of-the-dead>) The Day of the Dead (El Día de los Muertos), is a Mexican holiday where families welcome back the souls of their deceased relatives for a brief reunion that includes food, drink and celebration. A blend of Mesoamerican ritual, European religion and Spanish culture, the holiday is celebrated each year from October 31- November 2. While October 31 is Halloween, **November 1 is "el Día de los Inocentes," or the day of the children, and All Saints Day. November 2 is All Souls Day or the Day of the Dead.** According to tradition, the gates of heaven are opened at midnight on October 31 and the spirits of children can rejoin their families for 24 hours. The spirits of adults can do the same on November 2.

**Origins of Day of the Dead** The roots of the Day of the Dead, celebrated in contemporary Mexico and among those of Mexican heritage in the United States and around the world, go back some 3,000 years, to the rituals honoring the dead in pre-Columbian Mesoamerica. The Aztecs and other Nahua people living in what is now central Mexico held a cyclical view of the universe, and saw death as an integral, ever-present part of life. Upon dying, a person was believed to travel to *Chicunamictlán*, the *Land of the Dead*. Only after getting through 9 difficult levels (a journey of several years) could the person's soul finally reach Mictlán, the final resting place. In Nahua rituals honoring the dead, traditionally held in August, family members provided food, water and tools to aid the deceased in this difficult journey. This inspired the contemporary Day of the Dead practice where people leave food or other offerings on their loved ones' graves, or set them out on makeshift altars called *ofrendas* in their homes.



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