

Welcome to OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH



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Baptisms—Parents must meet with the Pastor for instructions and a date for the ceremony*

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Visits to the Sick and Homebound—(Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick)—Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements

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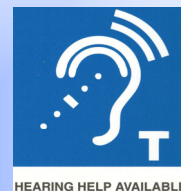
New Parishioners—Registration forms are located in the entrance of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website

Prayer & Scripture Group—Meets the First & Third Tuesdays of every month

***Registered parishioners only**

MASS SCHEDULE

- ♦ **Daily Mass** Monday—Friday 8:30 am
 - ♦ **Saturday Vigil** 4:30 pm—Year Round
 - ♦ **Sunday Masses**
 - **September through May** 8:30 am & 10:30 am
 - **June through August** 9:30 am
 - ♦ **Spanish Mass** 5:00 pm Sunday—Year Round
 - ♦ **Holy Days of Obligation** 8:30 am & 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted
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- ♦ **Confessions** Fridays after the 8:30 am Mass, Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment
 - ♦ **Rosary** A half hour prior to daily Mass. Wednesdays the Rosary is dedicated for the protection of our area against disasters. Rosary begins 45 minutes before the first Sunday Mass
 - ♦ **Miraculous Medal Novena** Monday following the 8:30 am Mass
 - ♦ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** First Friday of every month beginning at 9:00 am concluding with a brief prayer service and Benediction at Noon
 - ♦ **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** First Fridays after the opening of Adoration



OCTOBER 27, 2019—THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Mon. Oct 28 +Robert Kennedy
8:30 am Requested by Donna Wallis

Tues. Oct 29 +Dan Belliveau
8:30 am Requested by Donna Wallis

Weds. Oct 30 Members of the Parish
8:30 am

Thrs. Oct 31 Bill & Fran Denver/55th Anniversary
8:30 am Requested by Bill & Fran Denver

Fri. Nov 1 +Fred Schoenbaechler
8:30 am Requested by Marie Schoenbaechler

Sat. Nov 2 +ALL SOULS
4:30 pm Requested by Parishioners

Sun. Nov 3 +ALL SOULS
8:30 am Requested by Parishioners
10:30 am +Vincenzo Miceli, Sr. (1 yr)
Requested by Mary Ferrario

Time, Talent & Treasure

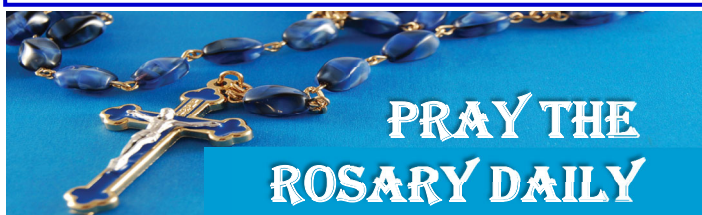
WEEKEND OF OCT 12-13, 2019

ATTENDANCE – 329

OFFERTORY—\$5,117.00

SECOND COLLECTION—\$817.93

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through their selfless offering of time, talent and treasure. Thank you and God Bless!



“You cannot be half a saint; you have to be a whole saint or no saint at all.” -St. Therese Lisieux

This Week

Monday, Oct 28, 2019

• **Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles**

Tuesday, Oct 29, 2019

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Wednesday, Oct 30, 2019

• **Choir Practice 5:00 pm**

Thursday, Oct 31, 2019

• **HALLOWEEN**

Friday, Nov 1, 2019—FIRST FRIDAY

Adoration—9:15 am—Noon

ALL SAINTS' DAY—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

• Masses at 8:30 am and 6 pm

Saturday, Nov 2, 2019

ALL SOULS' DAY

• **Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm**

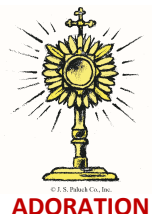
Sunday, Nov 3, 2019

• Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am and 5:00 pm (Spanish)

• **NO Coffee Social**

• **Religious Education 9:30 am to 11:15 am**

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ADORATION

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



Rose Adams, Tony Ambrose, Carmen & Nilsa Aponte, Glenn Armani, Helen Armani, Nora Baker, Barbara Basgall, Jacob Basilotto, Patricia Benson, Peter & Peggy Bercik, Angela Biondello, Ami Blachowiak, James Blachowiak, Patricia Blackwell, Rev. Jim Bok, OFM & Mary Gate of Heaven Parish, Negril; Peggy Brick, Dolores Brown, Betty Bulifant, Tom Cabot, Chuck Cabot, Patricia Clemens, Mario Corso, Steve DiCristo, Larry DiOrio, Wendy Edwards, Aiden Foley, Connor Foley, Michael Fontaine, Justin Fiesta, Suzie Goldberg, Carmelle Goodridge, Judy Hage, Harry Haskins, Shawn Heeter, Pete & Alice Herber, Pat Herbert, Eddie Holloway, Sally Hooper, George & Betty Hoyt, Carol Humme, JoAnn Ippolito, Everette & Nancy James, Stephanie Jefferson, Diane Jezek, Stan Jock, Anthony Joseph, Arlis Kelly, Jim Kirk, Ginny Kloiber, Eddie Knowlton, Kent Krabill, Zal Kutar, John Lambrecht, Larry Larson, Ginny LeClaire, Margaret Lines, Anne Lintner, Eric Marinelli, Catherine Mazzola, Jim & Joan McCaffrey, Cindy McClure, Kenneth McCurdy, Jim McDonnell, Patty McGlone, Rick McKenna, Jr., Gloria McKeown, Connor McKinnon, John McKinnon, Gema Moreno, Regina Mulherin, Ruth Nayard, Elizabeth Nomorosa, Bernadette Nyka, Danny O'Herron, Max & Mila Perez, Tyler Peryea, Leslie Peterson, John Pitale, Pal Polster, Shirley Porter, Catherine Porthouse, Greg Printy, Kristin Ramsey, Tina Reichenwallner, Phil & Louise Ritchey, Elly Rode, Jimmy Rosso, John & Janet Rovaldi, John Rozell, Heather Sallstrom Sanchez, Malte Sallstrom, Clarence Schuetz, Paul Sepczynski, Donnie Sheetz, Ann Speitel, Colleen Sullivan, Julianne Thorstenson, Pat Tweed, Virginia Waggle, Robert Wallace, Pink Wesorick, Lynn Wickham, Mary Wilcox, Norman Willebrandt, Glenna Wolshlager

PARISH CALENDAR

Oct 31-Halloween

Nov 1-All Saints' Day—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

-Masses-8:30 am & 6 pm

-**Adoration 9:15 am—Noon**

Nov 2-Ladies' Guild Christmas Bazaar

Nov 3-Daylight Savings ENDS/Fall Back 1 hour

Nov 5-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting

Nov 11-Veterans' Day

Nov 19-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting

Nov 28-THANKSGIVING—Mass at 9 am

-Food Drive for PI Food Pantry

Dec 1-Advent Begins

???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

What can I sacrifice to provide something for others?

 2019 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL	OLMM 2019 CFA STATUS	
	Parish Goal	\$ 85,000.00
	Pledged	\$ 81,446.95
	Total Paid	\$ 76,300.38
	Balance Due	\$ 8,699.62
a/o 10/10/19		
Thank you for your generosity.		

†SAINTS/FEASTS OF THE WEEK†

Oct 28-Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles-Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the *Letter of Jude*. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English. **Simon** is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans—the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God. - franciscanmedia.org



High School Seniors: join us for an overnight visit! Once you arrive on campus, housing with a student host and complimentary meals are provided. During your stay, you will meet with professors, enjoy a night of s'mores and sand volleyball, attend a mock class and go on a campus tour. We strongly recommend overnight stays to experience everything Ave has to offer! This year's Ave Experience dates are listed below.

November 1-2, January 24-25, February 21-22, March 27-28, April 17-18. Visit avemaria.edu to signup!

VETERANS' DAY MEMORIAL MASS

The Diocese of Venice is holding a Memorial Mass on Veterans Day in honor of the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country. The Mass is being held at 3:00 pm, Monday, Nov. 11 at the Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72/Clark Road, approximately five miles east of I-75. All are invited to attend, and active military personnel are encouraged to wear their uniform. There is ample seating and parking at the cemetery. For more information contact Gail Ardy at ardy@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-484-9543.

DON'T FORGET!!!!

Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00 am—turn your clocks **BACK** one hour. Or set your clocks back before you go to bed Saturday night so you're sure to get that extra hour of sleep! And it's time to change your smoke detector batteries too!

Change your clock,



CHANGE your batteries

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Alice Ambrose, Sal Anastasio, Ed Anderson, Joe Arcuri, Pat Auge, Mary Lou Beck, Wally Birmingham, Roger Bolduc, Colleen Curtis, Al Doerman, Jo Ann Grabenstetter, Gerry Green, Mary Hagan, Leo Hage, Beverly Henderson, Daniel Higgins, Helen Holfelner, Lil Honc, Dave Humme, Ed Hughes, Pat Jock, James Kennedy, Ken Kloiber, Betty Licari, Edward Lodema, Sandra Marcil, Kathryn McGuineas, Vincenzo Miceli, Sr., Leo Miller, Wes Morris, Maureen Murphy, Jim O'Neill, John "Jack" O'Neill, Volker Oelze, Richard Peterson, William "Joe" Porthouse, Mark Rodgers, Fred "Fritz" Schoenbaechler, Jeanette Smith, Jean Turner, Muriel Urrico, Gus Ventimiglia, Melanie Voris, Victor Zawadski
"Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace."

Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children.

The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea.

We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control:

the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father.

Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. **Amen.**

[Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]

ALL SOULS' DAY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Masses will be held at 8:30 am and 6 pm
Adoration will immediately follow the 8:30 am Mass



OLMM Ladies' Guild

Christmas Bazaar

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd
9:00 AM—NOON

Please drop off your home baked goods at the Parish Life Center on Friday November 1st between 9 am and 1 pm. Please wrap them in single serve portions. Contact Cathy Piazza at 305-849-1865 with any questions.

We once again have great vendors and fabulous items for sale! We look forward to seeing you then!

ALL SOULS' DAY REMEMBRANCES

Edward & Anna Anderson, Alfred & Theresa Szutarski, Rose Tavares & Judith Loreczak, Wetzel & Patricia Thompson, Frances & Jack Wilkinson, Maureen & Pat Murphy, Eugene Anderson, Peter & Olga Reilly, Jean Nolan-Ed & Barbara Anderson
John Quinn, James Benson, Mary Houser, James O'Connor, George Hauser,
Ken O'Connell-Patty Benson

Steve Ranyak, Sue Bishop, Harry Bowersox, Jean Grover-Dave & Chris Bowersox
Charpentier Family, Durkin Family, Shaw Family, Friends of Vin & Joan Bresnahan,
Jayne Ronan Gray-Joan Bresnahan

Hannah & William Bresnahan, John & Anna Clifford, John, Helen & Mar Clifford,
Bresnahan Family, Clifford Family, Daly Family, Leo, Frank, Rollie, Charlie & Moe
-Vincent Bresnahan

Bill Capplis, Martin & Mary Ann O'Donnell, Caley, Michael & Terry O'Donnell
-Maura Capplis

William Capplis-Maureen Capplis

Jane & Ed Gruber, Dennis Gruber, Nicole Schulte, Deceased Members of the Gruber &
McDonald Families, Frank & Marge Delaplaine-Elaine Delaplaine

Deceased Members of the Baranski Family, the Ramsey Family & Falconer Family
-Julie Falconer

Anna & Paul Kovachik, Robert Kovachik, Helen Kovachik, Paul Kovachik, Jr.,
William Kovachik-Elizabeth Frank

Anna & Anthony Frank, Tony Frank, Domanic Frank, George Frank-Elizabeth Frank
Fran & Margaret Kozma-Judy & Gary Gorman

Eleanor Halley, Katherine Jacaruso, Cathy Callaghan, Loretta Majoric, Gwen Kelley,
Brenda Laundry, Doug Smith, Ingrid Kurtz, Carol Barber, Adm. & Mrs. J. O. Lyons,
Joe Strasser, Kathryn Donovan, The Deceased Members of the McGuyre, O'Connell,
Murphy & Healy Families-Kevin & Sally Healy

Bus & Cora Forsyth, Frank Hoyt, John & Theresia Strasser, John & Colleen Hoyt,
Shirley Hoyt, Herman Hoyt-George & Betty Hoyt

Maurice Jacobs, Lena Jacobs, Albert Wille, Rose Eberhart, Peter Dillone,
Joseph Mazzola-George & Rosanne Jacobs

All the Souls in Purgatory-Vicki Jaunich

George Perry, Karlene Myers, Tee London, Tom Lewinski, Debbie Hillman
-Mark & Helen Justice

Kenneth Kloiber-Karen Kloiber

John & Anne Lambrecht, Walter & Betty Jacobs, Mary Rickerman, Walter Berming-
ham, Margaret Gavin, All Our Deceased Friends and Relatives-Lucy & Greg Lambrecht
Bernard & Elizabeth Lindblom, Mary & Chuck Worton, Omer Richardson, Jim Sgroi
-Gene & Char Lindblom

Charles Martin, Leo & Madeline Long, Charles & Beth Martin
-Laura M. Martin

Bob McDonnell, Laura McDonnell, Jim Widler, Orval Muhr, Harold & Margaret
Jacquot, Roger, Bob & Paul Jacquot, Rosemary & Glen Brown, Butch Brown
-Anita Muhr

Elmer & Alvina Geiger, Rosemary Von Bank, Steve Von Bank, Jeff Von Bank, Nancy
Simon, Richard Peterson-Carol Ann Peterson

Baby Boy Shapsky, Sharpesky Family, Heil Family, Mancuso Family, Piazza Family,
Linda Ruthers-Cathy Piazza
Jim Early Family-Bob & Becky Read

Fred Schoenbaechler, Jr., Deceased Members of the Hunseder Family, Deceased
Members of the Schoenbaechler Family, Sylvia Tekinsweiler, Marjorie Knitkowski,
Elizabeth McMahon-Marie Schoenbaechler

Antonio Paolantonio, Lottie Paolantonio, Frank Vadas, Lena Vadas, Margaret Ruther-
ford, Lydia Vadas-Steve & Barbara Vadas

Roger J. & Terry Bolduc, Roger G. Bolduc, Joe M. Arcuri, Joe G. & Kay Arcuri, Grace &
Auguste Bolduc, Rodolphe & Yvonne Lachapelle, Louie & Mary Lachapelle, George
Gebhart, Wally Birmingham, Robert Kennedy, Dan Belliveau-Donna Wallis



*Dios mío,
apiádate
de mí,
que soy un
pecador*

27 de octubre de 2019 • Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Cuando Jesús enseñaba o predicaba, sus palabras a menudo afectaban las creencias de cómo funciona el mundo, especialmente el de las prácticas religiosas. Además, justo cuando pensamos que ya lo resolvimos, otra vez nos toman por sorpresa, desorientación una sobre otra asombrosamente.

Los fariseos en el tiempo de Jesús enfatizaban el cumplimiento de la Ley de Moisés en la vida cotidiana, ofreciendo un camino de virtud para las personas que no podían asistir a los sacrificios del Templo. Sin embargo, algunas de esas personas se sentían arrogantes cumpliendo los preceptos religiosos, mirando de arriba abajo a los demás y se creían lo que llamaríamos hoy uno santurrónes. Jesús les contó esta parábola "sobre algunos que se tenían por justos y despreciaban a los demás", como a los recolectores de impuestos. Pero, ¿eso indicaba algo? Los recolectores de impuestos estaban entre los marginados por la sociedad; ¿acaso este recolector de impuestos no acaba de reconocer su propia maldad? ¿Cómo podía un recolector de impuestos ser "justificado" (es decir, justo) ante Dios, mientras los fariseos no? ¿Por qué Dios escucharía la oración de un recolector de impuestos? Por seguro esto era una sorpresa, molestando las creencias comunes acerca de la justificación.

¿PERO, QUIÉNES SON LOS "HUMILDES"?

Hay otra serie de suposiciones que se exponen aquí: los recolectores de impuestos difícilmente podían ser considerados "humildes". Las viudas, los huérfanos, las personas que sufren, ellos son los verdaderos humildes para quienes la Ley exige generosidad y obviamente Dios escucha sus oraciones. ¿Pero los recolectores de impuestos? Ellos recaudaban ingresos para los idolatras romanos; ellos eran los marginados y sujetos de desprecio. ¿Cómo podían ser considerados en medio de los "humildes"? De hecho, ¿qué hace un recolector de impuestos en el Templo en todo caso?

Aquí la parábola podría ser más que sorprendente, incluso podría ser desorientadora. ¿Qué pasa con las personas que pensamos no pueden ser justificadas ante Dios, abrazadas por la misericordia de Dios, son aquellas a quienes Dios las ve como humildes? ¿Qué pasa si la parábola nos desafía a preguntarnos si nosotros categorizamos inconscientemente a las personas como "dignas" o "indignas", o bien "como nosotros" o "una de esas"? ¿Qué pasa si tomamos seriamente la idea de que el amor de Dios es para "ellos" tanto como lo es para "nosotros"?

Lecturas de hoy: Eclo 35:12-14, 16-18; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lc 18:9-14

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A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

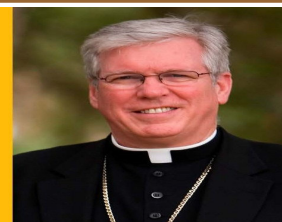
Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church.

Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair, in temptation never be destroyed, and in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit and help them to praise your Heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By your same Holy Spirit put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. And may the gift of Mary, your Mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your spirit, to the glory of God the Father, **Amen.** Saint Teresa of Calcutta Vocation Society

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V Encuentro, Sesiones del Decanato Norte

La Oficina del Apostolado Hispano de la Diócesis de Venice organiza una serie de sesiones por decanatos para continuar el proceso del V Encuentro. Los fieles del Decanato Centro están invitados a participar a la siguiente reunión que se realizará en: Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice, Martes 25 de Julio, 6:30 p.m., La alegría de ser discípulos misioneros. Información: pastoralhispana@dioceseofvenice.org.

**OCTOBER 27, 2019
THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

La oración de los humildes atraviesa las nubes; no descansa hasta que alcanza su objetivo, ni se retirará hasta que el Altísimo responda.

— Sirach 35: 17-18

RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Today's readings invite us into prayer, into relationship with God. Because relationships feel more natural when we know one another well, Sirach encourages us to know God better. In his wisdom, Sirach tells us what God is like: fair, open-minded, compassionate, and attentive. "The Lord will not delay," he says. Knowing that God's help comes right on time, whenever we need it, calms our hearts and helps us trust the Lord. In his second Letter to Timothy, Saint Paul demonstrates his own trust in God. Despite the grueling struggles Saint Paul has faced because of his Christian faith, he praises the Lord for rescuing him time and again. Today's Gospel draws us close to Jesus too, revealing his special love for the poor and humble. As Jesus tells his parable about the prayer habits of a Pharisee and a tax collector, our hearts long to become as gentle as Christ's. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalms — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The Lord will rescue me from every threat (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — All who exalt themselves will be humbled; all who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 18:9-14).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

BUSINESS

Perpetual devotion to what a man calls his business is only to be sustained by perpetual neglect of many other things. —Robert Louis Stevenson

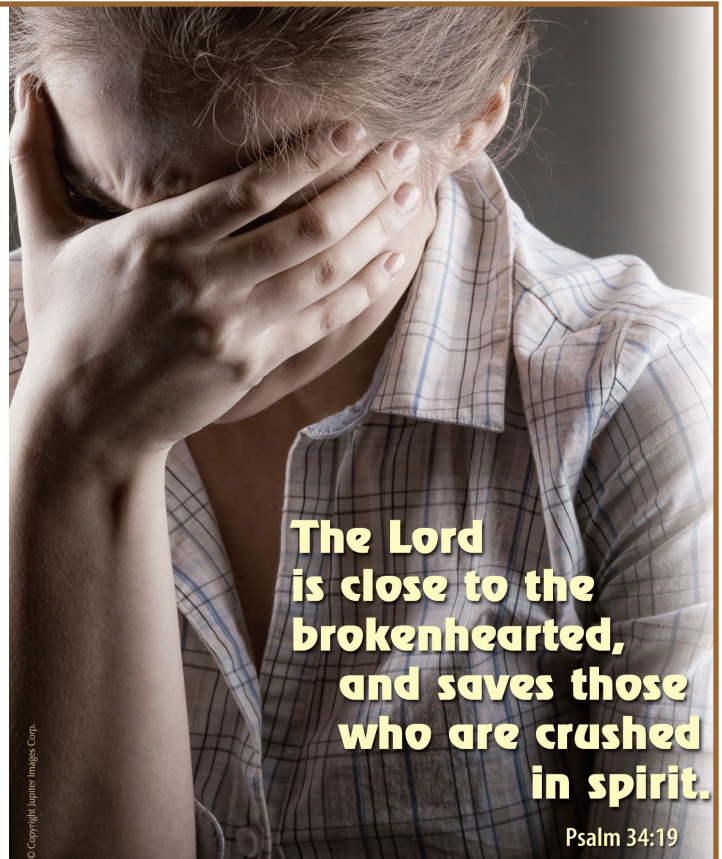
HEARTFELT JUDGMENT

When you meet someone, you judge them by their clothes; when you leave them, you judge them by their heart. —Russian proverb

TELEVISED MASS TO THE HOMEBOUND

WFTX-TV FOX 4 — Sundays at 10:30 am

The Mass is also available on the Diocese of Venice website, www.dioceseofvenice.org/tvmass.



**The Lord
is close to the
brokenhearted,
and saves those
who are crushed
in spirit.**

Psalm 34:19

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Friday's Solemnity of All Saints and Saturday's Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus' saving acts. Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the "Day of the Dead." Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the *pan de muerto*, or "bread of the dead." A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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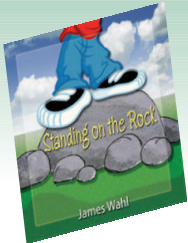
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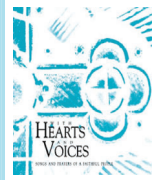

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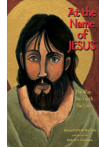
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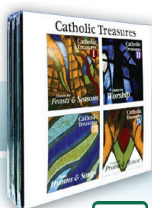
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