



Community News

Volume 19, Issue 10	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Oct 24, 2025
This Sunday's Counsel	"Unwavering faith brings disciples into deeper communion with Jesus."	
THEME: <i>Unwavering faith keeps our heart humble and repentant.</i> WORD: <i>Unwavering faith brings disciples into deeper communion with Jesus.</i> PROMISE: <i>"...the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 18:14b)</i>	The Sunday readings remind us that humility and repentance for our sins should be the defining marks of our prayers and faith in Jesus. In the First Reading from the Book of Sirach, we hear: <i>"The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal." (Sir 35:17).</i> Prayers are truly heard when they come from hearts that recognize their deep need for God. The best prayer is one offered in humility, gratitude, and selfless service. In the Second Reading, Paul, once a Pharisee, humbly acknowledges that his accomplishments were possible only through the grace of God. He  thanks the Lord for enabling him to fight the good fight, run the race, and keep his faith intact while proclaiming it. In the Gospel, through the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus reminds us that God listens to those who approach Him in humility and repentance. What was wrong with the Pharisee's prayer? Although he was faithful in his religious practices, he never expressed his need for forgiveness. His prayer was a list of his good deeds, focused on himself rather than on God. He came to the Temple not to seek mercy, but to proclaim his own righteousness. <i>(continued in page 2)</i>	
POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II - FEAST DAY OCTOBER 22		



Pope Saint John Paul II, born Karol Wojtyła, served as pope from 1978 until his death in 2005. He died of Parkinson's disease and was canonized April 27, 2014, and his feast day was established to honor his contributions to the Catholic Church and his global impact.

The date, October 22, marks the anniversary of his papal inauguration in 1978, a significant moment in the history of the Church as he became the first non-Italian pope in 455 years.

In May of 1981, an attempt was made on his life in St. Peter's Square. Crediting his survival to the intercession of the Blessed Mother, John Paul II later went to the prison where his attacker, Mehmet Ali Agca, was incarcerated in order to forgive him personally. The Jubilee Year 2000, was marked by celebrations in Rome and around the world. The Pope visited the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem in March of that year, where he participated in a five-day pilgrimage to many sites holy to Jews, Muslims and Christians.

Source: Vermont Catholic News

Teaching Calendar

Oct 24, Fri 8:00 pm - Supplemental Teaching on the Creed. BLD Academy Presentation on Apostles Creed and Nicene Creed. (In place of Corporate Worship)

Venue: Holy Eucharist Church, Kresson Rd., Cherry Hill.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Oct 24, Fri 7:30 pm - Novena for Fred Carandang

Oct 24, Fri 8:30 pm - Community Assembly, an activity to the recently concluded District Leaders Conference (DLC) held on Sept. 7, 2025. (In place of Corporate Worship)

Oct 24, Fri 9:00 pm - A Fellowship in loving memory of our dear brother, Frederico "Fred" Carandang.

Venue: Holy Eucharist Church, Kresson Rd., Cherry Hill.

Nov 1, Sat 1-4pm - All Worship Leaders Invite from Trenton on Excellence in Worship, St. Jerome Church, 254 Wall St, Long Branch NJ 07764

Nov 14, Fri Cathedral Kitchen volunteer, Contact Ton and Lynette Palmero for details.

Jan 14 -16, 2026 - BLD Camden Mission (Philippines)

HEALING MASS - FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Lectors

Oct 24 No Corporate Worship (see posting above)

Oct 31 L. Palmero T. Palmero A. Supan

Nov 7 M. Ayon A. Macherrone M. D'Souza

Nov 14 L. Padolina A. Supan P. Padolina

Nov 21 R. Dizon P. Cruz N. de Castro

Nov 28 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Lord's Provisions

Sept 19 Praise & Worship \$167.00

Sept 26 Praise & Worship \$255.00

Oct 3 HEALING MASS \$521.00

Oct 3 Second Collection (Mission) \$129.00

Oct 10 Praise & Worship \$254.00

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In contrast, the tax collector stood at a distance and humbly prayed, **"O God, be merciful to me, a sinner."** (Lk 18:13b).

As servants of God, we must strive to live in His image rather than compare ourselves with others. Spiritual growth happens when we measure ourselves not against our neighbors but against Christ – His humility, obedience, and readiness to forgive. When we think we are better than others, we fall into a spiritual dead end. We become like the proud Pharisee when we boast of our achievements, fail to give credit to God or to those who helped us, seek praise and recognition, or wound others with careless words.

Jesus challenges us to imitate the humble tax collector by acknowledging our total dependence on the Father. Let us thank Him for His grace, achievements, and blessings, and confess our sinfulness frequently. Asking for His strength through the Holy Spirit and being sensitive to the needs

Rosary Leaders

Oct 24 Novena in place of Rosary

Nov 7 Youth Ministry

Nov 14 J. Belonia

Oct 31 M. D'Souza

Nov 21 A. Inonillo

Prayer Warriors

Oct 24 No Corporate Worship

Oct 31 N.de Castro/P. Cruz M. D'Souza/J. Gracia

Nov 14 D. Pabatao/A. Inonillo R. Dizon/P. Cruz

Nov 21 A. Supan/J. Gracia P./D. Bridgeman

Intercessory Prayer

Oct 24 No Corporate Worship Oct 31 GRP 1 (D. Bridgeman)

Nov 14 GRP 3 (L. Palmero) Nov 21 GRP 1 (D. Bridgeman)

GOD'S BLESSINGS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Marilou Frago

9 Cora Reyes

11 Quirino Micua

11 Chito Ayon

13 David Garcia

13 Tess Ocava

23 Kate Ilagan

24 Anthony Palmero

25 Leilani Faigao

26 Tara Juliano

27 Rod Faigao

29 Sonny Jusay

30 Rafael Encina

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

6 Philip and Dorie Bridgeman

16 Donel and Nuska Nulud

22 Mike and Sarah Peterson

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and feelings of others open our hearts to receive His favor and experience His loving presence. We must strive to imitate Christ and guard against spiritual arrogance and complacency. As His servants and shepherds, how do we see ourselves? Do we consider ourselves better than others? The prayer of the tax collector, **"O God, be merciful to me, a sinner," must also be ours, that we may experience God's promise: "...the one who humbles himself will be exalted."** (Luke 18:14b)

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, I acknowledge that I am a sinner, always dependent on Your boundless grace, unfailing love, and mercy. Grant me the strength to resist the temptation of spiritual arrogance and keep me steadfast in humility before You and others. Enable me to live a life that reflects Your goodness, proclaims Your faithfulness, and bears witness to the transforming power of Your love.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, we trust in Your love.

Have mercy on us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Joseph, pray for us.

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