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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 19, 2025 "RENDER A JUST DECISION FOR ME AGAINST MY ADVERSARY."

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart. Loyola Press



'HAZME JUSTICIA CONTRA MI ADVERSARIO'

Esta es la primera de dos parábolas que Jesús cuenta en Lucas 18 sobre la oración. (La segunda se leerá en la Misa el próximo domingo). Esta primera parábola es una lección sobre la perseverancia en la oración. (La parábola del próximo domingo abordará la actitud en la oración). Aunque la parábola parece presentar la oración como una forma de insistirle a Dios para obtener lo que queremos, una lectura así pierde el verdadero sentido. Dios no es como el juez de la parábola, que se deja vencer por la insistencia y se ve obligado a responder. La clave está en la descripción del juez como corrupto e injusto. Como Dios no puede ser ni una cosa ni la otra, debemos entender que Jesús nos quiere decir que si incluso un juez injusto responde ante la insistencia de la viuda, ¡cuánto más Dios escuchará nuestras oraciones! Dios

realmente desea escuchar nuestras necesidades y responder con generosidad. Es el lamento final de Jesús el que da en el centro del mensaje de la parábola. La enseñanza es sobre la perseverancia de quien ora. Dios quiere que seamos como la viuda persistente, que mantengamos una relación constante con Él, con la confianza de que Dios escucha y responde nuestras oraciones. Entonces Jesús lamenta: "¿Encontrará fe el Hijo del Hombre cuando venga?" En este lamento, Jesús señala cuán fácil puede ser para nosotros perder el ánimo.

THE STORY OF A SOUL

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, also known as "The Little Flower," was born on January 2, 1873, in Alençon, France, as Marie-Françoise Thérèse Martin. She was the youngest of nine children, though only five of her siblings survived to adulthood. Her parents, Louis and Zélie Martin, were devout Catholics who both had a deep commitment to their faith. Zélie was a skilled lacemaker, while Louis worked as a watchmaker. Their household was marked by a strong devotion to prayer and charity, which influenced Thérèse throughout her life. At the age of four, Thérèse experienced a profound loss when her mother passed away after a long illness. This event left a deep imprint on the young child, and she was later raised by her father and her surviving sisters, Pauline, Marie and Léonie. Thérèse found solace in her faith, but her sensitivity and health struggles made her a somewhat fragile and withdrawn child. At just 15, Thérèse made the decision to join the Carmelite Order in Lisieux. Despite her young age, she convinced her father and the Church authorities to allow her to enter the convent. She took the name "Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face.



Thérèse's spirituality was unique in its emphasis on small, everyday acts of love, which she called the "Little Way." She believed that holiness could be found in the simplest acts, done with love and humility, regardless of one's circumstances or external achievements. Thérèse saw herself as a child in the arms of God, confident in His love and goodness. She often wrote of the importance of trusting in God's providence and surrendering to His will, no matter how hidden or obscure one's life might seem. Despite her physical frailty, Thérèse's spiritual strength was profound. She suffered from a debilitating illness, later diagnosed as tuberculosis, and her health rapidly deteriorated. Throughout her illness, Thérèse continued to offer her suffering to God, believing that her pain and darkness was a means of helping save souls and drawing closer to Christ. Her writings from this time reflect her deep spiritual insights, and many of them were later compiled into her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*. Thérèse died on September 30, 1897, at the young age of 24. Though her life was short, it was marked by profound holiness and a deep, unwavering love for God.

After her death, her autobiography became widely read, inspiring people all over the world. In 1925, Pope Pius XI canonized her as a saint, and in 1997, she was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II, making her one of only 36 individuals to receive this distinction

MASS INTENTIONS
OCTOBER 20TH – OCTOBER 26TH

Sat. Oct. 18th 4:30 Vigil: **People of the Parish**
Sun, Oct. 19th 9:00: **Int of Alvaro Florez**
11:00: + **Jose Guadalupe Valdez**
Wed. Oct 22nd 12:00: + **Adam Zarate**
Thurs. Oct 23rd 12:00: +**Jim Shakle**
Fri. Oct 24th 12:00: **Int. of Ananya Thomas**
Sat. Oct. 25th 4:30 Vigil: + **Linda Calciano**
7:00pm: Mass in Cachagua
Sun, Oct. 25th 9:00: + **James Joseph Stelzner**
11:00: **People of the Parish**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

OCTOBER 11TH & 12TH–: \$2,937.00
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**FROM THE PARISH
PRIEST'S DESK...**



Persistence would take us to another level. In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of a widow who refuses to give up until a corrupt judge finally gives her justice. Her persistence becomes a model for how we are called to pray not just once, but constantly and with faith.

Shalom! Father Jhonnatan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints Day - Sat. Nov. 1st: (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

All Souls – Dia de Muertos: Envelopes for intention for Masses.

- Sat. Nov. 1st 4:30 pm. Vigil Mass.
- Sun. Nov. 2nd: 9:00 & 11:00 am. 2:00pm Misa en Espanol en Cachagua



The Carmelite Monastery is celebrating its 100-year anniversary with a Centenary Jubilee Triduum Celebration, which includes hosting the relics of St. Thérèse. The event aims to bring grace and renewal to all participants, inspired by St. Thérèse's message of simplicity, trust in God, and love. Highlights include:

- **Thursday, October 23:** **Procession and public veneration of St. Thérèse's relics.**
- **Friday, October 24:** **Morning veneration and Mass in honor of St. Thérèse.**
- **Saturday, October 25:** Mass in honor of Our Lady of Grace.
- **Sunday, October 26:** Thanksgiving Mass, meet-and-greet with the nuns, and a boutique featuring handmade items.

Due to expected large crowds, visitors are encouraged to register in advance. More details and the full schedule are available on the monastery's website.



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Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English

Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month

1:00 PM in the Church

4th Saturday of the Month at 7:00 PM in

Cachagua

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday 1:00 PM — 3:00 PM

Sundays: 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM

*"At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of
prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the
heart of life is service."*

— St Teresa of Avila

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