



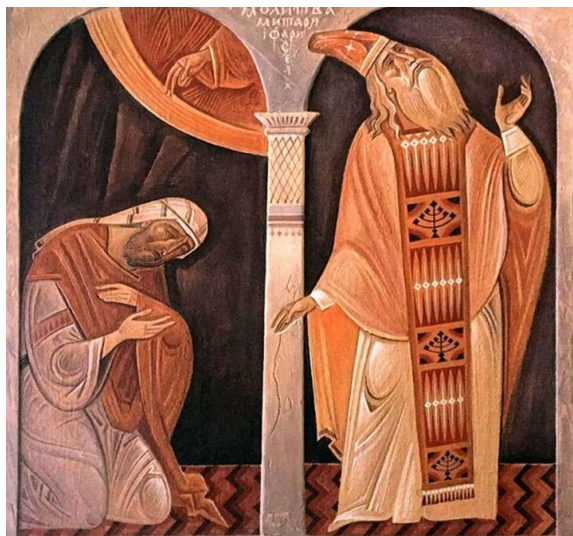
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 26, 2025 "O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER"

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us *Loyola Press*



'DIOS MÍO, APIÁDATE DE MÍ, QUE SOY UN PECADOR'

La segunda parábola que Jesús cuenta en Lucas 18 trata sobre la actitud en la oración. Al contrastar la oración del fariseo con la del recaudador de impuestos, Jesús enseña a sus discípulos a orar con humildad ante Dios. Una vez más, Jesús sorprende a sus oyentes al presentar al recaudador de impuestos como ejemplo de fe, en lugar del fariseo.

Recuerda que los fariseos eran miembros de una secta del judaísmo activa en la época de Jesús. Ellos enseñaban una interpretación oral de la Ley de Moisés como base de la piedad judía. Si alguien podía ser considerado un modelo de oración, un fariseo era un candidato probable.

En contraste, Jesús presenta al recaudador de impuestos como modelo de oración. Los recaudadores colaboraban con las autoridades romanas en un sistema que les permitía enriquecerse cobrando más de lo establecido en los impuestos. Sin embargo, en esta parábola, Jesús ofrece la humildad del recaudador como ejemplo de la oración de un discípulo. La parábola nos recuerda que, al orar, debemos reconocer nuestra necesidad de Dios en nuestras vidas. Si estamos demasiado llenos de nosotros mismos, queda muy poco espacio para que la gracia de Dios actúe en nosotros.

MEET OUR EVOLVING PASTORAL COUNCIL

Written by Trudy Dowd.

The Pastoral Council is an appointed group of parishioners who advise and assist the Pastor in the community, spiritual, and organizational life of the parish. They are our representatives, and can be approached to give positive feedback, ask questions, or share concerns that they will bring to the council. There are two additional council member spots and Father is in the process of appointing. They will be featured in a future bulletin.

Contact: pastoralcouncil@ourladycarmelvalley.org **Their next meeting is Nov 5th at 5:30PM.**



Orla Cook, the youngest member of the Council, is a recent graduate of Carmel High School. Along with her parents Sarah & Brendan and sister Imogen, Orla moved to Carmel Valley from the UK in 2019. Four of her older siblings still reside in the UK. Orla was confirmed here at OLMC with Alondra Valdez-Klemek as her teacher. She is currently a student at MPC. In her free time, she enjoys painting and writing, and is a member of the Monterey County Youth Arts Collective. On the Pastoral Council, Orla is looking forward to learning more about the inner workings of the church, and bringing a youthful perspective to the group.

Sherie Dodsworth, the daughter of our dear departed parishioners Don and Lori Sweiss, grew up in Carmel Valley. She rejoined our parish when she and her husband John moved back to the Valley in 2021. They reside on the property that belonged to her parents. Sherie is a retired CPA, serves as an usher at the 9AM Mass, and is a member of the team that counts the weekly plate collections. She enjoys pickle ball, golf, yoga, wine tasting, and spending time with her husband, her two grown sons, their wives and her 2 grandsons. This is Sherie's first year serving on the Pastoral Council.



Daryl Lyon was a parishioner 25 years ago before she and her husband Jerry moved out of the area. Happily, they returned 4 years ago. Daryl is a retired English teacher who taught for 25 years at Palma, and currently is tutoring elementary students in writing skills. Daryl is our 2nd year Confirmation teacher, a Eucharistic Minister, and a Pastoral Council member for 2 years. For fun, she enjoys tennis, reading, walking, and traveling to Hawaii. She and Jerry have 3 daughters, 1 son, 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandkids.

Kyle McKay, when she was 12 years old, moved from Chicago to Carmel Valley in 2004 with her parents Scot and Heidi McKay and her 6 siblings. Fast forward to 2025, she now has a busy career as the Chief Operating Officer of CVAC (Carmel Valley Athletic Club) and the REFUGE. For fun, she plays tennis and pickle ball, she knits, and is also a serious runner. She's currently training for 2 Turkey Trot races. She also enjoys babysitting her niece and nephew, caring for her chickens, and playing with her new puppies. At OLMC, Kyle sings in the 11AM choir, and along with her mom, manages kids' games and face painting at the yearly parish fiesta. She is honored to be asked to serve on the Pastoral Council.



Trinidad Resendiz moved to Carmel Valley from Mexico twenty years ago as a young wife and mother. She and her husband Juan Carlos Cabrera have two children, Carlos and Tonantzi (Toni). Trini is very actively involved in the OLMC Latino community in Cachagua, and has been instrumental in the growth of the monthly Masses held there. Her passion is Danza Azteca (Aztec dancing), and she is the leader of our local Calpulli Tonantzin. In addition, Trini is a member of both the Spanish Choir and our bilingual Choir. This will be her 4th year serving on the Pastoral council.

MASS INTENTIONS
October 25th– November 2nd

Sat. Oct. 25th 4:30 Vigil: + **Linda Calciano**
7:00pm: Mass in Cachagua
Sun. Oct. 26th 9:00: + **James Joseph Stelzner**
11:00: **People of the Parish**
Wed. Oct 29th 12:00: + **Margaret Stelzner**
Thurs. Oct 30th 12:00: + **Lynette Culbert**
Fri. Oct 31st 12:00: + **Tim Heaston**
Sat. Nov. 1st 4:30 Vigil: + **All Faithful Departed**
Sun, Nov. 2nd 9:00: + **Felicia Colton & All Faithful Departed**
11:00: + **All Faithful Departed**
2:00pm: Mass in Cachagua

WEEKLY COLLECTION

OCTOBER 18TH & 19TH–: \$2,178

Thank you for your generosity to our parish community.



Whitney Robare, along with her family, has been a parishioner since 2021. Originally from New Orleans, Louisiana, Whitney earned her bachelor's degree in aviation management from Hampton University in Virginia and an MBA from Louisiana State University. She currently serves as the Deputy Executive Director of Operations and Maintenance at the Monterey Regional Airport. Whitney and her husband Chris, a proud military retiree and Airline Pilot, have two children, Tristan and Zoè. Whitney is grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the spiritual and community life of Our Lady of Mount

Carmel as a first-year member of the Pastoral Council, as a Lector, and as a member of a Manna Ministry team.

Lonni Trykowski has been an active, full-time member of our parish since 2011. She is a licensed Home Health Physical Therapist who is happy to still be working part time in her career. She describes her family as her beau Mark, her siblings, and her huge family of friends. At OLMC she is a Lector, a Eucharistic Minister, and she participates on a Manna Ministry team. For fun, she loves going to concerts and dances. She enjoys hiking, walking, playing with her cats, visiting friends in Virginia, and doing volunteer work. This is her first time serving on the Pastoral Council.



Alondra Valdez-Klemek, who is the oldest of 9 Valdez children, grew up in Carmel Valley and has attended OLMC for 40 years. She was confirmed here with Pamela Tarantino as her teacher, and as a teen, was a member of our church youth group at that time. Alondra and her husband Sam, who is the Fire Chief of the Salinas Fire Department, have two grown children Sam and Serena, who are both nurses. Alondra is a paralegal. Her church ministries include leadership of the Manna Ministry, Lector, former Confirmation teacher, and along with Sam, cooking for the Lenten dinners for many years. Alondra enjoys reading, gardening, cooking, and helping others. She has served on the Pastoral Council since Fr. Emil was our pastor.



FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...



Our entire personality, heart, and intentions are revealed in the way we pray. On this weekend Gospel reminds us that God listens not to pride, but to humility. The Pharisee's self-praise closes his heart, while the tax collector's simple plea "God, be merciful to me, a sinner" opens him to grace. True prayer is not about showing our goodness but about recognizing our need for God. Humility invites mercy; pride keeps it away.

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



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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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