

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, October 24, 2010
11:00 am**

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and all those in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Sirach

The prayer of the humble man will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed. He is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint.

He who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly, and affirms the right.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34: 2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

R: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

The Lord confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth. When the just cry out, the Lord hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them.

R: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. The Lord redeems the lives of his servants; no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him.

R: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Reading II

II Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

I am already being poured out like a libation. The time of my dissolution is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on a merited crown awaits me; on that Day of the Lord, just judge that he is, will award it to me – and not only to me but to all who have looked for his appearing with eager longing.

At the first hearing of my case in court, no one took my part. In fact, everyone abandoned me. May it not be held against them! But the Lord stood by my side and gave me strength, so that through me the preaching task might be completed and all the nations might hear the gospel. That is how I was saved from the lion's jaws. The Lord will continue to rescue me from all attempts to do me harm and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel Alleluia

**Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.**

Gospel

Luke 18: 9-14

A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke

The publican returned home justified; the Pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke this parable addressed to those who believed in their own self-righteousness while holding everyone else in contempt: *"Two men went up to the temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee with head unbowed prayed in this fashion: 'I give you thanks, O God, that I am not like the rest of men – grasping, crooked, adulterous – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I pay tithes on all I possess.' The other man, however, kept his distance, not even daring to raise his eyes to heaven. All he did was beat his breast and say, 'O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' Believe me, this man went home from the temple justified, but the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled while he who humbles himself shall be exalted."*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit **Confessing Our Own Sins**

[Luke 18: 9-14]

Today's Gospel continues the theme of prayer.

In a society where money and power are everything, the "little people" don't have a chance. The voice is heard by those with money. But God treats all people fairly the first Reading today). God shows no partiality to the rich and powerful. He listens to the humble prayer of the just and the lowly.

The parable in today's Gospel of the Pharisee and the tax-collector makes the same point. The proud Pharisee is relying on his goodness. He thinks that God owes him salvation. The tax-collector has nothing to rely on. He knows he's a sinner. So he throws himself on the mercy of God. His humble prayer wins him forgiveness.

The parable is aimed at those who pride themselves on being better than others and despise everyone else. The Pharisee had no concept of prayer. His prayer was a boasting poem about his own goodness. He had no concept of his need of God or grace or forgiveness.

The prayer of the Tax-Collector was: "Lord, have mercy on me a sinner". But his prayer might well have gone like this: "Lord, look at the Pharisee standing up there so that everybody can see him. He thinks he's better than everybody else. He despises people like me. Everything he

does is done, not to bring honor to you, but to win the esteem of others. He's the biggest hypocrite on two feet." And the Lord might have added, 'I agree with every word you've said' because the Lord himself said all these things about the Pharisees. But the Tax-Collector simply said, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.'

It is easy to get into the habit of confessing the sins of others.

At prayer we have to come before God as we are, without any pretending. "I am what I am before God. Nothing else. Nothing more. Nothing less." (St. Francis of Assisi)

Amen!

Announcements for October 24, 2010

Included in our bulletin today is the first installment of two important documents recently approved by the **Church Doctrine Commission** of the PNCC. These publications, first published at the national Synod held from October 4-10 in Toronto, concern the Church's official position on current moral and bioethical issues and a clarification of the eschatology in the PNCC. Please take time to review each installment, as these documents help us to clearly understand our Church's beliefs regarding these important issues.

As we extended our thanks to those who helped with the garage sale, we neglected to mention the contributions of Richard Zalewski, David Sabin, and Tony and Sue Prince. Our apologies for the oversight and a hearty thank you for all you did to make this event a success.

This morning after Holy Mass, join us in the parish hall for coffee hour. If you ordered a takeout meal from last night's dinner, it will be available for pickup during coffee hour. Any food left over from last night will also be available for purchase. Bulk orders are also available. See Pat or Joe.

Presently, there is no mass intention scheduled for **next Sunday, October 31**. If you would like to request an intention, please see Pat before you leave today.

Request sheets for the reading of names for All Soul's Day are available on the table in the church foyer. Please complete your requests and return them in the collection plate or to Pat Zalewski **no later than next Sunday, October 31**. Reading of names will take place at the end of Holy Mass on **November 7**. Thank you!

Our next community event is a pancake breakfast, sponsored by the YMS of R, on **Saturday, November 13**. Please mark your calendars.

Last night's community Polish dinner was a HUGE success! We welcomed over 100 people to our tables. Thanks to all who worked last night! We couldn't have done it without every one of you!!!

Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 25	FEAST – RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
Wednesday, October 27	4:00 pm Choir practice
Thursday, October 28	FEAST – SS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES 6:00 pm Polish language class
Saturday, October 30	10:00 am Seniorate Meeting at Good Shepherd Parish Amsterdam, NY

Sunday, October 31

**ORDINARY 31
All Hallows Eve**

Intention: +

11:00 Holy Mass

12:00 Coffee Hour

Financial Corner

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
October 3	\$783	\$642	\$141
October 10	\$434	\$642	-\$208
October 17	\$1205	\$642	\$563
TOTALS	\$2422	\$1926	\$496