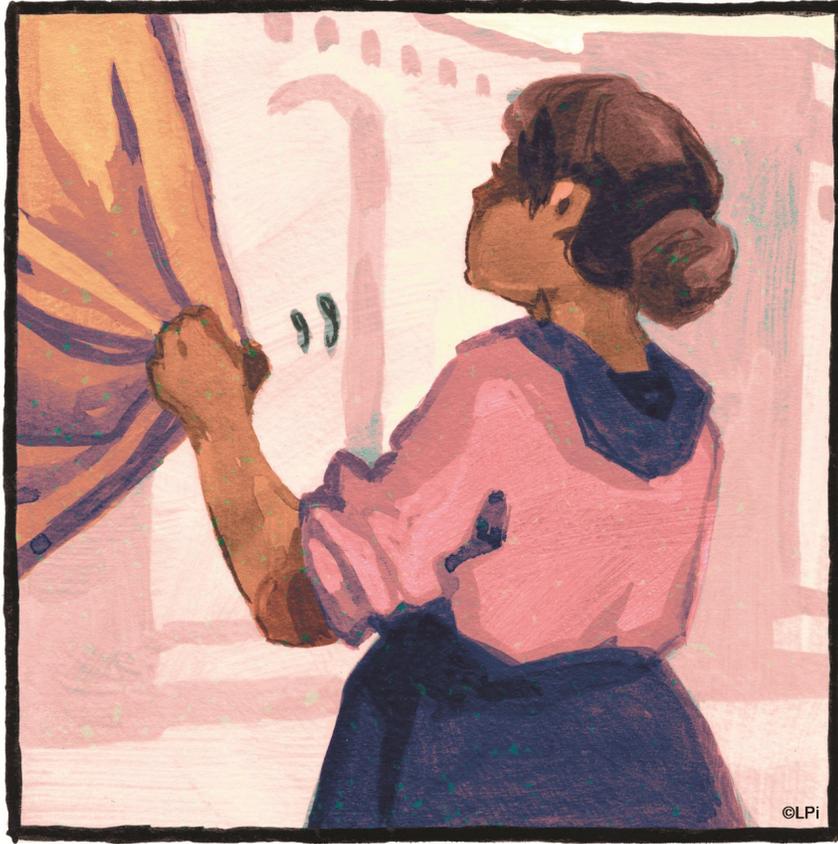


# St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

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## SACRAMENTS

### Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

### Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

### Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

### Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

#### Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

#### Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)  
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)  
11:30am English (organ & cantor)  
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

### Weekdays

#### Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

#### Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

# 2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

OCTOBER 19, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, October 20

8:30 a.m. Santo Angel Araujo  
Cabrera (D), Sto. Carlo  
Acutis & Sta Lucia

12:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, October 21

8:30 a.m. Maria Virgen Sanchez De  
Taveras (D)

12:00 pm All Souls,

### Wednesday, October 22

8:30 a.m. Jose Flores, Odulia  
Muñoz (D)

12:00 p.m.

### Thursday, October 23

8:30 a.m. Ana Rita Maria (D)

12:00p.m.

### Friday, October 24

8:30 a.m. Ramon Colon (D)

12:00 p.m.

### Saturday, October 25

7:45 a.m. Phero Luc (D)

7:00 p.m. Tommy Fables (D), Isabel  
Mercedes Jimenez (D),  
Marco Peguero (D), Ana  
Maria Ventura

Cespedes (D), Lorenzo  
Acevedo Francisco (D),  
Ramona Moreno  
Vinico (D), Acción de  
gracias a San Jose por  
favores recibidos, Acción  
de gracias a todos los  
santos

### Sunday, October 26

8:00 a.m. People of SNT

9:30: a.m. Nelly Maria Murillo  
Baquerizo (D), Elsa Maria  
Marte (D), Roberto Moreno  
Vinicio (D)

11:30 am Maximino Pichardo (D),  
Ismael Perez (D), Roberto  
Perez (D), Rafaela  
Ojeda (D)

1:30 pm Maria Nga (D), Maria  
Perez (D), Lourberta  
Simpson (D), Alberto  
Melendez (D)

## READINGS

### First Reading:

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up,  
Israel had the better of the fight,  
but when he let his hands rest,  
Amalek had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11)

### Psalm:

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)

### Second Reading:

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed,  
because you know from whom you learned it,  
and that from infancy you have known  
the sacred Scriptures,  
which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation  
through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Tm 3:14)

### Gospel:

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones  
who call out to him day and night?  
Will he be slow to answer them?  
I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done  
for them speedily.  
But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith  
on earth?" (Lk 18:7-8)

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## Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8  
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21  
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38  
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48  
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53  
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59  
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9  
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14



World Mission Sunday  
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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE  
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** In the same way that a judge cannot go looking for conflicts to mediate, God will not force His way into our problems. What would be the point? What is our life on earth for, if it is not to teach us how to turn willingly to God?

### The Prayers We Don't Say

It has always confused me: why a judge?

Jesus could have compared prayer to the subject who requests a gift of his king. He could have compared it to the child who asks a favor of a parent. But in the parable of the widow and the judge, Jesus compares prayer — specifically constant, unwearied prayer — with the marginalized person who doggedly pursues her claim through an unforgiving legal system.

It's not a rosy or reassuring picture. So what is he trying to tell us?

Unlike a king or a parent, a judge has strictly drawn lines which he cannot, under any circumstances, cross. He can only help people who bring their case to court. Even good, earnest judges cannot render justice if charges are not brought.

God is all-powerful. But that doesn't make Him a meddler. He will not force His way into our problems. What would be the point? What is our life on earth for, if it is not to teach us how to turn willingly to God, in every instance — adoration, gratitude, need?

Today, I sat down and made a list of problems I don't pray about. When I was done, I looked at the list and asked myself: why not? Why don't I pray about these things? Some are huge issues over which I have absolutely no control, and prayer feels futile. Some are small grievances I never even considered mentioning to God.

If I prayed about them all, my life would be totally consumed by prayer. Constant, unwearied prayer. The kind of prayer Jesus calls me to in the parable of the widow and the judge: continual surrender of myself to the mysterious, limitless power of God.

Praying that way could make me tired. The widow was tired, too — but she kept bringing her charges. She got justice. And her judge wasn't even a nice guy.

So say the prayer. Bring the charges. Our judge is one who wants to help, but He won't overstep His bounds.

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### Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 18:1-8

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is *already* answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done.

— *Father John Muir*

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We are all the widow in Luke's Gospel. We are vulnerable. We feel small in the estimation of the world. We feel ignored. But Jesus is telling us to be bold in prayer, to bring our needs before the judge who will always hear our case.

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