

St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church

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Thirtieth 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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 27

8:30 a.m. Olinda Salcedo, Teodora Mercedes, Danta Ortega, Maria Vega (D)

12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28

8:30 a.m. Elpidia Taveras, Altagracia Garcia, Feliz Diaz (D), Ricardo Reyes (D), Dario Rodriguez (D), Acción de gracias a San Judas Tadeo

12:00 pm Gloan Chat (D)

Wednesday, October 29

8:30 a.m. Maria Mercado (D), Hector Antonio Mercedes Cruz (D), Jose Peguero Montero (D), Samuel Sanchez (D), Confesora Luciano (D) - 8 años

12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit, the Mercy of God, and God Almighty

Thursday, October 30

8:30 a.m. Frances Negron (L) - cupleños, Maria Soledad Soto Martinez (D), Vilfrida Dolores Peña (D), Anibal Namiz (D)

12:00p.m.

Friday, October 31

8:30 a.m. Quiles family, Nieves family, Piatre family

12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving to St. Michael the Arcangel, Domingo Siri (D)

Saturday, November 1

7:45 a.m. Ta on DM
7:00 p.m. Graciela Sanchez (D), Miguel Angel Vichay Tovar (D), Manuel Vichay (D), Teresa Chacha (D), Arturo Flores (D), Julio Rodan (D), Nilda Torres (D), Samuel Mendez Reyes, Rodolfo Mendez Cruz, Antonia Reyes Sanchez, Leonel Mendez Reyes, Herlind Sutuy, Pedro Sutuy Chan (D)

Sunday, November 2

8:00 a.m. People of SNT
9:30: a.m. Juan Gomez & Ofelin Morales (D), Maximiliano Guevarra Fuentes (D), Ercilia Henriquez Pineda (D), Maria Dolores Rubi, Roberto Antonio Rubi (D)
11:30 am Marina De Jesus Espinal Hernandez, Jose Ramon Taveras (D), Sanchez Taveras (D), Martinez family, Carballo family, Suarez family
1:30 pm Giuse Le Thanh (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens. (Sir 35:20)

Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen. (2 Tm 4:18)

Gospel:

"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 18:14)

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Readings for the week of October 26, 2025

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
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: The Pharisee did the right thing sometimes. He fasted. He tithed. But he gazed so long at his own holiness that he became blinded by it. He stood before God, and he could only think of what he had done right.

Tunnel Vision

There are some parents on the playground I really can't stand.

You know them, probably, if you're a parent, or if you're not, you know a different version of them. They'll tell you about how their little Brayden is a bilingual violin prodigy who sleeps through the night and only ever asks to snack on vegetables. But as soon as Brayden starts to chase your screaming kid with a stick, they're conveniently scrolling on their phone, unaware.

You're not irritated that their kid is smarter than yours and likes veggies (well, maybe you are, a little). You're irritated that they have tunnel vision. In striving for perfection, they have become unable to acknowledge imperfections.

If you're reading this, you're probably in church. If you're in church, you're probably someone who is concerned with what is right and what is wrong. I've got news for you: that might just make you (and me) more at risk of being like Brayden's parent than the people who stayed home today.

Unclutch your pearls! It was good of you to come to Mass. Definitely keep doing that. That's the right choice. Just don't forget that in making the right choice, we don't *become righteous*.

Look, I'm not going to lie to you. Sometimes, it's my kids who are doing the chasing with the stick. They're kids, and kids do dumb things, just like everyone else. And maybe it's because they hate vegetables and sleep terribly that I'm less reluctant than Brayden's mom to admit their mistakes. It's a hard fall from the pedestal.

If we're churchgoing followers of Christ, we are hopefully people who earnestly want to do the right thing. Maybe, sometimes, we do exactly that. The Pharisee did the right thing sometimes. He fasted. He tithed. But he gazed so long at his own holiness that he became blinded by it. He stood before God, and he could only think of what he had done right.

We need to stay vigilant, folks. Just when you look away, that's when Brayden grabs the stick.

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Luke 18:9-14

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— *Father John Muir*

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Pharisee took such pride in his good deeds that he forgot to ask God for forgiveness; the tax collector acknowledged his many sins, and went home justified. Remember that we are saved not by our own merit, but by the mercy of God.

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