

OCTOBER 18 - SATURDAY

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

*Vigil Reading: See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Ralph Sheridan*

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**OCTOBER 19 – SUNDAY**

Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Pat – *Jan Dixon*12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**OCTOBER 20 – MONDAY**

Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21

OCTOBER 21 – TUESDAY

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38

OCTOBER 22 – WEDNESDAY

Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

OCTOBER 23 – THURSDAY

Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**OCTOBER 24 - FRIDAY**

Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy – *Daniel Soukup***OCTOBER 25 - SATURDAY**

Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9

*Vigil Reading: See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Intention of
Kevin Kelly*

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**OCTOBER 26 – SUNDAY**

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

*Sunday Readings:*9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Pat – *Bob Wuerth*12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**English Mass Ministry Schedule: October 25-26****Lectors:** 4:00 PM – R. Welz

11:00 AM – C. Roosa

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM – T. LeSaint/M. Sonenschein

11:00 AM – J. Chesher/J. Ruter

Servers: 4:00 PM – S. Heidemann/M. Sonenschein

11:00 AM – L. Finke

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: Keller

11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$6,512

Offerings received to-date: \$111,404

Amount needed to catch up: \$16,596

Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. ***Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*** To take advantage of this convenience, please call

513-541-1563

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our week 8 winners: Steve Oberjohann, Mark Lewis, and Ed and Donna St. Clair. Each won \$25. It's not too late to get your entry, 513-541-1563, for details.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Gary Staigl (18), Emily Albacarys (18), Karen Gillespie (19), Gary Garitson (20), Katie Robb (20), Tom Minning (21), Jared Hochwalt (21), Deborah Rahn (22), Kristin Ruter (22), Mark Walsh (24).

Make a long-lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Boniface Church in your Will. For more information, contact Jenni Lindgren at 513-541-1563, ext. 151.

FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION: St. Monica's story is one of the most moving testimonies to the power of persistent prayer in all of Christian history. For nearly two decades, she wept and prayed for the conversion of her son, Augustine, who had fallen into a life of pride, worldly ambition, and moral confusion. He resisted her efforts, wandered through false philosophies, and lived as if God didn't exist. But Monica never gave up. Day and night, she lifted her heart to God with the deep longing of a mother who loved her son's soul. As Augustine later wrote, "She wept and prayed to God for me. She was more anxious for my spiritual death than mothers are for the bodily death of their children." Her tears bore fruit: Augustine eventually surrendered to God's grace, was baptized by St. Ambrose, and became not only a Catholic bishop but one of the greatest saints and theologians in Church history.

It is this kind of perseverance that Jesus speaks about in today's Gospel. He tells the parable of a persistent widow who keeps pleading for justice from an unjust judge. Though the judge "neither feared God nor respected any human being," he finally relents, not out of virtue, but because of the widow's unrelenting insistence. Jesus uses this story to make a powerful contrast. If even an unjust judge responds to persistence, how much more will our loving and just Father hear the prayers of His chosen ones who cry out to Him day and night?

This parable, like the story of St. Monica, reminds us that prayer is not about persuading a reluctant God. Rather, it is about deepening our relationship with a God who always listens, even when the answers seem delayed. In moments when God seems silent or distant, we are invited not to despair but to press in closer with trust and humility. As St. Augustine also said, "Longing desire prayeth always, though the tongue be silent. If thou art ever longing, thou art ever praying."

Jesus concludes the parable with a probing question: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" In other words, will He find people who are still praying, still believing, still trusting, even when life has been hard and answers have not come easily?

Catholics are called to this kind of enduring faith, a faith that does not waver when God's timing is mysterious, and a faith that clings to hope when the world tempts us toward despair. Persistent prayer, rooted in trust and humility, opens us to God's will and forms us into people who wait in hope, just as Monica did, just as the widow did. So let us pray—and keep praying. Let us not lose heart. God sees. God hears. And God will respond.

BIBLE STUDY: A parish Bible study begins Oct. 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center library focusing on the significance and meaning of the Jubilee year in sacred scripture and church teaching. Sessions will be held biweekly. We invite everyone to attend!

VETERANS: Mark your calendars for a special prayer service on Veterans' Day with our school children. As they learn to appreciate what others have done for them through the often life-threatening dangers of military service, by meeting real life heroes. The service will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 8:30 a.m. in the school gym. You must RSVP to Jackie in the office. 513-541-5122.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Today is World Mission Sunday and your support helps to educate seminarians, novices, and catechists as well as to maintain hospitals, clinics, and schools to build their self-sustainability. Thank you for your generosity. If you wish more information about supporting missionary work or about becoming a missionary yourself, please visit the website for Archdiocese of Cincinnati Mission Office: <https://catholicaoc.org/offices/mission-andpontifical-mission-societies>.

REMINDERS:

Our SVDP food pantry is requesting pasta and/or rice through the month of October.

Try saying a rosary every day this month. It's never too late to start.

Be extra kind to someone today! Including yourself.