



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Parish Support

October 17

Offertory

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Saturday 4:00 PM	October 23 Benny Pereira
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	October 24 The DeMinico Family Yolanda Coppola Parishioners
Monday 12:10 PM	October 25 Henrietta Pagano
Tuesday 12:10 PM	October 26 Jillian Wixom
Wednesday 12:10 PM	October 27 In memory of the Marron Family
Thursday 12:10 PM	October 28 Theresa D'Souza
Friday 12:10 PM	October 29 Scott Jamison
Saturday 4:00 PM	October 30 Ann Bonfiglio
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	October 31 Mary Harold—Memorial Mass In memory of the Marron Family Parishioners

CATHOLIC WORLD MISSIONS

Second Collection This Weekend

By Baptism all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the Pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society. For more information please visit www.worldmissions-catholicchurch.org



"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Self-esteem and self-promotion are generally credited as values. Psychologists and social workers often attribute difficulties in social adjustment, problems with bullying, addiction to drugs or alcohol, increased rates of teenage pregnancy and domestic abuse to low self-esteem. In the jobless culture of these difficult economic times low self-esteem can eat away at one's psychological health. As a counteractive measure, many counselors encourage the unemployed to engage in self-promotion, advertising their desirable qualities to potential employers in the same way a product might be marketed to consumers.

The Pharisee in this week's Gospel certainly has no problem with self-promotion. He is well-qualified for a position on Madison Avenue, though he would probably be hawking himself more than the products he would be trying to market. Some might see the self-deprecating tax collector as one of the down-and-out folks who is never going to make it, because he just doesn't have the verve and initiative to get out there and sell himself. An out-placement counselor might advise him to project his good points—dedicated worker, good with numbers, financially savvy, willing to take on a hard job, etc.

All of those good points may indeed be a part of the tax collector's profile. But there are other aspects of his life as well that need some work, and he is ready to acknowledge that. This is what humility really is—being honest about oneself. Self-esteem and self-promotion still have their value in a humble person. Indeed, a truly humble person needs good self-esteem to be able to examine himself or herself critically to come to an honest appraisal of virtues and shortcomings. Real humility is not about making ourselves worthless, but about developing an assessment of our true worth and the improvements we still need to make with God's help.



REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY

Parents of children could well appreciate the occasion when Mary and Joseph were searching for Jesus, the son of Mary, and a child very close to Joseph.

The family had been to Jerusalem that they might fulfill the customary law of respect and honor due to God. As Mary and Joseph were returning to their home, they realized that Jesus was not present with the usual group; upset, they searched for Him.

They found Him after three days in the Temple. He was speaking to the teachers and asking them questions. The teachers were amazed at His knowledge as in His very special way he helped people to know, love and serve God. When Mary and Joseph found Him, He went home with them.

Beyond doubt Mary is the person closest to Jesus. As any mother, she loves and cherishes her child, beyond this she has the blessing from God of a love beyond all others.

The greatest person who was and is on our earth is Jesus Christ. One great way of coming close to Him is through Mary.



Our next CKC lesson is November 7, 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.

COME and Walk and Pray! Join us in a beautiful Fall day expedition. ALL are invited to join in a Gathering for All Saints/All Souls Day, Sunday, October 31 at 10am. Meet in the Parish Hall wearing your walking shoes and appropriate clothing. We're walking up to the Granary Burying Ground on Tremont. Ours prayers will be for all the souls there and in our hearts. We'll be back for 11:30 Mass. Come one, Come all! Contact repatharis@verizon.net if you can help that morning.

Thank you to everyone who attended the 11:30 Mass this past weekend. The children in our Religious Education program – CKC – participated in Mass as lector, greeters, gift bearers, altar server, and “money collectors”. We'll continue to enrich their experience of the Mass. Anyone interested in helping us? Talk to Pat Harris 781-535-8655 or repatharis@verizon.net. Thank you.

FAMILY LITURGY

We celebrated our first Family Liturgy of the season last Sunday. The Lord spoke to us in many ways. A reminder to us all that the Lord speaks to us in many ways through young and old alike. He uses everyone to draw us all into a deeper relationship with Him. May His grace continue to bless and strength our parish.

A decorative border for the 'CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING' section. The border is composed of a repeating pattern of small, stylized poinsettia flowers and leaves, creating a festive and elegant frame around the text.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FESTIVAL
PLANNING MEETING**

This coming Wednesday, October 27 at 7:00 pm in our Parish Hall there will be a meeting of volunteers to help plan this years Christmas Poinsettia Festival. If you have helped in the past, or if you are new and would like to help us in this important fund-raising event, please come to the meeting. We need all the help we can get to make our parish event better than ever.

IT'S MINISTRY SUNDAY WEEKEND

OUR PARISH COUNCIL PRESENTS
MINISTRY SUNDAY October 23-24

Goal:

To increase levels of ministry and involvement which will result from more people completing time/talent commitment forms and from parishioners learning more about programs, ministries and services they can join or utilize. This will also help people deepen their relationship with God and with each other – thus furthering God's kingdom.

Purpose:

- To celebrate the life of the parish – its mission, ministries, diversity and character.
- To inform parishioners of the different liturgical ministries available.
- To spur interest in making a commitment.
- To organize the ministries/programs in order to help develop a greater sense of their mission and increase their effectiveness.

This weekend you will notice that we have tables at the back of the church to invite you to answer the Lord's call to minister in our church. If the Lord has moved you about volunteering for one of our ministries: Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Server, or Usher please fill out one of the forms you can find at the back of the church. We would love to have you join us.