

October 12, 2022

### From Fr. John

In this Sunday's Gospel, we will read the parable of the unjust judge. It is a parable about being persistent in prayer. But in looking through things, I found the following story from The Rev. Glenna Huber, the Rector of Church of the Epiphany in the District of Columbia. Her story could easily be my story, or the story of any of us as we come and go at St. James. She said,

I attended seminary in New York City. It was an amazing experience being out in the fast-paced city. Even though I was from a location that tended to greet, or at least acknowledge, passersby, I had quickly adapted to the head down fast walking culture that was dominant in Manhattan. I had also gotten accustomed to ignoring the people lacking permanent shelter along every New York street. I had perfected the art of responding to people yet not really listening to what those on the streets were asking from me. Really, I had ceased to notice the face of God in the people around me.

One day while moving quickly through a crosswalk a man started talking to me. I responded that I didn't have any money and kept moving. He shouted at me that he wasn't even going to ask for money. I stopped, embarrassed, and turned to listen closely to what he was saying. He just wanted to offer a compliment as he had seen me a few times around the block. I never would have compared myself to the unjust judge, yet there I was prejudging without even taking the time to listen.

Frequently, when thinking about those who are experiencing homelessness, we understand generosity to be the sharing of a few coins, or dollars received when leaving a store. Sometimes we may leave food, tents, some clothes, and while all those things are important and useful, how often are we generously listening? Do we just assume that what those experiencing homelessness most want from us is money? Not to imply that tangible resources are not necessary but to recognize that listening to people is an act of generosity. To give of one's time, to respect the reflection of the face of God is an act of generosity, an act of justice.

Gives one pause to think.

Peace be with you,,  
Fr. John+

### Faith & Fellowship Tonight

Dinner: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall  
JEYC/EYC: 6:30 p.m. in Youth Building  
Adult Class: 6:30 p.m. in Parlor  
New Offering Tonight: The Chosen



FAITH FELLOWSHIP

"For a cost cheaper than anything you can find in town, you and your family can get a delicious meal (including dessert)."



**ALL Who Are AND Who Are Interested In Being  
A Lector, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic  
Visitor, Acolyte, OR Altar Guild Member**

**INSERVICE THIS SATURDAY - October 15  
10:00 AM In The Church**

### Sunday Adult Christian Formation

Join us Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor as we continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew, using a video that is the word-for-word Gospel, but with actors bringing the action to life. There is discussion of what we see and hear each week. No preparation needed.





**MONDAY - OCTOBER 24**  
**7:00 PM**

To begin the week approaching All Hallows' Eve, join jazz artist and concert organist, Dorothy Papadakos, as she improvises a pipe organ soundtrack simultaneously with a screening of the 1925 silent film, *Phantom of the Opera*. This is a marvelous opportunity to

hear the St. James pipe organ in the hands and imagination of an improvisation master. Admission is free and open to the public, courtesy of The McCormick-Smith Fund, Inc. and a reception in the Parish Hall will follow the "show".

## **HALLOWEEN at ST. JAMES**

**5 - 8 PM**

**Church Steps**

**Costumes Optional**



We will gather on October 31st for Trick or Treating on the church steps.

Please join us from 5pm-8pm and wear a costume if you like.

We will greet children and pass out candy and have a really great time.

If you are unable to join us, **please consider donating bags of individually wrapped candies** to be distributed to the ghosts and goblins that visit us that night.



## **Diocesan Ultreya & Cursillo** **Register Now - Closes Friday, October 14** **October 29**

Make plans now for a day of fun, fellowship, music, contests, prizes, and reconnecting with fellow Cursillistas! On Saturday, October 29, the Secretariat of Western Louisiana is hosting all this and more at the Wesley Center in Woodworth from 10 am to 3-ish pm. Registration fee of \$30 covers continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, and all activities. Deadline for room reservations at The Wesley Center is October 14, 2022. Please call the center for reservations at 318-449-4500. Click [here](#) to register.

## **Worship**

October 16th

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

In-person Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
Childcare is available for the 10:30 AM service.

[Click here for the readings.](#)



October 16th  
Evening Prayer  
Online @ 5:00 PM

[Click on this link to join Evening Prayer.](#)

Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077  
Passcode: 1620

[Click here for the order of service & readings.](#)

## **Prayer**

### **Parish Prayer List**

**Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:**

*Carol Rowe, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, Donnie Hayes, John Brewer, Fred Alexius, Paula Lieberman, Bill and Beverly Jarvis, Grace Gennuso, Ralph Gill, Robbie G., Jonathan Rhea, Peggy*

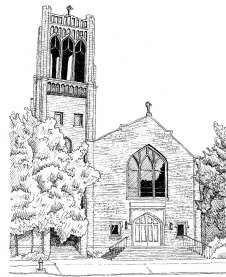
Humbles, Laura Murchison, Darriel & Charles, Minnie Mikell, Massi Jordan, Richard Norem, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie McLellan, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Rita and Bill Clancey, Bernard Parker, Rachel and Ben, Kristie Fresh, Andrea, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Shannon Norman, Bill Jarvis, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Stacy and Richard, Chase Barnfield, Taylor Thompson, Mattie Dean McNaughton, Johnnie Hart, Jane Y. Harris, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Jimmy Hurt, Mesta Bain, Dean M. Tyree, Jackie Jeanne, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Wayne Moorehead, Pat Carter, Kevin Hooter, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajighassem.

**For those in the military:**

Josh Duff, Samuel Hayes, Steven Brevelle, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.

**For those celebrating birthdays in October (day):**

Teddy Malone (3), Ann Hall (4), Jim Chancey (7), Jackie Moody (8), Ruth Weinzettle (8), Abbie Dubois (12), Alex McCartney (15), Melanie Torbett (15), Jim Weinzettle (15), Kevin Corbyn (16), Rebecca McBride (16), Frances Yeager (16), J. T. Norton (17), Mike Mikell (18), Martha Bolton (19), Dick Crowell (19), Jackson Callaway (20), Jude Daigle (20), Elliot Milliner (20), Robert Ratcliff (20), Amy Andrus (24), Roy Rosenthal (26).



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