

TWENTY-NINTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

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MASS
INTENTIONS



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

NO MASS – FR. BEN ON RETREAT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

NO MASS – FR. BEN ON RETREAT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

NO MASS – FR. BEN ON RETREAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

12:05 p.m. + Jerry Warrell

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

4:00 pm. +Josh Robberson

5:30 pm. VN Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Parish Family

11:00 a.m. VN Mass

**Liturgical Roles for Saturday, October 25,
at 4:00 p.m.:**

Lector: C. Claycomb

E. Minister: R. Hartman

Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

**Liturgical Roles: Sunday, October 26,
at 9:30 a.m.**

Lector: . Deb Anton

E. Minister: S. Walcher

PARISH PRAYER LINE

Johnny Todd Nguyen Alex Meyer

Ukraine and its Citizens Julie Munoz

Dee Francis Deb Anton, Shirley Mendenhall

Lauren Rome Manny Godsey +Mary Staab

Elizabeth Mulhell + Bob Walterscheid

Good News!

October 19, 2025

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Exodus 17:8-13 / 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 / Luke 18:1-8

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says "no." He'll say that not always getting what we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing, and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God.

So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" ●

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OFFERING

October 12, 2025

English: \$ 1,317.00

VN: \$ 7,885.00

Total: \$ 9,202.00

OCTOBER 19, 2025

Please note that Fr. Ben will be attending the Clergy Conference starting this Sunday evening (October 19) through Thursday, October 23. That means there will be no noon Masses at St. Anthony's on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday (Oct. 21-24).

The regular weekday Mass schedule will resume on Friday, October 24.

Jot This Down

The next Thursday (October 30) at 7 pm, Fr. Ben will lead a rosary for the "Life Prayer Vigil" service at Planned Parenthood, 2226 East Central. Everyone is encouraged to attend the prayer service to pray for an end to abortion and for the unborn.

The remaining day for the Candlelight Prayer Vigils at Planned Parenthood will be Tuesday, October 28, also at 7:00 p.m.

Both this year and the month are speeding by so quickly! Before you know it, it will be the month of November. While November 1 remains the Solemnity of All Saints, this year it is NOT a holy day of obligation, as it falls on a Saturday. We WILL have a bilingual Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints on Saturday, November 1, at 10:00 a.m. The Saturday evening vigil Masses at 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm are for All Souls. [And we will be setting our clocks back on Sunday night, November 2.]

The following Wednesday, November 5, is the first Wednesday of the month, and a day of Adoration. There will be a Mass

in Vietnamese at 8:00 a.m., with Adoration following until 6:00 p.m. with Benediction. There will be light snacks, and then at 7:00 p.m. the Pastoral Council meeting in St. Elizabeth Hall.

We expect the first Adoration Wednesdays in the following months to keep the same schedule,

Dear Padre

Is it wrong for children to dress up as zombies and devils and other evil creatures for Halloween?

No. It is perfectly acceptable to choose these kinds of costumes and to participate in the festivities of Halloween. Halloween is primarily a secular celebration. Although it is true that the original celebration is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, that tradition is more properly celebrated during the great feast days of the Church that follow Halloween: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Mythological representations, and the costumes that remind us of these kind of characters, are to be understood with a sense of fun and mischief. There is no difference between a ghost, a goblin, a zombie, Captain America, Superman, or one of the Mario Brothers. They are all fictional characters in the very human stories we share with each other. The meaning we assign to them must be proportional to what they represent. On Halloween, they represent nothing more than a person in costume. It could be an entirely different story under different circumstances in which there might be the possibility of a misunderstanding about the meaning of such a costume. Halloween pretty much blurs that distinction and takes away the misunderstanding. It is meant to be entertaining and fun. That is all. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org