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Sirach 35:21



Entrance Antiphon (*Cf. Psalm 104.3-4*)

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading (*Sirach 35.15-17, 20-22*)

The Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. The Lord will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The person whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and their prayer will reach to the clouds.

The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and it will not rest until it reaches its goal; it will not desist until the Most High responds and does justice for the righteous, and executes judgment. Indeed, the Lord will not delay.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (*Psalm 34*)

R. The poor one called and the Lord heard.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. **R.**

The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. **R.**

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. **R.**

Second Reading (*2 Timothy 4. 6-8, 16-18*)

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*2 Corinthians 5.19*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. **Alleluia.**

Gospel (*Luke 18.9-14*)

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and regarded others with contempt:

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'

"But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

"I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY'S REFLECTION: Does God Have Favourites?

One of the often repeated themes of Sacred Scripture is the special care God has for the poor, the underprivileged, and the outcasts of society. We find that theme in today's readings. The Old Testament prophet, Sirach, says "the Lord will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint; their prayer will reach to the clouds." And the responsorial psalm said: "The poor one called and the Lord heard."

Especially, St. Luke is known for his sympathy for the plight of the outcasts. His gospel is sometimes called the gospel of the great pardons, for he tells the stories of the woman taken in adultery, the forgiveness of the paralytic, and the good thief on the cross. Today he tells the memorable story of the Pharisee and the tax collector.

With the tax collector as our model, we can begin by making his prayer our very own: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" Then, we will not only receive God's mercy. We will also end up justified before him. (*Source from Biblereflection.com*)

Pope's Prayer Intention for October 2025: Lord Jesus, You, who in diversity are one and look lovingly at every person, help us to recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters, called to live, pray, work, and dream together.

PRAYER FOR OUR BELOVED SICK



Robert de Luca, Diedrie Margaret Mackay, Agnes Rosales, Meg Anano, William Snyder, Mara Nealy, Haanah, Patricia Jayme, Liko Victor Sales, Ricardo Tan, Agnes Rosales, Lance S., Esther Mejia, Priyanti Djuhana, Remy Remedios Pamittan, Leah Manguera, Gerry Hay

THIS WEEKEND, LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE CELEBRATING THE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. MAY GOD SHOWER HIS GRACE, LOVE AND PEACE UPON THEM AND THEIR FAMILY!

Our Parish Life of Service

Mass Times

WEEKDAYS: Tuesday-Friday: 12:05 PM.

WEEKENDS: Saturday: 5:30 PM; Sunday: 9 AM • 11 AM • 4:30 PM

Baptism: 2nd Saturday of the month - Parent preparation session required

Marriage: a minimum of six months before the desired date.

Contact: E-mail: info@stfranciscalgary.com or Tel: 403-266-2512.

Confessions: 20 minutes before all masses or after.

Rosary: 30 minutes before Mass.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: after Wednesday Mass.

Eucharistic Divine Mercy Adoration: 20 Minutes before Mass, every 1st Friday of the month.

OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD	TOGETHER IN ACTION (TIA)
<p>for the week of Oct 14 – 19, 2025</p> <p>Regular Collection:</p> <p>Loose: \$ 912.00</p> <p>Envelopes: \$ 1,540.00</p> <p>TIA: \$ 50.00</p> <p>Collection for Mission: \$ 1,049.44</p> <p>Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parish.</p>	<p>Our Parish 2025 Goal: \$ 13,861.99</p> <p>Raised to date: \$ 8,171.00</p> <p>To raise: \$ 5,690.99</p> <p>Please help our parish get a goal of TIA as our Diocese asks for. Thank you very much. May God show His grace for your generous donations.</p>
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