



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday October 19, 2025-Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?” - Lk 18:7

29° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“¿Creen ustedes acaso que Dios no hará justicia a sus elegidos, que claman a él día y noche, y que los hará esperar?” - Lc 18, 7

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Mission Statement

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, Anderson SC was founded in 1943 by the Franciscans of the Holy Name Province, New York. The intention then and today, was and is to, in the spirit of Jesus Christ and St. Francis, minister in and with the African American Catholic community and to reach out to the African Americans of Anderson County. Furthermore, all who come to St. Mary's from whatever background and ethnicity with a desire for Christian family will be regarded as brothers and sisters to us. We also see ourselves as called to live in Gospel relationship to the alienated and the poor of this community.

The Holy Father's prayer intention for the month of October 2025

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9:00 am (English) 12:30 pm (Español)
Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 4:00 pm (English)
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00 am (English)
Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 pm (Español)
Saturday: 4:00 pm (English)
Confessions: 1/2 hour before each Mass.
Holy Adoration: Thursdays after 8:00 am Mass until 6:00 pm

Food Pantry

Drop off any non-perishable food items in the church or parish hall bin. The following are food supplies we need to restock:

- Canned Pineapple
- Boxed Scalloped Potatoes
- Boxed Stuffing
- Canned Cranberry Sauce

THANK YOU

Parish Chorus Practice

Thursdays at 6:00 pm
HeatherJCHiley@gmail.com
Heather Brown, Music Director

Bible Study The Sermon on the Mount

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets;
I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them." (Matthew 5:17)*

Please join us for a Bible study on selections from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount (Chapters 5-7). Many, many entire books have been written on the Sermon on the Mount and how to live the teachings that Jesus presents. A quick Amazon search finds descriptions like "The key to success in life," "Human flourishing," and "Principles for Kingdom living." In these chapters Jesus proclaims the Beatitudes, the parable of Salt and Light, "Love your enemies," the Lord's Prayer, and many other familiar passages.

We will meet weekly from October 9 through November 20, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., in the Guadalupe Room in the Parish Hall.

Some questions we will explore:

- How do these teachings of Christ fulfill and expand upon the Old Law?
- What are some deeper meanings found in these readings?
- How do they influence Catholic doctrine and how can we incorporate them into our daily lives?

For more information and to sign up to receive lesson plans before each session, please email Charlie Comberrel at charlie ofs@gmail.com, and include "Bible Study" in the subject line.

We look forward to some lively discussions!

Weekly Collections

October 11-12, 2025

Operating: \$ 3930

B&G: \$30

Knights of Columbus

We are a Catholic men's organization serving our parish and community through donations of funds and time.

Anyone interested in finding out more can call Mike Massey at 864-314-3622.

Hispanic Ministry / Ministerio Hispano

Serves the growing Hispanic/Latino population by providing culturally and linguistically appropriate pastoral care, fostering their engagement and leadership in the Church, and welcoming them into the broader Catholic community. Meetings are once a month on a Thursday. Meeting dates will be announced.

Sirve a la creciente población Hispania/Latina brindandoles atención pastoral y lingüísticamente apropiada. Fomentando su participación y liderazgo en la Iglesia y dandoles la bienvenida a una comunidad Católica más amplia. Junta una vez al mes en Jueves. Las fechas para las juntas serán anunciadas.

Women's Council

3rd Monday of the month - 5:30 P.M. Parish Hall

The Women Council is a ministry of service to the parish and community. All women in the church are welcome.

Men's Club

1st Wednesday of the month - 5:30 P.M. Parish Hall

The Men's Club was organized as a fellowship for the men in the parish. All men in the church are welcome.

Safe Environment/Virtus Program

St. Mary of the Angels Church is committed to upholding the "National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" and ensuring a safe environment for our children and vulnerable adults. All parish volunteers -- ushers, lectors, sacristans, eucharistic ministers, adult altar servers, choir members, church cleaners, parish office and religious education volunteers -- must complete a background screening and VIRTUS online training. The parish must receive a clearance notification from the Office of Child and Youth Protection for the Diocese of Charleston before a volunteer begins service. For more information and help in completing the online background check questionnaire and

Virtus training, please contact: **Patricia Binnering**,

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up,
Israel had the better of the fight,
but when he let his hands rest,
Amalek had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11)

Psalm:

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)

Second Reading:

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed,
because you know from whom you learned it,
and that from infancy you have known
the sacred Scriptures,
which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Tm 3:14)

Gospel:

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones
who call out to him day and night?
Will he be slow to answer them?
I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done
for them speedily." (Lk 18:7)

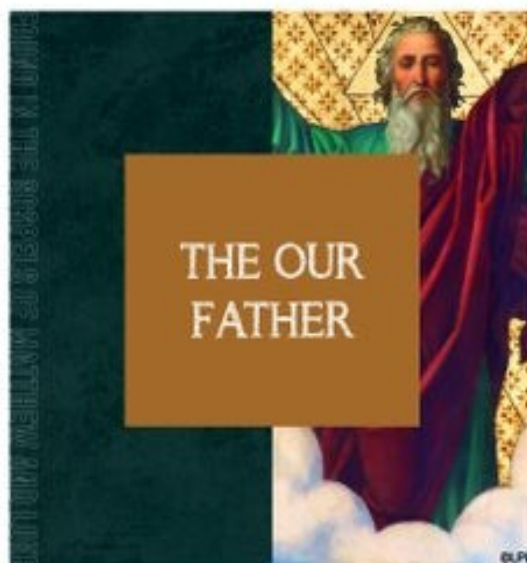
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all the widow in Luke's Gospel. We are vulnerable. We feel small in the estimation of the world. We feel ignored. But Jesus is telling us to be bold in prayer, to bring our needs before the judge who will always hear our case.

Observances for the week of October 19, 2025

- Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday
- Monday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. John Paul II, Pope
- Thursday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest
- Friday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Our Father, also known as The Lord's Prayer, is found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Universally beloved in most traditions of Christianity, its words are those of Jesus Christ himself as he answers his disciples' queries on how best to pray.

Prayer for Life of Mission

Dear God,
You are the one who finds a way in
the darkness, and clears the path for
those You love. Help us to trust in
Your call, and to answer generously to
the unknowns we face,
knowing You will never leave us alone.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday:

Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday:

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday:

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday:

Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday:

Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:

Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is *already* answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: In the same way that a judge cannot go looking for conflicts to mediate, God will not force His way into our problems. What would be the point? What is our life on earth for, if it is not to teach us how to turn willingly to God?

The Prayers We Don't Say

It has always confused me: why a judge?

Jesus could have compared prayer to the subject who requests a gift of his king. He could have compared it to the child who asks a favor of a parent. But in the parable of the widow and the judge, Jesus compares prayer — specifically constant, unwearying prayer — with the marginalized person who doggedly pursues her claim through an unforgiving legal system.

It's not a rosy or reassuring picture. So what is he trying to tell us?

Unlike a king or a parent, a judge has strictly drawn lines which he cannot, under any circumstances, cross. He can only help people who bring their case to court. Even good, earnest judges cannot render justice if charges are not brought.

God is all-powerful. But that doesn't make Him a meddler. He will not force His way into our problems. What would be the point? What is our life on earth for, if it is not to teach us how to turn willingly to God, in every instance — adoration, gratitude, need?

Today, I sat down and made a list of problems I don't pray about. When I was done, I looked at the list and asked myself: why not? Why don't I pray about these things? Some are huge issues over which I have absolutely no control, and prayer feels futile. Some are small grievances I never even considered mentioning to God.

If I prayed about them all, my life would be totally consumed by prayer. Constant, unwearying prayer. The kind of prayer Jesus calls me to in the parable of the widow and the judge: continual surrender of myself to the mysterious, limitless power of God.

Praying that way could make me tired. The widow was tired, too — but she kept bringing her charges. She got justice. And her judge wasn't even a nice guy.

So say the prayer. Bring the charges. Our judge is one who wants to help, but He won't overstep His bounds.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I volunteer every once in a while. How can I incorporate serving the poor in my everyday life?

Answer:

In the Gospels, Jesus is very clear about emphasizing outreach to vulnerable persons on the margins of society. These may be the materially poor, the disabled, the lonely, or any others whose circumstances drive them from mainstream society. We can all respond to Christ's call to love by incorporating direct service into our regular life routine. Here are some ideas to find your niche:

Consider your life. Before you look for direct service opportunities, consider your schedule, commitment levels, and personal gifts. When can you help out and how regularly? Where have you volunteered in the past that has felt like a good fit? Do you have any particular skills or personality traits that lend you to particular work?

Do some research. There are a lot of structured ways you can get involved in your community. Your parish might have a social concerns outreach program. If not, ask friends and family. A simple online search for local nonprofits can also expose you to new opportunities.

Be open to God's invitation. The chance to serve may be closer than you think. Befriending an elderly neighbor, widowed and far from children, is an act of serving the poor. Keep your eyes and heart open!

Prayer

Lord, hear my prayer and please answer me.

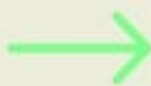
Mission for the Week

I will ask for just the things I need.

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus told his disciples that they should never stop praying. He said that you should never give up. If your cause is worthy and good, keep asking for it. Keep asking God for help for your good things. The noisy wheel gets the most grease. When you keep asking God for help, he will know you are sincere. Can you give 10 good reasons why you are asking God for what you need?

Now color
the picture!



Circle the picture that is **different**.
Then color in all the pictures.



Come and See The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS)

A Way of Life for Everyday Disciples

Are you longing for a deeper relationship with Christ? Do you admire the joy, simplicity, and love of St. Francis of Assisi? If so, the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) may be for you!

Who We Are:

The OFS is a worldwide community of lay men and women, single, married, or ordained, who live the Gospel in the spirit of St. Francis. While remaining in their everyday jobs and families, Secular Franciscans seek to bring peace, joy, and care for creation into the world.

What We Do:

Grow in prayer and fraternity
Live simply in a busy world
Serve the Church and those in need
Care for God's creation
Follow the Gospel with the heart of Francis

Why Join?

The OFS offers:

A supportive spiritual family
A clear path to grow closer to Christ
A way to live your faith with joy and purpose

Come and See!

Discover how the Franciscan way can transform your daily life.

When October 25, 2025 10 AM - 2:30 PM

Where -

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Greenwood, SC
Lunch will be provided



COUNCIL 8295
ANDERSON, SC

Have questions or
want more information?

Scan QR Code or contact

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GALATIANS 5:13

CALLING ALL MEN! JOIN US!

What does it mean to be a Knight?

We are Catholic Men who
**LEAD, SERVE,
PROTECT & DEFEND.**

We share a desire to be better
**HUSBANDS, FATHERS, SONS,
NEIGHBORS, & ROLE MODELS**
and to put charity
and community first.

Dear Loving Sisters and Brothers,

A heartfelt thank you to all who have been helping in our parish and the Rectory—especially with cleaning and organizing the basement. Your generous service and dedication truly make a difference.

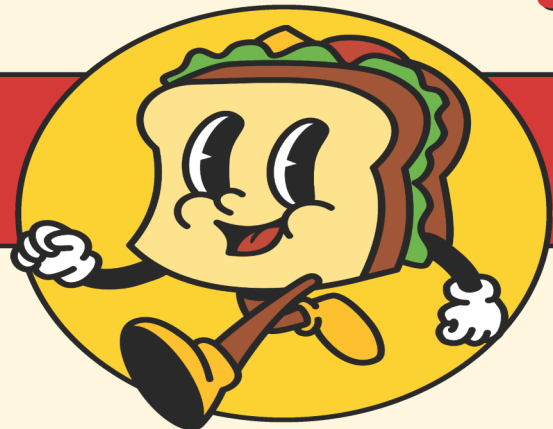
I am deeply grateful for your prayers, kindness, and support toward those affected by recent injuries. Even the smallest gestures of help means so much to our community.

May God bless each of you abundantly for your continued good works and for the joy you bring to our parish family.

With gratitude in Christ,

Fr. John De Britto, m.ss.cc

Sandwich Making



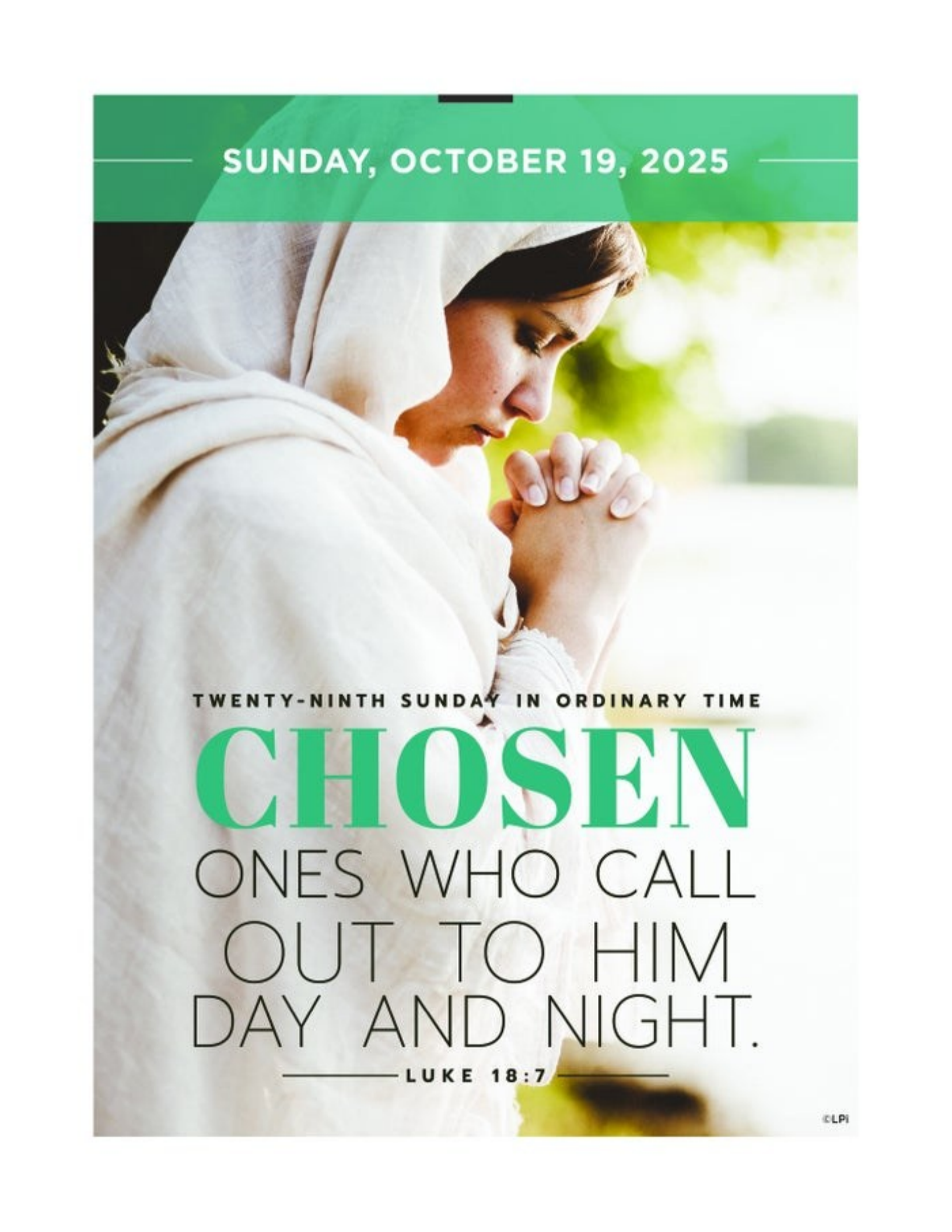
SATURDAY NOVEMBER:
1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**VOLUNTEER IN THE PARISH HALL
FROM 9:00 AM-12:00 NOON**

We are starting our annual "Sandwich Making" event in November. Our goal is to make 150 sandwiches weekly. If you would like to volunteer your time or donate ingredients for the sandwiches please use sign up sheet in the narthex.

Items needed:

Lunch meats, sliced cheese, mayonnaise, mustard, cookies and chips



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