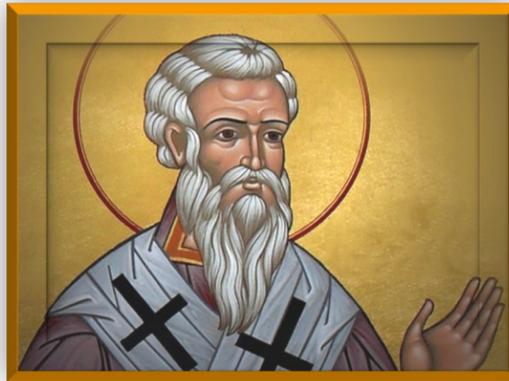


Fr. Joseph's Corner "St. Ignatius of Antioch"

"I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth. He who died in place of us is the one object of my quest. He who rose for our sakes is my one desire."

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (Catholic Online)—The second Bishop of Antioch, Syria, this disciple of the beloved Disciple John was consecrated Bishop around the year 69 by the Apostle Peter, the first Pope. A holy man who was deeply loved by the Christian faithful, he always made it his special care to defend "orthodoxy" (right teaching) and "orthopraxy" (right practice) among the early Christians.



In his pastoral letters, he regularly thanked his brother and sister Christians for their concern for his well-being, but he insisted on following through in his final witness of fidelity: "I know what is to my advantage. At last, I am becoming his disciple. May nothing entice me till I happily make my way to Jesus Christ! Fire, cross, struggles with wild beasts, wrenching of bones, mangling of limbs—let them come to me, provided only I make my way to Jesus Christ. I would rather die and come to Jesus Christ than be king over the entire earth. Him I seek who died for us; him I love who rose again because of us."

In 107, during the reign of the brutal Emperor Trajan, this holy Bishop was wrongfully sentenced to death because he refused to renounce the Christian faith. He was taken under guard to Rome where he was to be brutally devoured by wild beasts in a public spectacle.

During his journey, his travels took him through Asia Minor and Greece. He made good use of the time by writing seven letters of encouragement, instruction, and inspiration to the Christians in those communities. We still have these letters as a great treasure of the Church today.

The content of the letters addressed the hierarchy and structure of the Church as well as the content of the orthodox Christian faith. It was Bishop Ignatius who first used the term "catholic" to describe the whole Church. These letters connect us to the early Church and the unbroken, clear teaching of the Apostles which was given to them directly by Jesus Christ. They also reveal the holiness of a man of God who became himself a living letter of Christ. The shedding of his blood in the witness of holy martyrdom was the culmination of a life lived conformed to Jesus Christ. Ignatius sought to offer himself, in Christ, for the sake of the Church which he loved. His holy martyrdom occurred in the year 107.

Bishop Ignatius was not afraid of death. He knew that it had been defeated by the Master. He followed the Lord Jesus into his Passion, knowing that he would rise with Him in his Resurrection. He wrote to the disciples in Rome: "Permit me to imitate my suffering God. . . I am God's wheat, and I shall be ground by the teeth of beasts, that I may become the pure bread of Christ."

The beauty of this Eucharistic symbolism in these words reflects the deep theology of a mystic. He was dedicated to defending the true teaching handed down by the Apostles so that the brothers and sisters in the early Christian communities, and we who stand on their shoulders, would never be led astray by false teaching.

He urged them to always listen to their Bishops because they were the successors of the Apostles. He died a martyr's death in Rome, devoured by two lions in one of the cruel demonstrations of Roman excess and animosity toward the true faith.

—*Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST:

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October 26, 2025 † 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass (English)* 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass (Spanish) 12:00 p.m.
Holy Days 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Mondays • Tuesdays • Thursdays 8:00 a.m.
Wednesdays • Fridays 12:00 p.m.
*Coffee and Donuts are served after the 9 a.m. Mass.

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Confessions

Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

(other times by appointment)

Anointing of the Sick

Contact Fr. Joseph for this Sacrament

♦ DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND CENACLE GROUP: Every Monday after the 8 a.m. Mass.
♦ FRIDAY ROSARY at 11:30 a.m., MASS at 12:00 p.m., EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following Mass, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 1-2 p.m., BENEDICTION AND REPOSITION



Baptisms

Baptisms will be held on Saturdays.

Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of the parish 6 months prior to baptism.

A Baptismal Preparation Class is mandatory for both parents and godparents.

For more information, call the Parish Office.

Marriages

Couples need to make an appointment with Fr. Joseph 6 months before the proposed date.

A Marriage Preparation Course is mandatory.

MASS INTENTIONS / READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.

Please Call the Parish Office to Have a Mass Intention Reserved

Monday 10/27/2025
Tuesday 10/28/2025
Wednesday 10/29/2025
Thursday 10/30/2025
Friday 10/31/2025
Saturday 11/01/2025
Sunday 11/02/2025
Sunday 11/02/2025

5:00 pm
9:00 am
12:00 pm

Clint Giovanini (L)
Emerson Edgerly (L)
St. Joseph Parishioners (L)

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17
Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30
Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35
Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6
Wis 3:1-9; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
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Today's Homily

TODAY'S GOSPEL IS one that every believer should pay close attention to. It tells the story of two believers, a Pharisee and a tax collector.

It's important to highlight that both men believed in the same God, belonged to the same religion, and worshipped in the same temple. Both actively participated in temple worship and said their daily prayers. But what do we see? At the end of their worship, one of them went home at peace with God, while the other did not.

All of us, as believers in God, need to pay attention to this story—not only to learn the secret of offering worship acceptable to God, but also to understand how to lead a faith-filled life that results in justification rather than disappointment at the end of the day.

It will help us understand the main point of this parable better if we learn a little more about who the Pharisees were. It often surprises us to realize that the Pharisees were, in fact, very disciplined and devout men of faith.

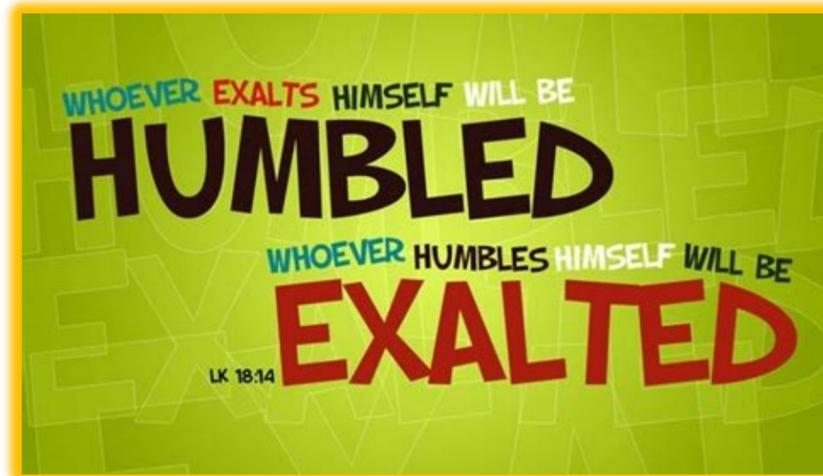
They were serious-minded believers who committed themselves to a routine of regular prayer and strict observance of God's Law.

In fact, they went beyond what the law required. They fasted twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays, even though the law only mandated fasting once a year—on the Day of Atonement. They also gave tithes of all their income—not just the minimum required.

When the Pharisee in the parable said, "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" (Luke 18:11-12), he wasn't joking. Few Christians today can match the visible moral standards of the Pharisees.

Tax collectors, on the other hand, were generally seen as people of low moral character. Because they worked for the pagan Romans, mixed among them, and constantly handled their unclean money, they were considered to be in a state of ritual impurity.

In the eyes of the religion of the time, tax collectors were regarded as public sinners on the road to hell. How-



ever, the tax collectors understood that the voice of the people was not always the voice of God. They still hoped for salvation, not based on any religious or moral achievements, but on the gracious mercy of God.

Believing in God doesn't actually save anyone. James tells us that even the devil believes in God and trembles with fear (James 2:19). What truly matters is what people believe about God and how that faith influences their view of themselves and others.

The Pharisees believed in a judgmental God who loves good people and hates bad ones. People tend to act like the God they believe in. So, the Pharisees quickly learned to love only the good people like themselves and to look down on bad people and sinners, such as the tax collectors.

Jesus told this parable about the Pharisees because they "trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt" (v. 9).

The tax collector, on the other hand, trusted not in himself or in anything he had done, but only in God's mercy. Standing far off, he would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (v. 13). This is the man who went home at peace with God and not the self-righteous Pharisee.

Like the Pharisee and the tax collector, we too come to God's house to worship and pray. Like them, we also hope to leave this Holy Mass reconciled and at peace with God. Let us then learn from the tax collector the secret to worshipping in a way that is pleasing to God.

First, we shouldn't listen to others or even our own consciences when they tell us that God is so angry with us that He can't possibly forgive us.

Second, we must acknowledge our sinfulness and trust in the generous mercy of God, which is greater than any sins we may have committed.

Finally, we promise God to never look down on our fellow sinners, but to help them in their search for God—just as the tax collector helps us today in our search for God. Remember, God always opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

October—The Month of the Holy Rosary

Reminder

All Saints Day is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation this year!

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All Souls Day

All Souls Day envelopes will be in the Narthex to turn in on **November 1st and 2nd**. Please fill out an envelope for your Mass intention for your loved ones.

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Annual Christmas Bazaar



- Bread!
- Peanut Brittle!
- Scones!
- Caramel Corn!
- Jam!
- Gluten-Free Options!
- Fudge!
- So Many Cookies!
- More Bread!

These are some of the baked goods and candies that will be on sale this year. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 8th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and stay for lunch for just \$10**, which includes an enchilada, a tamale, chips & salsa, and a homemade dessert. **Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

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ACTS

ACTS Bible Study has begun a new series on **Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom #4 of the Parish Hall**. They are now studying "Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained," which is a systematic presentation of our Catholic Faith. It will lead you through the "big picture" of the Catholic Faith, with our Creed serving as the guide. Symbolon brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith.

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Young Adult Fall Retreat

Young Adults ages 18 to 29 are invited to attend a retreat from **Friday, November 14th, to Sunday, November 16th**, at the Cascade View Retreat Center in Powell Butte.

Please visit DioceseofBaker.org or call **Evan** at (913) 522-4589 or **Celeste** at (509) 317-3406 for more information and to register.

Raffles

A Nativity was donated for a raffle to raise money for books during the Advent season. The set is a Lenox "The Nativity," a bisque, bone China set from the 1980s. It will be displayed in the Parish Hall until the drawing takes place at the Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, November 8th**. Tickets are \$4—or 3 for \$10.

The Hispanic Ministry is also holding a raffle for a 7-quart Crockpot. In addition, there is a chance to win a 50-inch VIZIO Smart TV. Tickets for both items cost \$10.

The drawing for both the TV and the Crockpot will take place on **November 23rd**. You can buy tickets for all raffle items at the Parish Office.

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3rd Annual St Joseph's Thanksgiving Dinner

Fr. Joseph is hosting our Thanksgiving Dinner for our parishioners on **November 27th**. If you aren't going away, have a large family gathering, or are alone, you are welcome. We don't want anyone to be alone on Thanksgiving. **There's no charge, but we do need to know by November 18th** if you can attend so we can prepare enough food. Please contact **Darlene** at the Parish Office: (541) 447-6475 or stjosephparish@bendbroadband.com. **Celebrate with your parish family!**

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Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who supported our Tamale Sale. It was a big success, and everything was sold—appreciation goes to everyone who organized this and made nearly 1,000 tamales for our community to enjoy.

