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HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD,

Opening Prayer: *Having been justified by Christ, may we always turn to God knowing that we are His children who need His mercy and forgiveness.*

Self-Justification Before God and Man: A practical Biblical example of someone who justified himself as righteous before God and his fellow man is the Pharisee who went up to the temple to pray. He stood and prayed before God in the following way: "... 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men-extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess'" (Luke 18: 11-12). This approach to prayer by this particular Pharisee becomes an example of someone who is prideful or boastful and tried to justify himself before God. Besides the fact that this Pharisee's prayer was a self-serving attempt to tell God how righteous he was, it was full of vanity and ego. His approach to prayer is also wrong based on the fact that while he considers himself a human being, he concluded that he was the perfect human being who does not need the forgiveness of God. Let us not think like the Pharisee in today's parable that we are justified, that is, made righteous, just and innocent in God's sight by doing the good deeds which are specified in the law alone.

We are Justified through Christ: Self-justification is vain without God and His Son Jesus Christ who suffered, died, and was raised because for our justification (Romans 4: 24-25; 8: 33). It is through the blood of Jesus Christ which was shed on the cross that we have been justified (Cf. Romans 5: 8-9). Godly justification therefore doesn't come by giving a quick answer or proving one's innocence, but rather it is achieved through the death of Christ for us on the cross. It is not by what we have done in the past or what we do now or what we will do in the future that we are fully justified, but we are truly justified through Christ (Cf. Romans 5: 18). Having been justified through the death of Jesus on the cross, we are subsequently truly justified when yet again we recognise our need for justification and go for it. Humbly seeing ourselves as we really are through the grace of God, we will accept our faults, ask for forgiveness and be reconciled with God. Hence, another true way to justification besides the death of Jesus on the cross is when we truly humble ourselves in heartfelt repentance before God and plead for his mercy and forgiveness. The Tax collector went home at peace with his maker because he is the one who stood far off, would not so much raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying: "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Cf. Luke 18: 10-14). He was not justified by any of the deeds of the law, but by his repentant, humble approach before God, by his acknowledgment of sin and by his faith in God which he demonstrated by his plea for the mercy and forgiveness.

The Danger of Self-Righteousness-Becoming Full of Oneself and Looking Down on Others: Jesus related the parable about the Pharisees because they "trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt" (Luke 18: 9). To strive to be just, righteous, holy, sinless and perfect is a noble thing. The danger is when we are excessively blinded by our righteousness, our fine observance of the law or our achievements and so we become full of ourselves to the extent that we look down on others and even worse fail to see the need for God in their lives. It is hard for the self-righteous to benefit from the grace of God because they are proud, complacent and are not willing to receive it being that they are full of themselves. Even though their lives may be full of religious observances, their self-justification leaves them full of themselves with no room for the grace of God to work in them due to their pride.

The Danger of Self-Righteousness-Lack of Humility and being Boastful: God loves the humble. He exalts them and provides the humble with more grace: "But he bestows a greater grace; therefore, it says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4: 6). The story of the Tax collector in today's Gospel challenges us to imitate his humble attitude by acknowledging our total dependence on God and His grace; to daily confess our sinfulness and ask for God's pardon and forgiveness. All the Tax collector did was to confess his sins and humbly asked for the mercy of God. Since all the Pharisee thought of is himself, he missed it all. God hates pride and children of God are warned to stay away from being prideful: "[The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil;] Pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the perverse mouth I hate" (Proverbs 8: 13; Cf. Proverbs 16: 5). boast

The Danger of Self-Righteousness - Failure to Repent and to Ask for Forgiveness: The Pharisee saw himself as one who does not need to repent and ask God for pardon for his probable few sins. The Pharisee in this case might have sinned because there are times when Jesus often accused the Pharisees of being full of rapacity, that is, being filled with plunder and evil within them (Cf. Luke 11: 39). Jesus also uttered a series of "woes" against the Scribes and Pharisees (Cfs. Luke 11: 39-44; Matthew 23: 25-26). At times Jesus also accused them of being lovers of money (Cf. Luke 16: 14). Despite his probable sins the Pharisee did not see his own sins but that of the Tax collector. Hence, instead of examining his conscience and confessing his sins, he reviewed the conscience of others and confessed their sins-greed, injustice, adultery, and so forth. The Pharisee had sinned and had grave sins. His primary sin was that of pride. Again his sin was vain and self-righteousness and he despised others. This Pharisee could not receive the mercy of God since he has already judged himself to be perfect without the need to come to Jesus, acknowledge his sins and ask to be forgiven.

Closing Prayer: May we acknowledge our dependence on God, be respectful of others who are also children of the same one God and always turn to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31 Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

	<u>St. Anne</u>	<u>St. Catherine</u>	<u>St. Raphael</u>	<u>St. Gabriel</u>
Needed Each Week:	\$2,467.41	\$2,807.70	\$815.76	\$533.66
Needed Year-to-Date:	39,478.56	44,923.20	13,052.16	8,004.82
Actual Year-to-Date:	42,197.87	41,133.89	12,200.41	9,215.65
Date: Oct. 16, 2022:	1,586.00	4,119.45	409.00	891.25
Other Collections:	50.00	395.00	106.00	45.00
Hurricane Collections:	391.00	556.00	67.00	90.00

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

Saturday, October 22, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael
(For the Parishioners of St. Anne,
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel
(Julius Schepke)

Sunday, October 23, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Curtis Pleiness)
11:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Daniel Bruske)

Monday, October 24, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Sharon O'Callaghan)

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne
(For the protection of unborn babies)
9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Edith West)
5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration and Reconciliation
at St. Catherine

Thursday, October 27, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Flavia Gagnier)
9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

Friday, October 28, 2022

No Mass Today

Saturday, October 29, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael
(For world peace)
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel
(Barbara Bieszki)

Sunday, October 30, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Al Sharp)
11:00am Mass at St. Anne
(For the Parishioners of St. Anne,
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **St. Gabriel Altar Society Meeting** - Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 2:00 pm.
- **St Gabriel men's club will not meet in Nov.** next meeting will be Dec 8th at 7pm
- **SAVE THE DATE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022, ST. RAPHAEL SODALITY ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS PARTY—ALL LADIES ARE INVITED!** More information will follow soon.
- **ATTENTION ST CATHERINE AND ST GABRIEL PARISHIONERS:** The Ossineke Council of Knights of Columbus #6851 have placed kiosks in the main entrance of St. Catherine and St. Gabriel churches. The kiosks contain fifteen different booklets focusing on Building the Domestic Church. A variety of interesting and informational topics are covered. Stop by the kiosks and have a look at what is available. Booklets are yours to keep and are free.
- **COFFEE & DONUTS ~ A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY SOCIAL TIME WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS!**
St. Catherine: The next Coffee & Donuts will be Sunday, November 6th following mass.
St. Anne: Coffee & Donuts will be after mass on Sundays!
St. Raphael: Refreshments will be after mass on Saturdays!
- Volunteer Cleaners needed for the month of December and all of 2023 for St. Anne Church.
- **MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER IS AVAILABLE**

BOX OF JOY SPOOKTACULAR | SUNDAY 10/30 | 12-3PM

Crafts, Games, Trunk-or-Treating, refreshments and a great way to give back to those in need! BOX OF JOY brings hope to children in developing countries, providing them with Christmas gifts and a much needed reminder of God's Love. **Volunteers Needed!!** Vehicles for Trunk-or-Treat, event staff, and more! Contact Jaci Fitzgerald or Kayla Adams at kadams@resurrectionacgr.org

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

SUNDAY:

SIR 35:12-14, 16-18,
2 TM 4:6-8, 16-18,
LK 18:9-14

MONDAY:

EPH 4:32-5:8, LK 13:10-17

TUESDAY:

EPH 5:21-33, LK 13:18-21

WEDNESDAY:

EPH 6:1-9, LK 13:22-30

THURSDAY:

EPH 6:10-20, LK 13:31-35

FRIDAY:

EPH 2:19-22, LK 6:12-16

SATURDAY:

PHIL 1:18B-26, LK 14:1, 7-11

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday:

Rev. Tyler Bischoff

Monday:

Rev. Joseph Blasko

Tuesday:

Rev. Lawrence Boks

Wednesday:

Rev. Msgr. James Brucksch

Thursday:

Rev. Anthony Citro

Friday:

Rev. Michael Class

Saturday:

Rev. Chet Collins



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SPECIAL COLLECTION: OCT. 23-24 & 29-30 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2022

You may remember that something special happens on the next-to-last Sunday of October each year: **World Mission Sunday!**

Your gifts on World Mission Sunday answer this call to be Christ's witness by bringing concrete help and the Lord's mercy to the most vulnerable communities in the world. Your generosity supports and sustains priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Our shared mission to proclaim the Gospel and serve the poor in all corners of the world comes alive because of you!

World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries, as it offers each one of us an occasion to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized. Thank you for your generous support of our collective mission to reach everyone with the love of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PARISHES OF THE RESURRECTION:

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL 2022: As of Monday, October 17, 2022:

St. Anne has reached in one-time gifts and pledges, \$18,060 which is 77.2% of our goal. We need an additional \$5,332. To date, 46 parishioners have contributed or pledged to the CSA. This represents 28% of our members. St. Catherine has reached in one-time gifts and pledges, \$27,045.00 which is 96% of our goal. We need an additional \$1,059.00. To date 65 parishioners have contributed or pledged to the CSA. This represents 65% of our members. St. Gabriel & St. Raphael have both reached there CSA goal in contributions but not in participation. If you have not already contributed or pledged, please do so soon! It is imperative that we reach our goal. Thank you to all who have responded so far!

Thank You

Thank you to all of our parishioners for joining in hosting Bishop Walsh at ALL of our parishes! We greatly appreciate all of the food donations and time spent in fellowship together for this special occasion.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

K of C BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE | NOVEMBER 3-6: On November 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2022, the Knights of Columbus will hold a bottle and can drive to benefit the Options Pregnancy Center in Alpena. The following Knights have volunteered to collect them now until November if you do not want to store them. Please call one of them and they will be happy to pick them up. Jim Youngblood- 989-335-3588, Chris Gauthier- 989-471-2429, Greg Szydlo- 989-736-3916, Gerald Labaza- 989-724-5682, Bob Sierota- 863-558-1872, Gerald Boerner- 517-449-7352

Aquinas College Open House | Nov. 12: Aquinas College welcomes any high school students and families to our Fall Open House on **Saturday, November 12!** Choose your own path throughout the day to get the inside scoop on academics, athletics and scholarships, as well as our Dominican pillars of prayer, study, community and service! Details and registration information can be found at aquinas.edu/openhouse.

AVE MARIA FALL FEST / Learn about generous Scholarships:

Attention high school and homeschool Juniors & Seniors (and parents), college students, and post graduates! You are invited to the annual Ave Maria Fall Fest on Saturday, November 5, 2022 in the EBA Café at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor. 5:30p-Dinner/6:15p-Program. Enjoy fall food favorites, sundae bar, and prizes.

Meet admission representatives and alumni and learn about these generous scholarships: **Ave Maria University:** Michigan/Toledo Scholarships \$28,000 (\$7,000 per year). **Ave Maria School of Law:** Michigan/Toledo Full-Tuition Scholarship (*Plus 1st year Stipend*).

Event is FREE – Registration is required by Monday, October 31 to attend! For more information & to register go to AveMariaFoundation.org or call 734-930-3441.

'FIGHT LIKE HEAVEN' AND JOIN CAMPAIGN TO PRAY AND FAST FOR DEFEAT OF PROPOSAL 3

Catholics know the battle to defeat Proposal 3 must also be waged on the spiritual front. That's why the faithful across the state are invited to join a 54-day Rosary Novena that will cover the entire campaign season leading up to Election Day on November 8 to pray for the defeat of Proposal 3. **The novena began this past Thursday, but sign-ups are still welcome. To do so, text the phrase "FightLikeHeaven" to 84576 to receive text alerts and daily prompts.** The prayer campaign was initiated by Bishop Boyea of the Diocese of Lansing, but the invitation to pray and fast is extended to every Michigander and beyond.

Prayer for Life and Right Laws: Almighty ever-living God, you bestow the gift of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb. Look on our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart reverence for life. Protect our state from unjust laws. In your Name, bring to defeat every attack against the sacredness of life. Safeguard the rights of parents, whom you have entrusted with the care and formation of their children. Help all who believe in Jesus to proclaim the Gospel of Life to their neighbors. Dispel every anxiety and fear. Strengthen the bond between parents and their unborn child. May mothers and fathers accept and nurture the gift of life made in your image and likeness. Our Lady, Queen of the Family, pray for us! St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

