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## ***Kid's Bulletin***



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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 2025**

## **30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



“But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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# Be humble.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story about two men praying in the temple. One of them, a Pharisee, always looked like he loved God, but on the inside he really only loved himself. The other man was a tax collector. The people in those days hated tax collectors because they took too much money and worked for their enemies.

When the Pharisee was praying he was really just telling God how much better he was than other people. Do you think that God was pleased with his prayer?



The tax collector, on the other hand, was standing far off and prayed to God with his head bowed down, asking God to have mercy on him. He knew that he was a sinner and that he needed God's help. Do you think that God was pleased with the tax collector's prayer?

Being humble isn't a sad or bad thing. It means knowing that all the good things we have and do come from God. Being humble also lets us be sorry for the selfish things we have done, because it lets us admit that it was our own fault and God can help us overcome our selfishness.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me a sinner!*

Answers to Match-up: 1.the good fight 2.the race 3.the faith  
4.strength 5.the message 6.glorify for ever and ever.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 26th, 2025



*What were the two men in the Temple saying to God in today's Gospel reading?*

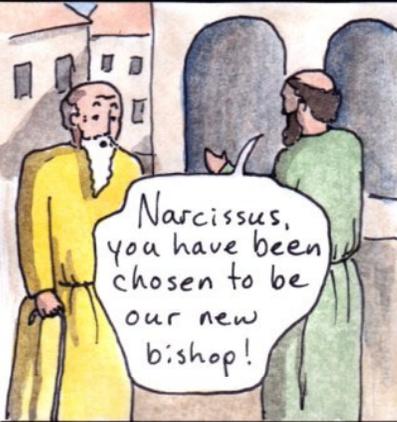
*Look in the mirror to find out!*

Luke 18:9-14

# Saint Narcissus

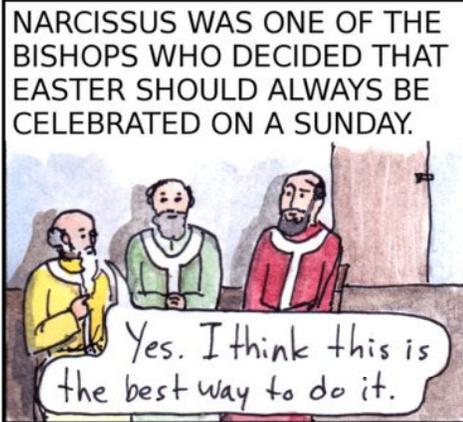
## October 29

NARCISSUS WAS BORN IN THE EARLY 100'S. HE WAS A CHRISTIAN AND BECAME THE BISHOP OF JERUSALEM WHEN HE WAS ABOUT 80 YEARS OLD.



Narcissus, you have been chosen to be our new bishop!

NARCISSUS WAS ONE OF THE BISHOPS WHO DECIDED THAT EASTER SHOULD ALWAYS BE CELEBRATED ON A SUNDAY.



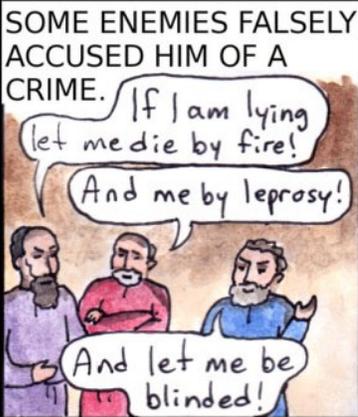
Yes. I think this is the best way to do it.

SOME ENEMIES FALSELY ACCUSED HIM OF A CRIME.

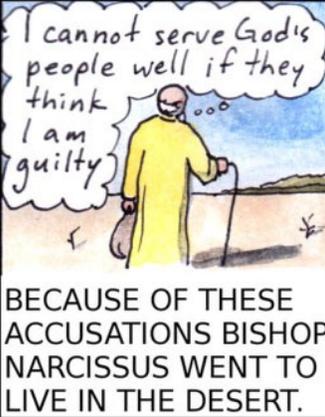
If I am lying let me die by fire!

And me by leprosy!

And let me be blinded!



I cannot serve God's people well if they think I am guilty

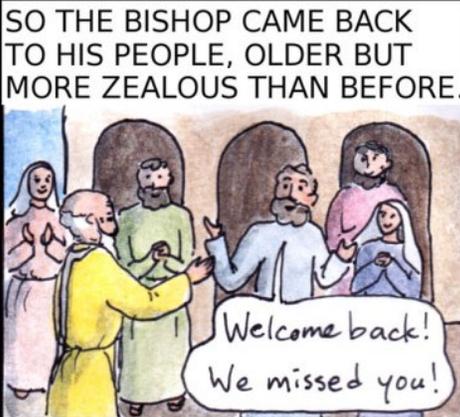


BECAUSE OF THESE ACCUSATIONS BISHOP NARCISSUS WENT TO LIVE IN THE DESERT.

BUT WHEN THE BAD THINGS HAPPENED TO HIS ENEMIES EVERYONE KNEW THAT HE WAS INNOCENT.

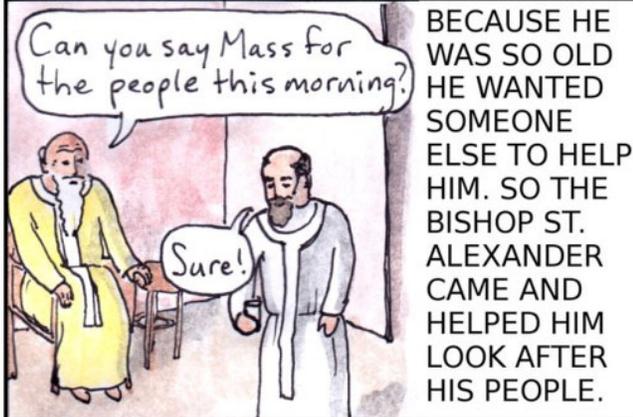


SO THE BISHOP CAME BACK TO HIS PEOPLE, OLDER BUT MORE ZEALOUS THAN BEFORE.



Welcome back! We missed you!

BECAUSE HE WAS SO OLD HE WANTED SOMEONE ELSE TO HELP HIM. SO THE BISHOP ST. ALEXANDER CAME AND HELPED HIM LOOK AFTER HIS PEOPLE.



Can you say Mass for the people this morning?

Sure!

ST. NARCISSUS LIVED UNTIL HE WAS MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS OLD, SERVING GOD AND HIS PEOPLE WITH GREAT LOVE. YOU CAN SEE FROM HIS STORY THAT EVEN OLD PEOPLE CAN SERVE GOD AND DO GREAT THINGS FOR HIM. DO YOU KNOW ANY OLD PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP YOU TO LOVE GOD MORE?

# Saint Paul Match-Up

*What comes next?  
Match up the first parts with the next parts  
from today's second reading.*

- |   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. I have fought ■                      | ■ strength                   |
| 2. I have finished ■                    | ■ the faith                  |
| 3. I have kept ■                        | ■ the good fight             |
| 4. The Lord gave me ■                   | ■ the message.               |
| 5. so that the Gentiles<br>could hear ■ | ■ glory forever<br>and ever. |
| 6. To Him be ■                          | ■ the race                   |



**2 Timothy 4:6-18**



Jesus said, "Two people went up to the temple area to pray, a Pharisee and a tax collector. The Pharisee spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank You that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to Heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the tax collector went home justified, not the Pharisee." (Luke 18:9-14)

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30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. The color vestments the priest is wearing are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The first reading is from the book of:
  - a. Exodus
  - b. Sirach
  - c. Isaiah
3. The First Reading says, "The one who serves God willingly is \_\_\_\_\_."
4. The Responsorial Psalm is, "The Lord hears the cry of the \_\_\_\_\_."
5. The second reading is from St. Paul's second letter to:
  - a. John
  - b. Timothy
  - c. Titus
6. St. Paul says in this reading, "I have competed \_\_\_\_\_; I have finished the \_\_\_\_\_;  
I have kept the \_\_\_\_\_."
7. The Gospel reading is from \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Jesus used the Gospel parable to teach His disciples about:
  - a. Humility and pride
  - b. The importance of giving alms
  - c. The power of fasting
9. Jesus said the tax collector's prayer was, "O God, be merciful to me, a \_\_\_\_\_."
10. Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ himself will be humbled, and the one who \_\_\_\_\_  
himself will be exalted.

ANSWER KEY - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. The color vestments the priest is wearing are green.
2. The first reading is from the book of:
  - a. Exodus
  - b. Sirach ← Correct!
  - c. Isaiah
3. The First Reading says, "The one who serves God willingly is heard."
4. The Responsorial Psalm is, "The Lord hears the cry of the poor."
5. The second reading is from St. Paul's second letter to:
  - a. John
  - b. Timothy ← Correct!
  - c. Titus
6. St. Paul says in this reading, "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."
7. The Gospel reading is from the Luke.
8. Jesus used the Gospel parable to teach His disciples about:
  - a. Humility and pride ← correct!
  - b. The importance of giving alms
  - c. The power of fasting
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10. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✦ The color vestments the priest is wearing are...

 circle your answer!

**PARENTS & EDUCATORS:** *Print in color for best results!*

This worksheet is intended for children not yet reading or just learning. They may need simple instructions from you to complete the activities.



RED



GREEN



VIOLET



ROSE



WHITE

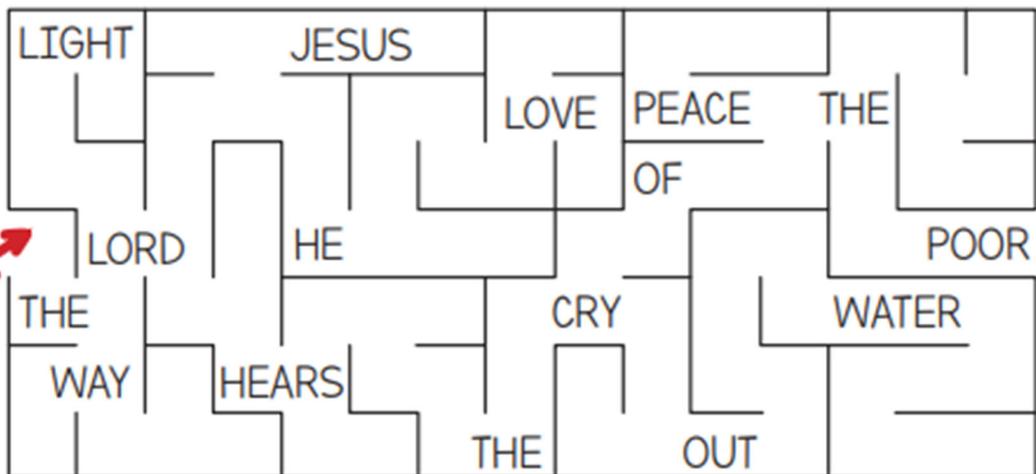
- ✦ The first reading is from the Book of ...

Sirach

- ✦ Responsorial Psalm

*Follow the words of the Psalm to find the way through the maze.*

THE  
LORD  
HEARS  
THE CRY  
OF THE  
POOR.



- ✦ The second reading is from the Second Letter to

Timothy

- ✦ The Gospel is according to Luke.

*Fill in the letter E in the quote below from today's Gospel.*

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed,

'O GOD, B \_ M \_ RCIFUL  
TO M \_ A SINNER!



# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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