

October 23, 2016

dear Padre



Where did Judas wind up?

Did Judas go to hell? If the crucifixion was necessary, wasn't he fulfilling God's will? Even Jesus foretold his betrayal.

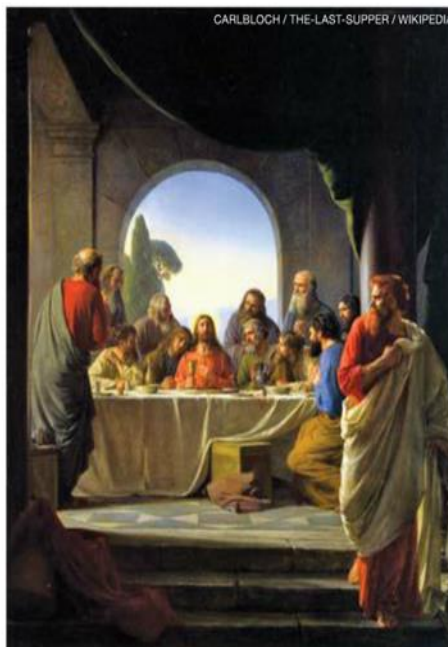
No, the Church doesn't teach that Judas went to hell. A declaration of condemnation must be left to the justice of God. We can never know if even the worst sinner repents of his or her sins or the extent of his or her guilt.

A more interesting tangent to this question deals with human freedom. If Judas was "destined" to betray Jesus, he would have had no free will and therefore could not be held accountable for his actions. This might seem as a kind of justification, but an appeal to a fate that robs the individual of human freedom is not valid. We are incapable of determining an individual's culpability, but we can say with certainty whether some actions in and of themselves are proper or improper.

Judas did a bad thing; it would have been better had he not betrayed our Lord. But we don't know whether Judas sinned. He could have been confused about what was right or indeed been greedy. Perhaps he never intended his

actions to lead to Jesus' death (which may account for his suicide). So we don't know the state of Judas' soul, but we know his betrayal of a friend was not right.

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Monday
OCTOBER 24
Weekday

Eph 4:32—5:8
Lk 13:10—17

Tuesday
OCTOBER 25
Weekday

Eph 5:21—33 or
5:2a, 25—32
Lk 13:18—21

Wednesday
OCTOBER 26
Weekday

Eph 6:1—9
Lk 13:22—30

Thursday
OCTOBER 27
Weekday

Eph 6:10—20
Lk 13:31—35

Friday
OCTOBER 28

*Sts. Simon and Jude,
Apostles*
Eph 2:19—22
Lk 6:12—16

Saturday
OCTOBER 29
Weekday

Phil 1:18b—26
Lk 14:1, 7—11

Sunday
OCTOBER 30

*Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Wis 11:22—12:2
2 Thes 1:11—2:2
Lk 19:1—10



Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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**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.'**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule

Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat 5:00 pm +Gregory West

Sun 9am Our Parish Family

Mon 8 am special intention

Tue 8 am special intention

Wed 6pm special intention

Thu 8am special intention

Fri 8am special intention

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

At first glance the Sunday readings this week appear to be directed towards the poor, but in reality, these readings speak to us all. In the First Reading we hear that God has no favorites, and that anyone who serves God willingly is heard. Indeed, God hears the prayers of all of His people, but unfortunately often He is not able to answer them because of the nature of our prayers. Note that the reading says that the one who “serves God willingly” will be heard. The question follows: how do we serve God willingly?

I think the answer to that question is seen if the different attitudes of the two men who are the subject of the Sunday Gospel are considered. The humble person who admits his or her faults, and who does not put self as superior to others, is more likely serving God willingly. Those who are self-righteous may be doing something God wants, but apparently for the wrong reasons and with the wrong attitude. Humility characterizes selflessness. When we are selfless, we put others ahead of ourselves. I think that it is in selfless service to God's people that we unlock the blessings that answer our prayers.

This is what “Stewardship of Ministry” is all about. There are many ministries here at the Vietnamese Martyrs church that provide service in all sorts of ways and which allow us all to use personal gifts and talents given to us by God for the benefit of His Church. The message of the Scriptures today, then, is one urging humble service, which in this day and age is countercultural. We live in the hi-tech world of selfishness. It is in being different that we allow God to bless our very low-tech

prayers and works of mercy. Perhaps, this week we should take inventory of our gifts and talents and ask ourselves if we are using them wisely. Then we can pray with a more sure hope of God hearing and answering them.

May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

All Souls Novena

Especially in the month of November, the dead are remembered in prayer. We will have a Novena Mass at St. Ann and OLC to remember our loved ones. The Novena will begin on Nov 2nd and end on Nov 10th. Envelopes will be available in the vestibule of the church. ***Please print the names clearly*** so that we can record them in the *Frame for the Intention of the Dead* which will be placed at the foot of the altar during the Novena.

The Solemnity of All Saints, Nov 1, falls on Tuesday this year and is a **holy day of obligation**; **Mass schedule: Monday, Vigil 7pm at St. Ann's; Tuesday, 10am at Wolf River Cemetery and 7pm at St. Ann's.**

Mass at Wolf River Cemetery will be on **Tuesday, Nov. 1st at 10:00 am**. Just like in the past, Fr Vo will bless the graveyard afterward.

Thanksgiving Basket: With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, our Parish Charities office is anticipating the need for non-perishable items to help make the holidays special for those in need. Thank you.

Garage Sale: Thank you everyone for helping the garage sale for the last two Saturdays.

Altar Society: Meet 2nd Sundays. For more information, please contact **Lenell King**.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Oct 22 5pm	Kathleen Cuevas	Richard Dunlap , Ellen West , Mike West	Austin Scarengoas	Kermit August	Mike & Diane Mays
Oct 23 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Oct 23 9am	Dextor Palmer	James Quintini , Marlow Ladner , Valerie Ladner	Carson Conner	Garland, Will Burke	Lester Palmer Family
Sat Oct 29 5pm	Richard Dunlap	Kermit Northrop, Diane Northrop, Henrietta Ladner	Austin Scarengoas	John Necaize Dale Babin	Ann Shaw
Oct 30 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Oct 23 9am	Kim Wood	Sharon Leimer, Lester Palmer, Will Burke	Will Nick	Robert, David Bass	Jason & Lisa Necaize Family

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

Bible Study: We study **Gospel of Luke: the gospel of Mercy.** Please join us. Classes are on **Tues at 9am and Wed at 6:30pm.** For more information, please contact **Ruth and Henrietta.**

Parish Council: meet third Saturday.

Knights of Columbus: Meet 1st Sunday. If you more info, please contact Thomas Moran.

Church Cleaning: Kim Wood will clean the church on Oct 22 and 29. Thank you.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

57Identifiable: \$1,179.00; Loose: \$1,031.00;

Total: \$2,210.00; Children: \$35.73;

Propagation of Faith: 189.00

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Identifiable: \$255.00; Loose: \$291.0; Total:

\$546.00, Propagation of Faith: \$37.00

****Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

Thank you for your generosity.

The Word Among Us Reflections for this month is available at the Church entrance.

CCD: Please contact Robert Lizana.

RCIA: For more info, please contact **Henrietta.**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE

Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

Bereavement Committee: Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Larry Shruff,

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE FR. KHOA WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.

Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Madison Phelps, Breanna Ladner, Curtis (Cubby) Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Hollis Moran, Robert Taylor.