

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,
who will judge the living and the dead,
and by his appearing and his kingly power:
proclaim the word;
be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience
and teaching.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable
about the necessity for them to pray always without
becoming weary.

He said, "There was a judge in a certain town
who neither feared God nor respected any human being.
And a widow in that town used to come to him and say,
'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.'
For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually
he thought,

'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect
any human being,
because this widow keeps bothering me
I shall deliver a just decision for her
lest she finally come and strike me.'"

The Lord said, “Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says.

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.

But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sunday, October 26

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year C

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

The LORD is a God of justice,
who knows no favorites.

Though not unduly partial toward the weak,
yet he hears the cry of the oppressed.

The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan,
nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The one who serves God willingly is heard;
his petition reaches the heavens.