

FROM FR. DEO

October 19, 2025



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God is good all the time... All the time God is good! Today is World Mission Sunday. We gather as the Church of Christ to reflect upon and pray for the missions. This celebration reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to evangelization.

In his message, *Missionaries of Hope Among all the Peoples*, Pope Leo XIV urges Christians to be messengers and builders of hope in this Jubilee Year 2025. He recalls his own missionary service in Peru and how the generosity and prayer from Christians can transform communities. He asks parishes to pray for and financially support their work. The Pope reminds us that the missionary call is rooted in our baptism and must become our spiritual identity. It is not the work of a select few, but for all the baptized.

In the readings of this 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus reminds us about the necessity “to pray always without becoming weary” (Lk 18:1). We must persevere in prayer and trust in God. In the first reading, Moses, after sending Joshua to fight against Amalek, prays tirelessly for the victory of Israel’s army. Clearly, Moses and the Israelites learned the necessity of prayer and not losing heart. As Moses grew weary, his two aides, Aaron and Hur, seated him on a rock and propped up his arms. In the Gospel, Jesus introduces the parable of the unjust judge and the persistent widow to emphasize the “necessity of praying always and not losing faith.” The widow is a model of the trust and tenacity with which His disciples are to pray. Paul recommends to Timothy (and to all of us) to persevere in prayer and ministry, by proclaiming the Word of God with persistence, and to “correct, reprove and appeal with patience.”

These readings illustrate both how and why we should pray. To “pray always” doesn’t mean we should spend all day on our knees. It’s about living with an ongoing openness to God, and staying connected with Him in every part of life. Persistent prayer is about trusting God enough to keep asking, even when we don’t yet see the answer. Prayer is not about changing God’s mind — it’s often about changing our hearts. God may be waiting to give us more than we’re even asking for — but first, He may be preparing us to receive it. Sometimes God delays, not because He doesn’t care, but because He is working in the silence. Keep praying and asking with faith even if your prayer seems unanswered. Like Moses and the widow, let us remain faithful and hopeful in our prayer.

In parish news, I invite you to join us in welcoming Bishop John Siemianowski who will celebrate the 11:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, October 26, and formally introduce me as Parish Administrator. Let us come together as one community in faith to mark this new chapter in the life of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish with joy, hope, and prayer. I also encourage the women to join a new season of Women’s Bible Study at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish. It’s a time to grow deeper in your relationship with God, connect with other women of faith, and explore the beauty of Scripture together. Contact Ashley Guinn for details.

Let us answer the Holy Father’s call to be “Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples” by praying constantly and participating in the Church’s mission.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for Us!

In Christ,

Fr Deo

