**Note: Please leave this on the ambo, thanks.**

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

**Introduction:**

Good morning / evening we welcome our parishioners to Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill/Schofields Parish.

Today’s Gospel teaches us the necessity of praying always without becoming weary. Jesus assures us that God is a loving and merciful Father who listens to us his children no matter how difficult our problems are.

The Celebrant for today’s Mass is**:**

Please now stand and join in our Entrance Hymn.

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#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (Ex 17:8-13)

*A reading from the book of Exodus*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, ‘Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek.

I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.’ Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 120. R. v.2)

***(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.***

#### 1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:

#### from where shall come my help?

#### My help shall come from the Lord

#### who made heaven and earth. (R.)

#### 2. May he never allow you to stumble!

#### Let him sleep not, your guard.

#### No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,

#### Israel’s guard. (R.)

#### 3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;

#### at your right side he stands.

#### By day the sun shall not smite you

#### nor the moon in the night. (R.)

#### 4. The Lord will guard you from evil,

#### he will guard your soul.

#### The Lord will guard your going and coming

#### both now and for ever. (R.)

#### SECOND READING  (2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2)

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people’s lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;

it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Lk 18:1-8)

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

#### Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. ‘There was a judge in a certain town’ he said ‘who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, “I want justice from you against my enemy!” For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, “Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.”’

#### And the Lord said, ‘You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** With our hands and hearts raised in prayer, let us come before God, who is our saving help. We pray.

**Reader:**  For the Holy Father, Pope Francis, our Bishop and Priests. May they continue to be beacons of love and mercy, showing the world the way to Christ.

We pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the nations of the world, that they support and intercede for those who suffer injustice.

We pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our own parish community. That it may continue to grow as a welcoming and friendly community seeking to bring the light of Christ to others.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have died. In particular those mentioned in our parish bulletin. May God’s merciful love shine on them and their loved ones left behind.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader: Together we now pray the Prayer for the Parish Community.**

**All: God, our Father, bless this parish Mary Immaculate so that we may love**

 **you more. Help the parents to be good examples to the children and our**

 **youth to grow in love and strength as good Christians.**

 **Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the**

 **aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow joy.**

 **May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become**

 **deeper in our daily living.**

**Priest:** God of mercy, you give justice to your chosen ones who are dedicated to you. Give us grace that we may work more faithfully for the coming of your kingdom and never lose heart. We ask this through Christ, your son.

**All:** Amen.