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

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C**

**Introduction:**

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

God dwells in hearts emptied of selfishness and pride. When we include our neighbors in our prayers, let our intention be for their well-being and welfare. Prayer should be free from boasting and pretension. Before God, we should learn to strike our breasts and recognize that we, like other people, are in need of his mercy and compassion.

This weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Ghana, as they provide ongoing protection and development of children who are vulnerable.

Today we will also have three collections which includes the Catholic Mission Appeal. Our First collection will take place after the gospel reading. The Catholic Mission appeal will take place at the offertory time and our regular second collection will take place after communion.

The Celebrant for today’s Mass is

Please now stand and join in our Entrance Hymn.

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#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (Sir 35:12-14, 16-18)

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus*

The Lord is a judge

who is no respecter of personages.

He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,

he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,

nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,

his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble man’s prayer pierces the clouds,

until it arrives he is inconsolable

nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,

acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow,

nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7)

***(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.***

#### 1. I will bless the Lord at all times,

#### his praise always on my lips;

#### in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

#### The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

#### 2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked

#### to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

#### The just call and the Lord hears

#### and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)

#### 3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;

#### those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

#### The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.

#### Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

#### SECOND READING  (2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18)

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

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;

and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Lk 18:9-14)

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

#### Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, ‘Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, “I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get.”

#### The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.’

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#### The Gospel of the Lord.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** The Lord is close to the lowly and the broken hearted. With humility of heart, let us now present our petitions to God, as we pray.

**Reader:**  That the Church—the People of God—may put away all self-righteousness, and be a sacrament of God’s mercy to the wayward and the lost,

We pray:

**R – Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That our government, civil, and religious leaders may attend to the needs of the poor by providing opportunities for employment or livelihood and helping them to be self-reliant,

We pray:

**R – Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our Missionary Church. May she continues to be guided by the Spirit and be a source of love and life, purpose and renewal, a place where our broken hearted, our weary, our hungry, our sick and our poor can call home.

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:** Lord God, nothing escapes your knowing. Hear the prayers of those who follow you. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**All: Amen.**