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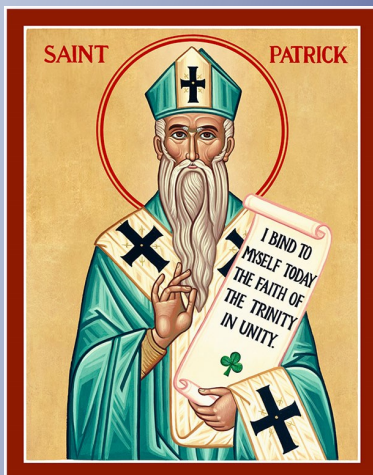
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September 27, 2026 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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4:30 pm (English)

7:00 pm (Español)

Sunday / Domingo

7:30 am (English)

9:00 am (English)

11:00 am (English)

1:00 pm (Español)

5:00 pm (English)

Monday-Friday 7:00 am & 8:00 am (English)

Saturday - 8:00 am (English)

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First Friday/primer viernes del mes: 6:30pm – 9:00pm

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BY BECOMING OBEDIENT
TO THE POINT OF DEATH,
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Philippians 2:8, ESV

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY - Sept 28 -

7:00 am - Trish Brunner (d)
8:00 am - Fred Jin (d)

TUESDAY - Sept 29 -

7:00 am - Tom & Jeanne Grier (d)
8:00 am - Antonio Samia (d)

WEDNESDAY - Sept 30 -

7:00 am - E. Grace & Family (int)
8:00 am - Jim Konkel (d)

THURSDAY - Oct. 1 -

7:00 am - Katie Malatino (d)
8:00 am - Remigia Dato - on (d)

FRIDAY -

7:00 am - Betty & Ricardo Leon (d)
8:00 am - Ed Johns (int)

SATURDAY - Oct 3 -

8:00 am - Gloria Fullum (d)
4:30 pm - Antonio Ramirez (d)
7:00 pm - Virginia Olmedo (d)
Bartolme Jimenez (d)

SUNDAY -

7:30 am - Irene & Julis Rosko (d)
9:00 am - Rylan Asbill (int)
11:00 am - Matthew Nowell (d)
1:00 pm - Francisco Alvarez Mireles (d)
Emilio Venegas (int)

5:00 pm - Margit & Dieter Dornish 40th Wedding Anniversary



PASTOR'S NOTES -

Fr. George G. Perez CSM - Pastor
XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, Jesus invites us to reflect on the difference between **saying "yes" to God and actually living that "yes."** In the Gospel, a father asks his two sons to go and work in the vineyard.

The first son says no, but later changes his mind and goes. The second says yes, but never goes. Jesus then asks, "Which of the two did his father's will?" The answer is the one whose actions ultimately reflected his father's desire.

This simple parable speaks deeply to our life as Christians. It is possible to say the right things, attend Mass, pray, and identify ourselves as Catholic, while sometimes failing to allow our faith to influence the way we live. Jesus reminds us that authentic faith is not simply about words or appearances. **Faith must become visible in our actions.**

At the same time, the Gospel gives us great hope. The first son initially said no, but he changed his mind. His story reminds us that our past does not have to determine our future. We all have moments when we have resisted God, made poor choices, neglected our responsibilities, or failed to love as Christ asks us to love. Yet God never stops calling us. Through His mercy, He gives us the grace to change and begin again.

The first reading from the prophet Ezekiel emphasizes personal responsibility. Each person is invited to turn away from sin and choose the path of life. Conversion is not something that happens only once. It is a daily invitation to examine our hearts and ask: **Am I allowing God to transform the way I think, speak, and act?**

As a parish community, we might also ask ourselves what our "yes" to God looks like. Does our worship lead us to greater charity? Do we forgive those who have hurt us? Do we welcome those who feel forgotten or distant from the Church? Are we willing to serve our families, our parish, and those in need? Our Christian witness becomes most powerful when what we celebrate at the altar is reflected in our lives.

The Eucharist nourishes us for this mission. At every Mass, Christ gives Himself to us so that we can go forth and give ourselves in love to others.

Perhaps there are areas of our lives where we have been saying "no" to God. Today, Jesus does not condemn us; He invites us to begin again. **It is never too late to change our hearts and say yes.**

May the Lord give us the grace to move beyond words and live our faith with humility, generosity, forgiveness, and love. May our "yes" to God be seen not only in what we say, but especially in what we do.

Word of the Week

kenosis

Pronounced: keh-NOH-sis

• a self-emptying to make room for meaning

The biblical concept kenosis comes from the Greek verb kenōō, meaning "to empty". It is based on the words of St. Paul in this week's second reading, which states that Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness".

It is a way of explaining how Jesus could be fully God and fully human at the same time. Jesus did not stop being God, but He laid aside the independent display of His divine glory and power. He accepted real human weaknesses, such as hunger, tiredness, pain, and death on a cross, living in submission to God the Father.

Christians view kenosis as the ultimate model of self-sacrificing love. Believers are called to emulate Christ by emptying themselves of pride, personal ambition, and selfishness in order to truly serve others.

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NOTAS DEL PÁRROCO – P. George G. Pérez, CJM - Párroco - XXVI Domingo Ordinario

Este domingo, Jesús nos invita a reflexionar sobre la diferencia entre **decir “sí” a Dios y vivir verdaderamente ese “sí”**. En el

Evangelio, un padre pide a sus dos hijos que vayan a trabajar a la viña. El primero responde que no, pero después se arrepiente y va. El segundo dice que sí, pero finalmente no va. Entonces Jesús pregunta: «¿Cuál de los dos hizo la voluntad de su padre?». La respuesta es clara: el que finalmente puso en práctica la voluntad de su padre.

Esta sencilla parábola habla profundamente de nuestra vida cristiana. Es posible decir las cosas correctas, asistir a Misa, rezar y llamarnos católicos, pero al mismo tiempo no permitir que nuestra fe transforme verdaderamente nuestra manera de vivir. Jesús nos recuerda que la fe auténtica no consiste solamente en palabras o apariencias. **La fe debe hacerse visible en nuestras acciones.**

Al mismo tiempo, este Evangelio nos ofrece una gran esperanza. El primer hijo inicialmente dijo que no, pero después cambió de corazón. Su historia nos recuerda que nuestro pasado no tiene que determinar nuestro futuro. Todos tenemos momentos en los que nos hemos resistido a Dios, hemos tomado malas decisiones, hemos descuidado nuestras responsabilidades o hemos dejado de amar como Cristo nos pide. Sin embargo, Dios nunca deja de llamarnos. Por medio de su misericordia, nos da la gracia para cambiar y comenzar de nuevo.

La primera lectura del profeta Ezequiel destaca nuestra responsabilidad personal. Cada uno está llamado a apartarse del pecado y escoger el camino de la vida. La conversión no es algo que sucede solamente una vez. Es una invitación diaria a examinar nuestro corazón y preguntarnos: **¿Estoy permitiendo que Dios transforme mi manera de pensar, hablar y actuar?**

Como comunidad parroquial, también podemos preguntarnos cómo estamos viviendo nuestro “sí” a Dios. ¿Nuestra participación en la Misa nos lleva a una mayor caridad? ¿Perdonamos a quienes nos han ofendido? ¿Acogemos a quienes se sienten olvidados o alejados de la Iglesia? ¿Estamos dispuestos a servir a nuestras familias, a nuestra parroquia y a quienes tienen necesidad? Nuestro testimonio cristiano se vuelve más poderoso cuando aquello que celebramos en el altar se refleja en nuestra vida diaria.

La Eucaristía nos alimenta para esta misión. En cada Misa, Cristo se entrega a nosotros para que también nosotros podamos salir al mundo y entregarnos a los demás mediante el amor.

Tal vez existen áreas de nuestra vida en las que hemos estado diciendo “no” a Dios. Hoy Jesús no nos condena; nos invita a comenzar de nuevo. **Nunca es demasiado tarde para cambiar nuestro corazón y decirle sí a Dios.**

Pidamos al Señor la gracia de ir más allá de las palabras y vivir nuestra fe con humildad, generosidad, perdón y amor. Que nuestro “sí” a Dios pueda verse no solamente en lo que decimos, sino especialmente en lo que hacemos.



“Jueves de Sopa”

La sopa es gratuita y se sirve los **jueves** de 4:30pm a 6:00pm en el salón parroquial.
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INSCRIPCIONES PARA CATEQUESIS

Hemos iniciado la Catequesis pero seguimos aceptando registraciones durante el mes de Septiembre.

Puede registrar de la siguiente manera:

- **En línea**, completando el formulario correspondiente que se encuentra en el website de St. Patrick's.
- **De manera presencial**, acudiendo a la oficina de catequesis para llenar la solicitud en formato impreso.

ORDEN DE INICIACION CRISTIANA

Papás que tienen niños de 7 años o mayores y aún no han sido bautizados los invitamos a registrarlos para que inicien su proceso de preparación Sacramental. Puede registrarlos en-línea a través del sitio web de St. Patrick's o pasar a la oficina de Catequesis para registrarlos personalmente. Si aun no ha registrado aun esta a tiempo, ya que daremos **inicio el primer viernes de Octubre.**

CATEQUESIS con niños de PREESCOLAR

Invitamos los padres de familia con niños de 3, 4 y 5 años a registrarlos para el programa de Preescolar. Mientras usted está en Misa, su hijo/a estará escuchando el Evangelio, y aprendiendo sobre el mensaje de Jesús. También incluiremos actividades que favorecen su desarrollo físico, cognitivo, emocional, social y de lenguaje. Puede comunicarse a la oficina de Catequesis para obtener mas información e ir al sitio web de St. Patrick para llenar la inscripción.
Este programa comenzará el primer domingo de octubre



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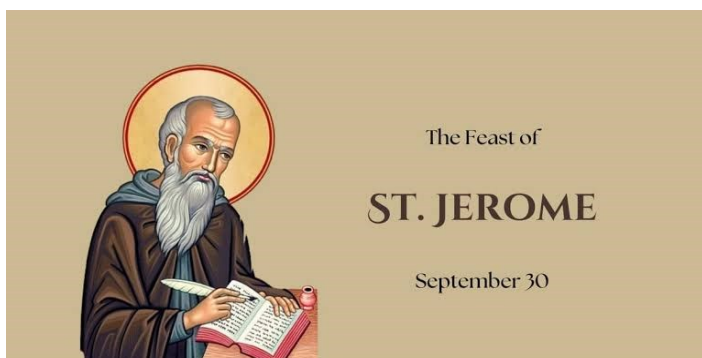
Adicional a la Catequesis tradicional este año estamos ofreciendo el modelo de **Catequesis Familiar**. En este modelo los padres asumen un papel más activo y directo en la educación religiosa de sus hijos.

Los padres que opten por este método pagarán solo una porción de la inscripción y asistirán a la sesión dos veces al mes solamente.

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Religious Education & Family Ministry (PreK – 8th grade)

Weekly Classes

Sunday classes: Sept 27, Oct 4, 18 & 25; *no class on*

Oct 11

Monday classes: Sept 28, Oct 5, 19 & 26; *no class on Oct 12*

Tuesday classes: Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20 & 27

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The key to living in God's Kingdom is the willingness to act. Even if our initial answer to something is not in line with God's will, we can ask for God's grace to change how we respond.

Prayer: Gracious God, give us the grace to do your will and respond how Jesus modeled for us.

Family Rosary in October

We will pray a family rosary on Fridays in October. We will meet in the Guadalupe Chapel on October 9, 16 and 23 from 4:00 – 4:30pm. Rosaries and prayer guides will be provided. **All are welcome.**

Registration for Religious Education is still open

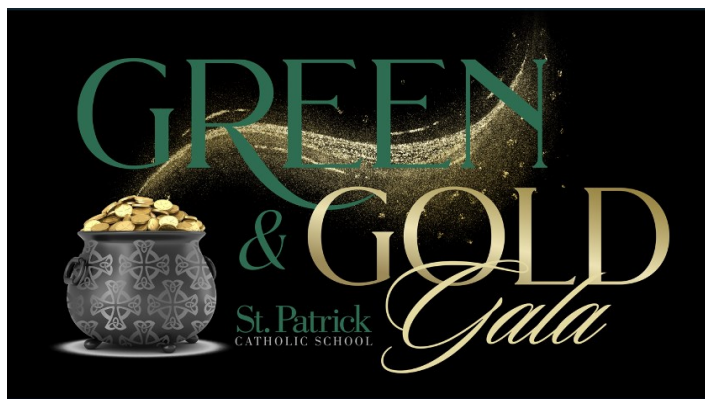
- We offer weekly classes for children in preschool and students in Kindergarten up to 8th grade that attend a public school. Classes are on Sunday morning, Monday and Tuesday afternoons.
- We offer early faith formation, preparation for First Holy Communion (and Baptism if needed) and continuing faith formation.

You may register online at www.stpatrickcarlsbad.com. Click on Religious Education, then Preschool – 8th grade. Or you may contact us at MDornisch@stpatrickcarlsbad.com or 760-729-8442 to sign up in person.

*Blessings, Margit Dornisch, Office for
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Many of you have admired and purchased articles from the **Altar Society Boutiques** held each year. As the Christmas Boutique is quickly approaching, the ladies of the Altar Society are looking for gently used Christmas decorations and household items that will make this year's event a success. Your donations can be dropped off at the church office any day during the week; just indicate that they are for the Altar Society. Our Christmas Boutique will be held this year on the weekend of **November 21st and 22nd**, be sure to mark your calendar so you don't miss out on all the surprises we have in store. Also, we have heard from the North Pole just recently, and Santa will be at our Boutique on Sunday to meet all the little and big kids. We will also have a Santa's Workshop again for the kids to make and take home a craft project.



October 10, 2026

To Support K - 8 Education, Scholarships & Enrichments

The St. Patrick Catholic School Green & Gold Gala is our premier annual fundraiser a high-energy evening that needs your support! Partner with us as a sponsor or donate to help continue our tradition of educating the hearts and minds of Carlsbad's youngest students. This gala is more than dinner, it is a collective promise to our children.

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Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary's Fall 2026 Brunch

Seasons of Hope; Leaning into God's Presence in Challenging Times

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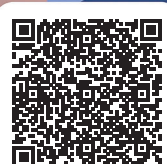
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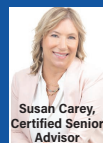
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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

It is possible to turn from sin and preserve one's life.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25:4-9

A prayer to God for mercy.

Second Reading

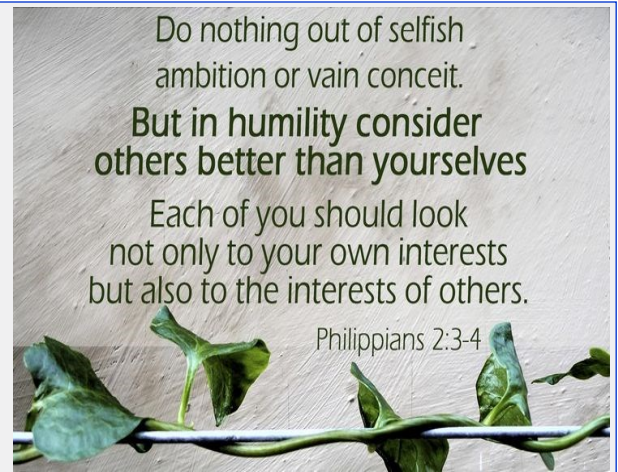
Philippians 2:1-11 (shorter form Philippians 2:1-5)

Be like Christ who humbled himself and was exalted by God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.



Background on the Gospel Reading

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus proposes is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent: tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

