

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.” - Mt 16:26-27

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Our Lady of the Lake Mission Statement

We, the Parish of Our Lady of the Lake, united in baptism and empowered by the Spirit, endeavor to live our commitment to proclaim God’s love by: being a welcoming parish community; worshipping, working and celebrating together; serving the spiritual and material needs of all; spreading the Gospel through personal witness; inviting each parishioner to active participation in our parish life and in surrounding communities; and, through our unique call, welcoming our many visitors.

We share our gifts and ourselves in the name of Jesus. †



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29 - September 4

Events

SATURDAY~August 29

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00-4:30pm-Confessional

SUNDAY~August 30

Coffee & Christ

9:15-10:15am-Faith Formation Room

MONDAY~August 31

No Events today

TUESDAY~September 1

Adult Bible Study

10:00am-Noon-Faith Formation Room

OCIA

6:30-8:30pm-St. Ignatius Room

WEDNESDAY~September 2

Stitchers

9:00am-Noon-St. Francis Room

THURSDAY~September 3

OLL Game Day

1:00-3:30pm-Faith Formation Room

Music Practice

5:15-6:45pm-Music Room

Knights of Columbus

6:30-8:00pm-Faith Formation Room

FRIDAY~September 4

1st Friday Litany to the Sacred Heart

9:40am-in the Church

Spanish Charismatic Group

6:00-9:00pm-Faith Formation Room

SATURDAY~September 5

No AM Events today

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Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm

7:00pm(Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am

10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

9:00am

WEDNESDAY

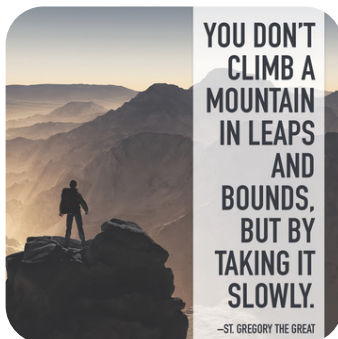
5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am

1st Friday

10:00am



Adoration

TUESDAY

Resumes September 22nd

THURSDAY

Resumes September 24th

Important Links

[Click Here For
PARISH CALENDAR](#)

[Click Here For
MASS INTENTIONS](#)

[Click Here For
FLOWER INTENTIONS](#)

*Flower Intentions
available for
October & November*

Mass Intentions

Sat.	8/29	5:00pm	Cancer patients throughout the world (Health & Healing)
Sat.	8/29	7:00pm	Taney County Parish Family (L)
Sun.	8/30	8:00am	Elaine Hope Schneider †
Sun.	8/30	10:30am	Dr. Travis Sellers †
Mon.	8/31	9:00am	Vladimir Perovich † (Birthday Deceased)
Tue.	9/1	9:00am	Tim Ackerman (L)
Wed.	9/2	5:30pm	Larry Spittler †
Thur.	9/3	9:00am	Todd Denton (Health & Healing)
Fri.	9/4	10:00am	Larry Spittler † (Anniversary DOD)



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CLICK HERE FOR DAILY MASS READINGS



Collection through August 23, 2026

Envelopes:	\$40,064.09
Plate:	\$ 7,450.76
Green Envelopes:	\$ 10,608.96
Total:	\$58,123.81

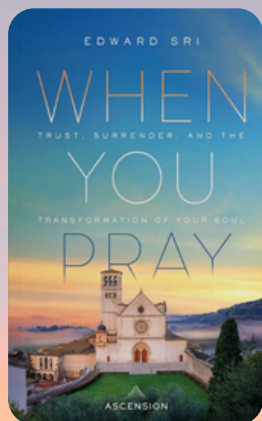
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Adult Bible Study

Tuesdays~ 10:00AM

Faith Formation Room



You know prayer is important but still find it challenging.

Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace.

- Sept. 1~session 5: The Living Flame of Love
- Sept. 8~session 6: In the World, Not of the World
- Sept. 15~session 7: Radiating Christ

Authored and presented by Dr. Edward Sri, When You Pray also features Fr. Jacques Philippe, Fr. Josh Johnson, Fr. Gregory Pine, Sister Josephine Garrett, Fr. Donald Haggerty, and Sister Maris Stella.



Coffee & Christ

9:15am to 10:15am

Faith Formation Room



Join Us for
**Foundations of Faith:
A Journey Through the Catechism
of the Catholic Church.**

Aug. 30th ~ Session 2:
Divine Revelation and Our Response in Faith
CCC 50-53, 65 (The Revelation of God)
CCC 74-87 (The Transmission of Divine Revelation)
CCC 105-108 (Inspiration & Truth of Sacred Scripture)
CCC 150 (To Believe in God Alone)
CCC 176-184 (In Brief: Man's Response to God)

Sept. 6th ~ Session 3:
The Father: Creation, Fall, and Hope
CCC 238-239 (the Father Revealed by the Son)
CCC 295-301 (The Mystery of Creation)
CCC 355-358 ("In the Image of God")
CCC 374-379 (Man in Paradise)
CCC 390-409 (The Fall & Original Sin)
CCC 410-413 (Hope for a Savior)

Participants are always welcome!
There is no required attendance!

Looking for a simple way to serve your Parish?

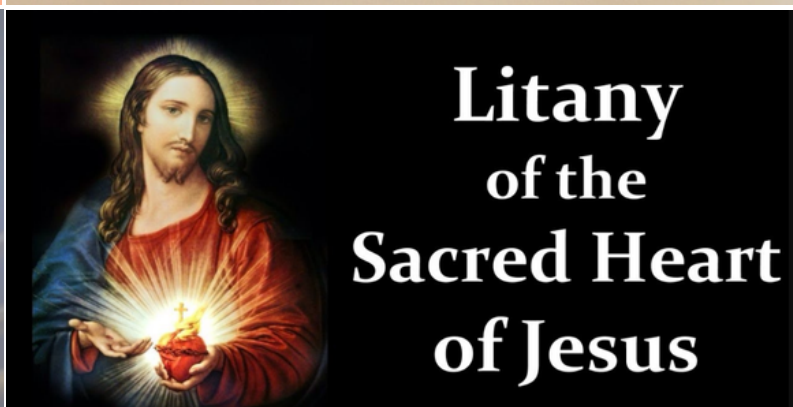
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
has the following times available

Tuesdays
Noon-1:00pm

Thursdays
11:00am-Noon
Noon -1:00pm
2:00-3:00pm
4:00-5:00pm
5:00-6:00pm

We will not have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the week before, the week of, and the week after a holiday.

If you are available for any of the specified time slots, please reach out to Julie Johnsonbaugh at julie.johnsonbaugh@gmail.com



**Beginning on
Friday, September 4th,
we will gather to pray the
Litany to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus
at 9:40 AM,
before the First Friday Masses.**

**We warmly invite
everyone to participate.**



REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION

It's that time of the year again.

Beginning **July 1, 2026** the NEW 2026-2027 Code of Conduct will be made available.

**EVERYONE THAT WORKS OR VOLUNTEERS* AT THE PARISH
NEEDS TO READ AND COMPLETE THE FORM (ANNUALLY)**

**(which include the following ministries)*

Knight of Columbus
Welcome Women
Ushers
Help Desk

Parish Office Volunteers
Sacristans
OCIA
Hospitality
Young Adult

Hispanic
Homebound
Gift Shop Volunteers
Funeral Ministry
PSR

Safety & Security
Music Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers
Bible Study Leaders
Lectors

The Code of Conduct can be accessed through the diocesan webpage:

<https://dioscg.org/child-youth-protection/>

- Scroll down - towards the bottom of the page there's a **RESOURCES SECTION**
- Select the **Prevention and Protection tab**. The documents may be found there.

OR

- Click **here** to access the form

**The Code of Conduct is to be read, signed, and submitted to the local
Safe Environment Coordinator at the parish - Nickie Rivera**

For NEW volunteers

- To begin the process, an account must first be created in VIRTUS.
[https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/\(Online account\)](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/(Online account))
For Organization Select: Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO (Diocese)
- There the Background Screening Application will be prompted and is now completed online through their VIRTUS account.
- The training, which includes "Protecting God's Children" and "Mandated and Ethical Reporting", are accessible through their VIRTUS account and are also completed online.

If you need assistance, please contact

Nickie Rivera

Please call, text, or email

417-251-1819 Cell

NickieRivera@ollbranson.com

Director of Formation

Any questions may be directed to the

Associate Safe Environment Coordinator,

Shelly Ferry, sferry@dioscg.org or

the Director of Child and Youth Protection,

Bill Holtmeyer, billholtmeyer@dioscg.org

or at The Catholic Center, (417) 866-0841.

*Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of creating a safe environment
for all to worship, learn, and grow in their faith.*



PSR

(Parish School of Religion)

September & October

There are several opportunities to participate in PSR this year.



Registration for grades K-12th will take place after the Masses on Sept. 12 & 13th or you can contact Nickie Rivera at (417) 251-1819 (cell)

TUESDAY

Tues. Evening 6:30-8:30pm

A deeper dive into OUR Catholic Faith

- September 15
- September 22
- September 29
- October 6
- October 13
- October 20
- October 27

All classes will be held in the lower level of the church, unless stated otherwise.

WEDNESDAY

**Wednesday Evening
6:30-7:30pm**

Traditional Classroom PSR

- September 16
- September 23
- September 30
- October 7
- October 14
- October 21
- October 28

THURSDAY

**Thursday Morning
Homeschool PSR
9am- Noon**

- 9:00am - Mass
followed by fellowship
- 10:00-11:30am
Classroom activities
- 11:30-Noon
fellowship
 - September 17
 - September 24
 - October 1
 - October 8
 - October 15
 - October 22
 - October 29

THURSDAY

**Thursday Evening
6:00-7:00pm**

****In the Church by the Adoration Chapel***

- September 17
- September 24
- October 1
- October 8
- October 15
- October 22
- October 29



Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Our Spiritual Springboard: Highlighting 70 Years of Diocesan Blessings

To mark its 70th anniversary milestone, the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau recently hosted its first-ever Diocesan Eucharistic Congress at the West Plains Civic Center. Established on August 24, 1956, by Pope Pius XII, our diocese was carved from the St. Louis Archdiocese and Kansas City Diocese to serve the southern third of Missouri. Reflecting on this milestone celebration, Bishop Edward Rice called upon the faithful to join together, “so that we can truly be one church, east to west, united in the Eucharist.”

Spanning 25,719 square miles across 39 counties, our unique diocese is anchored by two mother churches: the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Springfield (west) and St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral in Cape Girardeau (east). Living in a region where Catholics make up about 5% of the population, these seven decades have fostered a deeply tight-knit community known for local evangelization and strong ecumenical relationships.

The Legacy of Our Seven Shepherds

Our diocese has been uniquely nicknamed a spiritual “springboard” because its early leaders were repeatedly promoted to major global assignments. Over 70 years, these seven bishops have left profound, lasting marks on our history:

- **Most Rev. Charles H. Helmsing (1956–1962)** – As our first bishop, he built the initial diocesan infrastructure from scratch and dedicated his work to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- **Most Rev. Ignatius J. Strecker (1962–1969)** – Guided the diocese through the historic renewals of Vatican II and established our first Parish Councils to empower lay leadership.
- **Most Rev. William Baum (1970–1973)** – Prioritized ecumenical dialogue before being named Archbishop of Washington, elevated to Cardinal, and helping draft the universal Catechism in Rome.
- **Most Rev. Bernard Law (1973–1984)** – Greatly expanded local ministries, social outreach, and established our diocesan newspaper, *The Mirror*, before being named Archbishop of Boston and later elevated to Cardinal.
- **Most Rev. John J. Leibrecht (1984–2008)** – Our beloved, longest-serving bishop guided us for 23 years. A passionate educator, he led national Catholic education initiatives and expanded parish facilities.
- **Most Rev. James Vann Johnston, Jr. (2008–2015)** – Focused heavily on spiritual preparation, local vocations, and a strategic plan to revitalize local Catholic identity.
- **Most Rev. Edward M. Rice (2016–Present)** – Our current bishop leads with a joyful focus on parish revitalization and priestly & religious vocations and called our historic Eucharistic Congress to anchor our people in the Real Presence.

Our Lady of the Lake: Roots in Branson

As our diocese celebrates 70 years, our own parish family here at Our Lady of the Lake looks back on a legacy that deeply predates the diocese itself! Our community originally began as a mission church in 1921, serving early settlers, railroad workers, and homesteaders. We found our first permanent home in 1936 when Msgr. James J. McCaffrey officially dedicated a converted stone structure formerly used by the Farmers Bank.

As Branson’s tourist economy grew, our community expanded, leading to the dedication of a larger church on Vaughn Drive in 1971, with Bishop William Baum officiating. During the entertainment “boom” years of the late 1980s and 1990s, visitors poured in from all over the world, prompting a structural “Vision for the Future”. Today, we are a thriving parish family welcoming over 150,000 “part-time parishioners” and visitors annually alongside our active, year-round households.

Today, under the patronage of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne and Pope St. Pius X, our diocese serves over 65,000 Catholics across 66 parishes. As we look back on 70 years of diocesan blessings, we give thanks for the heroic priests, religious, and lay faithful, both across southern Missouri and right here in Branson, who built the vibrant community we enjoy today. May God continue to bless the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau and Our Lady of the Lake Parish!

Looking for a
gift for that
hard to buy for
person!

Memorial Bricks

Interested in a
Memorial Brick
for the next
installation?

*Paver bricks are available to remember loved ones,
signify special celebrations and commemorate the
celebration of life!*



Meditation Garden



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memorial-bricks](http://ollbranson.com/memorial-bricks)**

or

**CALL the parish office
417-334-2928**



Memorial Flag Pole



CONNECT



LEARN

HELP

Register for the September Give 5 classes and spend your Tuesdays learning more about your community and discovering where your unique skills, talent, interests, and extra time can make a difference.

We meet at the Branson Chamber on Gretna.

September 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

8:30am to 3:30pm



Taney & Stone County

GIVE 5



*To register -
Please use our QR Code
or use the website address below.*

<https://www.ollbranson.com/give5>

OLL Games

Join us September 3rd OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room



Swoop: Barbie and the Gang

Barbie is from St Louis and
is Harry's sister-in-law

Big Winner Butch -223

Harry -258 Jeanie -354

Sharon A -450

Lil' Winner Barbie -457

Barbie thanks for sharing
Harry with us!

OLL Train: 3 Silly Gals & Father
BIG Winner Judy E -114

Julie J -371

Lil' Winner Mary -394

Bragging Rights!

Julie J - out 4 Judy E - out 3

Father & Mary - out 1

NEW Contender Remy - out 7



Smiles and NO Hard Feelings???



OLL Train: Cavaliers
BIG Winner Remy -214
and the NEW Contender
out 7 times!

Joe -257 Eva -267

Lil' Winner Ed -354



Father J is saving a seat for you! Come sit a spell!



Mahjong Table

Monnie -25 Susan C -50

Joyce -25 One Game to the Wall



*Come
Join Us*

Thanks to the Gamers
for helping Joyce
celebrate a HAPPY
Birthday!!!





BLOOD CRISIS

Help save lives.

Donors are needed immediately to help save lives.



**American
Red Cross**

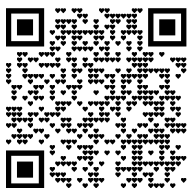
*The American Red Cross has declared a **national blood crisis**. Blood donations have fallen to a four-year summer low. All blood types are needed, but **the situation is especially dire for type O blood**.*

Blood Drive **Our Lady Of The Lake** **Catholic Church**

Parish Center
202 Vaughn Drive
Branson, MO 65616

Friday, September 18, 2026

12:00PM to 5:00PM



Scan to schedule
an appointment

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) OR
CLICK THE LINK BELOW OR GO TO –
www.redcrossblood.org use code OURLADYBRANSON
to schedule appointment

Two more ways you can help restock the shelves:

Bring a friend to
donate with you.



Spread the word
about the need in
your community.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS *for* VOCATIONS

Bishop Rice will celebrate the *Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart* for Vocations each First Friday of the month, followed by the Rosary.

All parishes are invited to celebrate **First Friday Masses for Vocations** as we continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese.

BISHOP RICE'S SCHEDULE *for* FIRST FRIDAY MASS:

Fri., Sept. 4 St. Agnes Cathedral, *Springfield* **5:30 p.m.**

BACK TO SCHOOL Blessings!




THEOLOGY OF THE BODY EDUCATORS
LEARN • LIVE • GIVE

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY Conference WEEKEND

Rediscovering the Human Person Through the Teachings of St. John Paul II

SPEAKERS



Genevieve Scherer



Deacon Alvin Stoverink



Deacon Thomas Schumer



Nicholas Koeppel



Madeline Doucet



SEMO Students Free.

Location:
Catholic Campus Ministry, SEMO
Cape Girardeau, MO

September 12-13 Register Here

Cape Girardeau, MO www.tobeducators.com tobeducators@gmail.com

The Mirror



Our Story, Reflected in Faith...

Since 1965, *The Mirror* has served as the heartbeat of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. It is more than just our diocesan newspaper; it is a chronicle of our growth, our challenges, and our shared journey in Christ.



If you are not currently a digital subscriber, we invite you to become one!



Scan the QR code to sign up now!



"May our Diocesan Eucharistic Congress be a time of renewal and deepening faith.

May our love of Jesus, His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity compel us to care for those in need."

Bishop Edward M. Rice



August
PRAYER INTENTION





FALL 2026 BNLW WORKSHOP

12-Weeks | 7pm-8:30pmCT | Zoom



BEGINS SEPTEMBER 3RD!

Whether you are considering separation, in the midst of divorce, or years beyond it, healing is possible.

THROUGH THIS PROGRAM YOU WILL ENCOUNTER



Emotional Healing

Process grief and loss, anger, anxiety, & isolation.



Spiritual Renewal

Deepen your relationship with God and rediscover hope.



Practical Support

Learn tools for communication, boundaries, forgiveness, and co-parenting.



Community

Connect with others who truly understand.



A New Beginning

Gain new confidence, clarity, and peace.

Presented by Abounding Joy Ministry

In partnership with the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau and dioceses and parishes nationwide.



Scan to Learn
More & Register



Discount Code: SCG-100F26

Join in-person from Holy Trinity
(Marshfield), St. Peter the Apostle (Joplin),
or online from your home.

QUESTIONS?



Carolyn@aboundingjoyministry.com



608-547-9484



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Renew, Refresh, and Reignite Your Marriage

If your calendar tells the story of your life, what does it say about the importance of your marriage?

Schedule a weekend to renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience!

For information, visit: www.wmenc.org



Upcoming Weekend

September 18-20, 2026

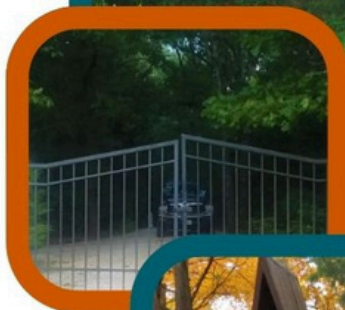
Congregation of the Mother of the Redeemer
Retreat Center - Carthage, Missouri





COME & SEE

Discover... IS GOD CALLING ME?



SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 12
9:30-4:30

MARY THE FONT SOLITUDE

6150 ANTIRE ROAD, HIGH RIDGE, MO

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 9.

LUNCH PROVIDED

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 19
9:30-4:30

QUEEN OF HEAVEN SOLITUDE

12494 HWY T, MARIONVILLE, MO

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 16.

Both events are open to 14-49 year-olds

For more information, visit our website!

www.marythefont.org

SPEND A DAY TO EXPERIENCE AN EREMITICAL-MONASTIC LIFE, LIVED WITH SOME LIMITED ELEMENTS OF CENOBITIC-MONASTICISM, AND LIMITED, DIRECT, AND WHOLLY APOSTOLATES, IN THE CONTEXT OF MATERIAL SIMPLICITY AND EVANGELICAL POVERTY. MEET THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE SOCIETY OF OUR MOTHER OF PEACE.

CALL OR EMAIL US:

SONS OF OUR MOTHER OF PEACE, CP. 636-212-5042 OR PHONE 417-744-2011, SMPVOCATIONS@GMAIL.COM
DAUGHTERS OF OUR MOTHER OF PEACE, 636-495-5382, SMPSISTERSVOC@GMAIL.COM

"What is the Curé d'Ars favorite position for prayer?"



"On his St. John **Vian-KNEES**."

FUN FACT!



St. John Vianney, known as the Curé d'Ars, was a French priest in Ars, France, who was known for transforming his community through prayer and devotion... and his dedication to hearing confessions (sometimes for up to 18 hours a day!)

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TODAY
Anything
IS
POSSIBLE

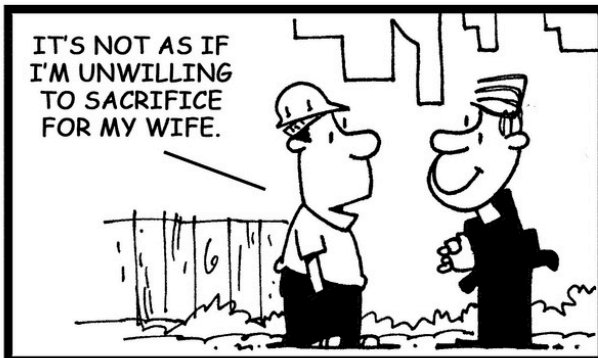
CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to Catholic tradition, what is the holiest night of the year?

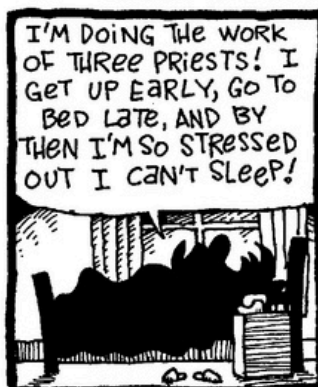
Answer: The Vigil of Easter

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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I Just Told You!

MIGUEL DULICK

Would it surprise you to know that Jesus uses the same Greek verb to chase Peter away—“Get behind me, Satan!” (Matthew 16:23) that he used to call him in the first place—“Come after me” (Matthew 4:19)? Pity the translator who must assign opposite meanings to the same word! Jesus changed Simon’s name to Peter when he called him, and now he changes it to Satan for his demotion. But, as harsh as the rebuke is, maybe we could say Jesus does want Peter behind him, but not *too* far behind. In fact, immediately after dealing with Peter, Jesus issues a general call, using the same “trigger” word: “Whoever wishes to *come after* me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

The cross! That’s how the controversy started, when Peter “took Jesus aside” (literally, “collared” him) to forbid even the thought of any passion or any cross. (See Matthew 16:22.)

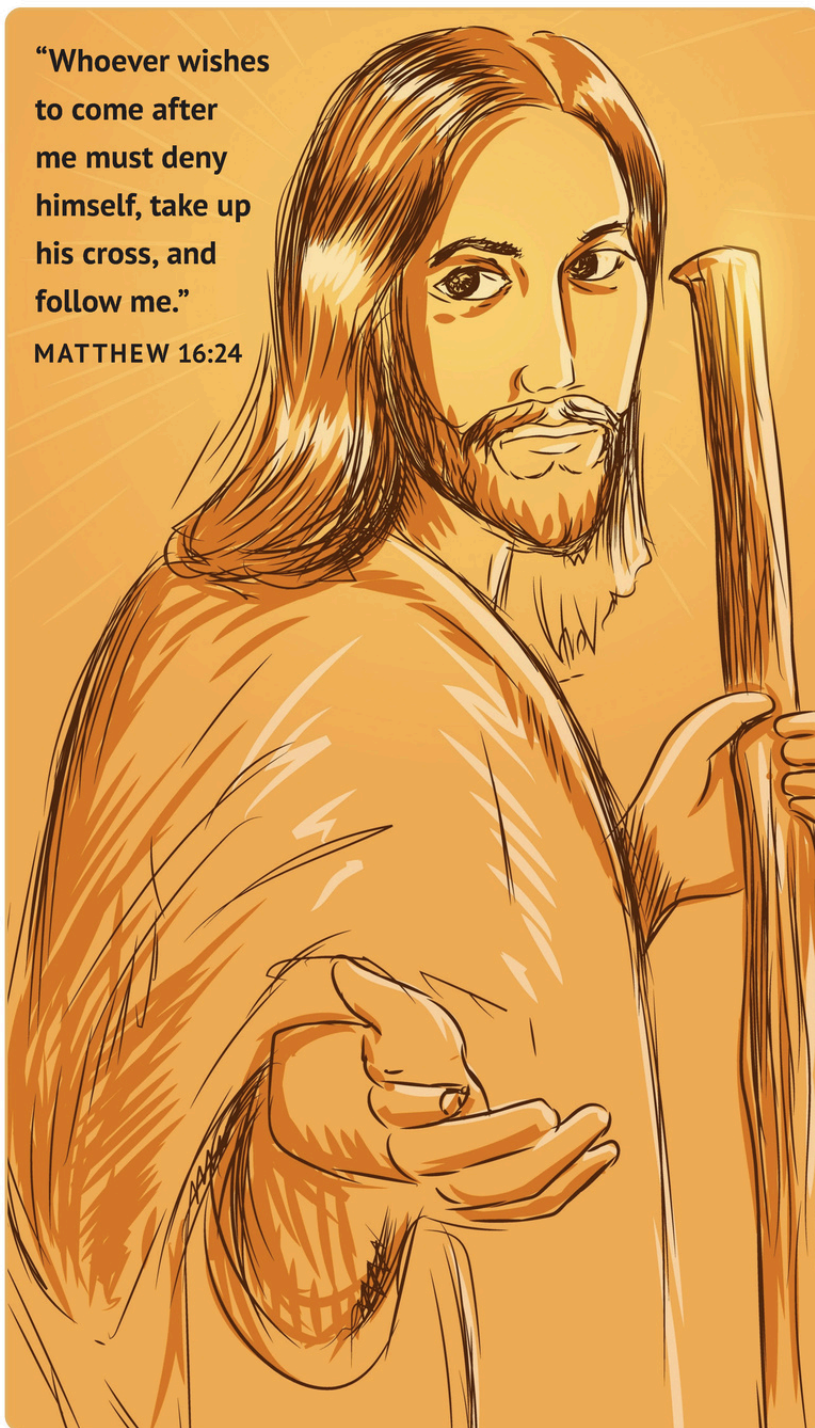
How am I tempted as Peter was to avoid any talk of a cross? I don’t even want to admit I’m a sinner, much less that there is a cross for me. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has some advice for all of us who think like Satan: “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God,” and “Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God” (Romans 12:1–2). Everything for Jesus. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

**“Whoever wishes
to come after
me must deny
himself, take up
his cross, and
follow me.”**

MATTHEW 16:24



Reflect

What cross are you carrying? Can you unite it with Jesus’ cross and offer it as prayer?

Readings for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday:

1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101,
102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,
13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/
Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/
Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, **"Get behind me, Satan."**

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a *suffering* Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. **"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."** In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

— Father John Muir

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I say to myself, I will not mention him,
I will speak in his name no more.
But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones. (Jer 20:9)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

Gospel:

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Mt 16:25)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Plenty of people are drawn to Jesus. Curious about him. Inspired by him. But can they carry the cross? Today, Jesus tells us that we cannot have one without the other — it is Christ and the cross, or nothing at all. Which will we choose?

Observances for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Virtuous zeal refers to an all-consuming love, which has for its object the Lord Himself. Closeness with God is impeded by anything contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ, so no person can be "zealous" for God if they are violent or hateful.

Prayer for Vocations

Dear God,
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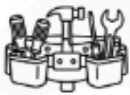
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WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am (Live-Streamed)

WEEKDAY

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9:00 am
Wednesday 5:30 pm
1st Friday 10:00 am

Holy Day of Obligation
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RECONCILIATION

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ADORATION

Tuesday 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

1st Wednesday of the month (Will RESUME in the Fall)

Thursday 9:30 am - 7:00 pm

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