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Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 20, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Genesis 18:1-10a / Colossians 1:24-28 / Luke 10:38-42



Good News!

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FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

These days, when people come to confession, they seldom list their sins by name and number. Quite often, it seems, they simply talk about their lives, about the chaos in which they seem to be living, about the relationships that are less than what they would hope, about the values they've let slide sometimes into the muck, about how they've turned in upon themselves, and about how caring for others has faded from their lives. After they've told their stories, I will usually ask if they take any time in the day to be quiet and if they pray in whatever way they find helpful and with some regularity. Invariably, they will say that they've let such prayer time slip away; that they have not been praying the way they once did. In such cases, I often suggest that as penance, they take some time—even just a little time—in the next day or two to simply quiet themselves in the presence of God.

Life will always tend to be chaotic. These days, there is too much going on for life not to be. But, quiet and reflective prayer seems to bring a balance, a refocusing upon what is important and what is trivial. Without that, we can become overwhelmed and lose our way. It is what the Martha/Mary story is about. It's not that our own Martha-service is not worthwhile. It's crucially important in order to make life hum along in an orderly fashion. But without Mary's reflective part, our lives can become muddled drudgery. ●

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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9:15 AM
St. John of the Cross

Saturday: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 11:00 AM ~ English
6:00 PM ~ Spanish

Daily Mass:

Mon., Tues., & Fri. ~ 8:00 AM
Thurs. (Sp.) ~ 6:00 PM ~

Adoration ~

Thurs. (Sp.) - 6:30 PM

1st Saturday Mass: 8:00 AM

Reconciliation

Thursday: 5:30 PM

Saturday: 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Sunday: 5:30 PM

Please contact Fr. Patrick by phone or email if you need to make an appointment for Confession or **Anointing of the Sick.**

Parish Office Hours

St. John of the Cross

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs.

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

CLOSED FOR LUNCH

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

OFFICE IS CLOSED

Fri., Sat., & Sun.

Worship & Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.-July 20 9:15 AM	People of the Parish
Sun.-July 27 9:15 AM	† Den. Jim Culpepper (1st anniv.) by Eva Culpepper and Family People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST

May He bless all who are in need of His strength, especially:

Ana Culpepper, Henry Garrett, Kenton Heider, Paula Heider, Gerald Lindsey, Melba Malik, Cheryl Marshall, Kyle Metz, Adrian Nunez, Daniel Nunez, Phillip Torres, Paige Trevino, Adolfo Trevino, and Bo Weaver

Praying for expecting mothers and their babies:
Grace Hill, Theresa Laurienti, and Laura Perez

Please contact the parish office for any additions or deletions.



Praying for our Military

We remember these service personnel in each 'Mass for the Families of the Parish'

Air Force: Preston Holliday,
Christopher, Randall Lauer II Alayah Moore,
Audrey Winstead

Army: Father Jim Craig, Magdeleena Delaney,
Celine De Los Santos,
Allen McDonald, Jacob Madrid,
Fernando Ramos III, Tyree Winstead

Coast Guard: Corey Bunton and Joshua Salinas

Marines: Aurora Alarcon, Hunter Frees, and
Andre Rodriguez

Navy: Cory Elyasevich



Stewardship of Treasure

PREVIOUS WEEK	07/06/2025	CURRENT WEEK	07/14/2025
Collection	\$475.00	Collection	\$505.00
Retired Priests' Fund	\$50.00	Texas Flood Victims	\$334.00
June Online Giving	\$1,126.00		



Next week our parish will take up a collection to support the **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

Parish Organizations

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 15 @ 2PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335 NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 5



Rosary: 6:40 PM at the KOC Building
Men 18 yrs. & older are welcome

The Knight of Columbus #8335 held
an exemplification ceremony
on Tuesday, July 15 and welcomes their newest member-

Vincent Gordon.



Works of Mercy

The next bread and pastries distribution will occur at
SFoA on Saturday, July 12, at 9AM
and at **SJoC on July 23**.



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions:
St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, July 26, at 9AM
St. John of the Cross on Thursday, August 7, at 9AM.



Thank you,
Woodmen of the
World,
for your donation
to our
Works of Mercy Food
Pantry.

A Note from our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I continue from last week's bulletin. I quote, "The putting off of the job until it is "absolutely necessary" is common for most houses and even for companies. But when that decision comes that we can no longer put it off, we have to set up the plan and the budget to get these major renovations done. Well, that day has come for our parish and we are embarking on planning and budgeting."



The next project from the Master Plan Committee is the Parish Parking Lot. According to the records I was able to research, the parking lot was last fully repaved and striped around 2005. Then in 2012 construction of the new office/rectory building, and in 2017 with the construction of the Religious Education Building, there were plumbing and sewer modifications in the center of the parking lot. The parking lot has been evaluated and there are several absolutely necessary repairs and upgrades.



The first concern is the edge of the sidewalk and curbing on the south side the church. That 18-24" inch space between the sidewalk and the edge of the parking lot should have parking stops to prevent autos from coming too far forward and blocking the sidewalk. This is extremely important for our seniors with canes and others with walking difficulties to get from their car to the handicapped entrance on the south side of the church. This problem of cars parking over the sidewalk extends down the entire length of the parking lot from the front of the church and all the way down to the Religious Education Building.



The large pothole and other minor potholes in the center of the parking lot is the second concern. It is evident from the pictures that there were two or three major repairs done under the parking lot several years ago that required the digging up and then a repaving patch to the parking lot. These patched repairs overtime often sink, creating a pothole that with time continues to grow into a major pothole with the constant car traffic over it.



The third concern is the areas that flood after a good rain. The parking lot area outside of the entrance door to the kitchen in the parish hall and all the way to the Knights of Columbus building are often underwater following a good rain. This southwest corner of the parking lot space closest to the KC building has sunken and is now covered with dirt that grass has taken hold on top of the parking lot and possibly through the asphalt. Each year this grassy section gets a little bit larger as the grass continues to creep forward. This allows water to build under the asphalt and accelerate the deterioration of the parking lot surface.

The fourth concern is the handicapped accessibility to the parish hall. The current ramp is too small and not up to ADA requirements. In addition, the ramp needs to be properly resurfaced for both wheelchairs and mobility assistance canes. And upon a close inspection while there is a handicapped ramp, there are no handicapped stripped parking spaces adjacent to the parish hall ramp on the east side entrance of the parish hall. And the most commonly used north side double door entrance of the parish hall has no handicapped accessibility. With parking lot renovations of this size, we are required to bring buildings into compliance with ADA regulations.



A complete removal and replacing the entire parking lot's surface is suggested as the best answer for all of these concerns. If not addressed, the potholes will continue to enlarge and deepen, and the grassy growth on the sunken places will continue to expand. And the ADA modifications with the parking stops and the ramps is required by our Christian charity for our fellow parishioners with such needs, as well as compliance with federal regulations. This is a repair that we can no longer put off!

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Patrick

Diocesan News

COMPASS ~ Creating and Maintaining a Safe Environment is changing. The new Safe Environment platform is now **COMPASS**. All individuals volunteering in the Diocese of Corpus Christi MUST complete the safe environment training.

In-person trainings will no longer be offered; all training must be completed through the online platform.

Once your certification expires, or nears its expiration, the diocese will send an email with a link and instructions to complete the training through the COMPASS platform.

No action is required until you receive an email from the diocese. If you did not provide an email when you last completed the training or your email address has changed, you do need to contact the parish office to update your contact information as the diocese will use email to communicate requirements and trainings.

If you need help navigating this new platform, feel free to call or come by the parish office. We'll be happy to



SYNODALITY IN MOTION ~ Explore the importance of listening, accompaniment, and communication with Synodality in Motion. This special monthly series will be presented on ZOOM and will focus on how we can utilize principles of synodality in our everyday lives and grow as the Body of Christ. This is a free seminar. The first session will take place on Wednesday, August 13.

Sign up at <https://form.jotform.com/communicationsdofcc/synodalitysessions>

Community

Patrice Adams Foundation—Benefit Dinner and Dance * Live & Silent Auction

Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Orange Grove Rifle Club

Doors open at 6:00PM. Drawing begins at 6:30PM. Dancing from 8:00PM—12:00 midnight.

Donation: \$100 for two people Website: patriceadamsfoundation.org

Live music featuring
Nashville artist:
J.R. Castillo & Unwound

Vacation Bible School

We had 65 pups, huskies, and wolves join us for a Northern Excursion at VBS this week! They learned that Jesus is our true north!





St. John of the Cross Catholic Church

SOCIEDAD GUADALUPANAS
BINGO IN JULY FUNDRAISER

Sunday, July 20, 2025
Parish Hall

Doors open at 12:00pm for Food and Drinks
Sweets Auction and Raffle Drawings at Intermission

BINGO starts at 1:00pm

\$20.00 for BINGO book for 10 Games (4 to a page)

**"Please come and support us for a couple of
hours of fun and fellowship!"**



Dear Padre,

"Lead us not into temptation..." God does not lead us into temptation, so what is this saying?

You are of the same mind as the pope! In 2019, Pope Francis approved changing the Lord's Prayer, that is, changing the phrase "lead us not into temptation" to "do not let us fall into temptation." Pope Francis said that the original appeared to suggest that God caused the temptation. However, most Scripture scholars agree that "lead us not into temptation" is the best translation from the Greek. It's a subjunctive verb. It's used in the second person, addressed directly to God. And it really does say "do not lead us into temptation."

What did the pope hope to accomplish? Those who are most familiar with the pope say that what he was trying to clarify was not anchored in the intricacies of translation but rather anchored in pastoral life. He wanted to focus the attention of God's people on their action, "falling into temptation," and not on a misunderstanding of what Jesus was teaching. It was a point of focus and clarification to help us in our spiritual journey and our understanding of our relationship with God. Understood in this sense, the new translation would accomplish this pastoral purpose. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



The Temptation of Christ by Otto Münch, relief on the door of Grossmünster Church in Zurich, Switzerland.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27
Weekday	St. Mary	Weekday	Weekday	St. James,	Sts. Joachim and	Seventeenth
Ex 14:5-18	Magdalene	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11,	Apostle	Anne, Parents	Sunday in
Mt 12:38-42	Sg 3:1-4b or	Mt 13:1-9	16-20b	2 Cor 4:7-15	of the Blessed	Ordinary Time
	2 Cor 5:14-17		Mt 13:10-17	Mt 20:20-28	Virgin Mary	Gn 18:20-32
	Jn 20:1-2, 11-18				Ex 24:3-8	Col 2:12-14
					Mt 13:24-30	Lk 11:1-13



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

When I start my day, do I throw myself headlong into the things to be done, or do I first seek inspiration in the Word of God? At times, we begin the day automatically, we start doing things...like hens. No. We must start the day by first of all looking to the Lord, taking his Word...allowing this to be the inspiration for the day.

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