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Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 27, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Genesis 18:20–32 / Colossians 2:12–14 / Luke 11:1–13



Good News!

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FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Consider how there are five levels of communication, each level taking us deeper into a relationship and what it means to be human. *One*, the greetings we offer as we pass: Good morning! How's it going? *Two*, a sharing of activities: what we did, what someone said. *Three*, an expression of ideas, as in what we think about raising children or our political opinions or why we believe there may be conflicts in the world. *Four*, revealing our feelings both positive and negative: feelings of love or gratitude or contentment as well as of being hurt or rejected or disappointed. *Five*, a sense of intense closeness and *being with*, perhaps even without speaking or using any words. Each level, then, takes us deeper into a shared relationship.

Consider, then, how ever-deepening prayer may follow that same pattern. *One*, memorized or rote prayer. *Two*, telling God what is on our mind, even though it is a one-sided conversation. *Three*, commonly called “meditation” but, more simply, thinking about God and life and our faith response, as in the musing that may follow spiritual reading. *Four*, often referred to as “praying our feelings,” such as reflecting on our human emotions and what they might say about us, our faith, and how the journey of our faith life is unfolding. *Five*, a sense of simply *being with* God, even without words, and simply resting in that holy presence. Each level of prayer, then, leads us ever more into a shared relationship with our God. ●

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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 27 9:15 AM	† Dcn. Jim Culpepper (1st anniv.) by Eva Culpepper and Family † Phyllis A. Toler by Charles D. Toler People of the Parish
Sun.-Aug. 3 9:15 AM	† Yolanda Ochoa by Her Loving Husband Altar and Rosary Society on their Communion Sunday 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:

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

Please pray for our

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY!

Please call the parish office or use the online form to submit
names & branch of service.



Stewardship of Treasure

PREVIOUS WEEK	07/14/2025	CURRENT WEEK	07/20/2025
Collection	\$505.00	Collection	\$749.00
Texas Flood Victims	\$334.00	Church in Africa	\$280.00
		Retired Priests' Fund	\$250.00

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

Works of Mercy

The next bread and pastries distribution will occur at

SJoC on July 30, and at

SFoA on Saturday, August 9, at 9AM.



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions:

St. John of the Cross on **Thursday, August 7**, at 9AM
and **St. Francis of Assisi** on **Saturday, August 23** at 9AM.

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

COASTAL BEND BLOOD CENTER BOOD DRIVE ~ Sunday, August 24 at St. John of the Cross from 8:00AM—1:00PM.

Appointments are recommended and walk-ins are welcome! Scan the QR code or visit our website at coasalbendblood-center.org. Donors will receive a t-shirt. *While supplies last.* **Photo ID needed.**



Orange Grove to:

Mathis - \$6
Alice - \$7

Corpus Christi - \$10
Kingsville - \$14

Call (361) 668-3158 to schedule.

A Note from our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

With the ongoing Capital Campaign Project list from the St. John of the Cross Master Plan Committee, this week I would like to share the status of the parish hall roof and its need for a total replacement. It is believed that this is the original roof from the 1960 construction of the hall and that there have been several repairs of the years. In the picture of the entire roof you can see the long white lines



of the roof repair done in 2019 over the entire length of the roof ridge. This was to be a temporary repair to last about four years that is now almost seven years. The edges of this long repair have started to peel back and are no longer repairable.

On the southside of the roof is the worst damage from tree branches that accelerated the rust damage on over a third of the roof. In the closeup of the roof damage you can see from the 2019 repair the series of white dots that were a patch over each of the screws that are



holding the metal roofing material to the roof. Each



of those spots are now points of rust where the patch has given way and the integrity of the roof is deteriorating. If you look closely at the long roof picture you can see that the series of rusted white marks goes the entire length of the roof. The rusting of the roof, while not visible in all of these photos, covers the entire roof. While there are no major visible leaks in the ceiling tiles, there are a few smaller stains in

the ceiling tiles appearing each month. Even with our lack of heavy rains, there still are the beginnings of leaks that we hope correct with a new roof. What is not known and can only be determined is the condition of the decking and the felt under metal sheets and any other damage to the rafters. It is the current opinion of the three companies that inspected the roof that a total roof replacement is the best course of action.



In December 2017, the new Religious Education Building was dedicated, right before I arrived to the parish in July 2018. On the eastside of the building in the grassy area is the electrical box of the fuses and breakers for the Religious Education Building. In the eight years since the religious education building has opened, this outside electrical box has rusted quite significantly and now needs to be replaced. The pictures show that the rust problem is over the entire box. The internal workings of the box are still operating well, but the rust problem has now significantly encroached on the interior of the box. The electrical companies that did inspections first thought we might just need to replace the external



covering, but that box covering needed is no longer available. It will require a completely new box with eight new main power switches needed for the eight sections of the prefabricated religious education building.



And while I am discussing the Religious Education Building, please see these pictures of two of the eight HVAC system units that are closest to complete failure. Last week we were able to get them back in a working state, but we were also warned that we should be getting ready for replacement for these two. The other six units are okay only with frequent freon recharging every few months, but they should also be on the replacement list in the coming years. The type of HVAC units that are used in the RE building are self-contained units that are currently costing around \$5,000.00 each. To convert these into split systems would be an additional cost. To be sure that the RE Building remains in a usable state, this repair is on the Master Plan List.



Keep praying for these parish repairs and the Capital Campaign Project. Now that the parish knows the enormous extent of the Master Plan, I hope to discuss how we as a parish need to respond to take care of these needs and the on-going infrastructure of our parish and its buildings.

Love and Prayers,
Fr. Patrick

Dear Padre,

Who wrote the Lord's Prayer? I know the Lord's Prayer comes from Scripture, but who composed it as we say it today?

When the disciples asked the Lord to teach them to pray, he taught them the prayer we know as the Our Father. Two versions of that prayer appear in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The version used in the Church's liturgies is derived from Matthew 6:9–13. In fact, citing St. Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae*, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls the Lord's Prayer the "most perfect of prayers" (2774), teaching us not only what things to pray for in our prayer but also in what order, or priority, we should desire them. It is at the heart of every individual and communal prayer.

We pray the Our Father, bearing in mind and heart the intimate relationship we have with our God as sons and daughters by adoption through our baptism. The specific wording of our prayers is a work in progress. What we think of as the final wording is that which the Church has approved and makes the most sense for prayer as a community. What is most important is that the substance of the prayer reflects the same matter the Lord used in the prayer. ●

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, 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*.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Herein lies the novelty of Christian prayer! It is a dialogue between people who love each other, a dialogue based on trust, sustained by listening and open to a commitment to solidarity. It is the dialogue of a Son with his Father, a dialogue between children and their Father. This is Christian prayer.

ANGELUS, ROME,
JULY 28, 2019



PAUL HARINO



REMIJA SEDMAKOVA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday

July 28

Weekday

Ex 32:15–24, 30–34

Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday

July 29

Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Ex 33:7–11; 34:5b–9, 28

Jn 11:19–27 or Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

July 30

Weekday

Ex 34:29–35

Mt 13:44–46

Thursday

July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 40:16–21, 34–38

Mt 13:47–53

Friday

August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27, 34b–37

Mt 13:54–58

Saturday

August 2

Weekday

Lv 25:1, 8–17

Mt 14:1–12

Sunday

August 3

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21–23

Col 3:1–5, 9–11

Lk 12:13–21

Diocesan News



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>

Vacation Bible School

