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Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 3, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21–23 / Colossians 3:1–5, 9–11 / Luke 12:13–21



Good News!

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FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Remember this: Jesus said, “one’s life does not consist of possessions.” But, if not that, what then?

Think back upon your memories: the first warm day of spring, when the fireworks of new life exploded upon you; laughing so hard that your sides hurt, and you and your friends could not stop laughing even to breathe; walking barefoot in the dewy grass; your best friend telling you you’re best friends; learning to finally ride a bike no-handed and thinking that you moved up a rung on the ladder of awesomeness; the first time you dared to risk reaching for the hand of someone you discovered you liked more than anyone else; the unbelievable wonder at the birth of your child; making googly faces at a burbling baby, and the baby googling back; your child snuggling into bed with you at two in the morning because she’s frightened by the thunderstorm; talking with friends on and on into the night and wishing it could go on for forever; a cold beer, the reward for cutting the grass on a dizzying summer afternoon; being young with an abundance of dreams of what might be; growing old and thinking life was worth it all.

Remember this: there is so much more to life than one’s possessions. We all know this, and yet we forget. Perhaps in forgetting, we might be surprised again and again by the beauty of what cannot be purchased and so recognize the loving touch of 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.-Aug 3 9:15 AM	† Yolanda Ochoa by Her Loving Husband † Phyllis A. Toler by Charles D. Toler Altar and Rosary Society on their Communion Sunday People of the Parish
Sun.-Aug 10 9:15 AM	† Laura Taplin by Elizabeth Hackfeld † Phyllis A. Toler by Charles D. Toler 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:

MaryRuth Hart, 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,
Eduardo Enrique Perales,
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!



Stewardship of Treasure

PREVIOUS WEEK	07/20/2025	CURRENT WEEK	07/27/2025
Collection	\$749.00	Collection	\$225.00
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

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registration ~ Sun., August 24, after 11AM Mass, and Wed., August 27, at 6:30PM.

PURPOSE YOUTH GROUP (Students in junior high through high school)

Parents and children in junior high - high school **MUST attend registration and orientation in the parish hall.**
Student expectations and policies will be reviewed. Parent and student attendance at one of the offered
orientation sessions is **MANDATORY** to register or participate in our faith formation program.

Parents **with ONLY younger children** (grades kinder - fifth)

will complete registration in the faith formation building and do not need to attend an orientation session.

Registration fees =
\$40/student
with a maximum of
\$120/family

(Registration
scholarships are
available.)

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 BLOOD 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 coastalbendbloodcenter.org. Donors will receive a t-shirt. *While supplies last.* **Photo ID needed.**



A Note from our Pastor

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Phil 4:13



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This week's letter begins with a very famously used verse from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, "I can do all things through Christ." Over the past four weeks I have been sharing the large projects needed for our parish community and the infrastructure of the buildings and grounds. These projects are absolutely necessary to the integrity and safety of the buildings and the parishioners. The preliminary estimates received about eighteen months ago for all of these projects were in the area of \$625,000.00. As we have the funds to do the projects, revised estimates will be needed for the contracts, and we, therefore, estimate a final cost in the area of \$675,000.00 for all of the projects. Before everyone starts saying, "We can't do it!" I would like to take you back down memory lane for our parish church and community. Some of this is known to me from conversations, and it may get some details wrong, but the story is true!

Around 2005, the interior of our church building had cracks in the walls and needed painting, an aged red carpet, and pews in need of replacement. During this time the church was actually closed and the parish had Sunday Mass in the parish hall. According to the records on hand, these major renovations in the church were around \$117,280.00. In today's numbers it would be \$205,598.00 to completely redo the church interior. And this project was paid in full through the parishioners' donations through a capital campaign done at that time.

And there was the repaving and striping of the parish parking lot a few years back, and it was also paid through the Building Fund donations at the time.

The two most recent major constructions for the parish are the Rectory/Office construction and the new Religious Education Building. For those who can remember that far back, the buildings used at that time were purchased and renovated buildings from a military base. The first project was the new Rectory and Office building completed around 2013. I know that as I often see that date in the concrete sidewalk between the church and the rectory. The actual cost in 2013 for the new rectory / office building was around \$365,000.00. Over half of the cost was needed before the construction could begin, and the balance was taken out as a loan. The funds raised to complete this building project came from the Parish Building Campaign that raised the money over a five-year period. That same building cost with inflation in today's numbers would be \$505,392.00. The new Religious Education building replaced three older buildings that were in the final stages of habitable use. The Religious Education Building project began shortly after the Rectory/Office building and was completed in December 2017. The total cost for the new Rel Ed building was \$520,000.00. And that cost adjusted for inflation is \$684,284.00. In accordance with the diocesan building regulations, over half was needed before the construction began, and the balance of \$284,343.94 was taken in a loan from the diocesan D&L fund. That number I remember well as it was the loan balance when I arrived at the parish in July of 2018. The Capital Campaign to pay for the Religious Education Building was well underway as we were collecting the money before construction began. Due to the generosity of the parishioners, the loan amount (with interest) \$319,613.35 was paid in full in December 2021 – 18 months ahead of schedule!

Over the last twenty-five years, our parish has embarked on many major renovation and construction projects in excess of several hundreds of thousands of dollars, and we have always risen to the challenge! The consistent monthly "building fund" donations from you the parishioners (in whatever amount you could afford) made these projects happen and made our parish strong! And this new Building Fund Campaign is not beyond us – "as all things are possible through Christ." We can do this next campaign and become an even stronger and vibrant parish for the future! Please begin to pray for the success of this upcoming campaign.

Next week, I hope to share some very practical ways that every family can consider as we all prepare to make our pledges for this next Capital Campaign. The Capital Building Campaign Committee is hard at work preparing materials for our parish appeal in September. *"We can do it!"*

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Patrick

Dear Padre,

Sometimes after Mass, I go to the late service at a "Bible church" with the rest of my family. Once a month, this church serves communion, but they make it clear that it is only as a memory of Jesus and the Last Supper, and that Jesus is not present at communion. Is it OK to receive this communion?



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The Catholic understanding of Holy Communion includes not only the understanding of Communion as the Body and Blood of Christ, but it includes something more. Communion is a statement of belief and a statement of belonging. When Catholics participate in the sacrament, they are identifying with divinity as well as with the community of believers who are joined together in "one mind and in one spirit." It is an act of unity, a real "communion." Even though the Bible church clearly teaches a different theology of communion, it would seem to me that, for a Catholic, the fullest meaning and understanding of Communion is important and worth witnessing to. For this reason, I would refrain from participating in communion at the Bible church. Do so quietly and respectfully, because what is being celebrated is important; it just does not have the full meaning that you understand is necessary. ●

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10
St. John Vianney, Priest	Weekday	Transfiguration of the Lord	Weekday	St. Dominic, Priest	Weekday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:4b-15	Nm 12:1-13	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14	Nm 20:1-13	Dt 4:32-40	Dt 6:4-13	Wis 18:6-9
Mt 14:13-21	Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14	2 Pt 1:16-19	Mt 16:13-23	Mt 16:24-28	Mt 17:14-20	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12
		Lk 9:28b-36				Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Covetousness of goods, the desire to have goods, does not satisfy the heart, but rather causes more hunger!... Be careful! Love...is the source of true happiness, whereas the exaggerated search for material goods and wealth is often a source of anxiety, adversity, abuse of power, war. Many wars begin from covetousness.

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