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Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 10, 2025

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Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40**



Good News!

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FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the British colonized India, they brought with them the game of golf. A worse hazard than sand traps turned out to be monkeys. Wherever the ball landed, a monkey would run onto the fairway, pick it up, and drop it somewhere else—from the fairway into the rough, out of a sand trap onto the green, from the green back onto the fairway. The Brits tried everything to keep the monkeys off the course—fences, sirens, booming noises. Nothing worked. In the end, they ended up changing the rule book: play the ball where the monkey drops it.

The scriptures today tell of people who lived with an openness to wherever it was that God would take them. They played the ball wherever the monkey dropped it. It is the story of the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt when they were about to be led out into a God-knew-where desert. It is the story of aged Abraham and Sarah, called to travel to an alien land and then into parenthood in their old age. Faith is not trusting that God will always take us to where we want to be; it is trusting that wherever it is that God takes us will ultimately bring us into fuller life. So, watch and be ready to recognize the coming of God. It may be in times of darkness for you (as when the master comes late at night, says Luke's Gospel) or when you find yourself in an "alien land," a place in life you've never been before. ●

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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 10 9:15 AM	† Laura Taplin by Elizabeth Hackfeld † Phyllis A. Toler by Charles D. Toler People of the Parish
Thurs.-Aug. 14 6:00PM SPA	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil at St. John of the Cross
Fri.-Aug. 15 8:00AM 6:00PM	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. John of the Cross
Sun.-Aug 17 9:15 AM	† Doug Macek by Elizabeth Hackfeld † Phyllis A. Toler by Charles D. Toler People of the Parish

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,
Robert Ponce, Fernando Ramos III, Anthony Rios,
Tyree Winstead

Coast Guard: Corey Bunton and Joshua Salinas

Marines: Aurora Alarcon, Hunter Frees, and Andre Rodriguez

Navy: Cory Elyasevich, Diane Martinez, and Noah Vasquez



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**



Stewardship of Treasure

PREVIOUS WEEK	07/27/2025	CURRENT WEEK	08/03/2025
Collection	\$225.00	Collection	\$366.00



There will be a **SECOND** collection this weekend for the **Summer Electric Fund**.
Your generosity in keeping our buildings cool is truly appreciated!



Parish Organizations

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335



NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 2

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registration ~ **Sun., August 24**, after 11AM Mass, and **Wed., August 27**, at 6:00PM.

Parents of children in junior high - high school and their child MUST attend registration and orientation in the parish hall.

Student expectations and policies will be reviewed.

Parent and student attendance at an orientation 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
at **SJoC** on **August 13, 27, and 30** at 9AM and
at **SFOA** on **Saturday, September 13** at 9AM.



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions at 9AM at
St. Francis of Assisi on **Saturday, August 23**, and
St. John of the Cross on **Thursday, September 4**.

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



A Note from our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

“Yes, we can!” That was the message in last week’s bulletin, and I said this week I would give more personal and practical ways of supporting the upcoming Capital Campaign. The first thing is to not look at the immensity of the Campaign, but to center in on who “I am in this campaign?” and “What does this pledge do for me and mean to me?”



“Who am I in this campaign?” and “What does this pledge do for me and mean to me?” reminds us that it is not for something outside of myself that I will not receive and participate in. This campaign is for me and for my church! The money raised does not go to Father Patrick or to the Diocese but stays right here in your parish to improve your church buildings for yourself and for your fellow parishioners. “I am a member of this parish and so it falls to me to help my parish achieve this goal. And whether my monthly pledge is large, modest, or small, it proclaims, “This is my parish, and I love my parish now and into the future!” In fact, any donation to the Church – regular offertory collection, special collection, or even a major Capital Campaign, all say, “This is my parish, and I support Jesus and the proclamation of Jesus’ message in my parish as best I am able to help!”. This is an investment into your future good and happiness – both in this world and if you think of it – even my eternal happiness in heaven. If you truly consider yourself a member of this parish, then making a pledge to the Capital Campaign becomes your statement, “This is my parish!”

Over the years how have you achieved a major goal or project in your life? I remember the very first car that I bought from my own money. When I became a deacon, my father purchased a used car for me as I needed a car to drive to and from the parish each week. The car did have air conditioning, which is absolutely necessary in South Texas, but it was the most horrible bright, bright banana yellow you could imagine! I was horrified, but grateful for the love and support that he was showing to me. I resolved to then begin setting my goal on a new vehicle as soon as I could. And from that week on, I began to make little sacrifices each week to set aside a little money to purchase that car when I was able to. It was often just something small, as to skip a glass of wine with dinner, or to skip a dessert. To purchase generic cola instead of the brand name Coke a Cola. Or not to purchase contemporary style clothes that were so popular at the time and so put that money in my “New Car Fund.”

What was that major life goal that you set before yourself to accomplish? It might have been a downpayment on a house. Or was it making the deposit on that pilgrimage trip to Rome. Or it may have been going to college to get that diploma and to secure a better future for myself and my family. The underlying motive in all of these examples is, “I am doing this for myself and for my better future!” And to achieve this goal I need to make minor changes in my spending habits to achieve this goal. You would still need to prioritize basic life expenses, housing, food, car, medical etc., but it is the extra non-essential spending that you needed to look at to make your dream come true. For most of us it is our entertainment money, or our hobby money, or other such fun but not necessary spending. I will sacrifice this small current happiness so as to attain a longer and better happiness for my future.

To make it real for everyone, here are a few scenarios to consider. How often do you go out to eat with the family each week? Two or three times? Or how often does the family go to the movies? Each weekend? And whether you are going to McDonalds or to a restaurant for a family of four, that is \$45.00 to \$150.00. And going to the movies for a family of four is 40.00 for tickets and then \$80.00 for popcorn, drinks, and candy. And this happens three or four times a month. What if we made the decision to sacrifice one of those meals or trips to the movies to put that “extra non-essential” spending toward that long term goal for the betterment of my life? How many times have parents sacrificed something for the betterment of their children’s participation in sports, or the prom, or in the band? I still need to keep my resources for those non-negotiable expenses of my life – housing, food, medical, etc., but the extra non encumbered funds I can use at my own discretion. How do I allocate them to those other life experiences?

With some simple reflection I think everyone can find one or two things that they enjoy but realize that they might be able to sacrifice for the betterment of their parish’s Capital Campaign. Maybe it is that new fishing rod, or maybe I will give up one of my many streaming cable subscriptions – especially that one I rarely view. It might be just as simple as giving up a meal out or the trip to the movies. Each Lent we make a Lenten Sacrifice of something to prepare ourselves for the Easter Sunday Celebrations. What did you give up during those times? Candy, alcohol, movies, trips to the beauty parlor?

Just as you sacrificed some temporary good for a long-term greater good in your personal life, I am asking you to reflect and to make that same small sacrifice for yourself and for your parish church. “This is my parish, and I want to love and support it for the future!” Take time to reflect on this now, so you are ready to make a pledge when the time comes.

Love and Prayers,
Fr. Patrick

P.S. And as a reminder, this week we are celebrating a Holy Day of Obligation on Friday August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Mother into heaven. Be sure to note the time and dates for the Masses for the Assumption.

Dear Padre,

Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?

Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26–27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven “to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb” (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present-day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary’s Assumption started.

Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758) declared Ephesus was “where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven.” More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary’s House.

However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary’s body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven.

While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*And at the end of our
life, [the Lord] will call us
to account for the goods
he has entrusted to us....
We have received so
much: life, faith, family,
relationships, work, but
also the places where we
live, our city, creation....
[A]re we guardians of all
that has been given to us?*

ANGELUS, ROME,
AUGUST 7, 2022



RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Dt 10:12–22
Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday

August 12
Weekday
Dt 31:1–8
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday

August 13
Weekday
Dt 34:1–12
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 14
*St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr*
Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 15
*The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a,
10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Saturday

August 16
Weekday
Jos 24:14–29
Mt 19:13–15

Sunday

August 17
*Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Jer 38:4–6, 8–10
Heb 12:1–4
Lk 12:49–53