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Our Parish COMMUNITY

• August 31, 2025

• **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

• Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a / Luke 14:1, 7-14



Good News!

August 31, 2025

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FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I found myself angry the other day, as we all do, I suppose, whenever we put our foot in our mouth, or forget about an important engagement, or scramble whatever it was we had hoped would be picture-perfect. What I had scrambled was a homily. For some reason, the image came out wrong, or the example did not fit, or it just did not come together the way I had hoped. And I was angry with myself to the point that it caught me off guard. It was an unexpected glimpse of what I didn't want to admit: the fact that the way people might perceive me as a preacher had taken on more importance than preaching God's word. Life had gotten out of focus. A perspective had been lost.

It happens to us all in the course of our lifetimes, and more than once. Grades become more important than learning, or being right more important than the relationship, or the address of where we live more important than the people living together. It happens between parent and child when a parent places greater significance on the son's or daughter's profession than on that son's or daughter's happiness. Like in the parable of Jesus, where we sit at table takes on greater meaning than the people who gather or the meal that is shared. That is what pride does. It distorts what is real and shifts the focus of life to ourselves. The antidote? A prayerful awareness of who we are and who God is. ●

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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 31 9:15 AM	† Jerry Cross by Mar Cross † Phyllis A. Toler by Charles D. Toler † Raymundo Villanueva by Anita Bazan People of the Parish
Sun.-Sept. 7 9:15 AM	Altar & 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: **MaryRuth Hart, Theresa Laurienti, Laura Perez, and Amanda Smithwick**

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,
Celina 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



The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 1,
in observance of Labor Day.

Stewardship of Treasure

PREVIOUS WEEK	08/17/2025	CURRENT WEEK	08/24/2025
Collection	\$629.00	Collection	\$888.00

Bishop Michael Mulvey has called for a **SPECIAL** collection to occur **NEXT weekend, Sept. 6-7**, to contribute to the efforts of the Church to offer humanitarian relief and pastoral support to the people in Gaza. All funds will be forwarded to both the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Catholic Relief Services, which have been and remain on the ground offering assistance as they can.

Parish Organizations

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 15 @ 2PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335



NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 2

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registration ~ **Wed., August 27**, at 6:00PM. *Classes begin Wednesday, September 3.*

Junior high - high school students and their parent(s) MUST attend registration and orientation in the parish hall. Student Parent and student attendance at an orientation is **MANDATORY** to register or participate in our faith formation program.

Parents with ONLY elementary-aged children (grades kinder - fifth grade) 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 September 10 at 9AM** and at
SFOA on Saturday, September 13 at 9AM.



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions at 9AM at
St. John of the Cross on Thursday, September 4 and
St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, September 27

Community

LEGAL COUNSELING ~ Dcn. Armando Cavada will offer legal guidance in the SJoC parish hall on **Saturday, September 27, at 9AM**, on the following topics: Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders, Power of attorney, Wills, Life estate deeds, and guardianship. All interested parties are welcome to attend this informative session.

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

A Note from our Pastor

With Father Patrick still on vacation, the following is a repeat of his letter from August 10.



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!”

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



Tomb of Saint Brother Andre at
The Saint Joseph Oratory of Mount Royal



Saint Brother Andre



The Saint Joseph Oratory
of Mount Royal.

Dear Padre,

Is it sacrilegious to throw away a sacramental?

"Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church's prayer, they prepare us to receive and dispose us to cooperate with it" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1670). Therefore, sacramentals confer grace through the Church's power of prayer and, if blessed, should not be thrown away but burned and/or buried. If the object has not been blessed, it can be discarded; however, it could also be donated to a Catholic ministry (school, prison, hospital, etc.) that would benefit from its distribution. (If a religious object was included in an unsolicited appeal letter from a charitable organization, it is safe to assume that it was not blessed.)

If the object is worn or broken, it should be substantially altered so that it loses its form as a sacramental and then returned to the earthly elements. For example, a worn scapular should be burned and the ashes buried; a damaged statue should be further broken into smaller fragments and buried. A European tradition on the Vigil of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (June 23) is to burn old sacramentals in bonfires and bury the ashes. Burning and/or burial respects the sacred nature once held by these items and prevents their adaptation for trivial use. Reverence and discretion are proper for whatever method of disposal. ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

To follow [Jesus]...means "carrying one's cross": shouldering, like him, one's own burdens and those of others, making one's life a gift, not a possession, spending it in imitation of his own generous and merciful love for us. These are decisions that engage the totality of our lives.

HOMILY, ROME,
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

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Monday

September 1

Weekday

1 Thes 4:13-18

Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

September 2

Weekday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

September 3

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

Col 1:1-8

Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

September 4

Weekday

Col 1:9-14

Lk 5:1-11

Friday

September 5

Weekday

Col 1:15-20

Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

September 6

Weekday

Col 1:21-23

Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

September 7

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33