



St. John of the Cross



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 12, 2025

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

2 Kings 5:14-17 / 2 Timothy 2:8-13 / Luke 17:11-19



Good News!

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FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Here is a quick self-test: Name three things in your life for which you are grateful. Finished? If you were able to name three things easily, your spirituality is probably in a good place. If you had difficulty, your spirituality may be in need of some work. Spiritual writers have long noted that living day by day with a sense of gratitude is one of the signs of holiness. Yet, a number of attitudes can get in the way of our being thankful. One is anger; it unsettles and focuses our attention on one issue, keeping us from seeing a bigger picture filled with blessings. Another is living with continual wanting; incessant desires for more prevent us from recognizing the beauty and goodness of what already is. Fear too keeps us from being grateful; it obliterates all the goodness that is present and focuses on an unknown and uncertain future that may never be.

Therapists have advised that, at the end of each day, people should take time to name three things that happened that day for which they are grateful, as doing so will often ease depression. Our religious tradition has been encouraging this for 2,000 years. Not all depression is due to life circumstances; some is the result of chemical or hormonal imbalances. But, if our sadness is the consequence of life events, naming three positive occurrences from each day not only brings a balance to our attitudes but also brings us to deeper faith, recognizing a power greater than ourselves at work in our lives. That power is God. ●

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Mass Schedule

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

1st Saturday Mass: 8:00 AM

Adoration

Thurs.~ Spanish—6:30PM

Reconciliation

Thursday: 5:30 PM - 6:00 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

Mon, Tues, Wed, 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, & Ministries

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat.-11	6:00PM	† David Gaza by Mr. Pancho Gaza † Lino Martinez (1st anniv.) by Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Chapa In thanksgiving to St. Lucy by Maria Beltran
Sun.-12	7:30AM	† Martina Granados (birthday) by Bazan, Leal, and Hinojosa Family † Ed & † Myrtle Houlihan by Jana Robinson Living and Deceased Members of the St. John of the Cross Cemetery Association
	11:00AM	† Jerry Cross by Mar Cross For all Casa de Lucy Quilt Recipients by Gilbert & Ofilia Gonzales Special Intention for Liza Ochoa & Family by Liza Ochoa
	6:00PM	† Mary Garcia (2nd anniv.) by Rick and Cindy Garcia † Maria Luisa Apolonio Rojas por Connie Trejo Las familias de la parroquia
Mon.-13	8:00AM	Communion Service
<i>Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day</i>		
Tues.-14	8:00AM	Communion Service
<i>St. Callistus I</i>		
Thurs.-16	6:00PM	Servicio de Comunión
<i>St. Hedwig and Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>		
	6:30PM	ADORACIÓN / HORA SANTA
Fri.-17	8:00AM	Communion Service
<i>St. Ignatius</i>		
	6:00PM	Rosary by Casa de Lucy

Masses for October 18 & 19

Sat.-18	6:00PM	† Jovita Alejandro by Lupe & Angie Alejandro † Feliciano Borrego, Jr., by Petra Perez & Yvonne Arces † Vivian Solano & † Cristela Solano by Graciela & Pablo Alaniz, Jr. Birthday Blessings for Taryn Wanoreck (6 yrs.)
Sun.-19	7:30AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Sociedad Guadalupanas † Vergie Clemons, David Clemons, and H.J. Winstead by Bob & Dianna Winstead † Enriqueta Puente by Her Loving Family † Freddy Serna, Jr., by Murray Family
	11:00AM	† Teodoro Garcia, Jr., by Forbes Family † Bobby K. Hughes by Eva Medrano Hughes † Norma Flores (2nd anniv.) by the Family
	6:00PM	† Maria Luisa Apolonio Rojas por Connie Trejo Las familias de la parroquia



The sanctuary light is offered in memory of

† **Lino Martinez**
(1st anniv.)

by Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Chapa, Sr.

Ministry Schedule for Mass

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Oct. 18— 6:00PM—Lector: Raquel S. Jimenez

EM: Sharry Stipp, Anita Bazan,
San Juanita Gaza, Laura Adams

Head Ushers: Pablo and Graciela Alaniz

Oct. 19—7:30AM— Lector: Annette Rivera

EM: Margie Svetlik, Laura Gwosdz, Maria Miller,
Jose Isais

Head Ushers: Gerald Murray, Lucille Klaevemann

11:00AM-Lector: Karol Kocurek

EM: Ernest Henderson, Maria Galvan-Gordon,
Rose Puente Polk, Diana DeAnda

Head Usher: Lonnie Rodriguez

6:00PM —Lector: Maria Esmeralda Castro

EM: Paulin Becerril, Joachin Ordenez

Head Usher: Angel Isais

If you feel you are being called to serve, please contact the parish office. We are in need of more lectors, eucharistic ministers, and ushers for all Masses.

PRAYER LIST

We continue to pray for the needs of those in our parish:

Nikki Bunch, Israel Cavazos, Jr.,
Karen Elyasevich, Paul Elyasevich,
Fr. Jose Gutierrez, Janie Flores, Art Forbes,
Angelica Frees, Cindy Lopez, Antonio Medrano,
and Eva Soliz



The names of newly added persons will remain for three weeks. Contact the Parish Office if names need to be added to the prayer list.

Praying for expecting mothers and their babies:

MaryRuth Hart, Theresa Laurienti,
and Amanda Smithwick



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



Please pray for our

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY!

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

A Note From Our Parish Office

FAMILY INFORMATION UPDATES REQUESTED

It is important that the parish office have up-to-date records for each parish family. We need to have current phone numbers as well as mailing addresses. If a family requests offertory envelopes, those envelopes are mailed to the address on file. If that family moves, it is imperative that the family notify the church. There have been numerous times that offertory envelopes are returned to the parish office as “undeliverable” or “address unknown”. This requires the parish to pay a 78-cent fee each time envelopes are returned to the post office. In addition, current phone numbers are essential. Often times when attempting to contact a parishioner, a landline 384 number is still on file which has been disconnected. If you have disconnected your landline or moved, please update your information by contacting the parish office. Or visit the parish website st-johnog.org. Under the about tab, click on the new parishioner registration and complete the form.

Another situation that we encounter in the parish office is many family units include adult children who are married and have their own families. It is important that each family unit be registered separately. If your adult children have never registered as members, please have them register so that we can include their spouse and children. Or have them submit a new parishioner registration form online at st-johnog.org.

Your cooperation in keeping your family’s registration information up to date is necessary and helpful to the day to day activities of the parish office.

DID YOU KNOW....?

We are frequently contacted regarding sacraments. If you are an adult and would like to receive Baptism, Communion, and/ Confirmation, please contact the parish office. The Diocese of Corpus Christi requires an OCIA curriculum be followed over a two-year period. Father Patrick can guide individuals through the requirements. In addition, if you have not been receiving the sacrament of communion because of a marital issue, like cohabitation, civil marriage, divorce, or even marriage through a different faith, etc., there are numerous pathways to help individuals be able to receive Communion. For example, just because you are divorced does not prevent you from receiving the sacrament of Communion. Contact the parish office as each individual’s case is unique and has different requirements.

OUR LIVING CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Finally, we have begun Our Living Church Building Fund Capital Campaign to renovate our parish buildings and grounds, but we must also continue to care for our parish in the meantime. Parishioners need to know what an expense this maintenance is. For example, in the last 12 weeks, we have spent \$1100 on plumber services. And, we’ve had to replace three A/C units in our religious education building at a cost of over \$8,000. The Capital Campaign is designated to renovate specific projects at our parish; therefore, regular weekly contributions are necessary to maintain our parish.

Your contributions to the maintenance and planned renovations of our parish are greatly appreciated as well as greatly needed.

Deacon's Corner

Today, we celebrate the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We continue with Luke's Gospel until the first Sunday of Advent, when we will switch to the Gospel of Matthew. The topic for Advent will be the Alpha and the Omega. I hope I remember this when the time comes. For today, I want to discuss the topic of Faith. We see in the Gospel today the words: "Stand up and go your faith has saved you." Other evangelists use similar phrases: Luke 7:50, when Jesus forgives the sins of a woman of ill repute (verse 39), he says: "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Luke 18:42, when he restores sight to a blind man: "Have sight your faith has saved you." In Mark we have the blind Bartimaeus: Mark 10:52, "'Go your way; your faith has saved you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." Matthew 9:29: "Let it be done for you according to your faith." Matthew 20:34, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." This statement by the two blind men was made after Jesus asked them what they wanted him to do for them. Take a look at the readings today and see if you can spot the way to get or achieve faith. The first reading is from [2 Kings 5:14-17](#), the story of Naaman the King's conversion after the healing by the prophet Elisha; [Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4](#) (the Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power); [2 Timothy 2:8-13](#) (a statement to Timothy of the Paschal Mystery, the cornerstone of our faith); and the Gospel of Luke Chapter 17:11-19 (the cleansing of the 10 lepers, and only one returned, a Samaritan). Every one of these healings involves an encounter with the Lord Jesus. Those healed have sought out the Lord because they know he can heal them. There has to be a searching for the Lord. He calls us all by virtue of our Baptism, and when we don't answer, we suffer. When we answer he has work for us. So you will see in these healing stories where "their faith" has healed them, the persons that have been healed want to follow him and do his will and his work. This is what an encounter looks like: we seek Jesus because we need something, he answers and asks us what we want him to do for us, we answer, and if we "hear" him we have faith. Faith is not

just a belief in something, it is answer to a call that was initiated by us because we needed HIM. Faith is a way of life that brings peace and joy. Faith removes anger, dissatisfaction, jealousy, heals the uneasiness of the inner self. Faith sets us free from doubt. It does all that and leads us to a deeper relationship with the Lord and with each other. Now, let's look at the healing of the lepers in today's Gospel. Notice that the one who appreciates the healing is a Samaritan. A Samaritan is an enemy of the main community of the Hebrew people, the Israelites. The Israelites are from the Southern kingdom, and the Samaritans are from the Northern kingdom, and they are basically enemies. The Evangelists use the Samaritans in various places to make the Pharisees and the Scribes understand that Jesus wants us to learn the law of love. No one is excluded. Jesus resurfaces the story of Naaman in Luke 4:27, to let them see that God plays no favorites. In fact, Jesus reveals that the Father is sort of predisposed to help the poorest of the poor in the community of Israel, and even the enemies of Israel. When he heals Lepers and the crippled, the blind, and the possessed, they do not like it! Do we have that same kind of intolerance today? You say. Do you cling to intolerance of those who are afflicted with poverty or lack of education or those who the society considers not worthy of inclusion? We have to search our hearts to see if our Faith makes us worthy to love God and neighbor. Faith cannot be a personal thing, it has to include community, different environments and appreciation of differences, cultures, practices or traditions. Faith has to give us satisfaction, remove fears and give us security. The Lord heals without regard to whether we appreciate it or not. He healed 10 lepers but only 1 returned. Faith in the Lord frees us, but we can go our separate ways and ignore the goodness of the Lord. That does not mean, however, that we'll be saved in the next life. That can only happen if we appreciate what Jesus does for us, and we "get up, your faith has healed you." Deacon Cavada

Stewardship of Treasure

Week #14	COLLECTION	Totals Prior Week -	Goal	Actual	Total Annual Over / (under)	YTD Goal	TOTAL OFFERTORY
10/5/2025	Envelope Collection	\$ (4,548.33)	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,850.00	\$ (4,798.33)	\$ 29,400.00	
	Loose Collection	\$ 2,666.54	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,189.23	\$ 3,655.77	\$ 16,800.00	
	On-Line Collection	\$ 3,540.35	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 3,689.17	\$ 5,829.52	\$ 19,600.00	
	TOTAL Collection	\$ 1,658.56	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 7,728.40	\$ 4,686.96	\$ 65,800.00	\$ 70,486.96

This weekend there will be a second collection to support our **Religious Education Program**. To prepare for this year, we had to make room for our growing program, so we converted the existing Religious Ed office into a classroom and had to purchase a new television for that classroom. We were also able to purchase a doorbell camera to secure the building.

Parish Organizations

PARISH COUNCIL

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 3 @ 6PM

ALTAR SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 24 @6PM

ALTAR DUTY CLEANING SCHEDULE

October 16-18—Dora Paiz, Juana Vega, Ashley Sosa, Ana Arreguin, Maria Castro

October 23-25—Carla Berry, Janey Henderson, JoAnn Rodriguez, Cassandra Bunton, Patricia Barrera



SOCIEDAD GUADALUPANA

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 17 6PM



Corporate Mass—October 19 @ 7:30AM

Rosary @ 7:00AM

Leader: Anita Bazan

Offertory: Gloria Contreras & Mary Ortiz

Roses provided to Our Lady of Guadalupe by Angie Alejandro & Elaine Lopez

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 4



Rosary: 6:40 PM at the KOC Building *Men 18 yrs. & older are welcome*
BBQ 1/2 Chicken fundraiser ~Sunday, October 12—\$12/plate

1/2 chicken, potato salad, and beans

11AM—1PM ~ Carry out only



A sincere thank you goes out to our Knights of Columbus who helped the King Family from St. Francis pack up their entire house and move them to be with family



CASA DE LUCY

MEETS TUESDAYS @ 9AM

Works of Mercy

The next bread and pastries distribution will be at 9AM
 at **SJoC** on **Wednesday, October 22 and 29**, and
 at **SFOA** on **Saturday, November 8**.



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions at 9AM at
St. John of the Cross on **Thursday, November 6**, and
St. Francis of Assisi on **Saturday, October 25**.

Diocesan News

IT'S OFFICIAL! PARENTAL CHOICE IS NOW LAW IN TEXAS ~ Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) will provide participating families with state funds to help pay for private school tuition and related educational expenses, including textbooks, uniforms, and school meals. The ESA application portal will open in January 2026. Families who apply and are approved will begin receiving ESA funds in July 2026, allowing them to prepare for expenses in the 2026–2027 school year.

We encourage parents to stay informed by visiting www.diocesecc.org/esa for updates on eligibility, application procedures, and important deadlines. Take the first step toward a Catholic education—where your child will believe, belong, and become!



STATE OF THE DIOCESE ~
 Thursday, October 30,
 6:00PM—8:00PM at

Richard M. Borchard Fairgrounds
 \$15/ \$7 for children (Meal included).
 Buy your tickets now at
diocesecc.org/stateof.



It's **Respect Life Month**! Every October, the Church in the U.S. celebrates **Respect Life Month**. We reflect on the gift of every human life and how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. Join thousands of Catholics praying a **Respect Life Month** novena October 22 – October 30. Get daily prayers, reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org/celebrate. In honor of **Respect Life Month**, we are hosting a diaper drive. Please leave infant diapers in the wicker baskets in the church foyer.



Dear Padre,

Are people born with the Holy Spirit, or do they have to be baptized in order to receive the Holy Spirit? If we are not born with the Holy Spirit, is it just our conscience that is bothered when we are doing wrong?

Your question is suggesting that the Holy Spirit is “in” or “out.” St. Paul teaches us, “In him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). In other words, the Spirit of God is always with us, and we are dependent on that Spirit for life. There is no beginning and there is no end; the Spirit always was, and is, and will be.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that “Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right” (1778). We have an obligation to form our consciences to know what is right and to help our children form theirs. It is with the cooperation of the Spirit that a “good conscience” is formed.

When we celebrate the sacraments, including the sacrament of baptism, we are confirming the life of the Spirit that is within is. We are acknowledging and proclaiming the abiding presence of the Spirit of God. ●

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*.



DREAM PERSPECTIVE / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The deepest purpose of the Church's social doctrine [is] a contribution to peace and dialogue in the service of building bridges of universal fraternity.... [T]he Risen Lord always goes before us, even at times when injustice and death seem to prevail. Let us...“build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace.”

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

WIKICOMMONS



Monday

October 13
Weekday
Rom 1:1-7
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

October 14
Weekday
Rom 1:16-25
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

October 15
St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church
Rom 2:1-11
Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

October 16
Weekday
Rom 3:21-30
Lk 11:47-54

Friday

October 17
St. Ignatius of
Antioch, Bishop
and Martyr
Rom 4:1-8
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

October 18
St. Luke, Evangelist
2 Tm 4:10-17b
Lk 10:1-9

Sunday

October 19
Twenty-ninth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Ex 17:8-13
2 Tm 3:14-4:2
Lk 18:1-8

All are invited as the Diocese of Corpus Christi celebrates the tradition of **Red Mass** ~ MASS FOR THOSE IN THE LEGAL AND JUDICIAL COMMUNITY

Bishop Michael Mulvey will celebrate the Red Mass on **Wednesday, October 8th** at 6:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 3350 South Alameda in Corpus Christi. The Red Mass invites all the faithful to come together to pray for God's guidance and blessings on those in the legal and judicial community as they pursue justice. This year, Most Reverend William Michael Mulvey, Bishop of Corpus Christi, will be the keynote speaker.

The Red Mass will be followed by a reception. For more information and to RSVP for the reception by September 30th at <https://www.diocesecc.org/redmass>



GLOBAL CELEBRATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE ~ The Diocesan Offices of Youth Ministry and Young Adult ministry is hosting the upcoming Global Celebration of Young People. This is an international event in which each respective Diocese plans a celebration with the Church to highlight young people. This year, the event will be on **October 12th** (The Feast Day of soon to be Saint Carlos Acutis) at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 3502 Saratoga Boulevard in Corpus Christi.

The event takes place from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. Contact Sr. Caritas at srcaritas@diocesecc.org with questions. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/communicationsdofcc/cglobal-celebration-YA>.

The Diocese of Corpus Christi invites you to **WHITE MASS**—a Holy Mass honoring the healthcare professionals of the Diocese of Corpus Christi - ON **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16** at Most Precious Blood Church in Corpus Christi.

All healthcare professionals are welcome to join for an evening to honor physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses, therapists, researchers, medical assistants, receptionists, dietary staff, lab workers, chaplains, administrators, and all others who work in alliance with the healthcare field.

Medical professionals who attend are welcome to wear their lab coat or uniform.

Community

Flocknote

Keep in touch with us via email & text!

Text **SJCOG** to **84576**

Or Connect with us online at:
www.stjohnog.flocknote.com

Social Media



Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/Stjohnogtx)

[Stjohnogtx](https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnogtx)

Live Streaming

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHEDRAL:

Sunday 9:30AM (ENG)

and 11:00 AM (SPA)

Available at: KDF-TV Ch 47 (9:30AM only).