

St. Francis of Assisi Mission



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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

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 INT

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| Sun.-Oct. 12 9:15 AM | † Jerry Cross (1st anniv. & heavenly birthday) by Mar Cross People of the Parish |
| Sun.-Oct. 19 9:15 AM | † Jerry Cross (1st anniv.) by Gregg Babot 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, 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 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,
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!



Stewardship of Treasure

| PREVIOUS WEEK | 09/28/2025 | CURRENT WEEK | 10/05/2025 |
|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Collection | \$494.00 | Collection | \$670.00 |
| | | Respect Life | \$124.00 |

Parish Organizations

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 3 @ 2PM

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
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

Works of Mercy

The next bread and pastries distributions 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
at **St. Francis of Assisi** on **Saturday, October 25**.

Community

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!

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.

In honor of **Respect Life Month**, we are hosting a diaper drive. Please leave infant diapers in the church entrance.

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/ or 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.

This maintenance is and has been quite an expense. 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, and a fourth unit stopped working during religious education classes on Wednesday. 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.

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 us. 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 PERFECTION / 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