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Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 19, 2025

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Exodus 17:8-13 / 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 / Luke 18:1-8



Good News!

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FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says "no." He'll say that not always getting what we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing, and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God.

So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" ●

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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

Sun.-Oct. 19 9:15 AM	† Jerry Cross (1st anniv.) by Gregg Babot People of the Parish
Sun.-Oct. 26 9:15 AM	† Yolanda Ochoa (Heavenly birthday) by Her Loving Husband 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	10/05/2025	CURRENT WEEK	10/05/2025
Collection	\$670.00	Collection	\$441.00
Respect Life	\$124.00	August—September online giving	\$2286.00

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

Thank you to all who helped ensure that the Knights of Columbus BBQ chicken dinner fundraiser was a success— to those who sold tickets, those who cooked, those who served and especially those who bought tickets to support our organization!



CASA DE LUCY

Case de Lucy Helping Hands Quilting Ministry sews Prayer Quilts for the terminally / critically ill persons needing prayers.
Please contact the office if you know anyone in need of a quilt.

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**.

Diocesan News

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 respect-life.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.



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.





OUR LIVING CHURCH

A CAMPAIGN FOR RESTORING OUR CHURCH

OUR GOAL:
\$675,000 BY 2032

We introduced Our Living Church Building Fund Capital Campaign at all Masses September 20-21. In the past month, we've had 74 parish families pledge to this campaign; that's out of the 600+ registered families. In addition, each month approximately 38 families donate to the Building Fund, online and in envelope contributions.

From these figures it can be projected that we will fall short of the six-year goal by \$100,000.

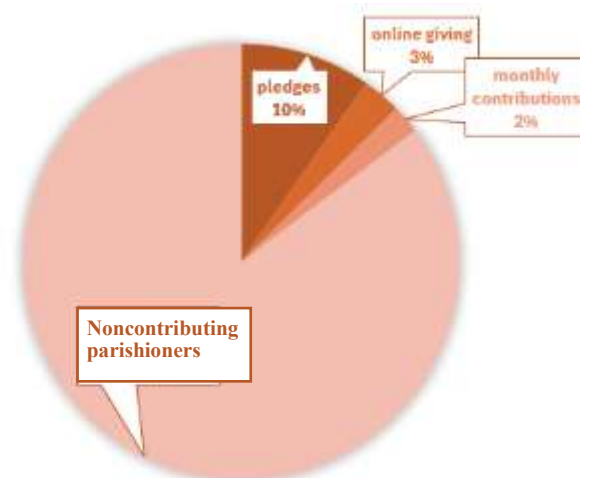
With that, we are so grateful to those who have pledged and continue to contribute to our Campaign. In fact, several former parishioners who grew up at St John have even contributed to this campaign by making generous one-time gifts.

Each parish family is asked to prayerfully consider their role in Our Living Church Building Fund Capital Campaign. The success of this project depends of each of us!

Our Living Church Bldg Fund Update



Our Living Church Bldg Fund Donation Status



Dear Padre,

What is the Church's view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy?

The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any "energy" that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of "inanimate," do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol. ●



EMILIANA BOLOVTSOVA / PEXELS

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**.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Peace is first and foremost a gift. It is the first gift of Christ: "My peace I give to you" (John 14:27).... It engages and challenges each of us...demanding that first of all we work on ourselves. Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by

eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words, too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.

**AUDIENCE OF THE
HOLY FATHER, ROME,
MAY 16, 2025**



Monday

October 20

Weekday

Rom 4:20–25

Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday

October 21

Weekday

Rom 5:12, 15b,

17–19, 20b–21

Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday

October 22

Weekday

Rom 6:12–18

Lk 12:39–48

Thursday

October 23

Weekday

Rom 6:19–23

Lk 12:49–53

Friday

October 24

Weekday

Rom 7:18–25a

Lk 12:54–59

Saturday

October 24

Weekday

Rom 8:1–11

Lk 13:1–9

Sunday

October 25

*Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Sir 35:12–14, 16–18

2 Tm 4:6–8, 16–18

Lk 18:9–14