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Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 / 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 / Luke 18:9-14



Good News!

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FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

For some, going to confession can bring a sense of relief—as if the slate has now been wiped clean; as if we have gotten a do-over with life or the past has been left behind as though it never happened. Our past, however, is always with us—the good and the bad, the joys and the sadness, the grace and the sin. There are no do-overs. We carry with us the marks of our lives simply because every experience, every kindness and cruelty, every moment of generosity and selfishness, all have made us into who are. We are much like a tree that adds a ring to its trunk each year. The ring always bears the marks of that year, whether it has been a year of rain or drought, whether insects have attacked, or whether Mother Nature has been kind. The tree always remembers and carries with it forever the rings of what life has been.

Our lives are the same. The story of the Pharisee and the tax collector tells this tale. Like the Pharisee, we have much good in our lives. We too have prayed and have been generous. We have been kind and honest and cared for the poor. We have tried to be faithful. The Pharisee's downfall was that he forgot about his sinfulness; he forgot he needed God's mercy. The tax collector, on the other hand, remembered his failings. Both were in need of God's love. Only the tax collector seemed to realize it. ●

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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. 26 9:15 AM	† Yolanda Ochoa (Heavenly birthday) by Her Loving Husband † Wayne Tate by Elizabeth Hackfeld People of the Parish
Sun.-Nov. 2 9:15 AM	† Bob Keliehor by Robert & Nancy Vial † Phyllis A. Toler by Charles D. Toler Altar and 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, 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



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	10/12/2025	CURRENT WEEK	10/19/2025
Collection	\$441.00	Collection	\$1350.00
August—September online giving	\$2286.00	Religious Education Fund	\$22.00

There will be a second collection this weekend to support the **St. John of the Cross Cemetery Fund**.
Your generosity in the upkeep of our cemetery is greatly appreciated!

Parish Organizations

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 3 @ 2PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335



NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 4

Works of Mercy

The next bread and pastries distributions will be at 9AM
at **SJoC** on **Wednesday, October 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, November 22**.

Diocesan News

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Diocese of Corpus Christi—**Texas Education Freedom Account** in-person townhall meetings.

Join Dr. Rebecca Hammel, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Corpus Christi, for in-person town hall meetings to learn more about Texas Education Freedom Accounts. We invite all parents and community members interested in learning more about TEFA's and private education opportunities to attend. Four in-person Town Hall meetings are being offered to accommodate your schedule.

Join Dr. Rebecca Hammel, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Corpus Christi, for a webinar on Texas Education Freedom Accounts on Tuesday, November 4. Information sessions will be held at 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 6:30 p.m. Register today for the session that suits your schedule. These webinars will be offered in English and Spanish. Zoom link and details will be sent to you after you sign up. See the church bulletin board for the townhall schedule and the link for the webinar.

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.



The Coastal Bend Blood Center will be at St. John on Sunday, November 2, from 8AM-1PM. All donors will receive a free Hunting for Donors long t-sleeve shirt and a pair of Ice Rays tickets. Please scan the QR code or call 361-855-4943 to make your lifesaving appointment. **Giving so that others may live.**



Father Patrick has returned safely from his vacation, and he hit the ground running. He has been too busy to write a letter for this week's bulletin, but he wants to encourage all parishioners to take advantage of this opportunity for Adoration. He also wants to remind us that next weekend we will celebrate All Souls' Day and to begin thinking of those for whom we need to pray.

Night Of Worship To the Blessed Sacrament.



• Eucharist • Rosary • Praise • Personal worship • Reflection

November 08, 2025

Psalm: 113



06:00pm
Holy mass.

07:00pm - 03:00am
Exhibition of the Blessed Sacrament



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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. ●



EMERSON BOLOVSKA / 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
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