

St. Francis of Assisi Mission



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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Good News!

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MIGUEL DULICK

Today's gospel passage is challenging. If anyone other than Jesus told you that if you love your own family "more than me," you are "not worthy of me," you would laugh in their face! Or, is this what scholars call a "semitism"—a culturally conditioned exaggeration used for effect? What about you are "not worthy of me" unless you "take up [your] cross and follow me," or "whoever finds his life will lose it"? Does Jesus mean these literally, or are these metaphors? And what is "a prophet's reward"?

A friend of mine tried an experiment. He took the Gospel of Matthew and read it through from start to finish as if he had never seen it before. He was astonished! Jesus was serious. He meant it—all of it. Try it yourself without looking for loopholes.

The key in the reading today is "for my sake." The standard, the rule, that absolute mark is "me," that is, Jesus himself, only Jesus, always Jesus. And Jesus sets that mark very high. Take up your cross? Jesus was abandoned on the cross. Jesus gave away his Mother from the cross. Jesus lost his life on the cross. But he found that life: resurrection! That is "a prophet's reward," is it not?

I have to love Jesus' promise, a special "reward" for just sharing "a cup of cold water" with a "little one." It reminds me of Honduras, where I live. Here, a cup of cold water can make the difference between life and death. And that is no exaggeration! •

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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.-June 28	9:15 AM	People of the Parish
Sun.-July 5	9:15 AM	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:

Mama Cecilia, Ricki Rodriquez Choat, and Celina Garcia

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: Juan Luis Alonzo, Jr; Vincent Gordon;
Preston Holliday; Christopher Lauer II;
Alayah Moore; Deborah Thomas;
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, Aubrey McCown,
Andrew Saenz, Robert Silva, and Noah Vasquez

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY!

Please call the parish office or use the online form to submit names



Stewardship of Treasure

PREVIOUS WEEK	06/14/2026	CURRENT WEEK	06/21/2026
Collection	\$435.00	Collection	\$616.00
Summer Electric Fund	\$201.00	Vacation Bible School	\$99.00

Today is the **Peter's Pence Collection**, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today.



The parish office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, June 29-30, to transition to the new priest and close out the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The office will reopen on Wednesday, July 1, at 8:30AM.

Parish Organizations

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEXT MEETING: **OCTOBER 5 @ 2PM**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335



NEXT MEETING: **JULY 7**

Rosary: 6:40 PM at the KOC Building Men 18 yrs. & older are welcome

CASA DE LUCY

MEETS ON TUESDAYS @ 9AM.



Casa 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

Loom Knitting ~ Parishioners are invited to meet in the parish hall on Mondays at 9AM to knit hats for patients at Driscoll Children's Hospital Oncology Department. Contact the parish office or Bertha Forbes for more information.

The next bread and pastries distributions will be at 9AM
at **SJoC** on **Wednesday, July 22**, and at
St. Francis on **Saturday, July 11**.



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions at 9AM at
St. John of the Cross on **Tuesday, July 7**, and
at **St. Francis of Assisi** on **Saturday, July 25**.



A Note From Our Pastor

Father Patrick Donohoe, you will be greatly missed!

Father Patrick does not only work on Sunday mornings. Here is a tally of some of his ministry to us and our parish since he came to St. John of the Cross in July 2018. In those 8 years (2907 days), he celebrated 2,075 Sunday Masses, 1,660 weekday Masses, 96 First Saturday Masses, and 213 Funeral Masses. During his tenure there were 153 Baptisms, 254 First Holy Communions, 166 Confirmations, and 49 Sacramental Marriages. This does not include the numerous hours each week for counseling and confessions.



Fr. Patrick
in 2025



Fr. Patrick
in 2018



BUSTED! Father Patrick, you're not supposed to be on your phone during Mass!



Fr. Patrick waiting in line for his favorite ride, Dumbo the Flying Elephant!



Fr. Patrick celebrating his 40th ordination anniversary!-2022



Celebrating his ordination anniversary-2023



Celebrating his birthday in 2020



Celebrating his ordination anniversary



Celebrating Mass at our Centennial Celebration.



Celebrating another birthday



Celebrating a wedding



Celebrating a baptism



Celebrating his ordination anniversary COVID-style

Community



Everyone is invited to gather in the SJoC parish hall for a potluck luncheon today, Sunday, June 28, after the 11AM Mass to celebrate Father Patrick as he enters retirement and gains his

FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE.



Conquistando Las NACIONES para CRISTO RETIRO de sanacion interior

Centro de cursillos 1200 Lantana, Corpus Christi, Tx 78407
24—26 Julio 2026

Communicate a los siguientes nuevos telefonicos:
361-207-0395 361-354-0153 361-446-0221

Entrada Viernes 7-9pm
LLevar articulos
personales y cobijas

Para hombres mujeres mayores de 18 anos



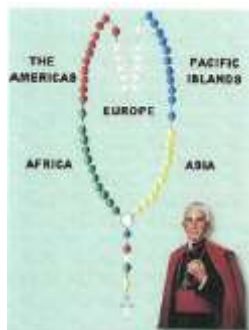
World Mission Rosary-Making Day

The Pax Christi Sisters and 87 others from different parishes gathered at Pax Chrsiti on Tuesday, June 23, and made 1000 World Mission Rosaries that will be distributed at Venerable Archbishop Sheen's Beatification on September 24, 2026.

Archbishop Sheen who is best known for his popular syndicated television program, *Life is Worth Living*, is held today as one of Catholicism's most widely recognized figures of the 20th century.

In 1951, Archbishop Sheen designed and promoted the WORLD MISSION ROSARY. Each of the five colors on the Rosary represents a different area (continent) where the Church continues its mission of evangelization.

"We must pray, and not for ourselves, but for the whole world — the five continents." - Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



St. John of the Cross polos ~ A variety of colors and sizes of SJoC polo shirts are available for purchase in the parish office for \$20 each.

Construction worker orange: ladies XXL (1)

Centennial Celebration gray with white embroidery : Ladies Sm (2), ladies MDM (3), ladies XL (3), ladies XXL (1)
mens XXL (1) with orange embroidery: Mens XXL (1)

Religious ed (light blue): ladies MDM (1) & mens XXL (1)

Religious Education

Catechists and classroom aides are needed! ~ As the office staff prepare for the 2026-2027 year of religious education, they are faced with the possibility that some grades of religious education cannot be offered next year since there are not enough teachers for every grade level, as TWO adults are required for EVERY classroom (one teacher to prepare and present weekly lessons and one classroom aide to assist the teacher in classroom management)

Committed Catholics who have received all of their sacraments and are living out these sacraments daily are needed to teach our youth the traditions of the Catholic Church. All volunteers MUST be Safe Environment certified through the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

If you feel God's call to serve in this ministry, please call the parish office to find out more about how you can help our religious education program. (361-384-2795).

The future of our religious education program really depends upon YOU!.

Save the dates: Registration for the 2026-27 religious education program will take place on August 26 and August 30.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS VBS



PICK UP A
REGISTRATION
FORM IN THE
CHURCH FOYER OR
PARISH OFFICE.

JULY 20—24,
5:30PM—8:00 PM

GRADES:
KINDER—FIFTH

A meal will be
provided each day.

Diocesan News

Journey to Damascus (JTD) is a 3-day Christian weekend for those who want to deepen their relationship with God, strengthen their faith, and experience true Christian brother/sisterhood. It is open to all denominations and centers on renewal through prayer, reflection, and community. **JTD** is for those seeking a stronger foundation in Christ and deeper unity with other believers.

It is for those who: want to grow spiritually, need time away from distractions to reconnect with God, value community, faith, and encouragement. The weekend is full physically, emotionally, and spiritually, so pilgrims should set aside outside responsibilities and come ready to be present.

The upcoming 2026 Weekend Schedule is Men's:

September 17-20

Women's:

July 30—August 2
October 15-18



Weekends are held at OLCC Campus on Lantana and the Weekend Fees are \$225 (assistance is available for those with need).

More information can be found at www.journeytodamascus.org or contact Bud Coldwell @ (361) 779-1971.

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EMBRACING THE COMMISSION

A DAY OF FORMATION FOR PARISH SCHOOL, CATECHETICAL, AND MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastors, deacons, parish staff, catechetical leaders, faith formation leaders, and all ministry leaders are invited to join us for a day of formation and renewal focused on the Church's call to evangelization and missionary discipleship.

Topics will include:

The Great Commission and the Evangelical Sequence, Sent: Engaging Inactive Parishioners, G.O.S.P.E.L.: An Introduction to the Kerygma, and Resources for Embracing the Great Commission

This free seminar will be hosted by the Augustine Institute in partnership with the Diocese of Corpus Christi and will take place on **Tuesday, June 30** from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church.



LEARN MORE
& REGISTER



SAVE THE DATE ~ CAMP ROOTED, Diocesan camp, will be held July 9th through July 11th at the Spirit Center.

The cost to participate is \$75. Registration details are coming soon.

This will be an amazing experience and parish youth leaders are encouraged to bring their groups of teens to be a part of this gathering that will focus on leadership, fellowship, and faith.

Liturgy & Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request – please call the office. Any person who is sick (either homebound or in the hospital) or about to have surgery, is encouraged to receive Anointing of the Sick. As current Federal Law prohibits hospitals from the release of any patient's name. Father will not know you are in the hospital unless you call the office.

Baptisms of Infants: (0 to 5 yrs.): Please bring the child's civil birth certificate to the parish office to register the child, their parents & the Godparents for the one-hour Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class. Godparents must be able to provide Certificates for Catholic Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation, & if married, Marriage Certificate in the Catholic Church. Donation for the class and Baptism is \$30.00, for the class only is \$15.00. Date & time for the Baptism is scheduled after attending the Baptismal Class.

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confessions) is available on Thursday from 5:30 PM—6:00 PM and on Saturdays from 5:00 PM—5:30 PM and at any time by appointment with the Priest.

Quinceañeras: The honoree and their family must be registered and participating in the parish for two years prior to the year of the Quinceañera (or Quinceañero). The young person must have Baptism & Communion in the Catholic Church, & be attending the parish Religious Education Program. The family is strongly encouraged to contact the Church for **2 years** before the intended date.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made with the priest or deacon, preferably one year before the intended date, (minimum of six months in advance) to complete the necessary requirements. At least one person must be an active and registered member of this parish. No wedding date is guaranteed until ALL diocesan requirements have been fulfilled.

Blessing of Civil Marriages – If you were married before a judge, or a non-Catholic minister, and wish to be readmitted to Holy Communion, there needs to be a Blessing of your Civil Marriage. Please call the parish office and set up an appointment with Father Patrick so he can hear your particular situation and can guide you through the process. Father Patrick is always saying "Don't wait! Start the process NOW!"

Dear Padre,

I raised my children in the faith, but two of them left the Church to embrace another denomination, and two others, although still Catholic, have not committed to regular church attendance. I worry about their salvation.

Your experience is not unknown to many Catholic parents. Many mothers and fathers could probably carry on a good conversation with you about their concerns for the faith lives of their children.

The journey of faith has many paths. An individual may think more deeply about the meaning of life or may find religion after a momentous experience or in the process of gathering with a community in which they find support, clarity, shared beliefs, or guidelines for living morally. For those of us who grew up believing, chances are, we were not introduced to religion through logic. Children are brought to church long before they are aware of their need for God. They learn doctrine and attend worship before questions of faith and religion form within them. Passing on the faith is a great gift that parents give, and it will serve these young people well. Your children have the tools to help them find their way, and God continues to be with them. Follow the example of St. Monica and pray for them. Trust this one to God and continue to be a good example. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Looking without walking by, halting the frantic pace of our lives, allowing the lives of others...with their needs and troubles, to touch our heart. That is what makes us neighbors to one another, what generates true fraternity and breaks down walls and barriers. In the end, love prevails, and it proves more powerful than evil and death.

HOMILY, CASTEL GANDOLFO, JULY 13, 2025

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*.

Monday

June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday

June 30

Weekday

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12

Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

July 1

Weekday

Am 5:14-15, 21-24

Mt 8:28-34

Thursday

July 2

Weekday

Am 7:10-17

Mt 9:1-8

Friday

July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19-22

Jn 20:24-29

Saturday

July 4

Weekday

Am 9:11-15

Mt 9:14-17

Sunday

July 5

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9-10

Rom 8:9, 11-13

Mt 11:25-30