



Like the Rings of a Tree

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. ●

Reflect

*How has my life been a mixture
of sin and grace?*

[Jesus said,] “Everyone who
exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself
will be exalted.”

LUKE 18:14



"The Lord hears the cry of the poor." Psalm 34

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 25th: Weekday

4:00pm Mass: Pro Populo (For the People)

Sunday, October 26th: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:00am Mass: For the intentions of Traneeshia Nachazel
by Dan and Shari Nachazel**

Tuesday, October 28th: St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles

11:00am Funeral Mass for Ruth Vallance

Wednesday, October 29th: Weekday

12:00pm Funeral Mass for Tom Repichowski

12:30pm NO Holy Hour of Adoration

Thursday, October 30th: Weekday

**8:00am Mass †Harbi Allos, Petrus Allos & Regina Bahoovat
By Amal Allos and Kayla**

6:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, October 31st: Weekday

8:00am Mass †Mary Seal by the Ponchart family

8:30am Holy Hour of Adoration

Saturday, November 1st: All Saints (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00am Mass: 1st Saturday/All Saints

4:00pm Mass: Pro Populo (For the People)

Sunday, November 2nd: All Souls Day

9:00am Mass: †Clarence Lacross by Anne Lacross

11:00am Mass at Calvary Cemetery: For the Souls in Purgatory



MARIAN CONFERENCE XXXIV- WEEKEND RETREAT- GAYLORD November 7-9, 2025

Join us at Treetops Resort in Gaylord for a weekend of outstanding inspirational talks and great Catholic fellowship.

The conference features daily Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Eucharistic Healing Service, and more.

We will also have the Marian Center Gift Shop there with a great selection of Catholic gifts and books.

Our own Bishop, Jeffrey Walsh, will also be with us on Friday, November 7, as the Main Celebrant for our opening Mass. Some of our speakers this year include: Fr. Peter Klimek MIC, Fr. Edward Looney, Fr. Peter Stryker CPM, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Mother Assumpta & Sr. Joseph Andrew of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

For more information, visit marianconference.org or call us at (231) 347-MARY.

St. Joseph & St. John of Praga

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**Confession 30 minutes before all Masses or
by appointment**



***Please call the office if
you or someone you
know should be
included on this list***

Nancy Amundsen
Matt Barnadyn
Braylan Blackwell
Ray Borowiak
Connie Bricker-Shaler
Lee & Barbara Carlisimo
Pat Castaneda
Pat Chapman
Bonnie Courter
Roger & Nancy Danforth
Kendra Davis
John Ennest
Myron Ennest
Issac Gardner
Padrick & Eileen Gardner
Douglas Hagedon
Gail Hagedon
Marian Hanson
Samantha Harris
Joyce Hoult
Elaine Hurst
Donna Ignatowski
Joseph Ignatowski
Lydia Kaiser
Carol Kerr
Sally Kotilik
Janet (Mumich) Krussell
Bobby Kupovits
Ellie Maza

Betty McKinnon
Barb Mumich
Fred Murray
Lilly Nowka
Tony Nessel
Mary O'Connor
Deb Olson
Jeremy Palmrose
Steve Paterka
Gretchen Peck
Keith Peters
Bart Petrich
Abigail Ponchart
Lori Ponchart
Daniel Powers
John Powers
Ruth Repichowski
Gary Roberts
Tom Robison
Ed Scarborough
Susan Shay
Michael Sheridan
Josh Spears
Robbie Startzel
Phyllis (Jeanie) Sumner
Boden Vrondran
Virginia Wabamimkee
Grandvue Staff/ Residents
All Souls in Purgatory

Night Light Men's Emergency Shelter
opens November 1st until April 1st.
100 Oak Street Charlevoix
8:00pm to 8:00am 7 days a week



Volunteers for 1 or 2 nights a month needed!

Men over the age of 18.

Ken Plude: 231-675-5347

ONLINE GIVING

Check out our website for the tab at the top of the page or
down at the bottom that says, "Giving"

The format is simple and easy.
Thank you for all your support to our parish!

We received for September: \$3,919.00

Fr. Matthew will be away from the
parish for several reasons this month:



Jubilee Synod Meetings in Rome:

October 22nd-27th

Diocese Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome & Roman Rota:
November 3rd to 23rd.

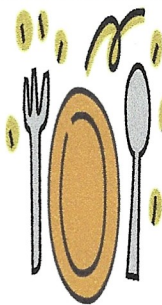
Fr. Joe Graff will be covering the weekend Masses.
We will not have daily Mass or Adoration while Fr.
Matthew is gone. Keep him in prayer for safe travels
and good health while he is away.

All Souls Day: Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

11:00am Sunday Mass at Calvary Cemetery
Weather permitting; If not in St. Joseph Church

Bring a chair for your comfort.

This does fulfill your Sunday Obligation!



Parish Breakfast Sign Up

In November we would like to start a
schedule of families & friends hosting a
monthly parish breakfast. This is a St.
Anne Guild supported event, so your
expenses are covered. We ask for you
to prepare a simple, hot breakfast.
Please stop in the gathering space for
the dates in November to April.

1st Saturday Mass/ All Saints Day
November 1st at 9:00am

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
Booklets with more information on
these devotions are by the Sacred
Heart of Jesus statue.



St. Joseph & St. John Cemetery Fall Clean up

Please check your family graves for flower removal.

Move all urns, decorations to be near or along side
grave stones for the final mowing this fall.

Faith Formation & Sacramental Prep

Classes for our students will be on

October 26th and November 2nd from 10:00am to 11:00am.
All school grades are welcome and preschool. Classes meet
in the lower level of the parish hall.

OCIA is open for new inquiries: Those in need of Baptism
and those who wish to enter into the Catholic faith through
Confirmation. Contact Mary for questions.

*Thank
You*

WEEKLY OFFERING

October 18th and 19th

Envelopes.....	\$995.00
Loose.....	\$578.00
Maintenance.....	\$00.00

OFFERING TOTAL.....\$1,573.00

Mass Intentions

The 2026 Mass Intention Book is open to schedule
Masses. Weekends and weekdays are open.

To schedule, stop by, call the parish office
or drop information in the collection basket

CARE & SHARE FOOD PANTRY

October collection items for
St. Joseph are items for Thanksgiving: canned
vegetables, squash and stuffing mix.
Toilet paper, paper towel, toothpaste and
toothbrushes are always welcome!



Ministry Schedule for November 1st & 2nd

November 1st: Saturday at 4:00pm

Lector: Ben Bolser

Ushers: Monica Spencer & Kim Carr

November 2nd: Sunday at 9:00am

Lector: Allan Peterson

Ushers: Dan Nachazel and Tony Bukrey



Celebrate 50 Years of Faith at Our Cathedral

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of St. Mary,
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral — the heart of
our Diocese. From ordinations to Chrism Masses to
diocesan celebrations, the Cathedral has stood as a visible
sign of unity for all Catholics in the Diocese of Gaylord.
To celebrate this Jubilee Year, a Cathedral sanctuary
renovation is now underway — designed to reflect the
beauty, reverence, and glory worthy of God's house. A
new handcrafted altar, a golden-tiled Crucifix alcove and
a gleaming tabernacle will uplift every person who
gathers there in prayer.

We are all invited to support this sacred renewal. This
is our Mother Church — and your gift, no matter the
size, helps preserve and beautify this holy place for the
next 50 years and beyond.

To learn more and make your gift, visit:
DioceseofGaylord.org/CathedralRenovation

Dear Padre,

Is it wrong for children to dress up as zombies and devils and other evil creatures for Halloween?

No. It is perfectly acceptable to choose these kinds of costumes and to participate in the festivities of Halloween. Halloween is primarily a secular celebration. Although it is true that the original celebration is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, that tradition is more properly celebrated during the great feast days of the Church that follow Halloween: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Mythological representations, and the costumes that remind us of these kind of characters, are to be understood with a sense of fun and mischief. There is no difference between a ghost, a goblin, a zombie, Captain America, Superman, or one of the Mario Brothers. They are all fictional characters in the very human stories we share with each other. The meaning we assign to them must be proportional to what they represent. On Halloween, they represent nothing more than a person in costume. It could be an entirely different story under different circumstances in which there might be the possibility of a misunderstanding about the meaning of such a costume. Halloween pretty much blurs that distinction and takes away the misunderstanding. It is meant to be entertaining and fun. That is all. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org



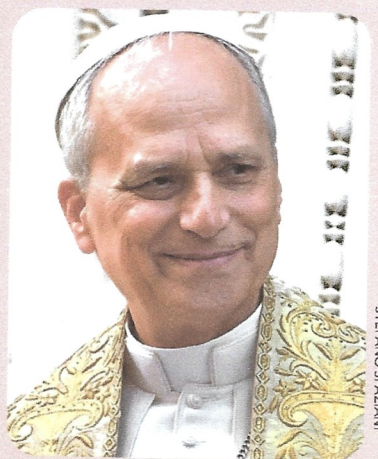
Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

My own story is that of a citizen, the descendant of immigrants, who in turn chose to emigrate. All of us, in the course of our lives, can find ourselves healthy or sick, employed or unemployed, living in our native land or in a foreign country, yet our dignity always remains unchanged: it is the dignity of a creature willed and loved by God.

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



STEFANO SPAZIANI

Monday

October 27

Weekday

Rom 8:12-17

Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

October 28

Sts. Simon and Jude,

Apostles

Eph 2:19-22

Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday

October 29

Weekday

Rom 8:26-30

Lk 13:22-30

Thursday

October 30

Weekday

Rom 8:31b-39

Lk 13:31-35

Friday

October 31

Weekday

Rom 9:1-5

Lk 14:1-6

Saturday

November 1

All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday

November 2

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Wis 3:1-9

Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9

Jn 6:37-40

(These readings or any from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead)