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OFFICE HOURS

Mondays
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesday &
First Friday 5:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Dates and times vary

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

or by appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE)

Sunday Classes 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. (at St. Patrick's Church)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION / SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 1st or 4th Saturdays of the month at noon or at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sábado cada mes al mediodía.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE) / EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Please call the office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding. / Las parejas pueden llamar a la oficina antes de poner una fecha para su boda o de hacer otros compromisos. La Diócesis de requiera un tiempo de preparación de un mínimo de seis meses entre la boda.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / (UNCIÓN) DE LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Office if you know of someone in need of the Sacrament. / Contacte la Parroquia si alguien en su familia necesita el Sacramento.

FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP / ASOCIACIÓN DE PARROQUIA

Registration Forms are located in the Parish Office or in Church. / Las formas de inscripción pueden ser encontrado en la oficina.

September 27-28, 2025: The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #1005 of the Journey songs Book



Sunday (26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME) September 28

9:00 A.M. Henrla Family
† Jack Roche

† Doug Blankenberger (Robert & Bonnie Norush)

Wednesday (St Therese of the Jesus) October 1

5:00 P.M. Wally Nykaza (Robert & Bonny Norush)
Sylvia Schopf

Friday October 3

5:00 P.M. Margaret Hzicht O'Conner

Sunday (27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME) October 5

9:00 A.M. Deceased member of FCSCA Sr. BR. 181
Paula Skoniecki
† Julie Leader Nowak
(Robert & Bonnie Norush)

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SUNDAY COLLECTION:

September 14, 2025 \$1,755.00

APPEAL GOAL FOR ST. ANNE'S \$10,700.00

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ST. ANNE'S CHURCH EMERGENCY PHONE

NUMBER If you know of someone who is sick and in need of the sacraments or wishes a visit at the hospital or care facility, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-1359.



PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US!!!



The St. Anne's faithful pray the rosary prior to every 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Mass at 4:30 p.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Sunday (9:00 A.M.) September 28

Eucharistic Minister: B. Miramontes

Lector: D. O'Connell

Ushers: S. & C. Stirling

Altar Servers I. Tristan, M. Tristan

B. Miramontes

Lora & Rick Bell

Counters:

Sunday (9:00 A.M.) October 5

Eucharistic Minister: B. Yeoman

Lector: C. Sutherland

Ushers: Ed & S. Stirling

Altar Servers: L. Bell, F. Villafuerte

C. Foltz

Counters:

Judy & Carol



ST. ANNE'S RUMMAGE SALE

takes place on
October 2-4. Items
may be dropped off at
the hall on September
27-28. No TVs,
electronics or magazines.



2025 OCTOBER ADORATION HOURS

ST. ANNE'S
WEDNESDAYS

6:00 – 7:00 P.M.

ST. PATRICK'S

WED-FRI

10:00 – 11:00 A.M.

*We adore thee O Christ and we praise thee,
because by thy holy cross You
have redeemed the world...*



NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at
pjankowski@yahoo.com.

A few weeks ago, I was visiting a really good soul at one of our local hospitals whose health took a turn for the worse. As with so many who reach a certain stage in their life and focus more intensely of the other side of life, this woman was struggling with her faith life, how others around here were affecting her faith life in good and bad ways and whether she was "worthy" enough to enter heaven.

During our conversation, the woman began to ask me the questions that many do in life – **WHY DOES GOD PERMIT EVIL IN THE WORLD?** This is a fair question to ask – if our Lord is all GOOD, why would our Lord permit evil?

In the Theology 101 Course I teach at the University of St. Francis, I reference a book by Dr. Peter Kreeft, who wrote the following in one of his signature works, Fundamentals of the Faith, he states that **God wants us to reach heaven; it is our choice as to whether we choose to be with God or not, which is why evil exists in the world. Without a choice, we would be forced to live a certain way; God wishes us to make this choice on our own volition, so other options in life are given from which we can choose.** As I have stated numerous times in my homilies and lectures, no matter how often I preach this, some in our world let the comments slip by without making a significant change in their lives – whether it be Hatfields vs. McCoys, Stereotypical Democrats vs. Stereotypical Republicans, Communists vs. Free Republics or even Cub Fans vs. Sox Fans, there are some in the world so entrenched with their vision and views that they will not budge from what they believe.

I told this woman that for this reasons, countries and religions often declare war on each other to mark territory or superiority whereas the bible tells us to do just the *opposite*, to be humble and act like "useless servants" (a passage on which we focus at the end of October at Sunday Mass).

After I explained Kreeft's view of the subject, this hospice patient was *still* frustrated. She said to me that people do not think they are wrong – they keep purporting hate in the world and will not change.

I replied by saying that God easily could have obliterated us when we nailed God to the cross but God did not – instead, as famously stated in Luke 23, the Son asked the Father to forgive, for the world does not know what she is doing.

This is a prevailing theme in our scriptures and in our lives – no matter how much we love, no matter how much good we do, there are so many wolves (often in sheep's clothing) who try to destroy. This is evident with online scammers stealing money from unsuspecting victims... this is evident with those who shamelessly hurt and kill to purport their own value systems... this is evident to those in local neighborhoods who disparage good people to build themselves up with others. This has happened generation after generation, which was why the passage from the beginning of Joshua resonates with me so well – only *two* of the original 600,000 men and their families were worthy enough to enter the Promised Land because all the others had sinned against God (including Moses & Aaron).

To get to heaven, we have to get past the noise of the world and keep focused on God. Satan is very good at what he does – Satan can enter and corrupt hearts so easily, especially in today's age. I told the woman that they way to get to heaven is to get past the "noise" of the world and to focus on God – in Buddhism, this is references by ridding ourselves of the attachments of the world. To "become" a monk in Buddhism, first you have to pass through being a sick man, and old man and a dead man – once all of that is passed, then we focus on the only thing that really matters. In Buddhism, that ultimate goal is self-enlightenment (which is devoid of God); in Christianity, that same method brings us face-to-face with the one who created us and the one who tries to get us back home. This is the only way to make it to the end. God bless all of you.



**ST. ANNE'S
PEW & CHURCH
DEDICATION PROGRAM**

The concept for our dedication program is simple - we are offering the opportunity to remember a loved one in a memorial dedicated for one of our church or chapel pews (\$2,500).

If you are interested in learning more about the dedication program, contact the parish office at phone ☎ (815) 427-8265 or email us at the address pjankowski@yahoo.com.



Woe to those who
are complacent....
[T]hey shall be
the first to go
into exile.

AMOS 6:1, 7



Adrift

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In *A Christmas Carol*, Ebenezer Scrooge found himself confronted by the person he had become: someone forced to accept the reality painted by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. Scrooge hadn't realized how he had slowly drifted into becoming an uncaring and greedy person, unable to show compassion because he never really saw someone else's pain. The story of Ebenezer Scrooge is the story of the rich man in this Sunday's gospel who was unmoved by poor Lazarus, sitting at the gate of the rich man's sumptuous life. They are both stories of human beings drifting into emptiness.

St. Thomas Aquinas suggested that our motivations in life can ultimately be reduced to eight different categories. If we're interested in understanding what sort of people we are becoming, we might ask

ourselves which of these questions best describes our motivation: Am I making my decisions and choices about life based on wealth? Or am I looking to be admired by others and be praised? Is it lasting glory that I seek? Or power so that I can be noted for "making a difference?" Is what I seek a life of ultimate pleasure and comfort? Is it health that I look for? Or perhaps something related to my inner life—some intangible good, like virtue or knowledge? Or is it to see God already in this life what I truly want? It is always a challenge to know our true selves because all too often we may be adrift, unaware of who we are becoming. ●

Reflect

Which of St. Thomas Aquinas' questions describes me and my choices?

Dear Padre,

Why does my parish priest preach about love practically every Sunday?

"Through the course of the liturgical year, the homily sets forth the mysteries of faith and the standards of the Christian life on the basis of the sacred text" (*Lectionary*, 24). A translation of the English word "love" appears in the Bible more than 500 times; by comparison, "sin" appears approximately 400 times. Thus, insofar as the homily "should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from sacred Scripture" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 65), God's word on "love" is far too prevalent to overlook.

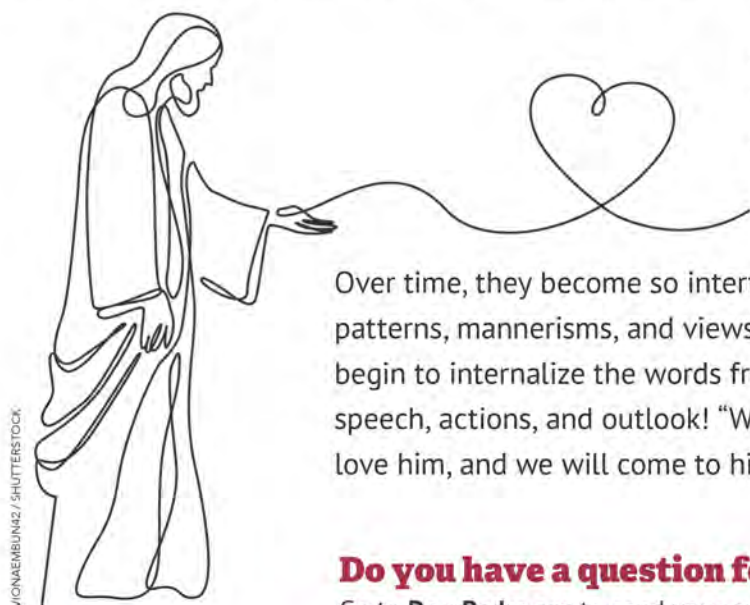
Pope Francis called God's word "a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best." In the Bible, this God who desires to bestow his love on us (See 1 John 3:1), is essentially telling us, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways." How we love God in return may be likened to two partners in a committed relationship.

Over time, they become so intertwined that they can even assume each other's speech patterns, mannerisms, and views. Likewise, for those who love God, over the years we can begin to internalize the words from God's "love letter" and reflect them in our Christian speech, actions, and outlook! "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him" (John 14:23). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, 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*.



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church's social doctrine, to which we need to respond.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

Monday

September 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or
Rv 12:7-12ab

Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday

September 30

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Zec 8:20-23

Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday

October 1

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Neh 2:1-8

Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday

October 3

Weekday

Bar 1:15-22

Lk 10:13-16

Saturday

October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29

Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

October 5

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Lk 17:5-10

CONSIDER THESE OPPORTUNITIES:

- Tithe your estate. The ancient standard of 10% can do a world of good.
- Imagine that you have a child named "Charity" that will receive a portion of your estate similar to your other children or heirs.
- Name your church as the "residuary beneficiary" of your estate.
- Make a gift that will permanently endow your annual pledge to your church. (General rule: Gift amount x 5% = your annual pledge.) You may create this fund directly through your St. Patrick or St. Anne Foundation with a gift of at least \$10,000.



BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

The "easy bequest." Name your church as the beneficiary of an IRA, a qualified retirement plan, an insurance policy or other assets. There can also be tax advantages to this type of gift.

All donors should consult with their own professional advisors to ensure that an estate plan meets their unique goals and complies with all legal requirements. The foregoing material is provided for general educational and informational purposes only. The Foundation does not provide legal, financial or accounting advice.

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REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH

In Your Will or Estate Plan

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your gifts to your St. Patrick's / St. Anne's Church support ministries that change lives and share the love of with a world in need.

With a little planning, a gift to the church through one's will or estate plan can be a meaningful testament to one's faith, an inspiration to family and friends and a force for life-changing ministry in the world.

UNRESTRICTED GIFTS

Ministry is ever-changing. Your church must respond to emerging needs, directing funds where needed most. Unrestricted gifts afford your church maximum flexibility in using funds to achieve its charitable missions. If you wish to allow use of your donation for purposes as needed, then the following language may be incorporated in a will or trust document:

(Describe a particular asset, a specific amount or a percentage of the estate) to the (Parish Name, followed by current address) for its charitable tax-exempt purposes, without restriction. If (Parish Name) does not exist at the time of distribution, then to (Another Organization) for its charitable tax-exempt purposes, without restriction.

RESTRICTED GIFTS

You may want your gift used for a particular purpose such as children's ministries or music programs at your church. Or, you may want the church to invest the gift and only use the income.

Many churches and charities have already created endowment funds for specific purposes. Contact the church prior to finalizing gift plans to determine the names and purposes of existing funds, or to discuss creating your own special fund.

FOR A GENERAL RESTRICTION, THE FOLLOWING MAY BE USED:

[Describe a particular asset, a specific amount or a percentage of the estate] to the [Name of UM Church or Charity, followed by current address] ("Charity") for [describe the purpose, such as a program, activity or project]

("Purpose"). If Purpose does not exist at the time of distribution, Charity shall use the distribution for one or more of its charitable tax-exempt purposes nearest to the original Purpose. If Charity does not exist at the time of distribution, then the distribution shall go to ...



You may want to use the Foundation as a final catch-all recipient with the following language: to St. Patrick's / St. Anne's (Church Address)

to be used and administered for the Purpose or for a charitable tax-exempt purpose as near as possible to the original Purpose as determined by the Pastor, in consultation with the Church's Finance Committee.

How to Pray the Rosary

The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the Apostles' Creed, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The Our Father, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the Hail Mary is the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the Hail Mary. The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ's life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and (added by Pope John Paul II in 2002) the Luminous.

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery.

The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells.

The Rosary can be said privately or with a group.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Holding the Crucifix, say the "Apostles' Creed."
3. On the first bead, say an "Our Father."
4. Say three "Hail Marys" on each of the next three beads.
5. Say the "Glory Be to the Father."
6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery, then say the "Our Father."
7. While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten "Hail Marys" while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a "Glory Be." (After finishing each decade, some say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.")
8. After saying the five decades, say the "Hail, Holy Queen," followed by this dialogue and prayer:
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



28 Septiembre 2025: XXVI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Desde el siglo XVII, el 2 de octubre la Iglesia ha celebrado la conmemoración de los Santos Ángeles Custodios. Muchos de nosotros conocemos la imagen de un niño y su hermanita caminando por un puente tembloroso y podrido. Sobre ellos está en vigilante una bella criatura halada, su ángel protector. Esta imagen de seres con alas es una que los cristianos tomamos de los paganos romanos y griegos, ya que bíblicamente hablando la mayor parte de los ángeles no tienen alas.

Últimamente los ángeles se han puesto de moda entre los no cristianos, pero no debemos dejarnos llevar por sus doctrinas "new age". Muchos de ellos buscan poner a los ángeles a su propio servicio pidiéndoles dinero, su pareja y otras cosas. Los ángeles no existen para enriquecernos. Más bien hay que saber que los ángeles están para glorificar y servir a Dios y cuidar a los humanos marginados. Jesús mismo nos dice que hay que cuidarnos de despreciar a los pequeños (gente pobre y oprimida) "porque les aseguro que sus ángeles en el cielo están constantemente en presencia de mi Padre celestial" (Mateo 18: 10-11).

-Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gl, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PRACTICA LA VIRTUD

En la primera lectura de hoy, Amós condena la corrupta moralidad en el comportamiento y la actitud de un pueblo que no se preocupa sino por su bienestar y les previene que les traerá devastación.

Se les pide a las familias que llamen a la oficina **antes** de fijar una fecha para una Quinceañera o hacer otros arreglos u compromisos.



LA MISA EN ESPAÑOL

El Mediodía (12:00 p.m.)

Todos los Domingos

7:00p.m. todos los Viernes

ROSARIO Y CATECHESIS

Todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 p.m.

En el Evangelio, el hombre rico ni siquiera tiene un nombre, es simplemente la personificación de la avaricia y la irresponsabilidad. Su falta de caridad ha creado un abismo entre él y el mendigo Lázaro que ni Abraham puede cerrar.

En su carta a Timoteo, un joven obispo en la pequeña comunidad formada después de la Resurrección en Éfeso, Pablo exhorta a este dirigente a practicar virtudes como integridad, fe y constancia con gran bondad. Pablo también pide a Timoteo que conserve en su mente la vida futura con Dios que "vive en la luz inaccesible". Esta es la bienaventuranza de todos aquellos que, como Lázaro, fueron una vez pobres pero ahora son ricos.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - Ay de los complacidos. Sus juergas disolutas desaparecerán (Amós 6: 1a, 4-7).

Salmo - Alabemos al Señor, que viene a salvarnos (Salmo 146).

Segunda Lectura - Compete bien por la fe. Guarda los mandamientos hasta que aparezca el Señor Jesús (1 Timoteo 6: 11-16).

Evangelio - Recuerda que recibiste las cosas buenas durante tu vida; Lázaro recibió lo que era malo. Ahora Lázaro es consolado mientras que tú eres atormentado (Lucas 16: 19-31).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14; Sal 138; Jn 1: 47-51

Martes: Zac 8: 20-23; Sal 87; Lc 9: 51-56

Miércoles: Ne 2: 1-8; Sal 91; Mt 18: 1-5, 10

Jueves: Ne 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Sal 19;
Lc 10: 1-12

Viernes: Bar 1: 15-22; Sal 79: 1b-5, 8-9;
Lc 10: 13-16

Sábado: Bar 4: 5-12, 27-29; Sal 69; Lc 10: 17-24

Domingo: Hb 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4; Sal 95: 1-2, 6-9;
2 Tm 1: 6-8, 13-14; Lc 17: 5-10

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