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And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.**

Matthew 15:21-28

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Regular Mass Times for

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	6:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am
First Fridays	6:00 pm
Holy Days	See Bulletin

Regular Confession Times

Tuesday	8:25-8:50 am
Wednesday	5:25-5:50 pm
Thursday	8:25-8:50 am 6:15-6:45 pm

**4th Thursday of each Month -
No CONFESSIONS at 6:15 pm.**

First Friday 5:25-5:50 pm
Sunday 7:20-7:50 am
2nd Saturday After Mass

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00-4:00 pm
Friday 9:00-3:00 pm

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SATURDAY AUGUST 22	Alex H Joseph H Thomas H	Tim Long	Laura Long	Tim Long	Marilyn Andeson	Kaitlin Long / Derek Olson		Donna's Team August 21		Tim Davis / David Orson August 21
SUNDAY AUGUST 23	Bodon R	Mark Bock	Chris Porter	Don Ring	Chris Porter	David Orson / Judy Wolf	Cathy Vogel		Stephanie's Team August 24	
SATURDAY AUGUST 29	Emmett T Bennett S	Chris Thornsberry	Guy Emhoff	Pat & Maurice Devolder	Fred Hershberger	David Orson / Corbin Trimble				Ed Medlock August 28
SUNDAY AUGUST 30	Patrick O	Henry Saubers	Don Ring	Tim Long	Cathy Vogel	Kaitlin Long / Judy Wolf	Dong Ring		Chris' Team August 31	



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, August 18 9:00 a.m. NO MASS
Wednesday, August 19 6:00 p.m. NO MASS
Thursday, August 20 9:00 a.m. NO MASS
Saturday, August 22 5:00 p.m. † Patricia Wagner by Rick Wagner
Sunday, August 23 8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Bridget

Special Collections

2026	
August 16	Dioc. Life & Justice Campaign
September 6	Dream Fund Youth Group
September 20	Latin America
October 4	Dream Fund Youth Group

Charity Opportunity

Do you desire to help our Lord Jesus Christ by seeing Him in the poor and needy in our area? Consider donating towards The Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy Council, our local food pantry and charity organization. This is a 501C3 organization, thus your donation is tax deductible. There is no electronic giving yet, but you can write checks to "Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy," mail your donation to 100 Veterans Parkway, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080. If you desire to assist (i.e. Meals on Wheels – making and delivering low cost meals, then call 816-987-3952, working at the food pantry, working at the thrift store, etc.) OR have other questions, please contact the Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy at: (816) 987-3600.

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Week ending 08/09/2026	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	\$2231.00	\$810.00	\$3041.00
Dream Fund	\$120.00	\$499.13	\$619.13
Dream Fund MTD	\$522.75	\$499.13	\$1021.88
Youth Group	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Votive Candle	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$170.00
SC - Life Justice	\$0.00	\$154.13	\$154.13
Dave Pilgrimage	\$0.00	\$51.38	\$51.38
SOR Fees	\$0.00	\$82.20	\$82.20

Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$1021.88

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Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin announcements must be emailed one week prior to the weekend of distribution to secretary@stbridgetph.org.

Sacraments

Baptism Parent preparation session is required. Please contact the Administrative Assistant at Admin@st.bridgetph.org or call the parish office prior to the birth.

First Communion A sacramental preparation program is required through SOR or an approved other curriculum.

Confirmation Program for high school students, according to Diocesan guidelines.

Marriage Please call the parish office when engaged. A nine month preparation period is required (diocesan policy). One party should be a registered, attending parishioner.

Anointing of the Sick As requested after Mass and by appointment.

Devotions and Info

New Parishioners

Welcome! Please register by downloading a registration form from our web site, stbridgetph.weconnect.com or contact the parish office. We are glad you are here and look forward to meeting you! ***

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Thursday After Mass —7:00 p.m.
Fifth Fridays 24 hrs. 5:00pm — Sat. 4:45pm

First Friday Mass and Devotions
6:00 p.m.; devotions, adoration, and benediction follow

Rosary
Before Mass Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday; Second Thursday at 6:30pm w/ Altar & Rosary Society, and Knights of Columbus

Prayer Chain Requests If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Klein at (816) 540-5980.

Blessing Have you experienced a miscarriage?
Contact Father Vogel or Deacon Morgan to receive a blessing.

Reporting Abuse



The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church.
If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:
1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18).
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911.
3. If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, at ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org or 816-213-6024
The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.
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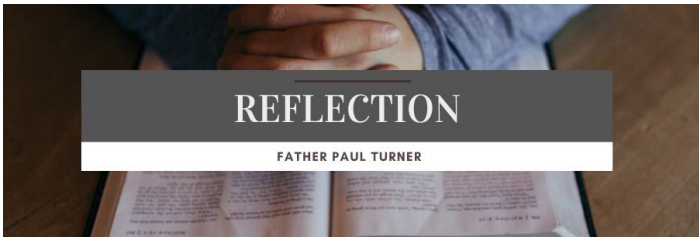


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REFLECTION

FATHER PAUL TURNER

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Mercy Beyond Adversity

God can use adversity to bring blessing. No one wants adversity. We pray for bad times to go away. We envision a world with less pain and suffering, and we ask God to accept this vision.

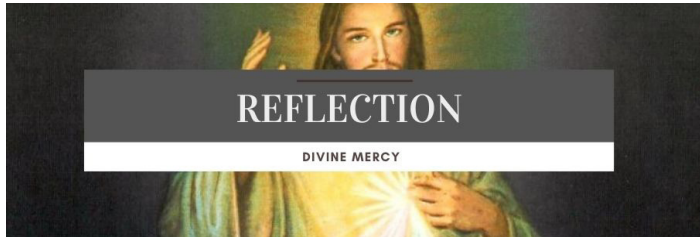
God does not always answer those prayers. Sometimes the adversity we seek to avoid comes in spite of our prayer. The weather turns bad. Property is destroyed. Illness is not cured. Death comes to a good friend. If adversity comes in spite of our prayer, we may begin to doubt. We doubt the goodness of God, or we doubt the skill of our prayer.

God looks at things differently. Sometimes adversity brings new hope and promise. People rely less on themselves and more on the Spirit. They accept illness and death and live with less selfishness. They realize what matters in life and they thank God for the blessings that abound.

St. Paul rehearses for the Romans how God brought good out of adversity for them. God called everyone to salvation, but not everyone has accepted. Paul tells the Gentiles about the Israelites: "Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy."

When the Gentiles rejected the covenant, God gave it to the Israelites. When the Israelites rejected it, God offered it to the Gentiles in Christ. God still looks beyond our adversity and offers mercy.

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REFLECTION

DIVINE MERCY

To Speak or Not to Speak

One common human tendency is to talk excessively and to explain ourselves to others, especially to justify our actions in their minds. This is especially the case when we sense that others misunderstand us. But Jesus experienced this to the greatest degree as He stood before Herod and Pilate. In these cases, He remained silent. This is a lesson for us in that there are many times when our Lord calls us to remain silent in the face of misunderstanding. Sure, there are other times when He calls us to speak freely and openly to another about our soul and our inner thoughts, but we must strive to discern His Will in each situation and know that silence, in certain situations, is what He calls us to. Remaining silent, at times, will produce more good fruit than an excess of words. Seek to imitate the silence of our Lord in those moments, trusting that He sees your soul and is pleased with you as you endure false perceptions and misunderstandings (See Diary #1164).

Are there times when you sense that others do not understand you? This can be difficult and even painful. Notice that in these moments you may tend to look for ways to explain yourself to others and defend your honor. But silence in those moments may actually be what our Lord is calling you to embrace. Reflect upon Jesus, standing before Herod and Pilate, and ponder His silence in the face of judgment. Know that you will also be called to endure moments like this and, in accord with God's mysterious Will, this act of silence will win more grace for the salvation of souls than all the words you could speak.

Lord, give me wisdom so that I know when to speak and when to remain silent. I desire to imitate Your perfect silence and to endure the misunderstandings that You endured. In these moments, give me grace to imitate Your humility as I imitate You. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at: <https://divinemercy.life/2026/08/11/reflection-224-to-speak-or-not-to-speak/>)



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Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Gospel this weekend has us focusing on a pagan mother's desire for her child to no longer be tormented by a demon and seeks Jesus' help. She persists and never gives up until Jesus responds with an affirmative in curing her daughter.

This Gospel helps us to understand the need to persist in our prayers and to never give up; that God, in His good time (not mine), will answer my prayers according to His Will.

If I were to rate my persistence of my prayer life, with 10 being a perfect score and 0 being the worst, what would I rate myself? How would God rate myself?

What do I need to do to increase my persistence score in my prayer life?

In Christo et Maria,

Father Vogel



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CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, August 17

Tuesday, August 18

NO MASS

Wednesday, August 19

NO MASS

6:40 p.m. Men's Group

6:40 p.m. OCIA - Resumes

Thursday, August 20

9:45 a.m. Word & Communion Service

(with Deacon Rennie)

10:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration Begins

6:50 p.m. Benediction

(with Deacon Morgan)

Friday, August 21

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Knights Grillin' @ Cruise Night
(in Downtown Pleasant Hill)

Saturday, August 22

4:30 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Men's Gathering
Catholic Gentlemen "Saint-ish"

Sunday, August 23

7:30 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Mass



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Caleb Stoner St. Andrew's Apostolic Discipleship	Weston Warner St. Patrick's Holiness Discipleship	Nathan Gentry St. Mark's Discipleship	Peter Gould Holy Spirit Discipleship	Brendon Engeman Immaculate Conception, Holy Spirit Discipleship	Caleb Karp Sacred Heart Catholic Center Discipleship
					

					
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I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ~John 10:11

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Please contact the parish office by August 21st
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The event is for couples and their immediate family.
Kindly inform us whether you would like to attend the Mass
and celebration and how many will be in your party.
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