

Dear Padre,

Are people born with the Holy Spirit, or do they have to be baptized in order to receive the Holy Spirit? If we are not born with the Holy Spirit, is it just our conscience that is bothered when we are doing wrong?

Your question is suggesting that the Holy Spirit is “in” or “out.” St. Paul teaches us, “In him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). In other words, the Spirit of God is always with us, and we are dependent on that Spirit for life. There is no beginning and there is no end; the Spirit always was, and is, and will be.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that “Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right” (1778). We have an obligation to form our consciences to know what is right and to help our children form theirs. It is with the cooperation of the Spirit that a “good conscience” is formed.

When we celebrate the sacraments, including the sacrament of baptism, we are confirming the life of the Spirit that is within is. We are acknowledging and proclaiming the abiding presence of the Spirit of God. ●

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*.



DREAM PERFECTION / SHUTTERSTOCK

Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 12, 2025
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
2 Kings 5:14–17 / 2 Timothy 2:8–13 / Luke 17:11–19



Grateful for Being Grateful

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Here is a quick self-test: *Name three things in your life for which you are grateful.* Finished? If you were able to name three things easily, your spirituality is probably in a good place. If you had difficulty, your spirituality may be in need of some work. Spiritual writers have long noted that living day by day with a sense of gratitude is one of the signs of holiness. Yet, a number of attitudes can get in the way of our being thankful. One is anger; it unsettles and focuses our attention on one issue, keeping us from seeing a bigger picture filled with blessings. Another is living with continual wanting; incessant desires for more prevent us from recognizing the beauty and goodness of what already is. Fear too keeps us from being grateful; it obliterates all the goodness that is present and focuses on an unknown and uncertain future that may never be.

Therapists have advised that, at the end of each day, people should take time to name three things that happened that day for which they are grateful, as doing so will often ease depression. Our religious tradition has been encouraging this for 2,000 years. Not all depression is due to life circumstances; some is the result of chemical or hormonal imbalances. But, if our sadness is the consequence of life events, naming three positive occurrences from each day not only brings a balance to our attitudes but also brings us to deeper faith, recognizing a power greater than ourselves at work in our lives. That power is God. ●

Reflect

What are three reasons I have for gratitude?
What blessings do I forget?

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The deepest purpose of the Church’s social doctrine [is] a contribution to peace and dialogue in the service of building bridges of universal fraternity.... [T]he Risen Lord always goes before us, even at times when injustice and death seem to prevail. Let us...“build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace.”

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WIKICOMMONS



Monday

October 13
Weekday
Rom 1:1–7
Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday

October 14
Weekday
Rom 1:16–25
Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday

October 15
St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church
Rom 2:1–11
Lk 11:42–46

Thursday

October 16
Weekday
Rom 3:21–30
Lk 11:47–54

Friday

October 17
St. Ignatius of
Antioch, Bishop
and Martyr
Rom 4:1–8

Saturday

October 18
St. Luke, Evangelist
2 Tm 4:10–17b
Lk 10:1–9

Sunday

October 19
Twenty-ninth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Ex 17:8–13
2 Tm 3:14–4:2
Lk 18:1–8



Jesus said...“Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?”

LUKE 17:17–18



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Parish Announcements

Our Condolences

The St. Paul's community offers our prayers and sympathies to the family of Angela Canizaro. May she, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Painting

We will begin painting the church office Tuesday, October 14, and Thursday October 16, starting at 3 PM. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office.

Prison Ministry

The Kairos Prison Ministry will be collecting homemade cookies for their ministry. The collection dates will be October 18th & 19th. Cookies must be in a clear Ziploc bag. A basket will be in the vestibule for collection.

Community Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is collecting food for the holiday season. There are bags available in the vestibule with a list of items needed. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, you can donate directly to Storehouse Community Food Pantry.

Ministry Drive

St. Paul will have a Ministry Drive October 25th & 26th. Please prayerfully consider serving our parish in one of the many ministries we have to offer.

Draw Down

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual \$3,000 Drawdown on Sunday, October 12, with doors opening at 6 PM. Tickets are \$75 and can be bought from any Knight or online at <https://kc898.square.site>

Pet Blessing Update

The blessing of pets in honor of the feast day of Saint Francis has been moved to October 26th at 4 PM in front of the church. Please bring your pets for this special blessing.

Offertory Summary

Weekly Budget\$7,700

Online Giving

Sept 29 - Oct 5 \$2,437

Weekend Offertory

Sept 27 & 28 \$2,448

Oct 4 & 5 \$5,782

Oct 11 & 12 \$____

Oct 18 & 19 \$____

Oct 25 & 26 \$____

Special Collections

October 19: World Missions ...

Sign up for automatic online giving at www.osvhub.com/st-paulscatholic-church

Weekend Mass Schedule†

Saturday

#Confession 3:15-3:45 PM

Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday

#Confession 9:45-10:15 AM

Mass 10:30 AM

Daily Mass Schedule†

Monday 7:00 AM

Tuesday 12:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 AM

Thursday 12:00 PM

Friday 7:00 AM

† All schedule updates can be found in the Parish Calendar section of the bulletin.

‡ For Confessions during the week, please call the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

OCT 13, MON Ainsley Grace Johnston, Healing

OCT 14, TUES Nelson Torres

OCT 15, WED Bettye Kelly, Deceased

OCT 16, THUR Special Intentions

OCT 17, FRI Craig Stamm, Deceased

OCT 18, SAT Angela Canizaro, Deceased

To request a Mass Intention for a Daily Mass or the Saturday Vigil Mass, please call, email, or visit the parish office. Each Mass with no intention is offered for all St. Paul's parishioners.



Today's Readings

Visit bible.usccb.org or scan this QR code to find the readings



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers placed at the Ambo are in Memory of Marjorie Martin, Frank & Anna Weaver and Bobby Adams

Check out our Social Media!



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Parish Calendar

OCT 12, SUN Children's Church: Led by Shannon Lyons
Knights of Columbus Drawdown 6 PM

OCT 13, MON Offertory Counters: Renee Turner & Bruce Ebersole

OCT 19, SUN Community Food Pantry Collection

OCT 22, WED Lunch & Scripture: 12 PM @ Billy's

OCT 26, SUN Ministry Drive
Blessing of Pets @ 4 PM

Knights of Columbus

<https://facebook.com/kc898>

www.ms-kofc.com/898

Become a KNIGHT.
Scan this QR code to
join the Knights today!



OCT 12 Drawdown 6:00 PM

OCT 14 Rosary 6:30 followed by
Recruitment & Retention
Social

OCT 15 Into the Breach Bible study
5:30 PM. All Catholic men
welcome

St. Paul Parish Staff

Pastor
Fr. Rusty Vincent

Office Manager
Ashley Roesch

Office Assistant
Janis Koestler

Bookkeeper
Beverly Connelly

Maintenance
Charles Hahn

Organist
Karen Harrison

Leadership & Ministries

Parish Council President
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Story Ebersole

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Connie and David
Hosemann,
and Bruce Ebersole

Meals On Wheels
Jan Jackson,
Christy Guizerix,
and Rae Perry

Altar Flowers
Cynthia Montalbano

Baptism Prep
Barbara Hill

Homebound
Janis Koestler

Children's Church
Ashley Lawrence

Confirmation
Jordan Amborn