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?

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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." ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025



Friday

Monday

Weekday

October 13

Rom 1:1-7

Tuesday

October 14

Rom 1:16-25

Wednesday

St. Teresa of Jesus,

Virgin and Doctor

Lk 11:37-41

October 15

of the Church

Rom 2:1-11

Lk 11:42-46

Thursday October 16

Weekday

Rom 3:21-30 Lk 11:47-54

Weekday

Lk 11:29-32

October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Rom 4:1-8 Lk 12:1-7

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



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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

ere 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?





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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.

Community Food Pantry

the holiday season. There are bags items needed. If you prefer to make a in the vestibule for collection. monetary donation, you can donate directly to Storehouse Community Food Pantry.

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

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 The Food Pantry is collecting food for ministry. The collection dates will be October 18th & 19th. Cookies must be available in the vestibule with a list of in a clear Ziploc bag. A basket will be

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.

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

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 Kı	nights today!
OCT 12	Drawdown 6:00 PM
OCT 14	Rosary 6:30 followed by Recruitment & Retention Social
OCT 15	Into the Breach Bible stud 5:30 PM. All Catholic men welcome

Weekend Mass Schedule[†]

Saturday

‡Confession 3:15-3:45 PM Mass 4:00 PM

‡Confession 9:45-10:15 AM 10:30 AM Mass

Daily Mass Schedule[†]

7:00 AM
12:00 PM
7:00 AM
12:00 PM
7:00 AM

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

Mass Intentions

Healing

Nelson Torres

OCT 13, MON

OCT 14, TUES

OCT 15, WED

OCT 16, THUR

OCT 17, FRI

OCT 18, SAT

Ainsley Grace Johnston,

Bettye Kelly, Deceased

Craig Stamm, Deceased

Special Intentions

Angela Canizaro,

Deceased

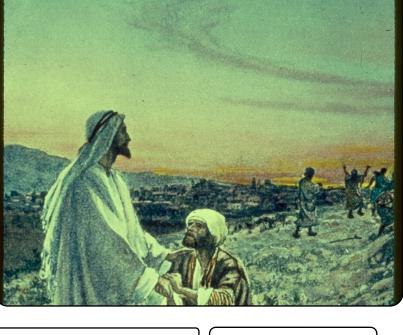
To request a Mass Intention for a Daily Mass or

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.

Sunday



Today's Readings

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

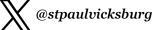
Sanctuary Flowers

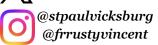
The flowers placed at the Ambo are in Memory of Marjorie Martin, Frank & **Anna Weaver and Bobby Adams**

Check out our Social Media!



St. Paul Catholic Church





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Pastor

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Homebound Janis Koestler

Jan Jackson, Christy Guizerix, and Rae Perry

Meals On Wheels

Children's Church **Ashley Lawrence**

Confirmation Jordan Amborn

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