

Dear Padre,

Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.

We live in a climate that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter-witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy: “You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor” (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart. (See Matthew 6:21.) The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanks for all God has given to us and others. To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else’s possessions, is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and rationalize it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: “Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother’s [and sister’s] progress, and you will immediately give glory to God” (2540). ●

Fr. Paul J. Coury, 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*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 6	October 7	October 8	October 9	October 10	October 11	October 12
Weekday	Our Lady of the	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Twenty-eighth
Jon 1:1–2:2, 11	Rosary	Jon 4:1–11	Mal 3:13–20b	Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2	Jl 4:12–21	Sunday in
Lk 10:25–37	Jon 3:1–10	Lk 11:1–4	Lk 11:5–13	Lk 11:15–26	Lk 11:27–28	Ordinary Time
	Lk 10:38–42					2 Kgs 5:14–17
						2 Tm 2:8–13
						Lk 17:11–19



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 5, 2025

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Habakkuk 1:2–3; 2:2–4 / 2 Timothy 1:6–8, 13–14 / Luke 17:5–10



Never Big Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Childhood daydreams come peppered with visions of heroes and heroines, movie stars and rock stars, fame and notoriety.

Eventually, however, we adjust our visions of what we can become as we are confronted by the reality of who we are. Seldom, however, are our daydreams and visions big enough. They tend to be only about ourselves, barely including others.

The same may be said about becoming people of faith. Too readily we think of faith simply as our personal decision to believe in God. Faith then becomes one-sided—the prayers we say, the Masses we attend, the Church’s rules we obey. Like the people of the prophet Habakkuk’s day, we may bemoan, “I cry for help and you do not listen.... [I] cry out to you, ‘Violence!’ and you do not intervene” (Habakkuk 1:2).

Then, too, our faith and its vision for life are not big enough, for we do not allow room for God to slip into our lives and do what God does. Then, faith is only about ourselves—our needs and struggles and pains. Faith needs to be a surrender to God’s vision, not simply for ourselves, but for all of life. [The LORD said,] “The vision is a witness for the appointed time...it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late” (Habakkuk 2:3). The difficulty is that we want God to make life perfect for us the way we want it and when we want it. Then, it becomes our vision for life and not God’s. ●

Reflect

Have I ever given up my vision or plan and found God’s plan to be perfect for me?

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7





St. Paul Catholic Church

713 CRAWFORD STREET
VICKSBURG, MS 39180

27th Sunday O.T.
October 4 & 5, 2025



St. Paul Catholic Church

713 CRAWFORD STREET
VICKSBURG, MS 39180

27th Sunday O.T.
October 4 & 5, 2025

Parish Announcements

Rosary Coast to Coast

The annual Coast to Coast Rosary will be held at 2PM on Sunday, October 5, 2025 at St. Michael's Church. This event is sponsored by The Blessed Virgin Sodality. Everyone is welcome!

Adoration

Please join us on Wednesday, October 8th at 5:30PM for Eucharistic Adoration and the Liturgy of the Hours.

Anointing Mass

Please join us for the Anointing Mass Thursday, Oct 9th at 12PM

Draw Down

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual \$3000 Drawdown on Sunday, October 12, with doors opening at 6PM. Tickets are \$75 and can be bought from any Knight or online at <https://kc898.square.site>

Pet Blessing

There will be a blessing of pets in honor of the feast day of Saint Francis on October 19th at 4 PM in front of the church. Please bring your pets for this special blessing.

America Needs Fatima

America Needs Fatima Rosary will be held Saturday, October 11th at 12 PM at St. Mary's in front of the Mary statue.

RCIA "Come and See"

If you or someone you know are considering becoming Catholic or may be interested in learning more about the church, we invite you to join us Wednesdays at 6 PM in Glynn Hall. To learn more, please contact the parish office.

Help Needed

Renovations are taking place in the church office. If you would be willing to help paint during a future workday, please contact the church office or send email to stpaulvick@att.net

Offertory Summary

Weekly Budget\$7,700

Online Giving

Sept 22 - Sept 28..... \$1,817

Weekend Offertory

Sept 27 & 28 \$2,448

Oct 4 & 5..... \$____

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.



"Parable of the Mustard Seed"

By Jan Luyken Wikimedia Commons

Today's Readings

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



Check out our Social Media!

St. Paul Catholic Church

@stpaulvicksburg

@stpaulvicksburg
@frrustyvinct

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers placed at the Ambo are in Memory of Robert C. Hosemann, Sr and Robert C. Hosemann, Jr

Parish Calendar

OCT 4, SAT

Meals on Wheels

OCT 5, SUN

Children's Church: Led by Natalie Kneipp

OCT 6, MON

Offertory Counters: Jan Jackson & Paul Banchetti

OCT 8, WED

Adoration at 5:30 PM. RCIA will meet in Glynn Hall at 6 PM

OCT 9, THUR

Anointing Mass at 12 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 4

Meals on Wheels 8-11 AM

OCT 6

Silver Rose at St. Aloysius

OCT 8

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

Mass Intentions

OCT 6, MON

Craig Stamm, Deceased

OCT 7, TUES

Emiliano Hernandez
Eddie Velazquez

OCT 8, WED

Special Intentions

OCT 9, THUR

Dan Hall

OCT 10, FRI

Craig Stamm, Deceased

OCT 11, SAT

Marian Beall, 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.

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

Kevin Mahoney

Finance Council Chair

Bill Fulcher

Bereavement

Story Ebersole

RCIA

Connie and David
Hosemann,
and Bruce Ebersole

Meals On Wheels

Jan Jackson,
Christy Guizerix,
and Rae Perry

Altar Flowers

Cynthia Montalbano

Homebound

Janis Koestler

Children's Church

Ashley Lawrence

Baptism Prep

Barbara Hill