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 counterwitness. 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?

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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



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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

hildhood 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?





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Parish Announcements

Parish Calendar

Meals on Wheels

Glvnn Hall at 6 PM

Banchetti

OCT 9, THUR | Anointing Mass at 12 PM

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 church office. If you would be willing any Knight or online at https:// kc898.square.site

OCT 4, SAT

OCT 5, SUN

OCT 6, MON

OCT 8, WED

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

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 \$_,	

Special Collections

October 19: World Missions ...

Oct 18 & 19 \$.

Oct 25 & 26 ····· \$_,

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Knights of Columbus

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

OCT 8



OCT 4	Meals on Wheels 8-11 AM
OCT 6	Silver Rose at St. Aloysius

welcome

Into the Breach Bible study

5:30 PM. All Catholic men

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.

Weekend Mass Schedule[†]

Saturday

‡Confession 3:15-3:45 PM Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday

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

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.

Today's Readings

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

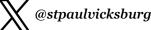
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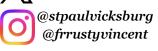
The flowers placed at the Ambo are in Memory of Robert C. Hosemann, Sr and Robert C. Hosemann, Jr

Check out our Social Media!



St. Paul Catholic Church





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

St. Paul Parish Staff

Office Manager Office Assistant **Pastor** Fr. Rusty Vincent Ashley Roesch Janis Koestler **Bookkeeper** Maintenance **Organist Beverly Connelly** Charles Hahn Karen Harrison

Leadership & Ministries

Parish Council President Finance Council Chair Kevin Mahonev Bill Fulcher **RCIA** Meals On Wheels Bereavement Story Ebersole Connie and David Jan Jackson,

Hosemann,

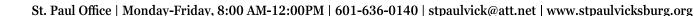
Altar Flowers Cynthia Montalbano

Baptism Prep Janis Koestler Barbara Hill

and Bruce Ebersole and Rae Perry Children's Church Homebound

Ashley Lawrence

Christy Guizerix,



Children's Church: Led by Natalie Kneipp

Offertory Counters: Jan Jackson & Paul

Adoration at 5:30 PM. RCIA will meet in

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