



**Parable of the Unjust Steward**  
Jan Luyken (1649-1712)

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

This week I just have a couple of housekeeping notes...

The first has to do with the assassination of Charlie Kirk and my response to it. I had an opportunity to visit about this with my brother priests this past week in Butte during our assembly and we are more or less on the same page regarding breaking news and horrific events. Let's start here, cable news and social media (content creators) are in the business to make money, and the bottom line comes down to ratings, clicks, likes, reposts, and subscriptions. The problem with this is that it is very easy to get way too far ahead of the issues and produce content that simply does not age well. Priests, and the Church in general, are not in the business of "hot takes," or at least they should not be.

News and social media can be exhausting and produce a kind of fatigue, and coming to church to attend Mass should be a break from the insane clown world we live in to experience a bit of refreshment in order to renew our spirits. The celebration of Mass follows a liturgical cycle that year after year reveals and continues to unfold the mysteries of our redemption in Jesus Christ, not the civil calendar with its holidays and commemorations, nor the news cycle. Sermons are based on the readings provided for the particular Mass and should avoid the appearance of being a eulogy or ongoing commentary on the most recent news cycle. It is the Gospel and its proclamation that ought to shed its light on each individual conscience and equip us over time with the necessary wisdom we need to penetrate issues a little more deeply and thoughtfully. Our responses always need to be, at the end of the day, thoroughly Catholic, and that takes time.

The story of the assassination of Charlie Kirk will continue to unfold and we need to be patient with that, and in the meantime, we need to keep our minds and hearts fixed on Christ, pleading with Him to show us how to return to the path that leads to life. Our nation is in great need of conversion, or an enema, or both, you decide. What ought to trouble us, yet in no way diminish our sorrow over victims of heinous acts of violence, and be for us a point of deep consideration and prayerful thought is the near immediate call for the death penalty as a response for the reprehensible crime that was committed, and we have to ask, "how would that be helpful?" "How will that help us heal?" "What good will that ultimately produce?" I am fully aware that the Church's revised and more fully developed view of the matter is very controversial, and it ought not to be, and regardless of one's opinion on the matter one way or another, the advisability of the death penalty does need to be integrated into our thinking from the perspective of Christ who continues to teach us through the Church. Enough on that for the time being.

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*The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**21 September 2025**

Sacred Heart, Ronan  
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**This week's office hours:**

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday** at 6:00 pm

*Confessions are available at 5:00 pm*

*Rosary is prayed at 5:30 pm*

**Sunday** at 11:00 am

*Rosary is prayed at 10:30 am*

**Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday** at 12:10 pm

*Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Wednesday*

*Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.*

**SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday** at 9:00 am

**Friday** at 9:00 am, followed by a Holy Hour

Mass is offered at St. Joseph Mission in Charlo the **third Saturday** of each month at 4:00 pm.



**Knights of Columbus parish breakfast this Sunday, September 21st, after the 11:00 Mass.**

**Next KofC meeting: October 5th.**

Coffee and Donuts will be served in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall after 9:00 Mass on Sunday, September 28th.



All are welcome!

**R.E. Classes begin Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>!**  
**Class begins at 5:45 pm**

**If you have not yet registered your child for classes, please register online at:**

**LakeCountyRomanCatholic.org**

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The second thing that I do want to address with you is the general sense of fear that is casting its dark shadow over our country and our communities. We live in a highly politically charged nation and violence seems to be becoming more and more a type of "new norm" with no end in sight. We could explore this issue from the standpoint of a society reaping what it sows, but not now, especially when there are more pressing and practical matters that need to be addressed so that we can feel safe and secure in our parish activities.

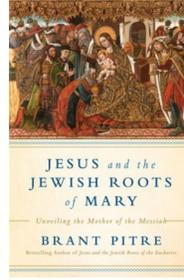
I will tell you; I would have never imagined in a million years when I was first ordained 29 years ago that parish security would become one more thing that I would have to attend to, but here we are. I do want you to know that I am putting some serious thought to this and I am actively seeking consultation with law enforcement, brother priests, and others in the parish to develop some kind of protocol for the security of our parishes so that everyone can be reasonably confident that they will be protected during our Masses and other activities. This deeply saddens me, and I apologize in advance that some of the things that we may have to do will be constant reminders that there are very real threats in this world and malicious people mean others harm. I will keep you posted as things develop, but rest assured that I am working on it.

On a cheerier note, I had a great time in Butte with Bishop Vetter and my brother priests. I cannot tell you how much these assemblies mean to me and how good they are for us as a presbyterate. There are lots of great things developing in our diocese and I look forward to bringing them to you in time as we press onward and upward with great hope. Thanks for your prayers and support and please be assured of mine.

God bless,  
Fr. Kevin Christofferson

P.S. Just an FYI, next weekend I will be in Belgrade and Three Forks to cover the Masses for Fr. Bart Tolleson. Long story.

## Ladies' Study Group



All women are invited to gather on Thursday mornings at 10:30 in the Immaculate Conception Parish basement to study Brant Pitre's book: **Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary**. Books are \$5.00. First meeting will be a Meet & Greet introduction on

**Thursday, October 2, at 10:30.**

Questions? Call Sheila LeBrun:  
406-208-5788.

### Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

#### Sacred Heart & St. Joseph Mission

##### Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

*Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Intentions of Pope Leo XIV

##### Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

*The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sick & Shut-Ins of the Parish

##### Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

TBD

#### Immaculate Conception

##### Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

*Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Repose of the Soul of Teri Hughes, rb Pat Hughes

##### Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

*The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Intentions of the Parish Faithful

##### Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Repose of the Soul of Craig Matelich, rb William & Colleen Green

##### Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

Repose of the Soul of Kathy Collicot, rb Katie Devlin

##### Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

Repose of the Soul of Denise Nygaard, rb Katie Devlin



### Country Store Thrift Shop Update

Storewide 1/2 off sale through the end of September!  
Check out the many bargains!

For those who might not know, this thrift shop is run by volunteers from ten local churches. Each church receives a check four times a year and seven local charities receive monthly.

Our church works on Tuesdays; shifts are 10-1 and 1-4. We can always use more workers and substitutes. If you would like to donate one 3-hour shift a month or be a substitute, please call Rosemary (319-2070) or Ruth (883-5025).

Be sure to take advantage of the storewide sale!

### Humbly asking for your prayers

Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Jason Avison, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Bud Cheff, Jr, Bill Rueth, Monte Jenkins, Chris Skinner, Ryan Johnson, Vicki Whalen, Laurel Cheff, Zane Kelly, Rod Clairmont, David Jenkins, Bruce Simpson, Debbie Tschida, Doug Morigeau, Grace Shafer.

*Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.*

**Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing.**  
**1 Thessalonians 1:2**

### The Holy Father's prayer intention for September



**For our relationship with all of creation:** Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

### Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith.

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Bishop's  
*Gala*

OCTOBER 10, 2025

5:00 PM

CARROLL COLLEGE



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Get your tickets, or reserve your table, today!



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St. Joseph Hospital  
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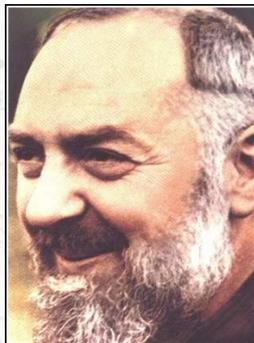
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available on YouTube  
and can be found by  
searching the full name  
Fr. Kevin Christofferson.

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Memorial September 23<sup>rd</sup>



Prayer is the best weapon we  
possess. It is the key that opens the  
heart of God.

— Pio of Pietrelcina —

AZ QUOTES

Padre Pio, pray for us!



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon:

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

Collect:

*O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law  
upon love of you and of our neighbor,  
grant that, by keeping your precepts,  
we may merit to attain eternal life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever*

Readings:

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial: Ps. 113:1-2,4-6,7-8

R. *Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.*

Second Reading: 1 Tim 2:1-8

Alleluia: *Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor,  
so that by his poverty you might become rich.* - 2 Cor 5:19

Gospel: Lk 16:1-13

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

*A theory that makes profit the exclusive norm and ultimate end of economic activity is morally unacceptable. The disordered desire for money cannot but produce perverse effects. It is one of the causes of the many conflicts which disturb the social order. A system that "subordinates the basic rights of individuals and of groups to the collective organization of production" is contrary to human dignity. Every practice that reduces persons to nothing more than a means of profit enslaves man, leads to idolizing money, and contributes to the spread of atheism. "You cannot serve God and mammon." (CCC 2424)*



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**Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:**

- **Vigil location:** Outside BLUE MOUNTAIN CLINIC  
– 610 N. California St. (near the corner of W. Broadway & California St.), Missoula
- **Vigil hours:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Mon. – Sat.)
- **Local contact:** Brad Tschida (406-546-4349) [betschida54@gmail.com](mailto:betschida54@gmail.com) / Diane Rotering (406-274-3639) [roteringd@gmail.com](mailto:roteringd@gmail.com)
- **Learn more ...** get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

**PLEASE VISIT:** [40daysforlife.com/Missoula](http://40daysforlife.com/Missoula)

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– 737 Spokane Avenue, Whitefish
- **Vigil days:** Monday through Saturday
- **Local contact:** Mike Hanson (406-314-7826) [mikester55@hotmail.com](mailto:mikester55@hotmail.com)
- Find information for this campaign and more events at the web address below:

**PLEASE VISIT:** [40daysforlife.com/Whitefish](http://40daysforlife.com/Whitefish)



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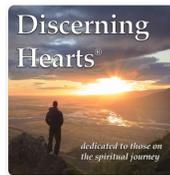
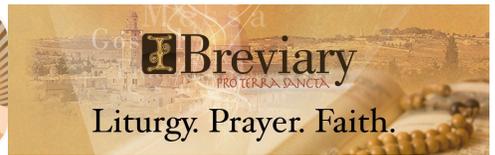


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