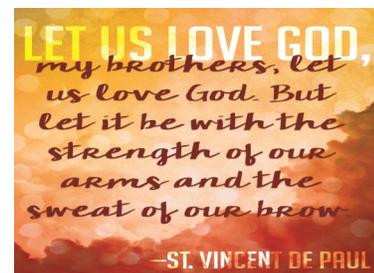




# Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 2017

*“Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your son.”*

MT 20: 1-16



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SAT. SEPTEMBER 23, 2017— ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

8 a.m. + Rosa Campero (Familia)

5 p.m. + Emilia & BA Puig Jr. (Family)

### SUN. SEPTEMBER 24, 2017— 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 a.m. + Raul Treviño (Familia Lopez)

+ Maria Elena Aranda (Familia)

+ Hilario Villanueva Prado (Rosario Villanueva)

+ Antonio Villanueva (Hija, Rosario Villanueva)

10 a.m. Madeleine Boswell— Birthday (Family)

12 p.m. IN THANKSGIVING— Carlos & Tita Vela

Zulema Campero— BIRTHDAY (Family)

Jose & Ruth Ramos— 43<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary (Family)

Cuco & Gloria Escobedo— 47<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (Family)

+ Jack Cremo —Anniversary (Family)

+ Juan Luis Serna Garcia (Family)

+ Olivia M. Diaz— 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary (Family)

+ Carlos “Chuck” Gonzalez (Lombraña Family)

2 p.m. Ana Laura Orozco— Cumpleaños (Com. Espiritu Santo)

4 p.m. PARA TODOS LOS PARROQUIANOS

6 p.m. + Tony Martinez— 8th Anniversary (Godparents)

### MON. SEPTEMBER 25, 2017— WEEKDAY

7 a.m. + Olga R. De los Santos (Familia)

6 p.m. + Tirza Martin Cox (Birthday Club)

### TUE. SEPTEMBER 26, 2017— STs. COSMAS AND DAMIAN

7 a.m. Luz Palacios Calzada - Por su salud (Queta Benavides)

6 p.m. Father Tom Davis - For his health

### WED. SEPTEMBER 27, 2017— ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

7 a.m. Sheila de la Cruz - Cumpleaños (Familia)

6 p.m. Gloria M. Compean - Birthday (Family)

### THU. SEPTEMBER 28, 2017— ST. WENCESLAUS & ST. LORENZO RUIZ

7 a.m. Luz Sanchez - Cumpleaños

6 p.m. + Isidro & Olga Garcia (Rosalinda Herrera & Son)

### FRI. SEPTEMBER 29, 2017— STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAPHAEL

7 a.m. Ariela, Pano & Family— En honor a los Angeles

6 p.m. + Mateo Treviño (Laura Arredondo)

### SAT. SEPTEMBER 30, 2017— ST. JEROME

8 a.m. Padre Tom Davis— Por su salud

5 p.m. + Stephen Mackin Foster— Birthday (Junie O’Connell)

## Saints Cosmas and Damian’s Story

Little is known of the lives of these two saints except that they suffered martyrdom in Syria during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. Being prominent practitioners of medicine, it would have been hard for them to have remained unnoticed.

A church erected on the site of their burial was enlarged by the emperor Justinian. Devotion to the two saints spread rapidly in both East and West, and a famous basilica was erected in their honor in Constantinople. Their names were placed in the Roman Canon probably in the sixth century.

Legend says that they were twin brothers born in Arabia who were both skilled doctors. They were among those who are venerated in the East as the “moneyless ones” because, purportedly, they did not charge a fee for their services.

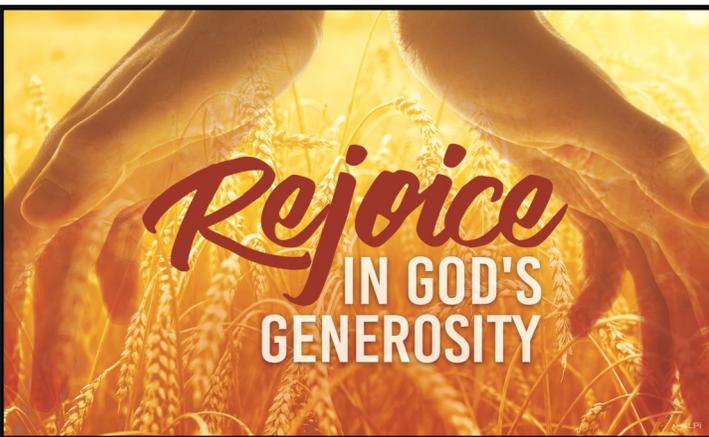
Nine centuries later, Francis of Assisi rebuilt the dilapidated San Damiano chapel outside Assisi.

### Saints Cosmas and Damian are the Patron Saints of:

Barbers, Surgeons, Physicians, Pharmacists

**Feast Day:** September 26th





## **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Are you envious because I am generous?" The landowner in today's Gospel parable surprised everyone. Contrary to standard practice, he paid all of his laborers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, understandably, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. From their perspective, they should have gotten more than the others. But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers.

This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They, the

Chosen People, were the laborers who had started at 9:00 am. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God.

Non-Jewish Gentiles, on the other hand, had appeared late in the game. Jesus was making the point that just because he would offer the same salvation and mercy to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God's mercy, he allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy.

Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God's generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, for example, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God's mercy extended to EVERYONE, no matter when they joined the fold .

## **25º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Creo que alguna vez en su vida han escuchado que se dice, "Es la voluntad de Dios por las circunstancias que están atravesando". Se busca la voluntad de Dios en la vida de un lugar a otro, y se lucha por comprender la enfermedad, muerte y desolación como si es lo que Dios así lo quiere. Hoy las lecturas nos ayudan a reflexionar en lo justo que es Dios y se nos explica la manera de entender su voluntad.

El profeta Isaías ayuda a los exiliados de Babilonia a comprender y tener esperanza en medio del desastre que vivían, mostrándoles el cómo Dios está con su pueblo: "Mis pensamientos no son los pensamientos de ustedes, sus caminos no son mis caminos" (Is 55, 8). Dios ofrece un nuevo comienzo con una condición –conversión del corazón.

En el Evangelio, la parábola choca con los trabajadores de la viña a causa de que el dueño demuestra que sus pensamientos no son los pensamientos de los trabajadores. Y clarifica, "¿Qué no puedo hacer con lo mío lo que yo quiero? ¿O vas a tenerme rencor porque yo soy bueno?' De igual manera, los últimos serán los primeros, y los primeros, los últimos" (Mt 20, 16). Dios es siempre nuevo, generoso e imposible de alcanzar con nuestro pensamiento.

La invitación para hoy es ver su gran misericordia ya que ahí se basa su justicia. Hoy iniciamos la Carta a los filipenses y San Pablo lo explica diciendo a los de su tiempo y a nosotros lo siguiente: "Porque para mí, la vida es Cristo, y la muerte, una ganancia" (Flp 1, 21). Es decir, otra manera de hacer la voluntad de Dios en nuestra vida.



Dear Parishioners,

Our **Annual Raffle and Family Festival** is set for October 14, 2017. It is important for our parishioners to know that all raffle ticket proceeds, **STAY HERE**. These funds will help in our effort to construct more classrooms. These funds **ARE NOT** benefiting the capital campaign for San Agustin Cathedral. We want to assure our parishioners, that this fundraiser is to benefit **St. Patrick Church only**. We appreciate your concerns, and apologize for any misunderstanding. Thank you for all you do, and for being a part of this beautiful community that is St. Patrick Church.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Wojciech Kosowicz, PhD Parish Administrator

\* Raffle Tickets can be turned in at the Parish Office before the Festival at regular business hours 8:00 a.m-5:00 p.m., & during the Festival at the Parish Hall.

On behalf of Bishop James Tamayo, I want to express our thanks to all who have helped and who are continuing to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey. The second collection held at churches of our diocese collected over \$40,000.00 for the hurricane victims. Many people of the diocese also gave generously of their time, talent and treasure to collect water, clothing, toiletries and other supplies, which were sent in 3 large trailer-vans to those who were most in need. Special thanks go to those volunteers who had lived an ACTS retreat, to the students and staff of Catholic and public schools, to members of the Border Patrol who helped collect and load supplies, and to those who drove the trucks and delivered the supplies. Let us keep the victims of natural disasters in our prayers, and continue to contribute to their relief. May God bless all of you abundantly.

Fr. Anthony Mendoza

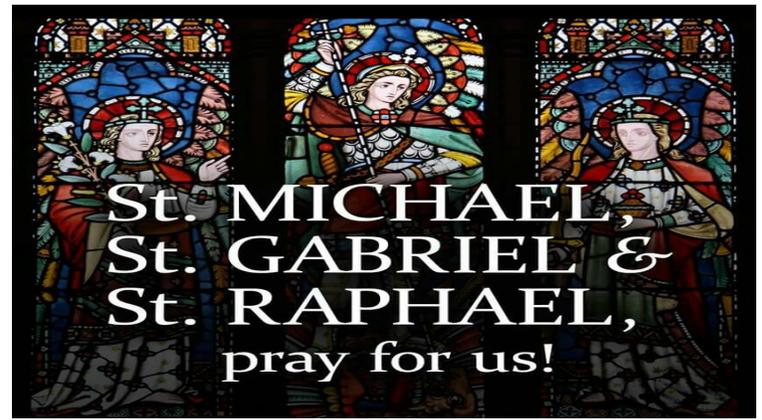


### **BLESSING OF ALL ANIMALS**

8<sup>th</sup> Annual "Blessing of All Animals" in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 1, 2017, from 4 to 5 p.m. at St. Peter's Plaza. All animals should be taken in a leash, harness, or cage. St. Francis of Assisi medals and t-shirts will be available with a donation. This event is sponsored by Gateway Gatos of Laredo and St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church. All donations received will go toward financially helping cat community caretakers to neuter and spay their cats. For more details, call Birdie at (956) 286-7866.



SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> & SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2017  
TOTAL SUNDAY'S OFFERING \$ 22,342.28



**Si eres mayor de 18 años y aun no has recibido el Bautismo, Primera Comunión, Confirmación, o Matrimonio, te invitamos a participar de la Catequesis de San Patricio. Para mas información, acércate al despacho parroquial de 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Lunes a Jueves o llámanos al (956) 722-6215. ¡Te esperamos!**



**Organizers of the upcoming Laredo Walk to End Alzheimer's are inviting parishioners to join The Walk on the morning of Saturday, September 30, at TAMIU. They are actively seeking walking teams, sponsors, and healthcare providers to participate. Organizers are also looking for donations and volunteers to help staff the walk. For further information, go to [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk) and follow prompts to the Laredo Walk or call (956) 693-9991**



**WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S**  
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*Life Chain*

**Life Chain** Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Sidewalks from Hillside Road and McPherson Road, Join us to prayerfully witness that every Human Life matters and is sacred from conception to natural death. Those of all faiths are welcome! For more information, call the Diocese of Laredo Family Life Office (956) 727-2140 .

**Cadena Pro-Vida**  
Domingo, 1 de Oct. de 2:00-3:00 p.m. En las banquetas de Hillside y McPherson. Acompáñenos para dar testimonio con oración de nuestra convicción que la vida de todo Ser Humano es importante y sagrada desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. ¡Personas de cualquier fé son bienvenidas! Para más información llame a Oficina del Ministerio a la Familia de la Diócesis de Laredo (956) 727-2140



**The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for:**  
*All Marriages*

- Saint Vincent de Paul -



*Help us pray for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ*

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| Adolfo De Luna            | Frances Rizo        |
| Richard Camacho           | Rosa Vidaurri       |
| Rene San Miguel           | Dora L. Singer      |
| Aurora González           | Adolph Puig         |
| Michael 'Mikey' Leija Jr. | Francisco Velasquez |
| Refugio 'Cuco' Escobedo   | Gilbert P. Sanchez  |
| Jesse Rodriguez           | Carlos Salinas      |
| Alex de la Garza          |                     |

*Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness. O' dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us.*