Calendar

Monday
SEPTEMBER 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Ezr 1:1–6
Lk 8:16–18

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 24
Weekday
Ezr 6:7–8, 12b, 14–20
Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 25
Weekday
Ezr 9:5–9
Lk 9:1–6

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 26
Weekday
Hg 1:1–8
Lk 9:7–9

Friday
SEPTEMBER 27
St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Hg 2:1–9
Lk 9:18–22

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 28
Weekday
Zec 2:5–9, 14–15a
Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 29
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 6:1a, 4–7
1 Tm 6:11–16
Lk 16:19–31

Dear Padre,

Is withholding or withdrawing life support a form of euthanasia?

While it's always morally wrong to kill an innocent person, it can sometimes be morally right to allow someone to die. This implies that it is sometimes morally wrong to allow a person to die. To withhold antibiotics from a person who has every chance of recovering and living a full life if given the medication would be morally wrong.

But there are times when we must accept that our death is inevitable and that additional medical treatment will place an excessive burden on us and our caretakers, with little benefit. To refuse such treatment is not a form of suicide; rather it's a decision to allow the dying process to take its natural course. The key words here are *excessive burden* and *little benefit*. When is using a ventilator too burdensome to bear and able to be withdrawn? When is the natural care of nutrition and hydration failing to do what it should? Such life-sustaining treatment or care may be too burdensome for some but not for others.

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A young person after a car accident may be left a quadriplegic and unable to breathe without a ventilator. He might consider the ventilator an extraordinary means of preserving life and want to discontinue its use. Any determination that disregards the value of this person's life—by the patient himself or anyone else—must be avoided. Ultimately, such judgments shouldn't be made without a careful review of Catholic moral teaching, medical and spiritual consultation, and a well-formed conscience. —Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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A Word from Pope Francis

The level of progress in a society is measured by its capacity to safeguard life....Death from malnutrition is an attack on life. Terrorism, war, violence; so is euthanasia. Loving life means always taking care of the other, wanting the best for him, cultivating and respecting her transcendent dignity.

—Address to Science and Life Association, May 30, 2015

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September 22, 2019
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Am 8:4–7
1 Tm 2:1–8
Lk 16:1–13 or Lk 16:10–13

Be Worthy of the Trust Given You

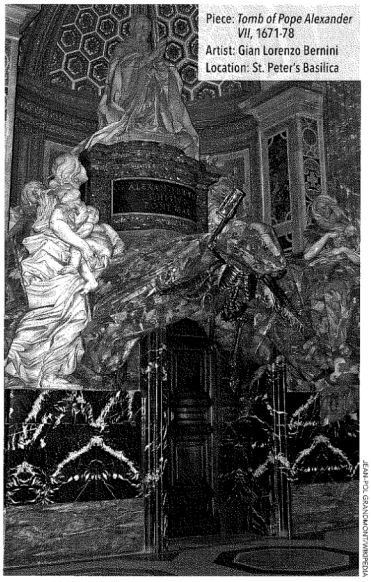
This marble statue by the baroque sculptor Gian Lorenzo Bernini commemorates the life of Pope Alexander VII. It sits above the *porta della preghiera*—the side door of St. Peter's Basilica—and it shows the Pope kneeling in prayer. The Pope was known to prayerfully reflect on his death, and supported many beautification projects in Rome.

Civil or religious authority should be a service. Public authority is conferred upon a person by election or appointment in order to promote the common good. Far from a career of self-aggrandizement, it's a call to place the good of others before one's own.

When speaking of this, Jesus places the emphasis on trustworthiness. Those delegated authority are there to serve and to honor the confidence given them. That's why financial or political corruption is so grievous. People who first win the trust of others only to misuse it by taking advantage of them violate their mandate. And when trust is lost in public life and personal relationships, life becomes a walk through a valley of fear where we are governed by self-preservation. Truly then, we become what the Latins wrote: "Man is a wolf to man."

So be worthy of the trust your family, clients, and others place in you. Be worthy of the confidence God has bestowed with all the talents he has given to use for the good of others. Make your life a responsible gift to others and rejoice in their flourishing more than your own!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC


Piece: *Tomb of Pope Alexander VII*, 1671-78
Artist: Gian Lorenzo Bernini
Location: St. Peter's Basilica
JEAN-PIC GRANCHONT/WIKIPEDIA

For Reflection

Am I a trustworthy servant with the authority and gifts I have received?

Do I look more for my own progress and protection, or that of others?

[Jesus said,] "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."
Luke 16:10

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FALL FESTIVAL: October 4, 5, and 6.
Oct. 4 - Reverse Raffle
Oct. 5 - Dance
Oct. 6 - Festival
To help run a booth or for more information please contact Rebecca Ramos @254-458-2060
Get your raffle ticket now from any parish council or finance council member, $5000.00 grand prize.

PILGRIMAGE MEETING:
Sunday, September 29 @ 4:00pm

CAN ANYONE OUT-COOK CLAY HARRINGTON?
Save the date!!!! November 9, 2019, 1st Annual "TASTE OF ST. MARY/GOOD SHEPHERD" FOOD FAIR. *(More details coming soon).*

ALASKA MISSIONARY:
This weekend, we welcome Deacon Les Maiman from the mission Diocese of Fairbanks in Alaska.
The Northern Missions of Alaska are the largest geographic diocese in the United States with only seventeen priests, compounded by Alaska's vast distances and the isolation of the Catholic communities from access to roads. Amongst the poorest dioceses in the nation, only 8 of its 46 parishes and missions are capable of financial self-support. Deacon Les will share the site story of the Catholics living in the missions of Northern Alaska at each of our Masses, and invite our prayerful consideration to helping his bishop provide for the proper pastoral and sacramental care of our far northern sisters and brothers.

The St. Mary Food Pantry often is able to purchase meat for a very low cost from the Central Texas Food Bank and also receives donations of meat especially during deer season. Currently, we use several aging chest freezers to store meat for our neighbors in need. We would like to purchase a commercial freezer to increase our storage capacity for frozen items. We recently applied for a grant advertised by the Diocese, unfortunately we were not selected. We will continue to apply for any funding. We also are seeking donations from parishioners to help cover the cost. If you can spare $5, $10 or whatever you can spare, it will be greatly appreciated…THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

6th ANNUAL HOLY FAMILY FALL FESIVAL:
September 28, 11:00am-4:00pm, Holy Family Parish, Copperas, Tx Will feature a great number of family events, including bingo, many kid's games, entertainment and a variety of food. Everyone's welcome.

INFERTILITY HEALING COUPLES RETREAT:
Couples struggling to conceive and/or with pregnancy loss are invited to join us Saturday, October 5, for the Sarah's Hope & Abraham's Promise "Bearing Fruit" Couples Infertility Retreat. This FREE educational and healing program is from 9:00am-4:00pm at St. Austin Catholic Church in Austin.

TEXAS VOCATION DAY 2019:
We invite young women Juniors in High School to age 32, to meet the Sisters and learn about Religious Life! October 12, 8:15am – 4:30pm, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Priory, 5505 E State Highway 29, Georgetown. Lunch will be provided, *(but those with special dietary needs will need to bring their own sack lunch).* Register at www.sistersofmary.org, $30 per person.

Good Shepherd *Announcements*

Lectors: Monica Ivey
Altar Society: Nelda DeRiso
Flowers: Linda Klose
EMHC: Adela Perez, John Vasquez, Dianna Furlan

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE: Please join us Thursdays @ 4:15 in the Family Life Center
WEEKDAY MASS: Wednesday @ 6:00pm
SHARED BLESSINGS: We are in need of one person to work a two-hour shift on Wednesdays only. We give so much to so many in our community, please consider helping us. If you would like to help contact Anna, Linda, Rebecca, or Heather.
ALL SOULS DAY PREPARATIONS: Please join us Saturday, September 28 from 1:00- 4:00 at the Family Life Center. You are invited to participate in making flowers and special décor for our altar. Please come join us to learn how and to contribute to the celebration of life for those who have gone before us.
5th Sunday Adoration: All are invited to come and worship Jesus during Eucharistic Adoration September 29 after Mass followed by benediction at 3:00pm.
2019 Public Square Rosary Crusade: Please join us in praying for our nation on October 12, at 12 noon at 318 W Main in Lometa.

Sacrificial Giving: *September15*
Weekly Offering: $612.00
Poor & Needy: $271.00

Calendar

Monday
SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Tm 2:1–8
Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday
1 Tm 3:1–13
Lk 7:11–17

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 18
Weekday
1 Tm 3:14–16
Lk 7:31–35

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 19
Weekday
1 Tm 4:12–16
Lk 7:36–50

Friday
SEPTEMBER 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
1 Tm 6:2c–12
Lk 8:1–3

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 22
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 8:4–7
1 Tm 2:1–8
Lk 16:1–13

Dear Padre,

How do I respect my young teenager's privacy in using social media without compromising parental protection?

There are more Facebook accounts than Catholics worldwide, reports the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org/about/communications/social-media-guidelines.cfm). Social media—blogs, social networks, text messaging, and more—is the fastest-growing form of communication in the United States, particularly among youth and young adults. How can we take charge of it rather than let it control us?

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While both adults and children need to protect themselves from their own thoughtless impulses in posting opinions and photographs online that may affect their reputations and careers, children need added protection from online predators. It's advisable for parents to set parameters with their children and convey the idea that technology use is a privilege, not a right. If parents intend to follow their kids on social media or monitor their phone, texting, and internet activity, transparency is better than spying and snooping. This helps prevent violating the privacy that young people desire and the trust needed between parents and their children. It's also prudent for parents to communicate the dangers of today's digital world and be vigilant in detecting warning signs exhibited by their children. These include changes in a child's personality and behavior, attempts to conceal their use of computers and handheld devices, and a decline in academic performance.

"Social media can be powerful tools for strengthening community, although social media interaction should not be viewed as a substitute for face-to-face gatherings," wrote the US Bishops. This applies to essential family interaction as well.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A Word from Pope Francis

Emails, text messages, social networks, and chats can also be fully human forms of communication....Social networks can facilitate relationships and promote the good of society, but they can also lead to further polarization and division between individuals and groups. The digital world is a public square...where we can either encourage or demean one another. —Fiftieth World Communications Day, January 24, 2016

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September 15, 2019
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Ex 32:7–11, 13–14
1 Tm 1:12–17
Lk 15:1–32

Sonship Restored

Strangely enough and discouragingly often, we find the attitude of the older son from the Prodigal Son parable in the Church. The righteous believers who have always belonged can be jealous and look down upon the poor sinner who comes later and gets the same reward.

Yet, the attitude of all of us toward those who are spiritually, morally, or materially needy should be that of the loving father so wonderfully shown in the statue by Francesco Messina.

The sinner comes back in shame, weakness, and obvious failure. His very act of returning is a cry for help, support, and understanding. The father offers his mercy and compassion without questions, without an interrogation. His shoulder is never too proud, too hard, or righteous to be refused as a pillow for the humiliated soul who returns broken, pillaged, and ruined by sin.

Messina chose to show the father and son naked because it symbolizes mankind stripped to its essence. And in this you reveal greatness. Humanity is noblest when admitting its weakness. Humanity is greatest in its ability to show mercy and lift the downtrodden. The father-son relationship is most beautiful when it is being reconciled and restored.

We should always rejoice at the return of a prodigal child, and we should always honor a forgiving parental heart. "We must celebrate and rejoice," said the father. If we are convinced of this, we now have a charge: Go out and find the lost coin and welcome back the lost sheep with humility and joy!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Prodigal Son*, 1956
Artist: Francesco Messina
Location: Vatican Museums

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For Reflection

Do I have a welcoming spirit about me, always looking to build up and be positive?

Do I live gospel charity and love with all its consequences?

[Jesus said,] "I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents...."
Luke 15:7

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KOC BREAKFAST: September 15 serving starts at 8am

CONFIRMATION MEETING: All 9th and 10th grade students who desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation need to attend this meeting on Tuesday, September 17 @ 6:30pm in the upstairs classroom. Any other youths who are 16 years of age and have not been confirmed and wish to may also attend. Please contact Lisa Carson @ 512-734-3194 for further information or if you cannot make it to the meeting.

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER: Sunday, September 22nd start serving at 10:00am. Looking for individuals to purchase or cook a turkey and make desserts. Contact Rebecca Ramos 254-458-2060

FALL FESTIVAL: October 4, 5, and 6.
Oct. 4 - Reverse Raffle
Oct. 5 - Dance
Oct. 6 - Festival
To help run a booth or for more information please contact Rebecca Ramos @254-458-2060
Get your raffle ticket now from any parish council or finance council member, $5000.00 grand prize.

ALASKA MISSIONARY: This coming weekend, we welcome Deacon Les Maiman from the mission Diocese of Fairbanks in Alaska.
The Northern Missions of Alaska are the largest geographic diocese in the United States with only seventeen priests, compounded by Alaska's vast distances and the isolation of the Catholic communities from access to roads. Amongst the poorest dioceses in the nation, only 8 of its 46 parishes and missions are capable of financial self-support. Deacon Les will share the site story of the Catholics living in the missions of Northern Alaska at each of our Masses, and invite our prayerful consideration to helping his bishop provide for the proper pastoral and sacramental care of our far northern sisters and brothers.

The St. Mary Food Pantry often is able to purchase meat for a very low cost from the Central Texas Food Bank and also receives donations of meat especially during deer season. Currently, we use several aging chest freezers to store meat for our neighbors in need. We would like to purchase a commercial freezer to increase our storage capacity for frozen items. We recently applied for a grant advertised by the Diocese, unfortunately we were not selected. We will continue to apply for any funding. We also are seeking donations from parishioners to help cover the cost. If you can spare $5, $10 or whatever you can spare, it will be greatly appreciated…THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WOMEN'S ACT RETREAT: Eagle's Wings Retreat Center, September 19-22, 2019

EIM WORKSHOP: Saturday, September 21, 10am-12pm here at St. Mary, PLEASE SIGN UP AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR

FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY REPORT: August 2019
Number of Families Served: 135
Total Individuals Served: 418
New Families Served: 18
Product Donations Received: 220 lbs.
CTFB Products Purchased: $639.06 (3884 lbs.)
Cash Donation: $70
Walmart gift card Received: $10
Other Donations Received: Shelving unit, medium storage bins.
Other Products Purchased: $118.58 (small folding tables, bins)
Large Expenditures: Commercial cooler and freezer: $4979.95

6th ANNUAL HOLY FAMILY FALL FESIVAL:
September 28, 11:00am-4:00pm, Holy Family Parish, Copperas, Tx Will feature a great number of family events, including bingo, many kid's games, entertainment and a variety of food. Everyone's welcome.

Good Shepherd *Announcements*

Lectors: Monica Ivey
Altar Society: Nelda DeRiso
Flowers: Linda Klose
EMHC: Adela Perez, John Vasquez, Dianna Furlan

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE: Please join us Thursdays @ 4:15 in the Family Life Center
WEEKDAY MASS: Thursday @ 8:00am
SHARED BLESSINGS: We are in need of one person to work a two-hour shift on Wednesdays only. We give so much to so many in our community, please consider helping us. If you would like to help contact Anna, Linda, Rebecca, or Heather.
ALL SOULS DAY PREPARATIONS: Please join us Saturday, September 28 from 1:00- 4:00 at the Family Life Center. You are invited to participate in making flowers and special décor for our altar. Please come join us to learn how and to contribute to the celebration of life for those who have gone before us.

Sacrificial Giving: ***September 8***
Main Collection: $720.00