

**St Paul the Apostle Catholic Church**  
**Eufaula, Oklahoma**  
**September 19th 2021**



**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**September 12th:**  
**Week 11**

<b>Envelopes:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>562.00</b>
<b>Loose Checks:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>152.00</b>
<b>Building &amp; Maint:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>255.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,019.00</b>
<b>YTD Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,860.00</b>
<b>YTD Actual:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18,586.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

"If His Eminence has shown and taught me anything, it is that true respect for human life proceeds from the moment of conception."  
*Dr. Lisa Marrero, in "Cardinal John O'Connor a Rock of the Church" in Crisis (May 2000)*

**BIRTHDAYS**

**SEPTEMBER 24th:** Kyleigh Tolman  
**SEPTEMBER 25th:** Albert Banoub

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6  
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45  
 Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday  
 Monday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset  
 Tuesday: St. Matthew  
 Wednesday: Autumn begins  
 Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).  
**Psalm** — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).  
**Second Reading** — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).  
**Gospel** — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

On the Byzantine calendar, September 23 is the feast of the Conception of John the Baptist. The Roman and Byzantine calendars have in common the other equinox- or solstice-derived dates of solemnities: December 25, March 25, and June 24. Scholars see strong evidence in the writings of the early Church Fathers for the fixing of these dates from the imagined "anniversary" of Gabriel's appearance to Zechariah at Yom Kippur, which was thought to have coincided with the equinox as a day of "at-one-ment" between light and darkness. The spiritual writer Origen held to this date.

The annunciation to Zechariah then set the date six months later for Mary's conception of Jesus (March 25), and then, of course, for the dates of the births of John (June 24) and Jesus (December 25). Is this "liturgical trivia?" Perhaps. But it's also the best explanation we have for the dating of some of the most important festivals on our calendar. So even though the Roman Church doesn't observe the Conception of John the Baptist, yesterday's equinox can remind us of how our salvation history is closely attuned to God's creation.

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**Mother Teresa's Words of Wisdom**

By abortion, the mother kills even her own child to solve her problems, By abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take responsibility at all for the child he brought into the world.

The father is likely to place other women in the same trouble. So abortion leads to abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.

"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish. How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers,"

The first person in the world to welcome Jesus, to recognize Him in the womb of His mother was a child: John the Baptist. How wonderful, God chooses an unborn child to announce the coming of His redeeming Son.

Mother Teresa

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*Pray for ...*

**The Sick:**

Creekmore family, Trena Sturges, Jana Gerhart, Terri Morgan, Pam Mitchell, Carlee Eaton, Norma Determan, Charlotte Gibson, Keaton Petrone, Dan Hudson, Elizabeth Hudson Teer, Stan Shade, Jess Phelps, Donna Baldwin, Brady Thornton, Brittaney Cagle, Hilda Sorenson, C.R. Ramsey, Marianne Determan, Mason & Gunner Anthamatten, Dan Remington, Wyatt Alexander, Alicia Pope, Keirla and Raiden Bennett, Cody Simon, Sonny Fulton, Betty Kelsoe

**FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY PROJECT  
WEEKLY COLLECTION**

God bless you for your generosity. You have made a positive difference in the lives of hungry families. The requested food item for this week's collection is **CAN GOODS AND ANY NON-PARISHABLE ITEMS ONLY.**

**FEAST OF FAITH**

**Doxology and Amen**

"Doxology" comes from a Greek word meaning "words of praise." The Eucharistic Prayer ends with a doxology addressed to the triune God: "Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever." It is an exclamation of praise, honor, and glory to God, reminding us that we receive everything from God through the Son, in the power of the Spirit. At the consecration, the priest held up the host and then the chalice for us to see and adore. During the doxology, the host and chalice are held up again, but this time they are held up and offered to God the Father. With the doxology, the Eucharistic Prayer ends, as it began, with words of praise addressed to the Father: truly, it is right and just to give God praise, and we assent to this in our whole-hearted acclamation, "Amen." Never was more meaning packed into so short a word. This "Amen," sometimes and fittingly called "the great Amen," is our response to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

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**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 19, 2021**

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace  
for those who cultivate peace.

— James 3:18

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Jana Gerhart  
Beverly Stokes  
Billy Haltom  
Mark Kringlen  
Karen Willoby

**THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP**

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. Theirs must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("who is the greatest") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

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**OUR BEST**

The more the world is at its worst, the more  
we need the Church at its best.

—Anonymous



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Mass Schedule:  
Wednesday at 9:00 AM  
Sunday at 8:30 AM  
Holy Days at 5:30 PM  
Confession before Mass or by Appointment

**September 2021 ~ October 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 8:30 am Mass 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	13	14	15 9:00 am Mass	16	17	18
19 8:30 am Mass 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	20	21	22 9:00 am Mass	23	24	25
26 8:30 am Mass 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	27	28	29 9:00 am Mass	30	1	2
3 8:30 am Mass 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	4	5	6 9:00 am Mass 9:30 am Adoration	7	8 10:00 am 	9
10 8:30 am Mass 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11	12	13 9:00 am Mass	14	15	16