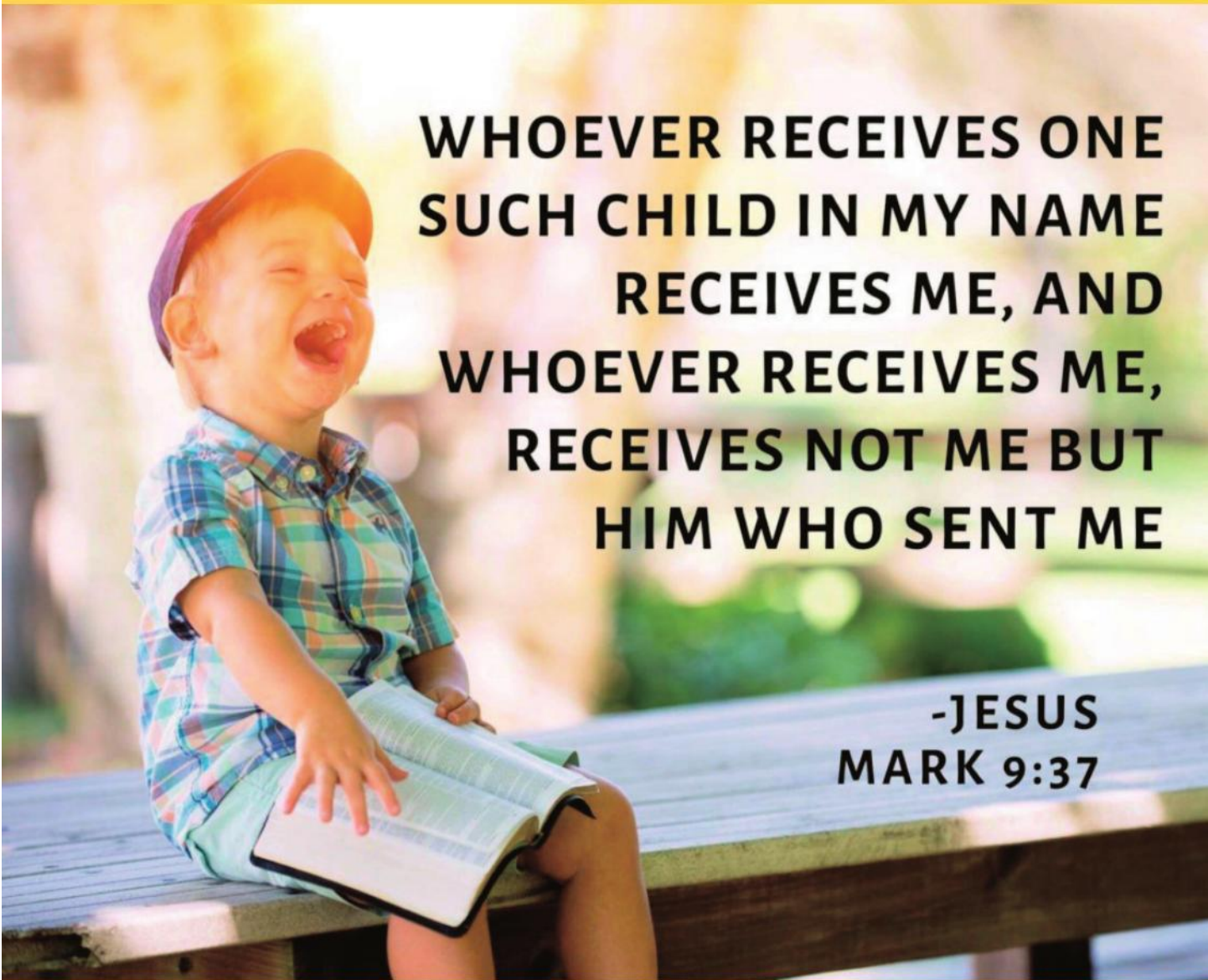


Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2024



**WHOEVER RECEIVES ONE
SUCH CHILD IN MY NAME
RECEIVES ME, AND
WHOEVER RECEIVES ME,
RECEIVES NOT ME BUT
HIM WHO SENT ME**

**-JESUS
MARK 9:37**

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ABOUT OUR PARISH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:00 a.m.
Wed	6:30 p.m.
Thu	8:00 a.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following
8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church
6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament
and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m.
Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed
by the Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Wed	6:00-6:15 p.m.
Or by request	

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REGISTER

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."



WEEKLY EVENTS

Bible Study/ Meet & Greet Deacon Bryan—Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

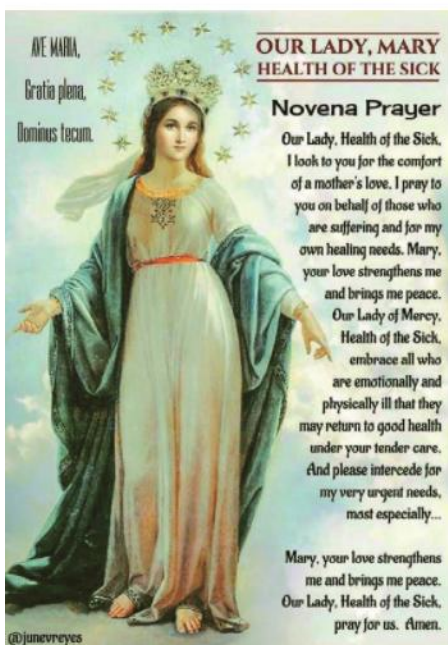
OCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

PSR—Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass

Bible Study—Sunday after 10:30 a.m. mass



OUR LADY OF MERCY September 24

Also known as Our Lady of Ransom, this is a Marian title commemorating the foundation of the Mercedarian religious order by Peter Nolasco in Spain in 1218, in response to a request made by the Blessed Virgin during an apparition. Members of this order took a special vow to work to free Christian captives whose faith was in danger from the Moors.

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Audrey Bonnet, May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Kathy Johnson, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Maria Kalcic, Beverly Cosse, Lou Lou Battle, Israel & Joyce Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Vivian Sedgebeer, Romana Smith, Joseph Decaro, Barbara Galino Gonzales, Isaiah Deblanc, Lois Leonard, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim & Eydie Richmond, Ed & Carol Wallace, Frederick Songy, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm, Landon Jeffrey, Glenn Bunting, Lucy D'Antoni, Don & Judy Aleman, Dylan Gornor, Vaughn Gay, Herbert Landry

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 23

(Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, September 24

(Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21)

8:00 a.m. Cinda Melerine†

Wednesday, September 25

(Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, September 26

(Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9)

8:00 a.m. Vaughn Gay

Friday, September 27

(Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22)

8:00 a.m. Molly Waller†

Saturday, September 28

(Eccl 11:9 —12:8; Lk 9:43b-45)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Lawrence Otillio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Emily Doucette, Mariana Bonilla†, Altar Society Members, Antonians & Benefactors, Clarence & Ann Cazalot & Family, Vaughn Gay

Sunday, September 29

(Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)

7:00 a.m. Dorothy & James Meyers†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, CJ Lightell†, JC Spiers†, Earline Garitty†, Richard Family, Marvin & Patti Wingerter & Family, Catherine Lambert†, Chase Sharkey†, Jewel Bailey†, Miguel Iscoa, Cathy Stanford†, Ragusa Family

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM



Weekly Rosaries: 312

Year to Date: 12,257



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Did you ever notice how often the angels are referred to during Mass? We commonly meet them in the Confiteor ("I ask blessed Mary, every virgin, all the angels and saints"), prefaces ("with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven"), the Roman Canon ("we pray that your angel may take this sacrifice"), and Eucharistic Prayer IV ("countless hosts of angels stand before you to do your will"). Last week and this week angels abound as we celebrated Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael yesterday and will honor the Guardian Angels on October 2.

September 29 was originally the feast day for Michael alone. Gabriel and Raphael joined him in the 1969 reform of the Church calendar. The celebration of the Guardian Angels has been observed since the sixteenth century in Spain. Pope Clement X assigned the feast to the first free day after St. Michael's in 1670, and there it has remained. Take some time this week to reflect on these, God's messengers and our protectors, and maybe even celebrate with a little angel food cake!

—Rev. James Field



WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?

St. James message of peace is as true now as it was two thousand years ago. Where else do wars and terrorism come from, than people holding on to wealth, power, or hatred? But the message James shares, and that of Jesus in the gospel, is a simple call to be different. Neither of them condemns anyone. They call us to look at what we really want and what truly brings happiness.

Jesus' disciples argued about who was greatest. Instead of slapping them down for their selfish pride, he looks at what they could be and calls them to a different attitude. To be truly happy, they must let go of pride and arrogance; they must learn that serving others is the only way to experience love and joy.

We are no different today. We have to learn that having the latest gadget, the most expensive cell-phone, or the latest-model car are at best temporary delights. And that being admired by acquaintances is never as lasting as loving someone for themselves. Jesus offers even more: the joy of being loved by God and helping others to know Him. Think about Jesus' words to the disciples: He is the Son of God, yet he wants to lead us not just to himself, but to the Father.

Can we learn to be more excited about what God has done for us than what we did to improve our home? Can we share our faith in God's mercy instead of bragging about our golf or bowling scores? Are we more interested in impressing members of the opposite sex, or treating all people with respect?

St. James ends our second reading with a challenging statement: He says we ask but don't receive because we ask wrongly. How often do we desire things that won't really make us happy? Do we pray for things we don't really need? Would we ask God to punish those who hurt us, or to help us forgive them? Let us ask God to show us his love and to help those around us to experience it too.

Tom Schmidt

INCREASED FAITH

It's a funny thing trying to play God isn't it? We all do it frequently and no matter how many times it goes poorly for us, we still think we have more power and authority than we do. Why do we put so much pressure on ourselves? Playing God does not seem like a fun job, but I know I do it day in and day out. The wicked people from the first reading today are in the same boat. They think their way is better than God's and they do not want God's laws getting in the way of the things they would rather do.

I suppose this has been going on since the very beginning of time. If you really think about it, the first sin was not so much eating a fruit, but it was Adam and Eve believing that their way was better than God's. Maybe God was holding out on them. Maybe Satan was right when he said that God didn't want them to eat the fruit because they would be more like him.

I think we can all see clearly now that this was not the case. God wasn't holding out on them. In fact, he wanted to give them everything. But the temptation that is at the root of many sins is doubting God's love. Adam and Eve did it. Sometimes we do it too. And for what purpose? I know I can look back at my life and see that the most peaceful or joyful or happy times I had were when I was following the path that God laid out for me. It's when I was trusting him the most that I felt most fully alive.

So how do we break the cycle of distrust that we have because of the fall? I think a good way is to make a daily act of faith. I have included one below that comes from the USCCB. I have found it very helpful to start my day with an act of faith so I can remember that God is always in charge and he knows best.

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. In this faith I intend to live and die. Amen.

By Tommy Shultz

PASTORS' CORNER ON PRAYER



PASTOR'S CORNER

Prayer is such an important part of all of our lives. God has ordained that we should use prayer as a petition between the divine (Him) and us. It is a form of conversation where we make our needs known. Remember what Jesus said to his disciples, "Seek and you will find, ask and it will be given to you, knock and the door will be open to you." Why do we need to ask? First of all this is because God told us to ask. Second of all it is so that we can humble ourselves and realize that we need God in our lives. Third of all it is because prayer is a relationship between God and us. Look at this for a moment. Do you think that the great saints, like Mother Teresa or Padre Pio started off in life as great prayers? No that would come later, they both had to grow in relationship with God. They both had to pray and talk to God. So therefore prayer is so important for us to do, especially because if we want to get to heaven we will have to grow closer to God who is in heaven to do this. Also when we pray and make time to converse with

God, we come to know his love in a greater way. I myself take plenty of time each day to pray and spend time with God. Sure when I first started out I was just asking God for help with my needs and only praying because I want His help. But as time moved on I started to realize how much I needed to spend time in prayer. Now on a daily basis I pray several hours a day, many times throughout the day I stop and thank God for being so good or thank Him for his gifts to me. I do not say this to make myself look holy or anything like that.

No I pray because I realize that to be a good priest and a good pastor prayer is necessary.

This is why I realized that giving people prayers would be helpful to do.

Thank you everyone who has used these prayers that I have been giving out for the last several weeks. I hope that they have been helpful for the many problems that many people suffer from. I am still working on them and if you feel that you have a prayer need please let me know. I would be best to write the need down and give them to me or Karen at the office.

I can always tweak the prayers as well. You can never cover all bases in public prayers, however you can adapt them to the situation at hand. When I have enough prayers on the list I plan on putting together a book of prayers in the future.

God has given me the gift of prayer and I have been using this gift to help others. I realized when I went on vacation that many people do not know how to pray, that is the whole reason the Catholic Church uses rote prayers like the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. While there are plenty of people who pray extemporaneously like I do not all people know what to say in prayer. That is why I felt it would be good for me to write out prayers for people to say.

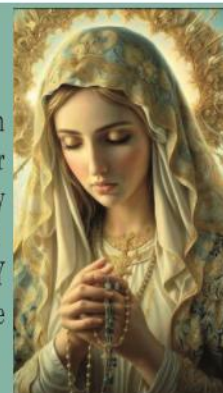
ELECTION PRAYER

Almighty God, Lord of Life and King of all Nations, we beg you to look kindly upon our country and help us to wisely choose our new leaders. Inform our consciences and enlighten our judgement, that we may elect those who will mercifully uphold justice and strive to protect the least among us. Help us to discern which candidates will uphold both the letter and spirit of the law. May our nation once again respect religious freedom, authentic marriage, the importance of family and the value of every human life - from conception to natural death. Heal the divisions which wound our unity and help us to overlook political tensions that keep us from becoming a united force for good. May our great land, built on both personal responsibility and charity towards the less fortunate, always balance prosperity with care for the elderly, the poor, the sick and the abandoned. May we elect honest and trustworthy candidates who will always uphold the common good and protect our God-given rights. In concert with the great founders of our nation, may we confidently proclaim, "In God we trust". Amen.



SECOND ANNUAL ROSARY CONGRESS

The Legion of Mary will be holding their Second Annual Rosary Congress on October 8th and 9th from 8:00 a.m. Tuesday until 8:00 a.m. Wednesday. A leader or two will be needed for each hour of the 24-hour congress. Each leader will be responsible for reciting one mystery of the rosary and one Divine Mercy Chaplet. You may sign up to be the leader of a mystery of the rosary by calling the office at 985-863-7935. You do not need to be a leader to participate in the Rosary Rally. Anyone is welcome to come at ANY hour, day or night, to say the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and spend time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. No need to sign up.



MASS FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE

Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans, will celebrate the 2024 Annual Archdiocesan Mass for Victims and Survivors of Violence on Sunday, October 27, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in the St. Louis Cathedral. We invite everyone in the community who has been affected by any type of violence to participate in this mass. If you know of anyone who wants to be remembered in this mass, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 504-861-6243 or email mfl@arch-no.org.

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When our fingers twist with pain, keep us focused on the hands of Christ pierced with ugly nails.
When our knees knob with endless aches, allow us to see the knees of Jesus smashing to the street under the heavy cross.

When our backs stiffen with soreness, let us remember the back of Christ thrown against the cold, rough wood of the cross.

When our joints, hips, arms, knuckles, and legs hurt so much that tears well up in our eyes,
help us to recall the tears and the blood that flowed from our crucified Jesus who suffered so much more for each of us.

St. Alphonsus, afflicted with curvature of the spine and nailed to a wheelchair cross in your final years,
teach us to unite all our pains with the dreadful sufferings of Jesus on the cross.

We ask you to ease our pains but more so to enable us to be one with Jesus in His great act of dying and rising.

Amen.



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