



Holy Family

CATHOLIC CHURCH

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 21, 2025



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”
- Lk 16:8b, 13

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PARISH CALENDAR

Mon 09/22 7:30 Adult Pickleball
Tue 09/23 6:30pm Hospitality Meeting, Big Room
Wed 09/24 9:15am HFCS Mass, led by 6th grade
10:15am CH Kitchen Meeting, Big Room
Thurs 09/25 8pm Men's Basketball
Fri 09/26 10am Adoration
10am Bible Discussion
Sun 09/28 12:30 First Sac Prep & Confirmation Prep
Orientation Meeting, CH

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Wed 09/24 9:15am Mass: Int. People of the Parish
Thur 09/25 12 noon Mass: No Daily Mass
Fri 09/26 12 noon Mass: No Daily Mass
Sat 09/27 5:30 pm Mass: Int. Jack Ford
Sun 09/28 8:30am Mass: Mike Fisher +
10:30am Mass: Int. Ivan Benz



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**GOSPEL MEDITATION
- ENCOURAGE
DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF
SCRIPTURE**



September 21, 2025
25th Sunday in Ordinary
Time Luke 16:10-13

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. "Really great work, John," he said. "I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay." I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the "master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently" (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he wants us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Thank You Dinner for our Parish Staff and their spouses for all their hard work, time, talent, and dedication to Holy Family



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Observances for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday: National Migration Week

Tuesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday



MINISTRY SCHEDULE ~ Sept. 27-28, 2025 Saturday & Sunday

	Altar Server	Greeter/Usher	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Sacristan
Saturday Vigil 5:30 Mass	Ava Kiesel Lucas Pienovi	Jenn Pienovi	Michelle Hart Patricia Markesino Dominic Pienovi	Chuck Sparks - Lector (sub req.)	Joyce Holohan-Bell
Sunday 8:30 am	Luke Newbury Winnie Russell	Philip Glander	Brian Cass Travis Lewis Maravic Tupaz	David Bergman - Lector	Maravic Tupaz
Sunday 10:30 am	Rafael Aragon Stella McEnery	Bob Steffen	Ramon Aragon Michael Dominguez Carolyn Scherler	Kristin Burgher - Lector	



A few trees along Flavel have come down this week, to make way for utilities for the new Welcome Center. New trees better suited to line a city street will be planted in their place.

A gentle reminder that when we speak to our neighbors, we represent Holy Family and the entire Catholic Church... please remember to speak with kindness, gentleness, and a Christ-like spirit.

Sacramental Parent Orientation
First Communion and Confirmation



**PARENT
MEETING
RSVP**



Please scan the QR code to RSVP. In the comment section write your child's first name followed by the sacrament you are seeking. For example: Natalie communion.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 28
12PM IN CELEBRATION HALL**



If you have any questions contact:

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**WE BELIEVE THE
RISK OF A NEW
MINISTRY IS HOLY
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PURSUIT OF
DEEPER
CONNECTIONS!**



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WELCOMING
OR ARE WE
EMBRACING???**

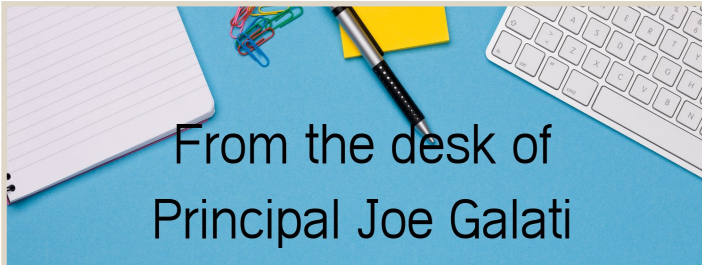
**IT'S NOT ABOUT THE
DONUTS**

Starting something new isn't easy, and when it is rooted in love and intentionality, prayerfully seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that risk becomes sacred.

We invite you to shape the Holy Family story and share yourself and your story too. We're here to flip the script from "Holy Family as a building" to "Holy Family as a Welcome"

Hospitality is how we turn a gathering into a community. How we turn welcoming into embracing. Let's build that together from the inside out. It's never about coffee, donuts, or anything else except the family of Holy Family being together.

**LET'S BRAINSTORM – bring your ideas as we gather
Tuesday, September 23rd at 6:30pm
in the big Room of the Parish Office**



From the desk of Principal Joe Galati

A Wonderful Start to Our School Year

What a joy it has been to welcome our families back to campus this past week! On Thursday evening, we had the pleasure of gathering with our middle school families, and last night, we welcomed our Pre-3-5th grade families. Both evenings were filled with connection, conversation, and a shared excitement for the year ahead. Thank you to all who were able to join us. It was truly a blessing to see your faces, share our goals, and celebrate the start of this journey together.

If you were not able to attend, please don't worry. We encourage you to reach out directly to your child's teacher so you can stay informed and connected with all that is happening in the classroom. We want every family to feel included and supported as we begin this new year.

Now that we are one full week into school, I can honestly say the energy across campus has been nothing short of inspiring. Our students are smiling, engaged, and eager to learn. Their enthusiasm is contagious. It fills our classrooms, our hallways, and our hearts with joy.

The positive spirit of our school community is a testament to you, our families. Your support, encouragement, and partnership make all the difference.

Together, we are creating an environment where our children can thrive not only academically, but also socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

As we move forward, let us continue to celebrate the blessings of being part of this wonderful school family. Thank you for entrusting us with your children and for walking this journey with us. The year ahead is bright, and I cannot wait to see all the growth, learning, and joy that will unfold.

May God Bless you, Joe

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones.

God and Mammon

Dealing with money is unpleasant.

You might be good at dealing with money (I am not). You might even do it for a living (I do not). You might be careful to use as much of your money as you can for good purposes (I try to, but man, these skyrocketing grocery prices are killing me).

But ultimately, money does not bring out the best in us. We waste it. We manipulate it. We hoard it. We become obsessed by it. We let pursuit of it define our decisions. Money is something akin to — it corrupts by touch, it seems. But unlike witchcraft, you can't avoid money altogether. It's necessary. These dollars and cents keep us alive in this world, for a time. We need them for food, for warmth, for health.

Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones. But the parable reminds us that we can't escape money, just like we can't escape the world and all the barriers forged by this world between man and the happiness his Creator intends for him. We could retreat to the highest, remotest mountaintop, but the human condition would follow us there.

We would still feel doubt. We would still feel pain. We would still feel fear. We would still sin.

And we would still be hungry and cold. We would still need money.

Money will never be something that is easy to handle virtuously. But guess what? Nothing in this world is. And it's probably best that we remember that.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday?

Answer:

For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy.



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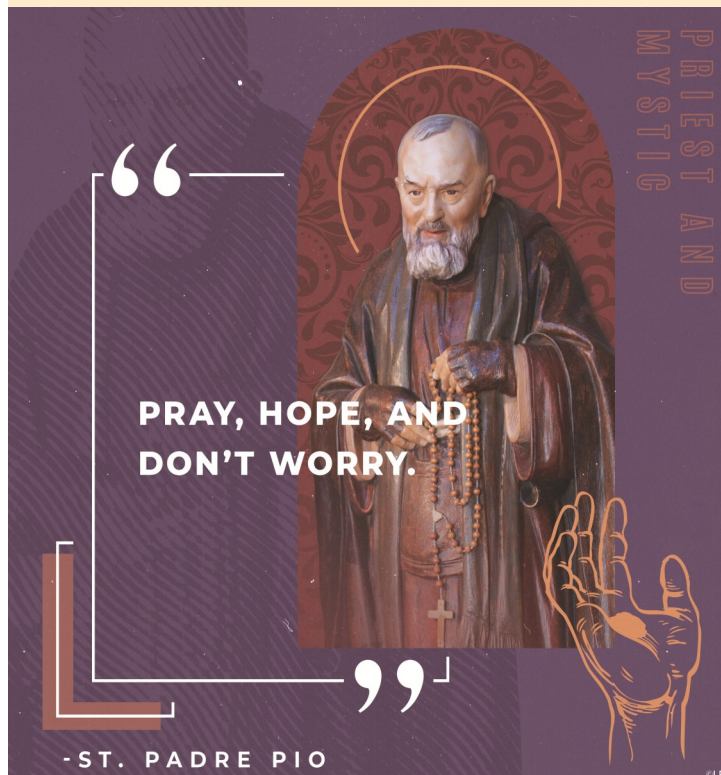
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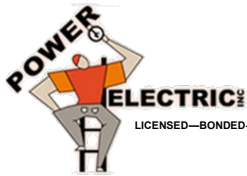
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