

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday 4:15 PM
Sunday 9:00 and 10:30 AM
July 6 – Aug 17 9:30 AM ONLY
Daily Tuesday thru Friday 12:00 Noon
NO MASS ON MONDAY

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptisms: Scheduled by appointment
Marriages: Please contact Father Mark at least six months before proposed wedding date

FUNERALS

Before announcing plans, please call the office to make arrangements and verify with Father.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry (307) 324-7002

Suicide & Crisis Hotline Dial 988

Project Rachel (307) 222-8430
(Healing after abortion) (call or text)

Hour of Adoration
September 25 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 20 - 21

Sat 4:15 p.m. +Tom & +Vivian Murry and Family
Sun 9:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph's
Sun 1:30 p.m. (BAGGS) +Lonnie Hedges

Sept 22 - 28

Mon NO MASS SCHEDULED
Tues 12:00 Noon +Arthur, +Leonor, +Michael Jaramillo & the Jaramillo Family
Wed 12:00 Noon The Homebound
Thurs 12:00 Noon +Raymond and +Emma Kirsch
Fri 12:00 Noon +Julia Gomez
Sat 4:15 p.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph's
Sun 9:30 a.m. +Pauline Martinez
Sun 1:30 p.m. (BAGGS) +Sadie Smelker

For now, we will continue with one Sunday Mass at 9:30 am.



Autumn begins Monday, Sept. 22

"I hope I can be the autumn leaf, who looked at the sky and lived. And when it was time to leave, gracefully it knew life was a gift." --Dodinsky

September 21 , 2025

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;*

Psalm 113:7

The first reading and psalm make it clear that God stands with the poor. This must have been very difficult for wealthy and powerful people to accept, as they preferred to believe that their success was a sign that God was smiling kindly upon them and that those whom they looked down upon were in their condition as a result of God's punishment or at least disfavor. But no! Amos tells them otherwise, warning the unscrupulous merchants who cheat the poor and lowly that one day they would pay for their greed and deceit.

October

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

**WHY? Please watch your email for
Flocknotes and find out!**



You are welcome to bring any unblest **Rosaries** you may have to mass next weekend, September 27/28, so that Father can bless them.

You are also encouraged to bring your children, grandchildren and friends so they can choose... and take home... a **Rosary** of their very own. We have quite a variety of rosaries for them to pick from.

For each \$2.50 City Market "*Fight Hunger*" reusable shopping bag purchased during October and November...St. Vincent de Paul will receive a \$1.00 donation.

Wisdom from Siri:



"If your dog thinks you're the greatest person in the world, don't seek a second opinion. Jan Fiebig

September 13 and 14 collections:

First collection: \$2,836.00

Second Collection: \$968.00

(Sent to the Diocese for the Retired Fund for the Religious....THANK YOU)

The 2nd collection this week (Sept 20/21) and next week (Sept 27/28)

will go towards the upkeep of our buildings.

Your donations are appreciated

Living and Giving in Christ 2025

(As of 9/16/2025)

	<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Sage</u>
Goal	\$28,770	\$2,341
Pledges	<u>(\$14,230)</u>	<u>(\$1,200)</u>
	\$14,540	\$1,141

Looking Ahead

October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Blessing of Pets will take place in the grassy area off the parking lot. Come anytime from 10 am to noon. Bring your pets, or if not practical, bring a picture of them instead. Be sure to tell your animal loving friends! A certificate will be given to each animal!



Oct 25/26 after each mass we will have a simple, but heartfelt "**Thank You**" gathering for Father Mark and Siri. On Saturday bring an easy snack....cheese & crackers, veggies and dip, etc. On Sunday morning, maybe cookies, rolls or fruit. A basket will be out for cards (or dog bones) if you wish to drop one in.



Sunday, November 2, at 9:30 am will be **Father Hiep's Installation Mass**. Bishop Biegler will be here. Afterwards a reception will follow in the gym, and your help will be needed! Watch your bulletin for details.



Wanting to Be Wanted

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

More than anything, we want to be wanted.

As infants, we reach out, wanting to be wanted. When we begin school and discover others who might be friends, we want to be wanted. As teenagers discovering the stirrings of something new and deep, we want to be wanted. And when we grow old, then still we want to be wanted.

The parables Jesus told were always about how God moves in our lives, how God is powerfully intertwined in all that is. Jesus told parables to give us a hint of where to find God. This Sunday's parable is about a rich man with a steward about to be dismissed. The steward then finds ways to ingratiate himself into others' lives so when he is dismissed, he won't be left

out in the cold. It's not the rich man who is the God-person in the parable. The rich got rich by abusing the poor. Rather, it is the steward who is the image of God—a God who, like the steward, is desperate to be accepted, to find a way into our lives. We might say clever...or even sneaky. It is God who finds a way into our lives when we are afraid, when we face the loss of love, when our worlds are falling apart, when we go looking for him. There, then, is God, eagerly wanting to be wanted.●

Reflect

***What do I do when I'm feeling unwanted?
Do I recognize that God wants me?***

**No servant can serve two masters....
You cannot serve God and mammon.**

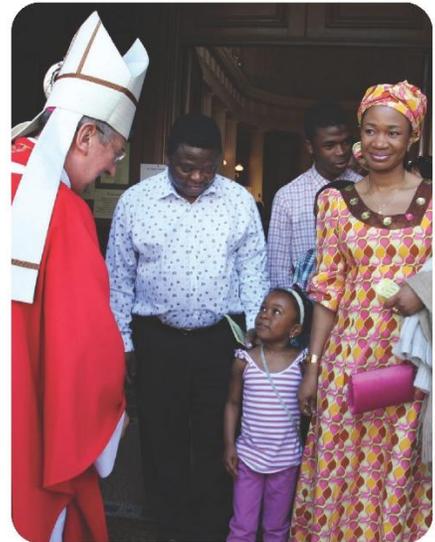
LUKE 16:13

Dear Padre,

At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family's continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: "I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult.

"As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers, I may become more like Christ." ●



JOHN MC ELROY

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. [We see] too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest.

HOMILY, ROME,
MAY 18, 2025



JULIA-M-CAMERON / PEXELS

Monday

September 22

Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

September 23

St. Pius of
Pietrelcina, Priest

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,
14-20

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

September 24

Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

September 25

Weekday

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

September 26

Weekday

Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

September 27

St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

September 28

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31

HOURS

To apply for grants to help our parish we need data. This data includes **ALL VOLUNTEER HOURS** spent in service to our parish. Examples are lectors, ushers, servers, food pantry volunteers, funeral dinner helpers, maintenance, money counters, CCD teachers and helpers, and on and on.

Record your name, the activity and number of hours. Either email to or turn into the church office on a weekly or monthly basis. Thank You!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

CONTACT:ELISSIA PETERSEN

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(ALLCLASSES ARE IN THE SCHOOL)

CCD (Pre-K thru 5th)

Wednesdays 5:00-6:30 pm

Youth Group (Pre-K thru 5th)

Every 3rd Monday 5:00-6:30 pm

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Middle School (6th thru 8th)

Sundays 3:30-4:30 pm

Confirmation..Year 2

Sundays 3:30-4:30 pm

Secondary Youth Group (6th thru 12th)

Every 2nd Sunday 4:45 - 5:45 pm

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Adult Formation

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 pm