

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 27 - 28

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

Sept 29 - Oct 5

Mon NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tues 12:00 Noon +Arthur, +Leonor, +Michael Jaramillo and the Jaramillo Family

Wed 12:00 Noon Benefactors of our Parish Living and Deceased

Thurs 12:00 Noon +Souls in Purgatory

Fri 12:00 Noon +Bob Hones

Sat 4:15 p.m. +Alcuin J. and +Frances E. Kirsch

Sun 9:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph's

Sun 1:30 p.m. (BAGGS) +Holy Souls in Purgatory

**For now, we will continue with one Sunday**

**Mass at 9:30 am.**

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Do you have extra vegetables from your garden and wonder what to

do with them? St. Vincent de Paul will gladly take your excess vegetables to add to our food baskets. Please contact Mary Kay Albrechtson at 307-321-0811.

*Canned and packaged goods in the basket at the back of the church are ALWAYS appreciated!*

PASTOR Father Mark Kusmirek (307)324-4631  
(Parochial Administrator)  
In case of emergency (936) 218-6710

Church Office

New office location behind the school (307) 328-5024

Office Hours 9:00 am-12:00 Noon M-F

**Elissia Petersen**

**Director of Religious Education (405)778-9795**

stjosephparish317@gmail.com

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**

**October 2 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

**September 28 , 2025**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*He upholds the cause of the oppressed*

*and gives food to the hungry.*

*The LORD sets prisoners free, Psalm 146:7*

Note that Jesus never says how Lazarus came to be poor, hungry, and covered with sores. Perhaps he dissipated what little money he had, like the prodigal son. Perhaps he had committed crimes and had served time in prison. Perhaps he was mentally ill or physically ill and could not hold down a job. But by not giving any history on Lazarus, perhaps Jesus intended to teach the Pharisees that this didn't matter. The rich man should have reached out to help him no matter what led him to the dire straits he was in. The rich man's job was not to judge if Lazarus was worthy of his help. It was to offer him compassion and charity. After all, none of us are truly worthy of God's mercy. And yet, God reaches out to us, as to Lazarus, with compassion and salvation.

**OCTOBER 3... FIRST FRIDAY**

Father will offer Sacramental Anointing of the Sick at the Noon Mass. Also note that Father Hayes will celebrate mass while Father Mark is away for a couple of days this week.

**Pet Blessing**



Next Saturday, **October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.** Born in either 1181 or 1182, he is the patron saint of animals and the environment. **Bring your pets...or a picture if more practical...for a special blessing between 10:00 am and Noon.** Father will be in the grassy area just off the parking lot. Be sure to tell your friends. Each pet will receive a certificate, and you will be emailed a photo!

Wisdom from Siri:



*\*Learn new tricks no matter your age...*

*\*Sniff out the best in the world...*

*\* Listen more than you speak...*

*\*Take naps...*

**September 20 and 21 collections:**

**First collection: \$2,278.49**

**Second Collection: \$629.00**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this week (Sept 27/28) and next week (Oct 4/5)**

**will go towards the upkeep of our buildings.**

**\*Your donations are so appreciated\***

*Living and Giving in Christ 2025*

(As of 9/22/2025)

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

**Looking Ahead**



Oct 25/26 after each mass we will have a simple, but heartfelt "**Thank You**" gathering for Father Mark and Siri. On Saturday, if you would like, 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.

**October.....MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

**WHY? Please watch your email for**

**Flocknotes and find out!**

*Did you know?*

*The dedication of the month became common in the Church thanks to Pope Leo XIII, an enthusiastic promoter of the prayer, in 1884.*





Woe to those who  
are complacent....  
[T]hey shall be  
the first to go  
into exile.

AMOS 6:1, 7



## Adrift

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In *A Christmas Carol*, Ebenezer Scrooge found himself confronted by the person he had become: someone forced to accept the reality painted by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. Scrooge hadn't realized how he had slowly drifted into becoming an uncaring and greedy person, unable to show compassion because he never really saw someone else's pain. The story of Ebenezer Scrooge is the story of the rich man in this Sunday's gospel who was unmoved by poor Lazarus, sitting at the gate of the rich man's sumptuous life. They are both stories of human beings drifting into emptiness.

St. Thomas Aquinas suggested that our motivations in life can ultimately be reduced to eight different categories. If we're interested in understanding what sort of people we are becoming, we might ask

ourselves which of these questions best describes our motivation: Am I making my decisions and choices about life based on wealth? Or am I looking to be admired by others and be praised? Is it lasting glory that I seek? Or power so that I can be noted for "making a difference?" Is what I seek a life of ultimate pleasure and comfort? Is it health that I look for? Or perhaps something related to my inner life—some intangible good, like virtue or knowledge? Or is it to see God already in this life what I truly want? It is always a challenge to know our true selves because all too often we may be adrift, unaware of who we are becoming. ●

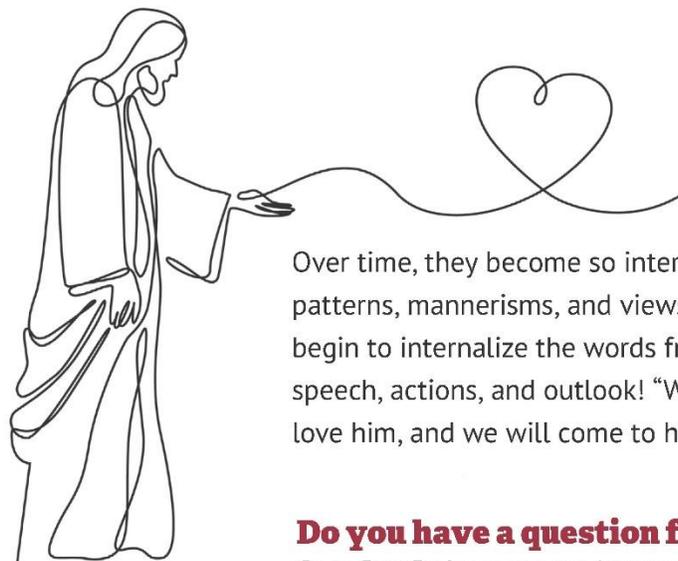
### Reflect

**Which of St. Thomas Aquinas' questions describes me and my choices?**

# Dear Padre,

## Why does my parish priest preach about love practically every Sunday?

“Through the course of the liturgical year, the homily sets forth the mysteries of faith and the standards of the Christian life on the basis of the sacred text” (*Lectionary*, 24). A translation of the English word “love” appears in the Bible more than 500 times; by comparison, “sin” appears approximately 400 times. Thus, insofar as the homily “should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from sacred Scripture” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 65), God’s word on “love” is far too prevalent to overlook.



VIONAEMBUNAZ / SHUTTERSTOCK

Pope Francis called God’s word “a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best.” In the Bible, this God who desires to bestow his love on us (See 1 John 3:1), is essentially telling us, “How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.” How we love God in return may be likened to two partners in a committed relationship.

Over time, they become so intertwined that they can even assume each other’s speech patterns, mannerisms, and views. Likewise, for those who love God, over the years we can begin to internalize the words from God’s “love letter” and reflect them in our Christian speech, actions, and outlook! “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him” (John 14:23). ●

*Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org*

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



LEONARD ZHUKOVSKY / SHUTTERSTOCK

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church’s social doctrine, to which we need to respond.*

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

### Monday

September 29  
*Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels*  
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or  
Rv 12:7–12ab  
Jn 1:47–51

### Tuesday

September 30  
*St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
Zec 8:20–23  
Lk 9:51–56

### Wednesday

October 1  
*St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*  
Neh 2:1–8  
Lk 9:57–62

### Thursday

October 2  
*The Holy Guardian Angels*  
Neh 8:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12  
Mt 18:1–5, 10

### Friday

October 3  
*Weekday*  
Bar 1:15–22  
Lk 10:13–16

### Saturday

October 4  
*St. Francis of Assisi*  
Bar 4:5–12, 27–29  
Lk 10:17–24

### Sunday

October 5  
*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Hb 1:2–3; 2:2–4  
2 Tm 1:6–8, 13–14  
Lk 17:5–10

## 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\***

**(405)778-9795 or [stjosephparish317@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephparish317@gmail.com)**

(ALLCLASSES ARE IN THE SCHOOL)

**CCD (Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup>)**

Wednesdays 5:00-6:30 pm

**Youth Group (Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup>)**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 5:00-6:30 pm

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**Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> )**

Sundays 3:30-4:30 pm

**Confirmation..Year 2**

Sundays 3:30-4:30 pm

**Secondary Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>)**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 4:45 - 5:45 pm

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**Adult Formation**

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 pm

