

# Dear Padre,

*Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.*

We live in a climate that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter-witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy: "You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor" (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart. (See Matthew 6:21.) The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanks for all God has given to us and others. To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else's possessions, is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and rationalize it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: "Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother's [and sister's] progress, and you will immediately give glory to God" (2540). ●

Fr. Paul J. Coury, 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*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 6	October 7	October 8	October 9	October 10	October 11	October 12
Weekday	Our Lady of the Rosary	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jon 1:1-2:2, 11	Jon 3:1-10	Jon 4:1-11	Mal 3:13-20b	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2	Jl 4:12-21	2 Kgs 5:14-17
Lk 10:25-37	Jon 10:38-42	Lk 11:1-4	Lk 11:5-13	Lk 11:15-26	Lk 11:27-28	2 Tm 2:8-13
						Lk 17:11-19



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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 5, 2025

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 / Luke 17:5-10



## Never Big Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**C**hildhood daydreams come peppered with visions of heroes and heroines, movie stars and rock stars, fame and notoriety.

Eventually, however, we adjust our visions of what we can become as we are confronted by the reality of who we are. Seldom, however, are our daydreams and visions big enough. They tend to be only about ourselves, barely including others.

The same may be said about becoming people of faith. Too readily we think of faith simply as our personal decision to believe in God. Faith then becomes one-sided—the prayers we say, the Masses we attend, the Church's rules we obey. Like the people of the prophet Habakkuk's day, we may bemoan, "I cry for help and you do not listen.... [I] cry out to you, 'Violence!' and you do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2).

Then, too, our faith and its vision for life are not big enough, for we do not allow room for God to slip into our lives and do what God does. Then, faith is only about ourselves—our needs and struggles and pains. Faith needs to be a surrender to God's vision, not simply for ourselves, but for all of life. [The LORD said,] "The vision is a witness for the appointed time...it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late" (Habakkuk 2:3). The difficulty is that we want God to make life perfect for us the way we want it and when we want it. Then, it becomes our vision for life and not God's. ●

### Reflect

**Have I ever given up my vision or plan and found God's plan to be perfect for me?**

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7



Edgar Beltrán / The Pillar

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.*

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025



# Weekly Bulletin

October 4-5, 2025

Twenty-Seventh Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Parish Office: 254 - 647 - 3163

Website: [stritacatholicranger.org](http://stritacatholicranger.org)

## SECOND COLLECTION FOR GAZA - October 4th and 5th

This week, we are taking up an emergency special collection for the medical and survival assistance in Gaza provided by Catholic Relief Services in the area. If you can, please give today during our second collection. Be sure to note "Gaza" on your check memo or envelope. You can also text **HELPGAZA** (with no spaces) to **817-402-3525** or give online at [www.givecentral.org/Gaza-Special-Collection](http://www.givecentral.org/Gaza-Special-Collection)

## SEEK 2026 is coming to Grapevine! - January 1st to 5th

Join thousands of college students from across the country for the SEEK Conference, hosted by FOCUS, right here in our diocese at the **Gaylord Texan Resort, Grapevine on January 1-5, 2026**. SEEK is a life-changing event filled with inspiring talks, worship, fellowship, and encounters with Christ. Reserve your spot with only a \$25 deposit. Early-bird pricing ends October 29, 2025. Don't miss this chance to start the new year growing deeper in your faith alongside thousands of other Catholic young adults. [seek.focus.org](http://seek.focus.org)

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick: Bithyah Donoho, Karen Donoho, Al Haremza, Jax Jordan, Rocio Lopez

## MASS INTENTIONS

For the repose souls of **+Juanita Hamilton**, requested by Susan Butler and Patsy Davis, St. Rita, Ranger; **+Paulette Foster**, requested by Holy Rosary Altar Society, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Cisco.

### STRAWN - ST. JOHN

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM: Mass

Wednesday

4:00 - 4:30 PM:

Confession/Adoration

4:30 PM: Mass

2nd Thursday - Monthly

St. Boniface, Dodson Prairie

4:00 PM: Confession/ Adoration

4:30 PM: Mass

### CISCO - OUR LADY OF

THE HOLY ROSARY

Sunday

8:00 AM: Mass

Wednesday

6 - 6:30 PM: Confession/Adoration

6:30 PM: Mass

2nd Wednesday - Monthly

9:00 AM: Mass

9:30 AM: Adoration

### RANGER - ST. RITA

Sunday

9:45 AM: Mass

Tuesday

5:30 - 6:00 PM:

Confession/Adoration

6:00 PM: Mass

## POPE LEO PRAYER INTENTION

October 2025 – For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

All Masses in honor of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary; Feast day is October 7th.

**Monday, October 6th 4:00 PM: Rosary at St. John in Strawn**

4:30 PM: Mass at St. John in Strawn

**5:30 PM: Rosary at St. Rita in Ranger**

6:00 PM: Mass at St. Rita in Ranger

**Tuesday, October 7th 9:00 AM: Mass at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Cisco**

9:30 AM: Rosary at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Cisco

**6:30 PM: Rosary at St. Francis in Eastland (Spanish)**

7:00 PM: Mass at St. Francis in Eastland (Spanish)

**Wednesday, Oct. 8th NO MASSES**

**Thursday, October 9th NO MASSES**

## OCIA - Tuesdays

OCIA is the Order of Catholic Initiation of Adults. OCIA classes are for those who are wanting to convert to Catholicism or come into full communion with the Church. English classes are every Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at St Rita's Catholic Church in Ranger. For more information please contact **Martha McCoy 469-964-1559**. Spanish Classes are available in Eastland, Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM with **Janie Ortiz**; her number is **254-631-7582**.

## EASTLAND FRIENDSHIP MEAL - Canceled for October

Due to a scheduling conflict, **there will be no meal on Tuesday, October 7th, 2025** but we will be back in November with a Thanksgiving meal. Cisco will have its regular meal October 21st. If you have any questions, please call or text Pete Loftin at **254-595-2303**.

## STEWARDSHIP

September 27 & 28, 2025

St. John \$ 1,621

St. Rita \$ 867

St. Francis \$ 560

Holy Rosary \$ 1,218

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