



*Abraham said, "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."*

LUKE 16:31

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## Woe to the Complacent

**I**n traditional societies, a woe is a frightening declaration. It was more than a warning. It was considered performative. This means that as soon as the words were spoken, what it described began to happen. The first verse in today's first reading states the woe; the last verse describes what will happen. And it did happen. Those with wealth and prestige were the first to be exiled from the land. It should be noted that the problem was not that they were wealthy. The Bible does not condemn wealth. The issue is how it was acquired and how it is used. The wealthy are condemned because their wealth made them complacent, indifferent to the struggles of the poor.

A similar situation is found in the Gospel passage. It tells of two men, one quite prosperous and the other suffering overwhelming indignity. Their fates after death are reversed. One might think that they got their

just deserts. But that is not the point of the story. The rich man wants the poor man to comfort him, but it is too late. Then at least send him to warn the rich man's family. And here is the point of the story: That should be unnecessary. They have the religious tradition, Moses, and the prophets who have always taught that we must do what we can for our needy brothers and sisters. If they (or we) do not listen to our religious teachings, we probably will not listen to someone from the dead. Woe to the complacent!

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *How might you participate in the food and clothing drives in your parish?*
- ★ *For which candidates do you vote? Those who work to make your life better or for those who work to make everyone's life better?*

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## Mass Intentions: Sept 27-Oct 2

Tuesday	12:05 pm	†Sandy Johnston
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>5:00pm</u>	Special Intention
Friday	7:30 am	Medea Dennis
Saturday	4:00 pm	†Frank Henning
Sunday	7:00 am	St. Joseph & St. John
Sunday	11:00 am	Larry & Linda Clark

**Confessions:** Saturday at 3:00 pm  
Anytime by request

## Pastoral Council

Barbara Allen	Jim Cecil
Jerry Clemons-Chair	Eddie Clemons
Joe Heaverin	Ann Marshall-Secretary
Chris Nelson	Debbie Sanders
Nolan Taylor	Carolyn Thomason-V-Chair

## Stewardship of Finance Sept 10/11

Regular Collection	\$4007
Outreach	\$25
Cemetery	\$275

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE—OCTOBER 1 & 2 2022

	Oct 1—4pm		Oct 2—7am		Oct 2—11am
Lector	Mark Collins	L	Kim Smith	L	Alfreda Weedman
Servers	Zach Pierce	S	James & John Smith	S	Gia Vincent & Canon Clark
Chalice	Barbara Allen	C	Joanne Johnson	C	Linda Borland
Chalice	Ann Marshall	C	Volunteer	C	Linda Clark
Ushers	Vivian G. & Dee Dee J.	U	David & Jerry Clemons	U	Eddie C. & Stephanie
Greeters	Ryan Bratcher Family	Gr	Beverly Harrison/Volunteer	Gr	Charlie & Cathy Corbett
Gift Bearers	Matt Carwile Family	Gi	Jim & Dian Cecil	Gi	Jose & Nora Falcon Family

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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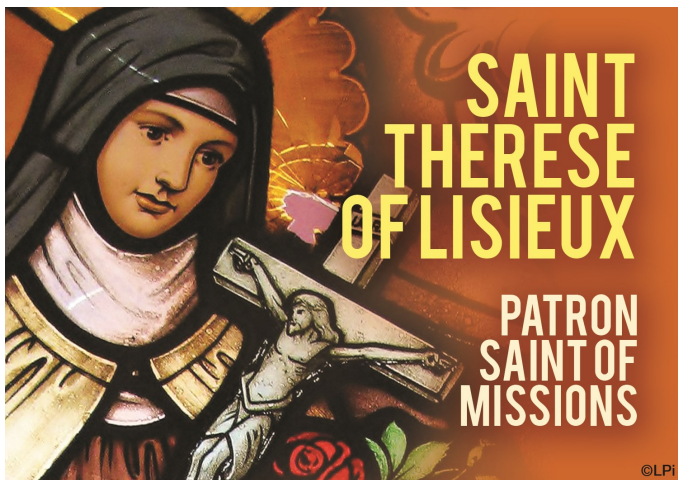
Jim Sims-Vice Chair

## This Week at St. John

Tue 5:00 pm Mass

Sun 9:00 am Mass

**Sign Up:** Please find the ministry sign up sheets in the pews. There are things that you can help with both inside of church and outside of church. Everyone is encouraged to participate in at least one parish ministry.



**St. John Thrift Store:** Newborn clothes and teen clothes are greatly needed.

## Upcoming in October:

8/9 Cross Catholic Outreach

18 Pastoral Council/Finance Committee

## Stewardship of Finance Sept 11

Regular Collection \$728

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Mass Intentions Sept 27—Oct 2

Tuesday 5:00 pm †Linda Duvall

Sunday 9:00 am †Peggy & Sue Sims

## Ministers' Schedule

Date	Server	Lector
Sept 25	Colton Tipton	Joe Durbin
Oct 2	Joe Durbin	Susan Baatz



## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** What is the age limit for cardinals voting in papal elections?

**Answer:** 80. The age limit was set by Pope Paul VI in 1975.

**St. John Prayer List:** Elaine Ashley, Liz Bush, Shirley Bush, Joe & Joan Childress, Judy Dom-browski, Liz Durbin, Catherine Duvall, Ken Farris, Donna Guest, Goldie Hardin, Laura Hamilton, Betty Jennings, Delores Monroe, Laura Osborn, Kathryn Sowders, Jim Vessels, Chris Wolfe.

## **This Week at St. Joseph**

Mon	7:30 am	Communion Service
Tue	12:05 pm	Mass
	4:00 pm	Fellowship Cafe
<u>Wed</u>	<u>5:00 pm</u>	<u>Mass</u>
	<u>5:30 pm</u>	<u>Religious Ed-Children</u>
	<u>5:30 pm</u>	<u>Religious Ed-Adults</u>
Thu	12:05 pm	Communion Service
	<u>6:00 pm</u>	<u>RCIA</u>
Fri	7:30 am	Mass
	8:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration
Sat	<u>2:00 pm</u>	<u>Blessing of Pets</u>
	3:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	Mass
Sun	7:00 am	Mass
	11:00 am	Mass

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Annette Cannon	9/25
Emma Hodges	9/26
Angela Sanders	9/26
Camila Ammons	9/27
Austin Killen	9/27
Jerry Clemons	9/29
Jordan Ray	9/29
Amy Kane	9/30
Maddie Pierce	9/30
Emily Taylor	10/01



## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Jason & Angela Watson	9/25
Deacon Dale & Yvonne Depoyster	9/28
Serge & Paloma Culver	9/29

**Blessing of Pets:** 1st of October  
2022 at 2:00pm on the rectory yard.

**Holy Mass on Wednesdays:** Due to Religious Ed classes, Holy Mass time is at **5:00pm**.

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## **Upcoming in October:**

8/9	Cross Catholic Outreach
20	Finance Committee Meeting 6:00pm
27	Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30pm

**St. Joseph Prayer List:** Matt Alvey, Brent Alvey, Nellie Alvey, **Alexis Bibb**, Jill Bradley, Mary Agnes Brown, George Cannon, **George Carwile**, Anna Critchelow, **Norman Cabbage**, **Mary Davis**, Medea Dennis, Delbert Durham, **Beverly Eck**, Anita Ferguson, Steve Fey, Gary French, **Carol Gatto**, Sherrie Geary, Paul Ray Gray Jr., Carol Grider, Joyce Green, Deacon Bob Higbee, **Shirley Higbee**, **Jimmy Higdon**, Odelean Hill, **Mike Houchin**, Jane Johnston, Geral Dean Mattingly, Sue Milliner, **Danny Payne**, Mandy Egan Pierce, Brad Pogue, Winnett Powell, Harry Rhodes, Susan Rhodes, **Anthony Rishkofski**, **Tina Richards**, Laura Roberson, Aaron Shull, John Shull, Chris Sneed, **Scott Taylor**, **Judy Warren**, Andy Wilkins, Georgie Williams, Larry Woosley, Audrey Wortham, **Wanda York**



**Religious Education:** We have Holy Mass at 5:00pm and classes are from 5:30-6:30 every Wednesday. We offer classes for youth from pre-school (4 years old by September 1st) through high school. Registration forms can be found on website. Forms will also be posted on the St. Joseph Religious Ed Facebook page for you to print and return. We do ask for a contribution of \$10 per child (maximum \$20 per family), if you are able, to help with the cost of books. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Smith at 270-589-1789.



**Owensboro Diocese Youth Conference, or ODYC for short:** We are very excited to inform you that the Office for Youth Ministry will be hosting its 6th combination middle and high school (**grades 6-12**) The theme for the conference is Christ is King (Christo es Rey) and will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 18-19, 2022 at The Knicely Center in Bowling Green, KY. The conference will begin with registration at 6:30 p.m. on Friday night and end at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday. If your child is interested, you need to contact Kim Smith before October 1st. The cost is \$35 and we have to have registration shortly after this date. Kim's contact information is 270-589-1789.



**Sunday, Sep 25, 2022**

### **Blessed are the wanderers**

Biblical prophets warn the comfortable not to overlook the suffering of those less fortunate. Today on World Day of Migrants and Refugees, we support the church's solidarity with uprooted people since the Second World War. A mass exodus to the West of Soviet bloc refugees prompted Pope Pius XII, future Pope Paul VI, and layman James Norris to form the International Catholic Migration Commission. The ICMC continued its response to the "boat people" of Vietnam, Bosnian Muslims, Afghani refugees, and more. Their efforts restore dignity, inspire change, and companion the displaced. Welcome the stranger.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31 (138). *"Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion!"*

**Monday, Sep 26, 2022**

### **Give them a healer's welcome**

Believed to have been twin brothers, Cosmas and Damian were third-century Christian Syrian physicians who accepted no payment for caring for the sick—and made many converts as a result of their selfless service. They were eventually martyred by the Romans. Many of us know "saints" in the healthcare profession who work physically and emotionally demanding jobs, make personal sacrifices (including endangering their own health during the pandemic), and have a seemingly endless supply of compassion despite it all. The next time you or someone you love needs medical help, ask Cosmas and Damian to support the professionals coming to your aid.

MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50 (455). *"Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."*

**Tuesday, Sep 27, 2022**

### **Enrich the faith of others**

Before co-founding the Daughters of Charity—serving the "poorest of the poor"—Saint Vincent de Paul began the Congregation of the Mission in 1625. Priests who joined had three requirements: to live in imitation of Christ, to take the gospel to the rural poor, and to educate fellow priests in the practical matters of being a priest. When he realized peasants knew so little about the faith and that local priests were poorly trained in administering the sacrament of Penance, Vincent preached such a stirring parish mission that priests from a nearby town had to be called in to help him hear confessions. How can you help others practice their faith?

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456). *"He resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem."*

**Wednesday, Sep 28, 2022**

### **Carry on the work of the dead among the living**

At the time of Jesus, the Jewish custom was to bury a person in the family burial cave the same day they died. The body was left for a year while the family mourned, the first seven days in *shivah*, followed by a less intense 30-day period of *shloshim*. The burial rite was not complete, however, as the family would return to the cave a year later for the "second burial," the collection of remains to be placed with the bones of other ancestors in the family ossuary. It is theorized that when Jesus commented, "Let the dead

bury their dead," he may have been referring to this second burial, suggesting to his disciples that there was more urgent work to be done among the living. Pray for the dead but serve the living!

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62 (457). *"Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the Kingdom of God."*

**Thursday, Sep 29, 2022**

### **Angels watching over us**

Today we honor the only three angels in scripture who have names. Michael is cited in the books of Daniel and Revelation and is known for being a protector. Gabriel is most famously a messenger, having relayed information to Daniel, but best known for giving Mary the news that she would be mother to our Savior. Raphael is associated with healing and appears in a series of adventures in the Book of Tobit, including his cure of Tobit's blindness. At various times, each of us needs protection, a message from God, or healing. May these three archangels lift our prayers when we and our communities most need these things.

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51 (647). *"Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."*

**Friday, Sep 30, 2022**

### **Get to know the word**

If you are a fan of scripture, then right next to your Bible should be *The Jerome Biblical Commentary*. The 2,000-plus-page book is a treasure trove of insight about the Bible written by Roman Catholic scholars from across the globe. It is a great resource for helping people to engage more deeply with scripture through study and reflection. The book is named after Saint Jerome, who is best known for his biblical commentaries and translations. Jerome believed that "Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ." It's never too late to increase your knowledge. What would be the first scripture passage you'd look up if you had the book in hand? Why?

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16 (459). *"Whoever listens to you listens to me."*

**Saturday, Oct 01, 2022**

### **In loving color**

Though she only lived 24 brief years, Thérèse of Lisieux, the "little flower," was so spiritually mature she was asked to guide novices who were entering her Carmelite order. She used vivid metaphors, comparing the Trinity to a kaleidoscope because the three mirrors transform simple images into colorful designs. She wrote: "As long as our actions, even the smallest, do not fall away from the focus of Divine Love, the Holy Trinity, symbolized by the three mirrors, allows them to reflect wonderful beauty. Jesus . . . always sees beauty in everything we do."

MEMORIAL OF THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, CARMELITE NUN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24 (460).

*"Turning to the disciples in private he said, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.'"*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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# Dear Padre,

**A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate. Is that what the Church teaches?**

**J**esus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life “as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus’ death was payment for our sins doesn’t mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent Son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life.

“It is love ‘to the end’ [John 13:1] that confers on Christ’s sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus’ death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice “that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices,” when “the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself,” and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father “in reparation for our disobedience” (CCC 614).

Christ “bore our sins in his body upon the cross....By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ’s death has meaning in eternal life’s triumph over sin.

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**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*.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*In many situations of suffering, Christ's cross is like a beacon that indicates the port to ships that are still afloat on stormy seas. Christ's cross is the sign of hope that does not disappoint; and it tells us that not even one tear, not one sigh is lost in God's plan of salvation.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MARCH 31, 2021

## Calendar

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday

Jb 1:6–22

Lk 9:46–50

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul,  
Priest

Jb 3:1–3, 11–17, 20–23

Lk 9:51–56

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday

Jb 9:1–12, 14–16

Lk 9:57–62

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel  
and Raphael,  
Archangels

Dan 7:9–10, 13–14

or Rv 12:7–12a

Jn 1:47–51

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 30

St. Jerome, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church

Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5

Lk 10:13–16

### Saturday

OCTOBER 1

St. Thérèse  
of the Child Jesus,  
Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church

Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17

Lk 10:17–24

### Sunday

OCTOBER 2

Twenty-seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2–3; 2:2–4

2 Tm 1:6–8, 13–14

Lk 17:5–10