

Dear Padre,

Are we supposed to pray a specific prayer after we genuflect and kneel in the pew before we take our seats? What about after Communion?

There is no particular prayer to say when we genuflect, enter the pew, and kneel for a while. Genuflecting and kneeling are powerful expressions and prayers in themselves—we kneel only to God. But these gestures can become mere routine unless we accompany them with a moment of awareness and recollection and maybe a prayer like, “I adore you, O Christ, and I bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.”

Neither are there required prayers to say in the moments after holy Communion as we return to the pew. But this is a most special time. “Holy souls endeavor to remain as long as possible in prayer after Communion,” wrote St. Alphonsus Liguori in *The Holy Eucharist*. “There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion.” Eucharist is from the Greek *eukharistia*, which means “thanksgiving,” and this is a time for giving thanks. We remain silently focused on the astonishing passion and affection of our Lord in giving himself to us to eat and make part of ourselves. So much depends on awareness; so much depends on gratitude. Prayer books may help us enter a time of thanksgiving. But we can also say simply, “Jesus, I love you.” ●



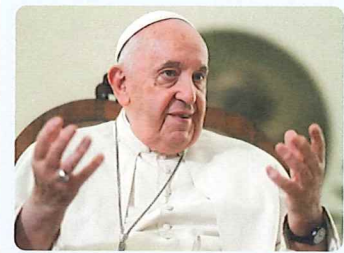
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
September 4 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Thes 4:13–18 Lk 4:16–30	September 5 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11 Lk 4:31–37	September 6 <i>Weekday</i> Col 1:1–8 Lk 4:38–44	September 7 <i>Weekday</i> Col 1:9–14 Lk 5:1–11	September 8 <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Mi 5:1–4a or Rom 8:28–30 Mt 1:1–16, 18–23 or 1:18–23	September 9 <i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i> Col 1:21–23 Lk 6:1–5	September 10 <i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ez 33:7–9 Rom 13:8–10 Mt 18:15–20



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us make sure that the cross hanging on the wall at home, or that little one that we wear around our neck, is a sign of our wish to be united with Christ in lovingly serving our brothers and sisters, especially the littlest and most fragile. The cross is the holy sign of God's love.

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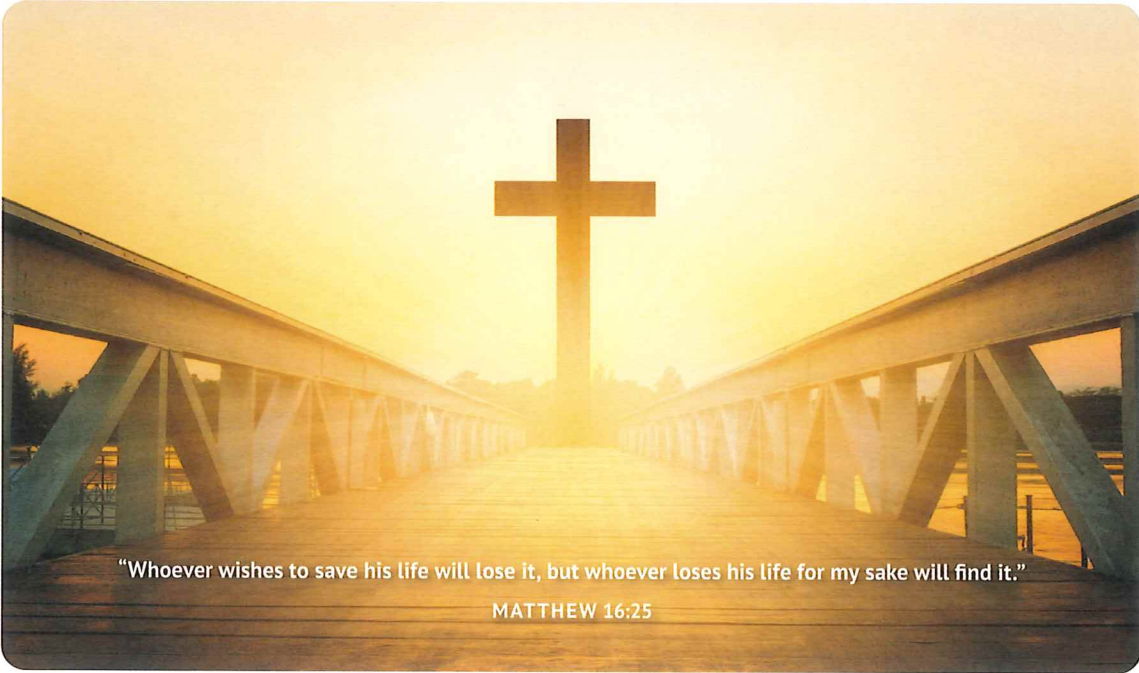
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 3, 2023
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Jeremiah 20:7–9 / Romans 12:1–2 / Matthew 16:21–27



“Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

MATTHEW 16:25

Called to Be Faithful

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Somewhere in every life, along its twisting curving path, we find ourselves wondering if we would not be better off somewhere else doing something different, as if with the flip of the channel we could live a parallel life. Except that changing life is never that simple. And so we live on with our foibles and our insecurities. We make do for one more day in a job that is less than satisfying, or a relationship that is worn and fraying, or caring for aging parents as we juggle the needs of two households. In every niche of life, we may find ourselves dealing with difficult people, listening to others’ woes, wondering if anyone cares. Like

the prophet Jeremiah, we can feel we’ve been duped by the Lord God. We don’t need to go looking for crosses. They come our way. And it is our crosses that allow us to save our lives by losing our lives. It is these very same lives from which we wish we could escape that bring us to holiness, if for no other reason than that we *do* struggle not to have our own way all the time. Spirituality has been defined as an inner set of values by which we live an outer set of circumstances. As people of faith, we try to do just that: to live in the style of Jesus. Somehow, it seems that God brings us to places we should be. ●

Reflect

What does it mean to be faithful in the circumstances of your life?



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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9/2/2023 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Lucy, Jonathan, & Nathan Gannett

Reader: Debbie Frederick

E.O.HC: Tino Rosales Jr., Karen Burden

9/3/2023 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe & Kipton Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

Reader: Mike Broeckelman

E.O. HC: Alvin Bergkamp, Bob Woodrow

23 rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9/9/2023 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Lucy, Jonathan, & Nathan Gannett

Reader: Gwen Waechter

E.O.HC: Rosemary & Tom Bachman

9/10/2023 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Cade & Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Hannah Schauf

E.O. HC: Mike & Cindy Broeckelman

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Tom Bachman, Grand Knight	640-8259
Prayer Line Starters, Allison Bushek	355-1696
& Nanette Rice	355-7676

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Sept. 2	4:00 p.m.	Joshua Skipton
Sunday, Sept. 3	9:00 a.m.	Lorrain Thome
Monday, Sept. 4	NO MASS	David Hoang
Tuesday, Sept. 5	NO MASS	For Priestly vocation
Thursday, Sept. 7	8:30 a.m.	Special Int. Powers Family
Friday, Sept. 8	8:30 a.m.	Sp. Int. Burden Family
Saturday, Sept. 9	4:00 p.m.	Rosie Perez
Sunday, Sept. 10	9:00 a.m.	For the people

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

September 3, 2023

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.” (Psalm 63:2)

“God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.” (Matthew 16:22)

My friends, that was Peter’s response when he heard Jesus say that Jesus had to go to Jerusalem and would be killed there. Peter naturally hated the thought that such harm would come to his dear friend. His words show a certain amount of anger and shock --- a refusal to accept what Jesus was telling him. Jesus die? Peter could not believe it and would not believe it. What Peter didn’t know was something Jesus revealed just a few moments later. You see, it wasn’t just Jesus who would be asked to “lose his life.” It would be Peter, too, and all who called Jesus, Lord. “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Matthew 16:25)

Yes. Peter would be asked to lose his life for Jesus’ sake. And the other disciples would be asked to do the same, follow Jesus no matter what. But it doesn’t end there. Nor is it meant to be some kind of “exception,” some kind of heroic act that only a few will be called to embrace. No --- losing one’s life is the hallmark, the blueprint, the invitation, the command for every single person who calls themselves a follower of Jesus.

And that means me. And that means you.

Fr. Peter

COLLECTION for August 27, 2023: Envelopes: \$725; Loose: \$299; Online Giving: \$302.64; Total \$1326.64; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under - 434.53

CHURCH PROJECT GOAL \$52000—Building Fund To Date: \$31758.63 *Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.*

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING Our September meeting will be on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:30 p.m.- Parish Hall. **Notice:** Monthly meetings are typically on the first Wednesday of each month.

SAINT ANTHONY’S & CHRIST THE KING CCD (PSR) 2023-2023

CCD enrollments: September 6 - Come to the Parish Hall between 6pm-7:30pm. For anyone that wants to enroll in person and online will work as well. Enrollment fees are \$10/student or \$25/ for 3 or more students. This year a change for confirmation is 8th grade through 12th grade. Any student needing to make confirmation will need to make sure to have proof of baptism and first communion! All classes this year will be on Wednesday night at 6:30pm sharp. Parents and students meeting will be September 13 at 6:30pm followed by a teachers meeting at 7:30pm. If you don’t make it to the hall on the 6th for enrollment don’t worry you have until the 13th to get enrolled so we are ready for class September 20 beginning at 6:30pm.

O.C.I.A (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or finding out more about the teachings of the faith? Consider joining the St. Anthony’s OCIA program. The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith. The process invites participants into discernment, prayer, and spiritual formation. If you’d like to join us, please call please call Fr. Peter (620-355-6405) or Mrs. Karen Burden (620- 355-6388)

ADULT CONFIRMATION If any adult Catholic who hasn’t been confirmed and would like to be confirmed this coming Easter Please call Fr. Peter (620-355-6405) or Mrs. Karen Burden (620- 355-6388) On behalf of the Catholic faith community of the St. Anthony, we look forward to welcoming you.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK In what ways do I find it difficult to deny my own desires, priorities, and will, to follow Christ? How can my faith in the resurrection ease my willingness to do so?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (by Metropolitan Philaret of Moscow) O Lord, I do not know what to ask you. You alone know my real needs, and you love me more than I even know how to love. Enable me to discern my true needs which are hidden from me. I ask for neither cross nor consolation. I wait in patience for you. My heart is open to you. For your great mercy’s sake, come to me and help me. Put your mark on me and heal me, cast me down and raise me up. Silently, I adore your holy will and your inscrutable ways. I offer myself in sacrifice to you and put all my trust in you. I desire only to do your will. Teach me how to pray, and pray in me, yourself. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Matthew 16:21-27)

What’s a Messiah? Jesus told his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah (16:20). Today we learn why. The disciples expect things from the Messiah that don’t match what Jesus came to do. Despite the range of things Jews expected, no one thought the Messiah would suffer, much less be shamefully and brutally killed. Although Jesus accepted the title Messiah, he broadened its meaning to include rejection, shame, and hardship. He preferred the title Son of Man because it carried fewer pre-conceptions even as it implied his ultimate victory over evil (see Daniel 7:13-14).

A stumbling block Jesus called Peter the rock on which he would build the church (16:18). Now this rock is a stumbling block, an obstacle that could trip Jesus up. After calling Jesus Messiah and Son of the living God, Peter rejects the new meaning Jesus gives these titles. Jesus calls Peter Satan. Right before Jesus began his public ministry, Satan tried to lure him down a different path (4:1-11). Now one of Jesus’ closest followers unwittingly tempts Jesus.

Fall in line When Jesus spoke to Satan in the desert, he told Satan to get away. Jesus tells Peter to get behind me. Jesus doesn’t simply want Peter out of his way; he wants him to fall in line. Peter and the other disciples must learn to follow Jesus. Jesus’ way is difficult, even frightening, but it leads to life.

Live for the world to come People want to pursue their own interests. They want to be safe and comfortable. Jesus warns that this approach will protect our earthly lives but cost us our eternal ones (vv.24-25). In verse 26 Jesus asks why we would invest all our time and energy in a world that isn’t permanent. Only the hidden world of God’s kingdom will last. If we want to be part of God’s kingdom, then we’ve got to spend all our time and energy living the way God wants us to. When the risen Jesus returns, he will only bring into God’s kingdom those who have followed him down the challenging path of discipleship (v.27).

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UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING OF THE WEEK - (Jeremiah 20:7-9)

A burning prophet Right before these verses we hear how a priest serving in the Jerusalem temple punishes Jeremiah. Jeremiah has boldly proclaimed God’s word against Israel, but none of his prophecies are coming true. Jeremiah thus laments that God has deceived him, tricked him into warning people of punishments that aren’t happening. Although God called him to point out other people’s broken promises, everyone is now pointing out that his own prophecies aren’t coming true. Jeremiah tries to stop speaking, to spare himself further pain and ridicule, but God’s word within him is too strong.

Like Jesus In his commentary on the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, Peter Ellis writes, “no one in the history of Israel was more like Jesus than Jeremiah...” • Both taught people using parables • Both experienced rejection by their own people • Both wept for their people • Both were scourged, imprisoned, and put on trial (only Jesus was ultimately killed) As Jesus looked ahead to his future, the heart-wrenching story of Jeremiah must have been on his mind.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION SEPTEMBER 3,2023

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”-Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, *“Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.”* We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

“Pues ¿qué provecho obtendrá un hombre si gana el mundo entero, pero pierde su alma?” - Mateo 16:26

San Francisco de Asís dijo, *“Recuerda, tú eres lo que eres a los ojos de Dios, y nada más”.* A menudo olvidamos esta responsabilidad de sabiduría cuando gastamos todo nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoros para ganar riquezas de este mundo. Necesitamos establecer nuestras prioridades de acuerdo con los valores de Dios y no con los valores del mundo material.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

REFLECTION:

We all need revival. The root word itself—revive—means “to live again.” After the past four years, don’t you feel like you need to live again? The Eucharist is the privileged place where we go to be revived, the source and summit of life itself. Jesus Christ—who called people back to life (both physically and spiritually)—desires our revival and is making it happen. True revival is always the work of God. We can’t fake or manufacture it. But we can choose how we respond. Jesus is doing something new. Do you desire it?

We don’t get to choose revival—we can only be open to it. Revival isn’t our work; it’s the work of the Holy Spirit, and it is happening constantly. Let that sink in. We stand on the brink of a significant moment for the Catholic Church in the United States. The Eucharistic Revival is a uniting movement, gathering up sparks and fanning them into flame throughout our country. You are a part of that moment.

But revival is not just for this moment. It’s for every moment. Revival has been happening since Pentecost, where the disciples waited for the next step. It is true, revival is a corporate work—but it begins personally.

If you are reading this, it most likely means you desire revival for more than just you. You desire it for everyone. That’s how this becomes a movement and a wildfire that transforms our world. When we embody that renewal as it has taken place in us, and bring it to other people, we become missionaries.

Over the next nine days, you will receive a short reflection, prayer, and challenge in your email. We want to use this time to pray for revival and for the courage to invite others to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist so they can experience new life as well.

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that revival begins in me. I give you permission to reveal the places in my heart and in my life where I am dead so that I can offer them to you for healing. Give me a heart that desires revival for others and the courage to share who you are. Amen.

CHALLENGE:

Just as the Holy Spirit brought revival at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is here now. Spend 10-15 minutes in silence today, asking the Holy Spirit to bring revival to you. It may be as simple as repeating, “Come, Holy Spirit.” Be open to how the Spirit may show up during this time.

TWENTY– SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It’s a wonderful life

A founder of the NAACP, W.E.B. Du Bois knew the cure for racism wasn't simply telling the truth. It was inducing people to act on it. The first African American to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard in 1895, Du Bois dreamed broadly of a world of "valuable variety ... in height and weight, color and skin, hair and nose and lip.... Each effort to stop this freedom of being,” he argued, “is a blow at democracy—that real democracy which is reservoir and opportunity.... There can be no perfect democracy curtailed by color, race, or poverty.” Let us act on this truth. (Preparetheword)

VIGÉSIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Es una vida maravillosa

Nuestros días están sumidos en el caos, los conflictos y las noticias de desaliento. Entonces llega un director como Frank Capra (1897-1991), que produce lo que se ha dado en llamar "fantasías de buena voluntad", imponiendo el orden con sus pequeños mesías andrajosos que adoptan posturas significativas contra injusticias gigantescas. Autodenominado " Católico de Navidad ", Capra libró sus batallas morales en la gran pantalla. Creía que cada persona es "esencialmente buena, un átomo vivo de divinidad... Hay que hacer películas que digan estas cosas, que combatan la violencia y la mezquindad, que ganen tiempo para dismantelar los odios". Toma partido. Cuenta una historia de esperanza.