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Confesión el Sábado:
Con cita previa (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: En la iglesia
(privadamente) 3:20pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00pm
Rosario el Domingo: Con las Letanías de la
Santisima **Virgen María**— 9:40am
Misa el Domingo: Español - 11:30am

Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus

Lunes, Martes, Miércoles, Viernes:
Adoración 7:30am y Misa 8:00am

Jueves: Misa 6:00pm Para Vocaciones:
Soltero Vida Consagrada, Matrimonio,
Sacerdocio

Viernes: A Las 6:00pm, Rosario Reina de la
Paz con Adoración

Sábado: Adoración a las 7:30am y a las 8am.
Misa en honor a la Virgen María

Rev. Chris Axline, Pastor

Rev. Sylvester Modebei, Parochial Vicar

Confession on Saturday:
By appointment English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: At the Church (privately) 3:20pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00pm

Sunday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed
Virgin Mary—9:40am

Sunday Mass: Spanish - 11:30am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: The Angelus

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:
Adoration 7:30am & Mass 8:00am

Thursday: Mass 6:00pm for **Vocations:** Single
consecrated Life, Matrimony, Priesthood

Friday: 6:00pm Rosary of Queen of Peace with Adoration

Saturday: Adoration at 7:30am & at 8am. The Mass in
honor of the Virgin Mary

Sunday, September 21st, 2025



25th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest
wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

"Si ustedes no son fieles administradores del dinero, tan lleno de
injusticias, ¿quién les confiará los bienes verdaderos?" - Lc 16, 10-11

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Reflection for TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : Year C
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings: • Amos 8:4-7 • Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 • 1 Timothy 2:1-8 • Luke 16:1-13

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092125.cfm>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP – RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Fixing the Scales

Most people don't intend on being selfish. The reality of selfishness usually lies in the grey shades of our decision-making. We would never go out of our way to kick a homeless person begging by the highway exit. We would never steal money from our parish collection plate.

But would we drive past the homeless person without even extending a thought or a prayer toward his need? Would we justify stinginess in time, talent, and treasure because of our own comfort? We all have been guilty of transgressions such as these in the past. We will fall again in the future.

Most of the evil in this world can be traced back to a feeling of entitlement that lurks deep within each of us — a frantic concern for our own good that we find difficult to shake. The same instinct that compelled Eve to reach for the fruit that would give her the knowledge of good and evil still compels people to focus on what they are owed, on what they have “earned,” on what they have “coming to them.” We are so tempted to fix the scales. We are so tempted to keep score.

We would do well to remember that our God is not a God who keeps score. He is not a God who acts entitled or who tacks on extra dues, taking as much as He can get. He is a God who seats the lowly with princes. He is a God who seeks avenues for reconciliation and mercy. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Arreglando las Balanzas

La mayoría de la gente no tiene la intención de ser egoísta. La realidad del egoísmo suele estar en los tonos grises de nuestra toma de decisiones. Nunca saldríamos de nuestro camino para patear a una persona sin hogar que pide limosna a la salida de la autopista. Nunca robaríamos dinero de nuestro plato de colecta parroquial.

Pero, ¿pasaríamos por delante de la persona sin hogar sin siquiera extender un pensamiento o una oración hacia su necesidad? ¿Justificaríamos la tacañería en tiempo, talento y tesoro por nuestra propia comodidad? Todos hemos sido culpables de transgresiones como estas en el pasado. Volveremos a caer en el futuro.

La mayor parte del mal en este mundo se remonta a un sentimiento de presunción que acecha en lo más profundo de cada uno de nosotros: una preocupación frenética por nuestro propio bien que nos resulta difícil de quitar. El mismo instinto que impulsó a Eva a buscar el fruto que le daría el conocimiento del bien y del mal, todavía obliga a las personas a concentrarse en lo que se les debe, en lo que han “ganado,” en lo que “les corresponde.” Estamos tan tentados a arreglar las balanzas. Estamos tan tentados a llevar la cuenta.

Hariamos bien en recordar que nuestro Dios no es un Dios que lleva la cuenta. Él no es un Dios que actúa con presunción o que agrega cuotas extra, tomando todo lo que puede obtener. Es un Dios que sienta a los humildes con los príncipes. Es un Dios que busca caminos para la reconciliación y la misericordia.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

The Silver Rose

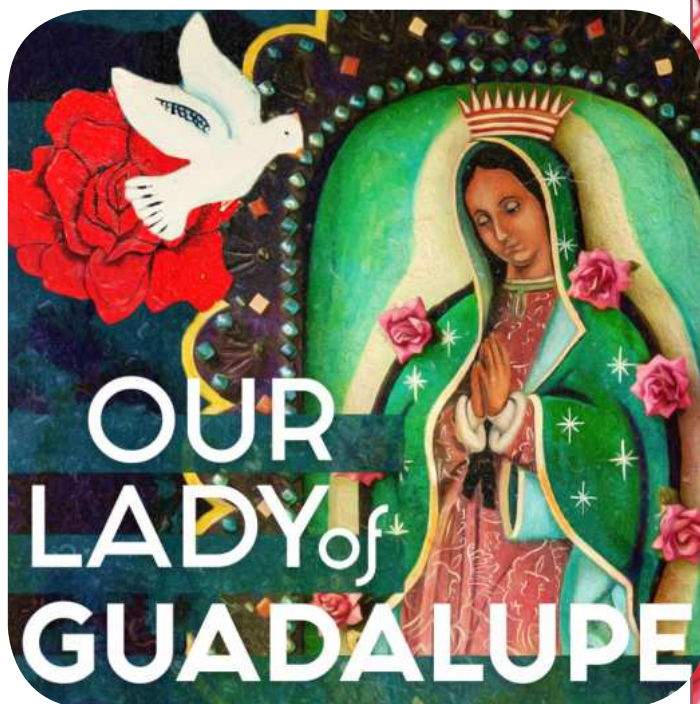
In 1960 the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico to honor Our Lady. The rose was chosen to commemorate Saint Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.

Today eight roses travel along different North American routes that include Canada, the United States and Mexico.

Every stop The Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary centered occasion to pray for respect for life, spiritual renewal of each nation and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Silver Rose will be at St Mary's following the mass on Sep 27th.

Special services will be held Sep 28th following the 9am and 2pm masses.



La Rosa de Plata

En 1960, los Escuderos Colombinos, una organización juvenil de los Caballeros de Colón, idearon llevar una rosa a la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Monterrey, México, para honrar a Nuestra Señora. La rosa fue elegida para conmemorar a San Juan Diego y el milagro de las rosas.

Hoy, ocho rosas recorren diferentes rutas norteamericanas, incluyendo Canadá, Estados Unidos y México. Cada parada de la Rosa de Plata durante la peregrinación es una ocasión dedicada al rosario para orar por el respeto a la vida, la renovación espiritual de cada nación y la difusión del mensaje de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

La Rosa de Plata estará en Santa María después de la misa del 27 de septiembre.

Se celebrarán servicios especiales el 28 de septiembre después de las misas de las 9:00 a. m. y las 2:00 p. m.



Readings for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday:

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/
1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday:

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday:

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab,
4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday:

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Lk 9:7-9

Friday:

Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday:

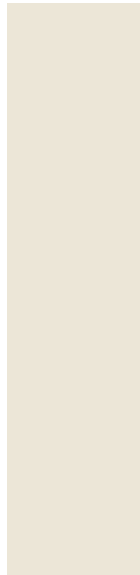
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/
Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday:

Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/
1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. “Really great work, John,” he said. “I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay.” I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus’ brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the **“master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently” (Luke 16:8).** What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don’t care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he *wants* us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— Father John Muir

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Never will I forget a thing they have done! (Am 8:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. (Ps 113)

Second Reading:

There is also one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus,
who gave himself as ransom for all. (1 Tm 2:5-6)

Gospel:

"No servant can serve two masters.
He will either hate one and love the other,
or be devoted to one and despise the other.
You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13)

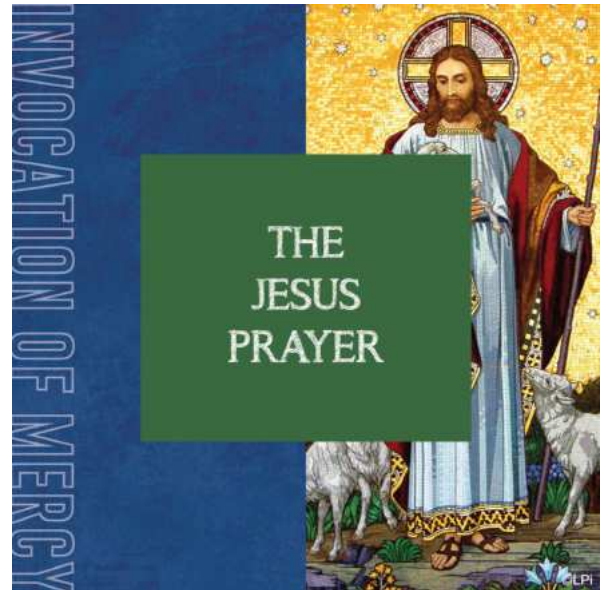
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

No servant can serve two masters, and in his goodness, God gives us the ability to choose. Will we serve mammon, the riches of this world? Or will we seek true wealth, the kind that cannot be hoarded or wasted, but only given freely away?

Observances for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	National Migration Week
Tuesday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Friday:	Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Saturday:	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Next Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, its short form makes it ideal for meditative prayer.

Prayer for Trust

Jesus,
With your gentle mercy, build
my trust. Help me to believe you
when you say you want good
for me. In every season, give
me grace. In every need, be my
answer.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones.

God and Mammon

Dealing with money is unpleasant.

You might be good at dealing with money (I am not). You might even do it for a living (I do not). You might be careful to use as much of your money as you can for good purposes (I try to, but man, these skyrocketing grocery prices are killing me).

But ultimately, money does not bring out the best in us. We waste it. We manipulate it. We hoard it. We become obsessed by it. We let pursuit of it define our decisions. Money is something akin to — it corrupts by touch, it seems. But unlike witchcraft, you can't avoid money altogether. It's necessary. These dollars and cents keep us alive in this world, for a time. We need them for food, for warmth, for health.

Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones. But the parable reminds us that we can't escape money, just like we can't escape the world and all the barriers forged by this world between man and the happiness his Creator intends for him. We could retreat to the highest, remotest mountaintop, but the human condition would follow us there.

We would still feel doubt. We would still feel pain. We would still feel fear. We would still sin.

And we would still be hungry and cold. We would still need money.

Money will never be something that is easy to handle virtuously. But guess what? Nothing in this world is. And it's probably best that we remember that.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday?

Answer:

For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy.

"CATECHISTS ARE PEOPLE WHO KEEP THE MEMORY OF GOD ALIVE; THEY KEEP IT ALIVE IN THEMSELVES AND THEY ARE ABLE TO REVIVE IT IN OTHERS."
- POPE FRANCIS

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
DOMINGO CATEQUÉTICO

"LOS CATEQUISTAS SON PERSONAS QUE MANTIENEN VIVA LA MEMORIA DE DIOS; LO MANTIENEN VIVO EN SÍ MISMOS Y SON CAPACES DE REVIVIRLO EN LOS DEMÁS".
- PAPA FRANCISCO

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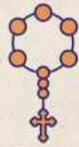
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National **MIGRATION WEEK**

Saints
COSMAS & DAMIAN

Religious Formation and Sacraments

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Education session **has ended.**

Classes are held on Thursdays from 5:30-7:00pm at the St. Mary's Parish Center.

No payments will be accepted at classes. Payments can be made at the Parish Office during business hours, or online at this QR code →



We look forward to a great year with our St. Mary's families. See you then!

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CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thursdays: 5:30-7:00pm



Early Childhood (ages 4-6):

No sacramental preparation

Elementary Catechism, Year 1 (ages 7+):

1st Reconciliation (if baptized)

**Unbaptized children complete two years of catechism, with Baptism being received in the second year, along with Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion*

Elementary Catechism, Year 2 (ages 8-12):

1st Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism (if unbaptized)

Catecismo en Español, año 1 (7+ años):

1a Reconciliación (si está bautizado)

**Los niños no bautizados completan dos años de catecismo, recibiendo el bautismo en el segundo año, junto con la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión.*

Catecismo en Español, año 2 (8-12 años):

1a Santa Comunión, Confirmación, Bautismo (si no está bautizado)



BAPTISM INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS



Baptism Information

(children ages 6 and younger)



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BAPTISM OF YOUR CHILD

To have your child baptized in our parish, a parent of the child to be baptized must come to the Parish Office to obtain an outline describing the required forms.

After submitting these required forms to the office, the parents and godparents will be scheduled to attend a pre-baptism class. Only after all requirements have been met can the baptism of your child be scheduled.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please call the Parish Office: (928) 377-3435.

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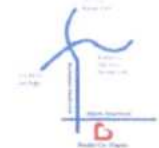


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