

St. Mary’s Catholic Church

Annunciation Church of B.V.M., Shumway, IL

+Bishop Thomas John Paprocki

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To reserve the church basement please call 1-844-536-6514.

Cemetery Committee

John Adams 618-322-2874

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Funeral Meal Coordinators

Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399

Dot Thomas 217-259-8560

Shumway Mass Times:

Tuesday – 5:15 pm

Adoration 4-5 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am

Saturday 4:00 pm

Reconciliation-3pm

Sunday 8:00 am

Green Creek Mass Times:

Thursday – 5:15 pm

Adoration 4-5 pm

Friday – 8 am

Saturday – 6 pm

Sunday – 10:00 am

No Adoration/Mass when it falls on a Holy Day

**Victim Assistance Contact Information**-To Report Child Sexual Abuse by Church Personnel or to inquire about Safe Environment Programs in the Diocese of Springfield call 217-321-1155 or Children & Family Services Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-25-ABUSE

SAT 4pm	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Oct. 4	Oct. 11
Servers	Trey Brown Isaac Wells Abby Brown	Tryston Brown Madalyne Brown Anna Brown	Aubrey Brown Trey Brown Tryston Brown	Madalyne Brown Issac Wells Abby Brown	Anna Brown Aubrey Brown Tryston Brown
Lector	Doug Brown	Katrina Davis	Christy Brown	Mike Holland	Alaina Miller
Usher	Mike Holland Jason Wells	Don Brown Doug Brown	Mike Holland Jason Wells	Don Brown Doug Brown	Mike Holland Jason Wells
Ministers of Holy Communion	Katrina Davis Kathy Brown Don Brown	Donna Davis Rosemary Holland Mike Holland	Kathy Brown Don Brown Howard Dust	Donna Davis Kathy Brown Rosemary Holland	Don Brown Katrina Davis Beth Spannagel
Gift Bearers	Don Brown Family	Doug Brown Family	Jason Wells family	Jesse Davis Family	Kathy Brown
SUN 8am	Sept. 14 Families in Faith	Sept. 21	Sept. 28 Families in Faith	Oct. 5 Right to Life Sunday	Oct. 12 Families in Faith
Servers	Rory Miller Wylie Miller Daisy Miller	Wade Conder Zoey Conder Jacob Vonderheide	Garrett Hoene Braxton Hoene Olivia Vonderheide	Rory Miller Wylie Miller Daisy Miller	Wade Conder Zoey Conder Jacob Vonderheide
Lector	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene	Kathy Adams	Lisa Thompson	Terry Hoene
Ushers	Josh Miller Justin Conder	John Neu Don Antrim	Jason Vonderheide Charley Vonderheide	Larry Lieb Jim Vonderheide	Roy Waldhoff Trevor Floyd
Ministers of Holy Communion	Linda Doedtman Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff	Lisa Thompson Roy Waldhoff Leslie Kemme	Timber Miller Vanessa Floyd Linda Doedtman	Barb Vonderheide Lisa Waldhoff Trevor Floyd	Lisa Thompson Leslie Kemme Timber Miller
Gift Bearers	Rodney Hoene Family	Charly & Rhonda Vonderheide	Jim & Marylou Vonderheide	Dan & Angela Woods	Barb Vonderheide
Greeters	Larry Lieb	Rodney Hoene Family	Don & Marcella Antrim	George & Diana Conder	Joe & Kay Conder
Money Counters	Kemme Adams	Bales, Richards, Sheehan, Hackman	Stremming Conder	Doedtman Shadwell	Waldhoff Hoene
WED. 8am Lectors	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
	Linda Doedtman	Irene Koester	Alice Richards	Mike Holland	Linda Doedtman

Weekly Offering.....9-14-25

Adult.....\$1887.00

Loose.....395.00

Total.....\$2282.00

Masses \$10.00

Parish Hall update \$130,344.97

An update ministry list with phone numbers will come out next month after the usher training. If anyone would like to be added to the ministry list or taken off, please contact Donna Davis 1-844-536-6514

PRAYER LIST: Please remember them in your prayers!



Call: 1-844-536-6514 to add or remove someone. Thank You.

Eloise P.  
Trevor Roy  
Tony Bierman  
Tori Schairbaum  
Tom Laue  
Jerry Worman  
Mardell Sheehan  
Elsie McKay  
Kathy Miller  
David Brown  
Kathy Wakefield  
Larry Nation

Norma Bloemer  
Beth Hewing  
Jim Gordon  
Don Kemme  
Don Clark  
Steve Moore  
Sally Wakefield  
Pat Kuhns  
Bill Hamilton  
Christie Dust  
Helen Kollinger  
Bill Nuxoll  
Cinda Held



**September Committee:** Gail Brandt, Jenni McKay, Lacey Krueger, Rita McKay, Timber Miller, Maridon McKay

St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Shumway  
MISSION  
(who we are and what we do, our purpose)  
*Be a growing community of disciples, centered on the Eucharist, that imitates Jesus by proclaiming the Gospel and serving our neighbors with love.*

VISION  
(where we are going, our focus)  
*Building the Body of Christ through families of faith with vibrant spiritual formation, joyful community fellowship and service, and a welcoming presence to all.*

As September is Suicide Prevention Month, there will be a Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary Help of Christians Green Creek on Wednesday, September 24th, 2025 at 6:30 pm. Mental health awareness is an important aspect of our communities and our parishes, and it is important that we all know that we are not alone and that we support one another. There will be a reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

Mission Month and World Mission Sunday – October is Mission Month and World Mission Sunday is October 26. On that day, every parish globally unites in prayer and generosity for the Holy Father’s missions in 1,100+ territories where the Church is poor, young, and persecuted. Your gift helps train seminarians, support vowed religious men and women, and provides schools and clinics in the world’s most vulnerable places. Be part of this global mission of hope—pray and give generously!

Getting Fat. Is There a Moral Line in Eating Junk Food and Not Exercising?- Father Dominic Rankin answers questions about not eating right, not exercising, and not taking medicine. Where is the moral line? Where does sin come in? What about if you are obsessed with exercising and eating healthy? Go to youtube.com/diospringfield or search “Dive Deep”

Opportunity to help the Community

The Enduring Freedom Ministries located at the Old Grade School in Shumway would welcome volunteers. They do have pantry dates in Oct if you can help in anyway on October 7 & 8 along with 14th & 15th. Then on Oct 25 which is also Dress for Success. They won’t just put you anywhere, let them know what you are comfortable doing.(cooking, serving, just ask them) A wonderful way to be a part of the giving back in the community. If interested and have an hour or 2 to give reach out to Vicki at 217-868-5293. Please give them a call.

Upcoming DeColores Fall Weekends:

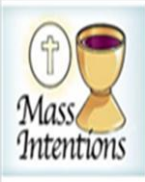
Men’s Weekend: October 16-19; Lay Leader: Tim Hodge. Call or Text him at 217-821-0113

Women’s Weekend: October 23-26; Lay Leader: Sandy Deters. Call or Text her at 217-259-2417

The weekends are held at Camp Walter Scott south of Effingham (Must sign up prior to attending.) Call or text for an application.

**Bible Study @ St. Mary’s, Shumway**  
“A Journey Through Church History.”  
We will meet again on Oct. 8. If you have any questions, contact Donna Davis 217-690-2640.

† This symbol denotes-deceased.



Saturday, Sept. 20 – Parishioner of St. Mary's  
Sunday, Sept. 21- †Ken & Linda Westjohn by Rodney Terry Hoene  
Tuesday, Sept. 23 –  
Wednesday, Sept. 24- Special Intention by Family  
Saturday, Sept. 27- †Larry Ferguson by Kathy Ferguson  
Sunday, Sept. 28 – †Marita Kemme by Lucy Westendorf  
Tuesday, Sept. 30 - †Eleanor Steber By Teresa Tegeler  
Wednesday, Oct. 1- Special Intention by Barb Vonderheide

Please call or email (info on front page) to schedule an intention or put an envelope in the collection basket with the information. Envelopes can be found in the mailbox in the cry room. There is a calendar of available dates located in the cry room.

Happy Birthday



Nash Wakefield 9-22  
Joe Holland 9-23  
Charley Vonderheide 9-23  
Peyton Manhart 9-24  
Helen Kollinger 9-26

Happy Anniversary

Jesse & Christina Niebrugge 9-24-2011  
14 years  
  
Charley & Rhonda Vonderheide 9-26-1970  
55 years

We will honor our newly baptized and young at heart after Mass on Sunday, Oct. 5. There will be refreshments in the basement and parishioners are asked to bring a favorite bread. fruit. etc.

From the USCCB and Bishop Paprocki—  
The situation in Gaza and across the Middle East cries out for the assistance of the Catholic community of the United States. Please prayerfully consider supporting this special second collection next weekend.

The Flame of Love Rosary Prayer Group has begun meeting every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30-4:10 at Sacred Heart Church in Effingham. There is no commitment - come when it works for you. Introduction and prayer sheets are available. Please join us - everyone is welcome! www.flameoflove.us.

SonRise Fridays – All Men Invited!

Calling All Men! Join other men taking action to grow as leaders at SonRise Friday Men’s Breakfast. This is for men of all area parishes. This week we’ll look at the five traits of authentic leaders through the lens of God as the merciful Father. By discovering the Father’s love, we’ll see how a man’s leadership can shape lives and reflect God’s own heart. Come for food, fellowship and faith 6:15 AM, Friday, at the St. Anthony Parish Center, Effingham. All men are welcome. Learn more at thatmanisyou.com, the parish office, or Dan Woods, 217-821-1495.

Families in Faith

Next class Sunday, Sept. 28  
If you have any questions,  
contact Leslie Kemme 217-821-3399  
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES...  
PRE-K THROUGH ADULT!!!

Calling all 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students! Join us for youth group on Sunday, September 21st from 6-7:30pm. We'll start downstairs and then move outside for some fun (weather permitting). Never attended before? That's okay - We would love to welcome you! Contact Katrina with any questions 217-240-4291.

**Saturday, Sept. 27 @ 9am** there will be server training. This for current servers and anyone one else who would like to serve (need to have made your first communion).

Attention Ushers!! Father Adam would like to have a brief meeting with all current ushers and those who would like to be after mass on Saturday, Oct. 4 and Sunday, Oct. 5

All ladies of the parish you are invited to St. Anthony CCW annual fall soup supper on Oct. 6 @ 6pm.

**Priesthood Sunday** is September 28th. It’s a special day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Reach out to priests who have impacted your faith life.

**Millions of Monicas** meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church. All mothers, grandmothers, aunts and Godmothers are invited. Millions of mothers have watched their children abandon their Catholic faith in a chaotic, stressful, and struggling world. This prayer group is a way we can come together as believers and lift up our children in prayer. For more information, visit [www.millionsofmonicas.com](http://www.millionsofmonicas.com).

**EFFINGHAM CATHOLIC CHARITIES**--We are having an ice cream social on our parking lot on Tuesday, September 23 from 2-6 PM! We are asking that attendees bring a food item for our pantry/mobile food pantry. Suggestions would be ground meat, eggs, butter, or cooking oil. We will have ice cream with toppings donated by Homewood Grill, music by DJ Zach Bierman and fun games for the kids! Stop by, enjoy some ice cream and have fun!

Come hear Catholic comedian and radio host, Josh Harris, LIVE at the T-Town KC Hall on Thursday, September 25. Doors open at 6:00pm with a \$10 entry fee. The opening act is oldies band, Solid Gold, performing from 6:00-7:45pm. Josh Harris will perform from 8:00-9:15pm. Event sponsored by Knights of Columbus.

**Catholic Men's Overnight Retreat**, September 27-28, Villa Maria Retreat Center --"Sons of the Father, Men in Christ." Visit [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events) for a more detailed schedule and to register. The cost is \$150 and includes overnight accommodations (single occupancy), meals, and retreat materials. Deadline--September 22. Contact [events@dio.org](mailto:events@dio.org) with questions.

**Men's Leadership Summit** on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville. Register at [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events). Cost: \$30. Includes materials/food and drink. Deadline to register is Oct. 1. Contact: Gracie Ortiz, Director of Marriage and Family Life at [gortiz@dio.org](mailto:gortiz@dio.org) or 217-321-1124 for questions.

Volunteer for the Sacraments! – The Office for Education is looking for individuals to volunteer to help with the Sacraments at the Cathedral events throughout the year. Around 1,300 students, along with their families, come to the Cathedral each year to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and first holy Communion. It is an honor to serve them and welcome them to the Mother Church of the diocese. Help is needed for registration, greeters, ushering, and hospitality. For more information you can contact the Parish Liaison for the Restored Order, Sister M. Clementia, FSGM at [ctoalson@dio.org](mailto:ctoalson@dio.org). You must be Safe Environment trained and background checked. More information is on the sign-up webpage.



Register using the QR code.

Faith Lutheran Church Shumway, is having their annual Soup Supper, Sunday October 19, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00p.m. Our menu will consist of Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili, Hot Dogs, Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, pies, cake, and drinks. This will be a FREE will offering. All proceeds will go ALIS of Altamont for maintaining and repair of the facilities at the school.

**St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale**  
St. Thomas Parish Center in Newton, IL  
September 25th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
September 26th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
September 27th 8:00 am - 11:00 am

**St. Isidore Parish Fall Breakfast**  
St. Joseph Hall, Island Grove  
Sun. Oct. 5 7:30am-noon  
Free will donation.  
Country Store and Raffles, also

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday's gospel reading from the 16th chapter of Luke's gospel is an interesting one. In the parable, Jesus talks about a dishonest Steward, who, being found out, is told that his job is going to be taken from him. He uses his statues to make friends and accrue favors from those under him to provide for himself after his position is taken from him, and seeing this, his master commends him for acting prudently. Interesting and a bit confusing. What does Jesus mean here? I think the key is in the last line of this gospel passage. "You cannot serve both God and mammon." (treasures or money). This passage should prompt us to stop and think. Do I serve God or worldly things, like money or material possessions? I think before we can ask ourselves that question, we need to break it down further and ask ourselves, "How do I serve God? Do I give God my best? "Am I talking to God daily in prayer? What is the most important thing in my day? Or what do I think about most throughout my day? Now, I understand we may not be able to think about God 24/7. We have jobs and responsibilities that require our attention throughout the day, but do these things that hold our attention take precedence over God or our relationship with him? Are we working throughout our day to build the Kingdom of God and spread his gospel message? Or are we working to build a bigger bank account or retirement, a newer car or cell phone, or maybe a bigger vacation or to put your kids in another sports league? Honestly, all these things can be good things for us to do, but they must not become our Master and should not take precedence over God or our worship of him.

I've presented a lot of questions here for you to ponder, and I leave you with this last question to ask yourself. "What importance is God and Faith in my life? If it's not what I want it to be, what do I need to do to make that happen?

In service to Christ, in service to You,  
Deacon Candidate  
Jesse R. Davis

Fr. Adam and Jesse Davis are offering OCIA this year. What is the OCIA? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is designed for non-Catholics who wish to learn more about the Catholic Church.

The OCIA process explores the meaning of faith and how Catholics express that faith in the community and in the world. It offers a chance to ask questions, raise doubts, acquire information, share, learn and grow. What's the commitment? First of all, you're not making a commitment to join the Catholic Church. You won't be pressured into making any decisions; you can stop attending the meetings at any time. You will continue to be welcome at the meetings and in the parish no matter what your decision.

You might want to share this information about the OCIA with anyone to whom you wish to offer an invitation. Perhaps to give them support and encouragement, you might offer to accompany them to one of the meetings.

If you have any questions or an interest, please email Fr. Adam at [aprichard@dio.org](mailto:aprichard@dio.org) or Jesse at [Jrdavis6698@gmail.com](mailto:Jrdavis6698@gmail.com) or call the parish office and leave a message."

Sacrament of Marriage-Please contact our parish office (1-844-536-6514) at least 9 months before your anticipated wedding date to begin your spiritual preparation. One or both persons must be registered and actively living their faith. All couples planning to be married at our parish must attend a Pre-Cana program, Natural Family Planning program and FOCCUS evaluation.

Sacrament of Baptism - A family must be registered & actively living their faith. Godparents must also be registered in a Catholic parish or other Christian church & actively living their faith. A Baptism Class is required for all parents. We ask that both parents attend this class together. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend. For more information, please call the parish office (1-844-536-6514).



### Prayer Campaign for LIFE

Sept. 24 – Nov. 2

We will be joining people of faith across our nation to pray, fast, and serve to end abortion and to fight assisted suicide during the “Prayer Campaign for Life”, 40 days focused on building a pro-life culture. This will take place from Sept. 24 to Nov. 2. Please consider participating in all 3 parts of this pro-life campaign:

- Part 1: Commit to an hour of prayer on Tuesday, Sept. 30 and Tuesday, Oct. 7. Come to the church for an hour or pray at home if you can not get to church. 4-5pm each of those days is our normal hour for adoration with mass afterwards. SIGN UP IN THE CRY ROOM.
- Part 2: Commit to fast for an end to abortion (no sign-up required).
- Part 3: Choose an hour or more to volunteer at the Silk Purse Thrift Store in Effingham. Choose any hours between 9 am - 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Contact Valerie Kemme (217) 663-2738 to get on the schedule.

### 40 Days for Life - prayer outside Hope Clinic

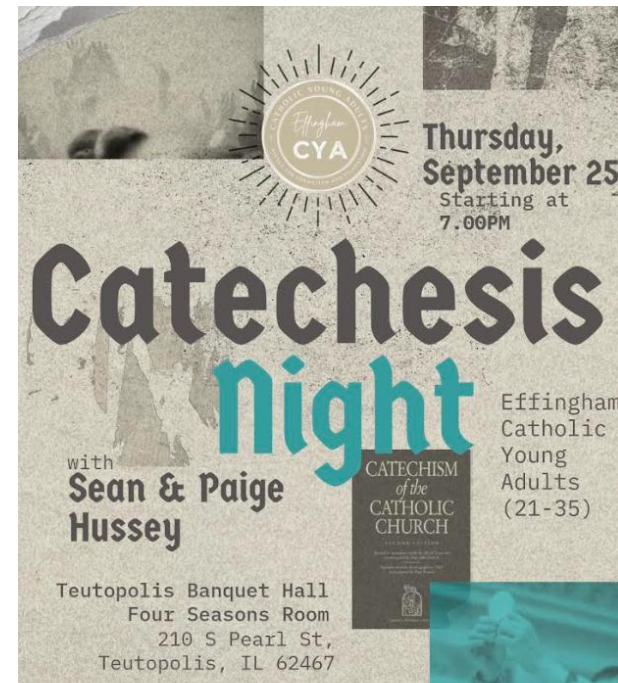
Sept. 24 (Wed), outside the Hope Clinic (abortion mill) in Granite City. This is meant to be a peaceful, prayerful witness united in Christian love. Effingham Area Right to Life has booked the 7 am- 11 am hours for 40 Days for Life at Hope Clinic. We will be departing at 5 am from the Effingham Event Center parking lot. Anyone interested in joining us can text Judy at 217-240-4386.

### Life Chain

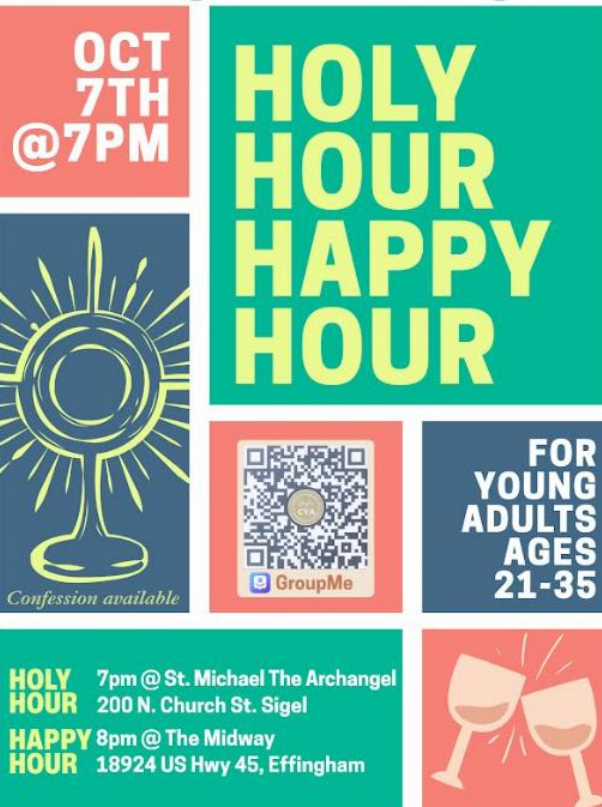
Oct. 5 (Sunday), at Sacred Heart Parish Center. 1:30 prayer service, Life Chain from 2-3 pm.

**2025 Respect Life Mass, Rosary Walk, and Luncheon--Saturday, October 11 | 9 a.m. | Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City** Mass at 9 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church (2606 Washington Ave, Granite City). Following Mass, participants will take part in a Rosary Walk through the community. A complimentary luncheon will follow, featuring guest speaker Kristi Hofferber, Executive Director of A Beacon of Light. All are welcome—families, youth, clergy, parish staff, and members of the community. No registration or fees are required. For more information, contact: Michael Carlson: mcarlson@dio.org

**St. Charbel's First Class Relic and relics of other saints coming to Vandalia/Springfield in October** – A First Class relic of St. Charbel Makhlof, the miraculous Maronite priest, monk, and hermit from Lebanon, is coming to our diocese for the first time from his homeland—and Catholics across Illinois are invited to this rare spiritual encounter. The relic will be available for public veneration at two locations: the Sanctuary of the Sorrowful Mother in Vandalia on October 7–8 (Mass at 5 p.m., veneration from 4–8 p.m. both days) and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on Sunday, October 19, following the 10 a.m. Mass. Additional relics of holy men and women—including St. Padre Pio, St. Carlo Acutis, the three Fatima children, and a piece of the True Cross—will also be present. Come bring your intentions and experience the powerful intercession of the saints. No RSVP required. For more information, visit OSMM.org or email KeckVanessa7@gmail.com.



  Effingham Catholic Young Adults



### Explore Graduate Theology at Saint Meinrad

Laities and deacons are invited to an Open House for the Graduate Theology Program of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. In-person Sat Oct 11 OR online Wed Nov 19 at 6:30pm CT.

Discover how our Master of Arts and certificate programs in theology can deepen your understanding of the faith and support your call to ministry or discipleship.

Visit [saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse](http://saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse).





## Dear Padre,

*At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family's continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?*

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: "I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult."

"As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers, I may become more like Christ." ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org**

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



JOHN LAC ELROY

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. [We see] too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest.*

HOMILY, ROME,  
MAY 18, 2025



JULIA-M-CAMERON / PEXELS

#### Monday

September 22  
Weekday  
Ezr 1:1-6  
Lk 8:16-18

#### Tuesday

September 23  
St. Pius of  
Pietrelcina, Priest  
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,  
14-20  
Lk 8:19-21

#### Wednesday

September 24  
Weekday  
Ezr 9:5-9  
Lk 9:1-6

#### Thursday

September 25  
Weekday  
Hg 1:1-8  
Lk 9:7-9

#### Friday

September 26  
Weekday  
Hg 2:1-9  
Lk 9:18-22

#### Saturday

September 27  
St. Vincent de Paul,  
Priest  
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a  
Lk 9:43b-45

#### Sunday

September 28  
Twenty-sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Am 6:1a, 4-7  
1 Tm 6:11-16  
Lk 16:19-31

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 21, 2025

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Amos 8:4-7 / 1 Timothy 2:1-8 / Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



## Wanting to Be Wanted

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**M**ore than anything, we want to be wanted. As infants, we reach out, wanting to be wanted. When we begin school and

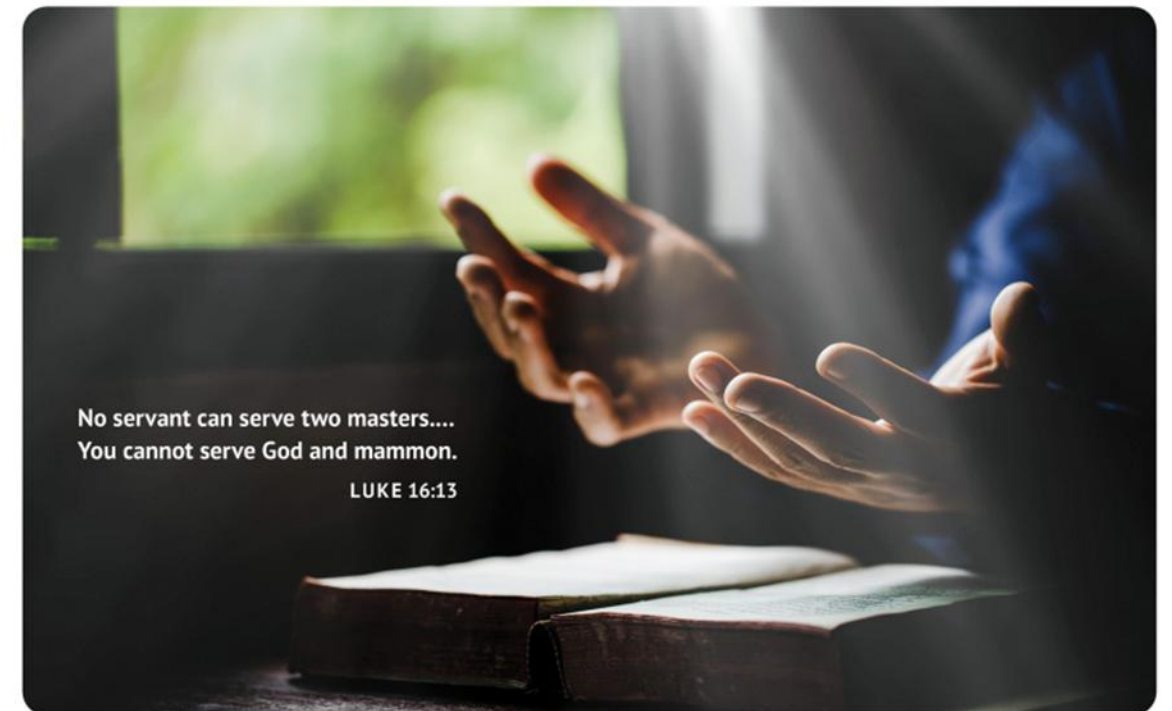
discover others who might be friends, we want to be wanted. As teenagers discovering the stirrings of something new and deep, we want to be wanted. And when we grow old, then still we want to be wanted.

The parables Jesus told were always about how God moves in our lives, how God is powerfully intertwined in all that is. Jesus told parables to give us a hint of where to find God. This Sunday's parable is about a rich man with a steward about to be dismissed. The steward then finds ways to ingratiate himself into others' lives so when he is dismissed, he won't be left

out in the cold. It's not the rich man who is the God-person in the parable. The rich got rich by abusing the poor. Rather, it is the steward who is the image of God—a God who, like the steward, is desperate to be accepted, to find a way into our lives. We might say clever...or even sneaky. It is God who finds a way into our lives when we are afraid, when we face the loss of love, when our worlds are falling apart, when we go looking for him. There, then, is God, eagerly wanting to be wanted. ●

### Reflect

**What do I do when I'm feeling unwanted?  
Do I recognize that God wants me?**



No servant can serve two masters....  
You cannot serve God and mammon.

LUKE 16:13