

Hello, my brothers and sisters in Christ

Part 2

Last week I wrote about uniting our suffering with Jesus and this week I will expound on how to achieve unity with our savior in suffering. Here is the question for which this writing is all about. How do we unite our suffering with that of Christs? How is it even possible to unite our suffering to Jesus' on the cross? Well, with much study, this is the best answer I could come up with. Uniting our suffering with that of Christ is deeply rooted in the mystery of the Incarnation and the redemptive power of Christ's Passion. Here's how and why this union is both possible and meaningful:

1**Mystical Body of Christ**: As members of the Church, we are part of the Mystical Body of Christ. When we offer our sufferings in union with His, they become part of His redemptive work. St. Paul speaks of this in **Colossians 1:24**, where he mentions rejoicing in his sufferings and "*completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions*" for the sake of His body, the Church. This reflects the idea that our sufferings can participate in Christ's ongoing salvation of the world.

2**Intentional Offering**: We unite our suffering with Christ's through an intentional act of our will, offering it to God in prayer. This offering can be done through simple prayers, such as saying, "Jesus, I offer you this suffering. Help me bear it for your glory and the salvation of souls."

3**Participation in the Paschal Mystery**: The Paschal Mystery encompasses Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. By uniting our sufferings with His, we participate in this mystery, drawing grace from His redemptive act. It allows us to transform suffering from something merely endured to something with profound spiritual significance.

4**Grace and Transformation**: Christ's Cross sanctifies suffering, infusing it with grace. By uniting our pain with His, we not only obtain grace for ourselves and others, but it transforms us more fully into the likeness of Christ.

5**Witness to Hope**: United with Christ's suffering, our own trials become a testimony of hope and faith to others, pointing towards the ultimate victory of the Resurrection.

Please think about this: How might you consciously incorporate the notion of redemptive suffering into your prayer life, and what impact could this have on your relationship with Christ?

I hope this letter has helped you in some way to understand the truths of our faith a little better. With all that I read and studied on this topic, I know that it's helped me!

I pray that you all will know of our prayers for y'all, and I ask you to please remember us in y'all's prayers too, as our family is going through a bit of suffering also, and we have a few unspoken requests for y'all to pray for.

Your brother and fellow sufferer in Christ ~ ELI

Office Hours at St Mary: Erin Denny is in the office on Tuesday and Thursday Monday 9AM-3:00 PM Fr Tom only Tuesday 9AM-4 PM (Fr Tom leaves about 3:00). Thursday 9Am-4 PM Fr Tom's office hours are by appointment. Please call the office or the rectory to make an appointment.	Ladies Guild: President –Sheila Jeffers, Secretary- Terri Tyler, Treasurer- MaryAnn Forney Religious Education Committee: DRE- Robin Clark , Maria Molina, Hannah Clark, Fabiola Humphrey, and Haley Danehy. Archivist- Sheila Harrington and Marian Becker, Librarian- Kathleen Kaapcke
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Administration & Finance Committee Meets 3rd Thursday @ 5:00 PM Chairman- Duane Wolter , Patti Hood, John Janicek, and Darrell Fenley	Parish Pastoral Council: Normally Meets 4th Monday @ 6:00 PM Chairperson: Ninoska Moratin, Vice Chairman- Julius Foncha Secretary- to be elected Ken Bracy, Sandra Bracy, Tibor Laky, and Jose Angel Noguez.
Evangelization Ministry: Fr. Tom Buckman, Duane Wolter (Chair) , LTC John Wargo, Eli Gantt, Colleen Rafferty, Robert Loza and Killian Baptiste	

<u>HOW CAN YOU SERVE?</u> If you would like to be an aide for K-5 th grade or a substitute teacher for Religious Education on Wednesday Evenings, please contact the parish office or Robin Clark. Thank you!
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The prayer will be cleared on November 1st. If you would like some one added to the list please call or email Erin at the office.

St. Mary Catholic Church

October 25-26, 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome Visitors and Guests!
Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!
Pastor/Párroco Fr. Tom Buckman tom.buckman@pastoral.org
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Saturday, October 25	5:00 PM	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Intentions: For the Soul of Andy Garrett
Sunday, October 26	8:30 AM	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time –Intentions: For the Soul of Joyce Alvey
Sunday, Octubre 26	6:00 PM	30 th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, October 27	8:00 AM	Intentions-For the Soul of Cheri Murray
Tuesday, October 28	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Moco Wolter
Wednesday, October 29	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Sousl of Mr & Mrs. EG Bracy
Thursday Adoration 9:00 AM – 10PM		
Thursday, October 30	8:00 AM	Intentions: Honoring Brian ^& Kera DeGrange
Friday, October 31	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Helen Garst
Saturda, November 1	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Gracie Helen Scott
Saturday, November 1	5:00 PM	All Souls Day– Intentions: For the Soul of Michael Garrett
Sunday, November 2	8:30 AM	All Souls Day –Intentions: Honoring Teresa & Kenny Garrett
Sunday, November 2	6:00 PM	Día de los Fieles Difuntos- Para la gente de la parroquia

The deadline for Calendar submissions for the November Calendar Bulletin is 10/22

If you have Mass intentions, please contact Fr. Tom or Erin in the office.

Mass Ministers: Please try to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass.
When/if you are unable to fulfill your scheduled Mass Ministry, please find a replacement Thank You, Fr. Tom

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement (270) 586-7425 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1).

The Diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all who have been sexually abused and especially those abused by a person working for the Church, paid or unpaid, either past or present. To report such abuse, please call the diocesan Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (270-852-8380). The revised sexual abuse policy, which explains fully the diocese's efforts to address sexual abuse in the Church, can be found in the back of the church on the parish bulletin board and on the diocesan web site (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

If you are sick, or know someone who is ill, we want to include them in our prayers.
Please contact Erin in the parish office on 270-586-4515 or by email so our parish can pray for you and your caregivers.
Please Remember in Your Prayers the Following Parishioners, Family and Friends: Gladys Wetherby, Donnie Murray, Jane Buehne, Donna Taylor, Denise Clark, Harry King, Daniel Murphy, Carol Ritter, Nicholas Pandzich, Barbara Ferguson, Darrell Fenley, Gail Briley, Savanna Carillon, Bill and Mary Sloan, Margaret Berry, Freddy Coward, Cindy Janicek, John Janicek, The Sheahan Family, Jason Lee, Don and Diane Blocker, Tojo Lewis, Sherry, Tom, Ed, Jamie, Helen, and Ben Berry, David & Marcie Caruthers, Pete Stoll, Ray Russell, Lewis Garst, Robert, Megan, and Matthew Maynard, Dewayne, Susie, Kennidie, Kassidie & Katie Kirkham, Tom & Doris Cozzy Jr., Regina & Tom Cozzy Sr., Delores Monroe, William York, Tesia Wooten, Gail & Darryl Hall, Mae King, , Sr. Donna Schlaff, Joann Bradford, Major Bradford, Scot Duckworth, Dick and Diane Rossiter, Roger Berry, Patti & Charlie Gibson, family of Carol Sue Durbin, Rhonda Barrow, Robert Matthews, and Wesley Nugent,

Please keep our deceased family and friends in your daily prayers:
Gracie Scott, Carol Sue Durbin, Charles Andrew Yanov, Jason W. Bracy, Mary Barnes, Conner Sheahan, Marie Watson, Debbie Head, Crystal Becker, Andrew & Michael Garrett, Angela Berry Maynard, Sarah Drake, Basil Trouten Sr., Hilda Trouten, Dorthy O'Bryan, Joseph Hagan, Susie Wyatt, Miriam Harbin, Roger Farley, Dr A.V. Wilwayco, Frank & Marie Farmer, Keith Obriskie, Helen Garst, Lois Oshefsky, John Herrmann, Sharon Henderson, Sr Maretta Murphy IHM, Dr John Kelly, Ellie Mirgaux and Rose Vogt.

Mission Statement

We, the people of St Mary Catholic Church, are a welcoming Catholic community called to live our faith by celebrating Mass, Sacraments, and Prayers; proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ; seeking life-long faith and formation; sharing our time; talents and reaching out in compassionate service to others.

St. Mary is interested in participating at the "Room in the Inn" serving Franklin's homeless community if someone is willing to coordinate volunteers. For more info contact the Parish Office.

As of 10/21/2025						
Budget Needs 2024-25 Weekly		\$ 4,038		Budget YTD Needs		\$ 64,355
Received last week		\$ 3,727		Received YTD		\$ 59,179
Difference		\$ (-311)				\$ (-5,176)
On Going Projects Last Week		\$ 92		YTD		\$ 1,689
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Misa	27 8:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM Parish Mission	28 10:30-2 SVDP Noon Mass 7:00 PM Parish Mission	29 No Religious Ed 7:00 PM Parish Mission	30 8:00 AM Mass Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM OCIA	31 8:00 AM Mass <i>No Vigil Mass All Saints Day- (not a Holy Day of Obligation) Halloween</i>	1 8:00 AM 1st Saturday Mass 8:30 Building & Grounds mtg. 5:00 PM Mass
Mass Attendance-- 5:00 PM Mass 10/18 69 8:30 AM Mass 10/19 83 6:00 PM Mass 10/19 122						
Please pray for our military: Jack Jeffers, Army, Ft Carson, Colorado Springs, CO.; Eric Rafferty, Air Force, England; Korbin Bray, US Navy, Japan;Capt. Ryan Berry, USMC California; Jonathan Thompson, Navy, Jacksonville, FL; Ariel Molina Jr, Marines, Parris Island, SC. Please call the office to add a name. 						

Has your family returned a Stewardship Pledge Card? 94 families have so far (45% of Parish). Extras are on the Mail Table. Thank you for sharing!

All Saints Day on November 1 is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in 2025. Mass will still be offered on November 1 at 8:00 am.

It's that time of the year again, the celebration of Halloween. We, the parishioners of St Mary will again support the town of Franklin's "Trunk or Treat" celebration in the town square on Friday, October 31st. The roads will close at 4PM and the kids will begin arriving at 4:30. Will you please help the Evangelization Ministry bring peace, joy, and blessings to the children of our community?

How can you help?

Donate candy for the event by bringing it to church and putting it in the baskets that will be out near the library as you walk into the Prish Center.

The most exciting way is **to join Eli and Erica Gant, Colleen Rafferty, and the rest of his team at the square to greet the kids and hand out candy and rosaries.** Just inform them that you will be there to help. Thank you for all you do in His name! The Evangelization Ministry



Join us for Cupcakes and Cards (*cards, gift cards or cash*) **after Mass on November 9th to celebrate the arrival of Marie and Joshua Wagner's new Baby girl.**

St Vincent de Paul thanks you for your generosity
In the Gospel, Jesus says, *"This is how it is with the reign of God. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it happens."* Through your almsgiving you are sowing seeds that grow far greater than you know. The money you place in the St. Vincent de Paul coin shake collection this weekend brings Christ's love and compassion to the poor. Thank you from your St. Vincent de Paul team and the neighbors we serve.

The Ladies Guild would like to thank everyone who helped make the Fall Taster's Luncheon a huge success!

To all who set up, spread the word, cooked, served, delivered meals, and helped clean up after the event, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We will be able to serve the members of St Mary and the communities surrounding us through your faithfulness and support!

Dear Padre,

Is it wrong for children to dress up as zombies and devils and other evil creatures for Halloween?

No. It is perfectly acceptable to choose these kinds of costumes and to participate in the festivities of Halloween. Halloween is primarily a secular celebration. Although it is true that the original celebration is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, that tradition is more properly celebrated during the great feast days of the Church that follow Halloween: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Mythological representations, and the costumes that remind us of these kind of characters, are to be understood with a sense of fun and mischief. There is no difference between a ghost, a goblin, a zombie, Captain America, Superman, or one of the Mario Brothers. They are all fictional characters in the very human stories we share with each other. The meaning we assign to them must be proportional to what they represent. On Halloween, they represent nothing more than a person in costume. It could be an entirely different story under different circumstances in which there might be the possibility of a misunderstanding about the meaning of such a costume. Halloween pretty much blurs that distinction and takes away the misunderstanding. It is meant to be entertaining and fun. That is all. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

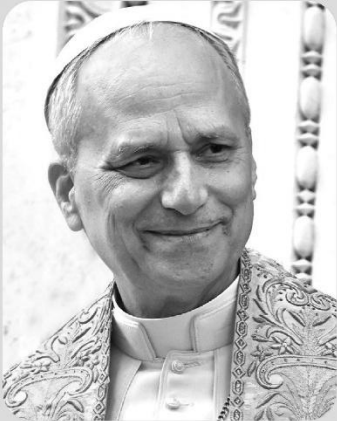
Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

My own story is that of a citizen, the descendant of immigrants, who in turn chose to emigrate. All of us, in the course of our lives, can find ourselves healthy or sick, employed or unemployed, living in our native land or in a foreign country, yet our dignity always remains unchanged: it is the dignity of a creature willed and loved by God.

AUDIENCE OF THE HOLY FATHER, ROME, MAY 16, 2025



STEFANO SPAZIANI

Monday October 27 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 8:12-17 Lk 13:10-17	Friday October 31 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 9:1-5 Lk 14:1-6
Tuesday October 28 <i>Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles</i> Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16	Saturday November 1 <i>All Saints</i> Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday October 29 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 8:26-30 Lk 13:22-30	Sunday November 2 <i>The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)</i> Wis 3:1-9 Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9 Jn 6:37-40 (These readings or any from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead)
Thursday October 30 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 8:31b-39 Lk 13:31-35	