Evangelization Etiquette:

A How-to Guide to Confidently Share the Good News

Week Seven: **Trust in Divine Providence**

"Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence…" 1Peter 3:15-16

Evangelizing is something that we can all do. In the scripture above, attributed to Peter, our first pope, instructions are given for everyday people like you and me. We can do this work not because we trust in ourselves—but in the Divine Providence.

What is the Divine Providence? God continues to care for and guide us, with wisdom and love, toward his ultimate purpose for our world. We only need to cooperate. How do we cooperate? The scripture above quietly points to four details to keep in mind:

- Don't be afraid
- Be ready to explain the reason that you have hope
- Do it with gentleness and reverence
- And let your life back it up

For the greater glory of God, **Jean Lovell**

To my Brothers & Sisters in Christ

What does the Bible really want to tell us? How do we know if what we are understanding is really what God wants to teach us? These are questions that I did not ask myself before. When I first started getting closer to the Bible, I thought that I only had to read it and understand it according to what I saw in the text. I did not know that some passages need to be understood by taking into account the time, the culture, and the way they were written. I also did not understand the importance of asking the Holy Spirit to help me read and understand the Word of God.

I started to understand this little by little when I began studying together with my husband. We read different books of the Bible, and we also started learning about other documents of the Church. That is when I discovered that the Popes have written encyclicals and other documents that help us go deeper into our faith. I also learned a little more about the **Magisterium of the Church**. Before, I did not even know what that word meant. Now I understand that the Magisterium is the service entrusted to the Pope and the bishops, in communion with him, to teach the faith and help us correctly interpret the Word of God. For me, this is important because it is not about each person interpreting the Bible only according to what they think or feel. The Church helps us understand it according to the faith that she has received and handed down from the apostles.

All of this changed the way I read the Bible. Now, when I come across something I do not understand, I try not to stay only with my first impression. I try to pray, ask the Holy Spirit for help, study, and look for what the Church teaches about that subject. There are still many things that I do not understand, but now I have a greater desire to keep learning.

For me, the Bible, the Holy Spirit, and the Magisterium of the Church are not separate things. The Bible is the Word of God, The Holy Spirit helps us understand the Word of God, and the Magisterium of the Church guides us to understand it according to the faith that the Church has received from the apostles. This has helped me understand that reading the Bible is also a journey of faith. The more I study it, the more I realize that it is not only about knowing many things, but about allowing the Word of God to change the way I think and live. That is why now, before I read the Bible, I want to ask the Holy Spirit to open my mind and my heart so that I can listen to what God wants to tell me.

WITH PRAYERS AND BLESSING,
MARIA MOLINA

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ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3-4, 2026

Welcome Visitors and Guests!
Bienvenido a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!
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The deadline for Calendar submissions for the November Calendar Bulletin is 10/21/2026

Saturday, October 3	**5:00 PM**	**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**- For the Soul of Crystal Becker
Sunday, October 4	**8:30 AM**	**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time-** Intentions: For the Souls of Mr. & Mrs. E.G. Bracy
Domingo 4 Octubre	**6:00 PM**	**27th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**- por los fieles de la parroquia
Monday, October 5	8:00 AM	Intentions: An end to Abortions
Tuesday, October 6	Noon	Intentions: For the Souls of Patricia & George Garst
Wednesday, October 7	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Patrick Collins
Thursday, October 8	8:00 AM	Intentions: Peace in the Middle East
		Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Friday, October 9	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Elizabeth Mueller
Saturday, October 10	**5:00 PM**	**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**- For the Soul of Fr Connally
Sunday, October 11	**8:30 AM**	**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time-** Intentions: For the Soul of Lewis Garst
Domingo 11 Octubre	**6:00 PM**	**28th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**- por los fieles de la parroquia

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: Carol Ritter, David Kelly, The Cozzy Family, Cindy & John Janicek, Harry & Mae King, Sandra Bracy, Richard Hearns, Judy Cates, Helen, Ed, and Ben Berry, Tom, Margaret, Roger, and Sherrie Berry, Daniel Murphy, Gail Hall, Dianne Rossiter, DeWayne, Susie, Kassidie, Katie, and Kennedie Kirkham, Mary, and Bill Sloan

Please keep our deceased family and friends in your daily prayers: Leslie and Jenny Cox, Harry King, Regina Cozzy, Lewis Garst, Calvin Oshefsky, Patrick Collins, 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,
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Be sure to mark your calendars for the Fall Taster's Luncheon on October 21!

Did your family receive Stewardship materials in the mail? The next two weekends we will be having Stewardship Sundays.

St Mary's Ladies' guild is sponsoring a clothing bin at Isaiah House and needs girl clothing, size 5 and 6. The clothes must be new with tags. Please contact Sheila Jeffers (210-859-4381) if you are interested in helping with this mission.

As of 09/22/26			
Budget Needs 2025-26 Weekly	$ 4,038	Budget YTD Needs	$ 47,266
Received last week	$ 3,036	Received YTD	$ 51,597
Difference	$ (-1,002)		$ 4,331
On Going Projects Last Week	$ 73	YTD	$ 829

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass 2:00 Life Chain-Franklin Right to Life 4:00 PM Blessing of Pets 6:00 PM Misa	5 8:00 AM Mass *6:30 PM Volunteer Appreciation Dinner*	6 SVDP 10:30-2 Noon Mass	7 6:00 PM Mass No Religious Education-*Fall Break*	8 8:00 AM Mass ***1:00 PM Acts 2:42*** 6:00 PM OCIA	9 8:00 AM Mass 5:00 PM Evangelization	10 10:00 AM Baptism Prep Class 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass Stewardship Weekend

Mass Attendance— 09/26 5:00 PM- 60 09/27 8:30 AM-97 09/27 6:00 PM-130

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, Pensacola, FL.
Please call the office to add a name

Prayer For Our Men and Women in Military Service: O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity, and devotion to the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our factories, our buildings, and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its people from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded in justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will towards all. Amen

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

The **Volunteer Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on **Monday October 5 at 6:30 pm**. All who volunteer in any way at St. Mary are welcome to attend as well as family members. Please sign up by October 1 to help us better prepare. Contact Fr. Tom Buckman for more information

The next Knights of Columbus Round Table meeting will be on Sunday October 11 at 7:00 pm in one of the classrooms. The purpose is to get organized and begin a K of C presence at St. Mary. Our mission is Service, Charity and Family. For more info contact Richard Mahoney or Fr. Tom Buckman.

Coming Soon:

The Parish Marriage Enrichment retreat will be Saturday October 17 starting with 8:00 am Mass followed by Conference Talks by the Fathers of Mercy, Fr.John Broussard, ending with lunch. Cost is $ 25/couple. All married couples are welcome. Please register on the Mail Table by October 12. Contact Fr. Tom Buckman for more info.

The Ladies Guild Fall Taster's Luncheon is scheduled for October 21st from 11-1.

The Parish Mission will be held on October 26-28 presented by the Fathers of Mercy. Please save the date.

Dear Padre,

HLEB RAHOSHA / PEXELS

My friend is deeply involved in her faith, but I struggle with our friendship because I don't like how she treats her pets. I don't understand how someone who values religion so highly can show so little care for animals. What should I do?

Franciscan Friar Kevin Mackin writes, "The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye to eye are two creatures of love" ("Why We Bless Animals," *Catholic Update*). Because of this strong bond between humans and sentient creatures, it's especially difficult to witness their mistreatment, either through neglect (such as failing to provide sufficient food, water, shelter, or veterinary care) or direct physical abuse (a violation of anti-cruelty laws and a criminal offense in all fifty states). Studies show that owning pets offers us companionship and emotional support; in turn, these qualities can foster in us greater empathy and compassion toward others. Yet, while pets may greatly benefit our health and well-being, owning them comes with a serious obligation and moral responsibility. Vulnerable pets depend on humans for adequate care and protection. At times, some pet owners can be overwhelmed by their responsibility to provide proper care; others may even be unaware that they are treating their pets inappropriately. Out of concern for both your friend and her pets, consider a non-critical, non-confrontational approach to discuss your observations and to offer assistance. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy. Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference, so we may become instruments of reconciliation. Help us understand that true security does not come from control fueled by fear, but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.

"PRAY WITH THE POPE" VIDEO MESSAGE, MARCH 2026

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MARCO IACOBUCCI EPF - SHUTTERSTOCK

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

Monday
October 5
Weekday
Gal 1:6–12
Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday
October 6
Weekday
Gal 1:13–24
Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday
October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14
Lk 11:1–4

Thursday
October 8
Weekday
Gal 3:1–5
Lk 11:5–13

Friday
October 9
Weekday
Gal 3:7–14
Lk 11:15–26

Saturday
October 10
Weekday
Gal 3:22–29
Lk 11:27–28

Sunday
October 11
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6–10a
Phil 4:12–14, 19–20
Mt 22:1–14 or 22:1–10

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