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**Our Parish  
COMMUNITY**

October 12, 2025

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

2 Kings 5:14-17 / 2 Timothy 2:8-13 / Luke 17:11-19



# Grateful for Being Grateful

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**H**ere is a quick self-test: *Name three things in your life for which you are grateful.* Finished?

If you were able to name three things easily, your spirituality is probably in a good place. If you had difficulty, your spirituality may be in need of some work. Spiritual writers have long noted that living day by day with a sense of gratitude is one of the signs of holiness. Yet, a number of attitudes can get in the way of our being thankful. One is anger; it unsettles and focuses our attention on one issue, keeping us from seeing a bigger picture filled with blessings. Another is living with continual wanting; incessant desires for more prevent us from recognizing the beauty and goodness of what already is. Fear too keeps us from being grateful; it obliterates all the goodness that is present and focuses on an unknown and uncertain future that may never be.

Therapists have advised that, at the end of each day, people should take time to name three things that happened that day for which they are grateful, as doing so will often ease depression. Our religious tradition has been encouraging this for 2,000 years. Not all depression is due to life circumstances; some is the result of chemical or hormonal imbalances. But, if our sadness is the consequence of life events, naming three positive occurrences from each day not only brings a balance to our attitudes but also brings us to deeper faith, recognizing a power greater than ourselves at work in our lives. That power is God. ●

### **Reflect**

***What are three reasons I have for gratitude?  
What blessings do I forget?***

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday (C) October 12, 2025

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

### Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of October 13, 2025

|        |      |    |          |    |                       |
|--------|------|----|----------|----|-----------------------|
| Mon.   | Oct. | 13 | 7:00 AM  | SJ | No Mass               |
| Tues.  | Oct. | 14 | 7:00 AM  | SJ | No Mass               |
| Wed.   | Oct. | 15 | 5:30 PM  | SA | No Mass               |
| Thurs. | Oct. | 16 | 5:30 PM  | SB | No Mass               |
| Fri.   | Oct. | 17 | 8:30 AM  | SJ | No Mass               |
| Sun.   | Oct. | 19 | 8:00 AM  | SJ | Steve & Kodie Novak † |
| Sun.   | Oct. | 19 | 9:30 AM  | SA | Michael Davenport †   |
| Sun.   | Oct. | 19 | 11:00 AM | SB | People of the Parish  |
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Lacy Kinderknecht Oct 14<sup>th</sup>  
Emmett Phelps Oct 15<sup>th</sup>  
Charles Foran Oct 17<sup>th</sup>

*Happy Anniversary*

Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Foran Oct 14th

# Ministry Schedule

| Date: Oct 19                   | St Agnes              | St Boniface            | St John's             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Time                           | <u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u> | <u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u> | <u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u> |
| Hospitality                    | Sue D. & Pam L.       | Rod & Janel B.         | Youth                 |
| Lector                         | Pam L.                | Bartley B.             | Youth                 |
| Server                         |                       | Amelia P. & Emma S.    | Youth                 |
| EMHC                           | Sue D. & Pam L.       | Steve & Kristen B.     | Youth                 |
| Communion to shut ins or Music |                       | Steve B.               | <b>Music:</b> Youth   |

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| <p><b><u>St. Agnes</u></b></p> <p><i>Our Gifts to God &amp; Church</i><br/>October 5, 2025<br/><u>Total Collection:</u>    <b>\$2885.00</b></p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u><br/>Goal \$2702 with 10 Donors</p> <p>Thrift Store<br/>Open Oct 10 9AM to 4PM</p> <p><u>CCD Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Early Out</u><br/>Elementary 3:40 PM<br/>High School 7:30 PM</p> | <p><b><u>St. Boniface</u></b></p> <p><i>Our Gifts to God &amp; Church</i><br/>October 5, 2025<br/><u>Total Collection:</u>    <b>\$946.00</b></p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u><br/>Goal \$7452 with 17 Donors</p> <p>CCD Wednesday Oct 15th<br/>PreK to 2<sup>nd</sup> 4 PM<br/>3<sup>rd</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Supper 6:10<br/>Class 6:30 to 7:30 PM</p> <p><b>Parish Potluck Oct 19<sup>th</sup> by Stewardship Group #2</b></p> | <p><b><u>St. John's</u></b></p> <p><i>Our Gifts to God &amp; Church</i><br/>October 5, 2025<br/><u>Total Collection:</u>    <b>\$2331.12</b></p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u><br/>Goal \$5179 with 15 Donors</p> <p>CCD Wednesday Oct 15th<br/>PreK to 5th 3:40 PM<br/>6th -12<sup>th</sup> Supper 6:30 AM<br/>Class Begins 7:00 PM</p> <p><b>Breakfast Potluck Oct 19th</b></p> <p><u>CCW Meeting Oct 25<sup>th</sup></u><br/><b>9:30 AM – 2 PM</b></p> |
| <p>Fall Meeting of the North Platte Deanery<br/>"Who Are We as Members of DCCW?"</p> <p>Guest speaker: Tricia Ferguson,<br/>Omaha Province Director<br/>Saturday October 25, 2025<br/>St. John Parish, Stapleton<br/>301 H Street</p> <p>Registration: \$10 - 9:30-10:00 CT<br/>Speaker at 10:00 / Mass at 11:30</p> <p>Meeting 9:30-2:00</p>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>Prayers for Fr. Mike who will be going to India for prostate treatment. Please kindly remember him in your prayers.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

# Dear Padre,

*Are people born with the Holy Spirit, or do they have to be baptized in order to receive the Holy Spirit? If we are not born with the Holy Spirit, is it just our conscience that is bothered when we are doing wrong?*

Your question is suggesting that the Holy Spirit is "in" or "out." St. Paul teaches us, "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). In other words, the Spirit of God is always with us, and we are dependent on that Spirit for life. There is no beginning and there is no end; the Spirit always was, and is, and will be.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that "Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right" (1778). We have an obligation to form our consciences to know what is right and to help our children form theirs. It is with the cooperation of the Spirit that a "good conscience" is formed.

When we celebrate the sacraments, including the sacrament of baptism, we are confirming the life of the Spirit that is within us. We are acknowledging and proclaiming the abiding presence of the Spirit of God. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / [DearPadre.org](mailto:DearPadre.org)



## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*The deepest purpose of the Church's social doctrine [is] a contribution to peace and dialogue in the service of building bridges of universal fraternity.... [T]he Risen Lord always goes before us, even at times when injustice and death seem to prevail. Let us... "build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace."*

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025  
WIKICOMMONS



#### Monday

October 13  
Weekday  
Rom 1:1-7  
Lk 11:29-32

#### Tuesday

October 14  
Weekday  
Rom 1:16-25  
Lk 11:37-41

#### Wednesday

October 15  
St. Teresa of Jesus,  
Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church  
Rom 2:1-11  
Lk 11:42-46

#### Thursday

October 16  
Weekday  
Rom 3:21-30  
Lk 11:47-54

#### Friday

October 17  
St. Ignatius of  
Antioch, Bishop  
and Martyr  
Rom 4:1-8  
Lk 12:1-7

#### Saturday

October 18  
St. Luke, Evangelist  
2 Tm 4:10-17b  
Lk 10:1-9

#### Sunday

October 19  
Twenty-ninth  
Sunday in Ordinary  
Time  
Ex 17:8-13  
2 Tm 3:14-4:2  
Lk 18:1-8