Dear Padre,



MARIUS MUREŞAN / UNSPLASH

Why must I choose practicing Catholics as my baby's godparents?

The Church is clear about the qualifications of godparents: at least sixteen years old; leading lives of faith; confirmed and having already received Communion, among others. (See the *Code of Canon Law*, 872–874.) "Godparent" isn't simply an honorary title we bestow on someone. It's an important role in a child's faith life. Parents and godparents introduce us to Jesus and teach us to pray. We talk to Jesus on our own and learn more about him through Scripture. Our parents take us to church. We watch their example and that of our godparents. It is the gradual process of being introduced to Jesus by those who know him that leads us to trust him and have faith in him. At baptism, a godparent lights a candle from the Easter candle and holds it for the child as the presider says, "Receive the light of Christ." That is how faith comes to us: a gift from God, but through other people. Parents and godparents must have the bright flame of faith in their own hearts if they hope to pass it to the child.

It is permitted to have only one godparent, fulfilling the requirements previously mentioned, and a special "witness" who is a person of faith but is not Catholic. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**	**Sunday**
September 28	September 29	September 30	October 1	October 2	October 3	October 4
Weekday	*Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels*	*St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church*	*St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*	*The Holy Guardian Angels*	*Weekday*	*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Jb 1:6–22	Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or Rv 12:7–12ab	Jb 9:1–12, 14–16	Jb 19:21–27	Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5	Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17	Is 5:1–7
Lk 9:46–50	Jn 1:47–51	Lk 9:57–62	Lk 10:1–12	Mt 18:1–5, 10	Lk 10:17–24	Phil 4:6–9 Mt 21:33–43



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Jesus taught us that in discerning how to help our neighbor, we must imitate the example of the Good Samaritan, who selflessly gave of his time and resources to someone whom he had never previously met.... When we help those in need, especially those who cannot repay us, we become the Lord's instruments.

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Sept 27, 2026

Will You Work in God's Vineyard?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Most parents can resonate with today's gospel. Who hasn't had a child promise to do their chores and then neglect to do them? Or a child who threw a fit when asked to help but then pitched in after all?

Jesus' parables intend to give clues about a mystery he called the kingdom of God—a revelation about what the world will look like when God's dreams for it are realized. We get a good hint that this parable is meant to be about the kingdom of God because it speaks of a vineyard, and Jesus often compared God's kingdom to a vineyard. Vineyards throughout the ancient world were associated with joy and abundance, but they also required much tending. They needed workers, and that is what God has called us to be for the kingdom.

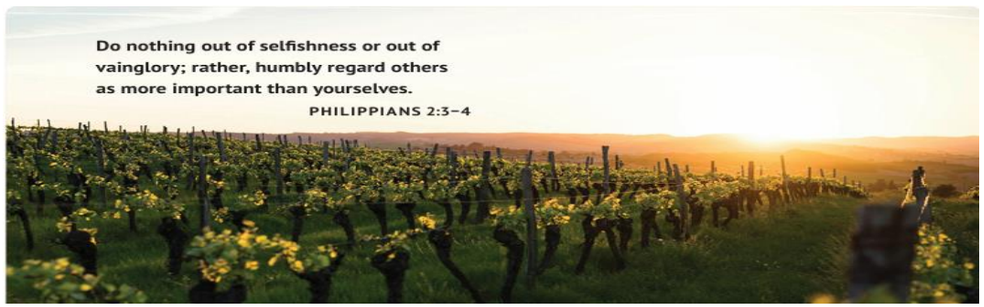
Jesus observed that those who professed to support God's coming kingdom often seemed to do little to help bring it about whereas those who historically had been viewed as resistant to God's ways were more receptive to John the Baptist's preaching—and, we can imagine, Jesus' message as well. They were the ones who proved in the end more willing to lend a hand.

The vineyard of which Jesus spoke still requires workers. It still requires people willing to collaborate with God in gathering the abundant harvest that will mark a season of great joy. We can imagine that, like any parent, God's greatest delight would be to have children who say "yes" and then follow through on their word! ●

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

Reflect

When I am tempted to be resentful, what would be a healthy response?



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) September 27, 2026

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses are rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys his actions; the second son obeys with his words but disobeys his actions. The question that Jesus poses are pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those ones would not expect to repent tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

Mass Schedule & Intentions
For the week of September 28, 2026

Mon.	**Sept.**	**28**	**7:00 AM**	**SJ**	**No Mass**
Tues.	**Sept.**	**29**	**7:00 AM**	**SJ**	**Molly Vaughan & Family**
Wed.	**Sept.**	**30**	**5:30 PM**	**SA**	**Art Kramer †**
Thurs.	**Oct.**	**01**	**5:30 PM**	**SB**	**All Souls †**
Fri.	**Oct.**	**02**	**8:30 AM**	**SJ**	**Geroge & Florence Neumann †**
Sat.	**Oct.**	**03**	**5:30 PM**	**SB**	**People of the Parish**
Sun.	**Oct..**	**04**	**8:00 AM**	**SJ**	**Tyler Schacher Family**
Sun.	**Oct..**	**04**	**9:30 AM**	**SA**	**Ruth Conner†**

The St. Teresa of Calcutta Newman Center would like to extend a big thank you for welcoming Danny this past weekend! We are grateful for all your support. Please continue to pray for the mission of our new church project and, above all, for the salvation of souls!



Kennetha Amos Sept 28th
Wallace Opela Oct 2nd
Don Pandorf Oct 4th



Mr. & Mrs. Rick Beshaler Sept 29th
Mr. & Mrs. James Amos Sept 30th
Mr. & Mrs. Rod Brestel Oct 1st

Ministry Schedule

Date Oct 3-4	St John's	St Agnes	St Boniface
Time	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 9:30 AM	Saturday 5:30 PM
Hospitality	Steve & Cindy F.	Sue D. & Pam L.	Steve & Kristen B.
Lector	Tara B.	Pam L.	Molly P.
Server	Wyatt D. Garrett A.		Charli P. & Emma S.
EMHC	Rex & Kristie W.	Sue D. & Pam L.	John R. & Rod B.
	Music: Jenny J.		***Communion to shut ins*** Steve B.

St. John's
Our Gifts to God & Church
Sept 20, 2026
Total Collection: $**986.50**

CCD Sept 30th
Pre -5th Grade 3:45 to 5:15 PM
6-8th Grade 6:30 to 8:00 PM
Meal: M. Walz

NO Mass Oct 3rd Saturday at St Johns it will be held Oct 4th at 8 AM due to the Taco Feed in Callaway.

WWW (Women Who Worship) are meeting on Sept 29th at 6:30 PM in the church basement. Plan to attend.

Parish Council Meetings

St John's Sunday Oct 4th @ 6:00 PM
St Agnes Wed. Oct 7th @ 6PM
St Boniface Thurs. Oct 8th @ 6PM

St. Agnes
Our Gifts to God & Church
Sept 20, 2026
Total Collection: **$351.00**

CCD Sept 30th
Grade School 3:45 PM to 5 PM
High School 6:30 PM to 8 PM

Thrift Store
Open Oct 2nd 9AM to 4PM

Catholic Mental Health Ministries provide vital spiritual accompaniment for people experiencing mental health challenges and mental illness, as well as those who care for them. Catholic Mental Health Ministers are offering 'free' courses to assist parish and diocesan lay leaders elevate their journey as Catholic Health Ministers.

Just a couple of their online classes:

1. **"How to Start and Grow a Mental Health Ministry' in English and Spanish**
2. **"When a Loved One Dies by Suicide – Comfort, hope and healing for those who are grieving- with Support group resources. Go to https://catholicmhm.org/learning-center to learn more.**

St. Boniface
Our Gifts to God & Church
Sept 20, 2026
Total Collection: **$951.00**

***CCD**
Pre to 3rd Wed. 10/7 -4 to 6 PM
4th to 12th Wed, Sept 30th
6:30 to 7:30 PM

Mass on Saturday Oct 3rd will be at 5:30 PM. No Sunday mass. Following Saturday mass Fr is going to bless animals St Francis of Assisi

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Please join us for Taco Sunday! October 4th from 11:00-1:00 at the Callaway Community Center. Free will offering.

Community Potluck

Oct 2nd at noon at the Seven Valley Senior Center
Everyone of all ages is invited.