



[Jesus said,]
“For where
two or three
are gathered
together in my
name, there
am I in the
midst of them.”

MATTHEW 18:20

Like a Gentile or a Tax Collector

ANN M. GARRIDO

As someone who works in the field of conflict management, I like to think that all situations can be worked out if we go about it in a skilled manner. If we use the right words. Ask the right kinds of questions. It's embarrassing to admit that even the best “tools” in my “conflict belt” sometimes still effect little change. Today's gospel can be consoling in a strange way. It acknowledges that even when we use all the tools we have on hand to heal a relationship, it doesn't always work out. Sometimes, we may need to become strangers to one another, at least for a while—like a Jew to a Gentile or a tax collector.

Of course, when Jesus says “treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector,” it is important to consider how Jesus treated Gentiles and tax collectors. He healed the centurion's servant. He ate in Zacchaeus' house. Jesus did not see Gentiles and tax collectors as enemies and did not treat them as such. Rather, Jesus understood Gentiles and tax collectors as those with whom he might start a relationship should the opportunity present itself. The past cannot be rewritten, but perhaps a different kind of future is still possible.

Is there a relationship in your life that feels beyond healing at this point and from which perhaps you need some distance? Is it still possible to treat the other person with the kindness Jesus showed toward Gentiles and tax collectors? ●



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THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Could I improve how I handle conflict with others?

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

411 N. Missouri St., West Memphis, AR 72301

Mass Times

- **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.
- **Sunday:** 10:30 a.m.

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Principal: Michael Beauregard, Ed.D.

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405 N. Missouri St., West Memphis, AR 72301

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SACRED HEART– Crawfordville, AR

Mission Church

216 S. Main St., Crawfordville, AR

- **Sunday Mass:** 8:30 a.m.

Parish Religious Education (PRE)

Director: Libby Burroughs

PRE Classes: **Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. (Grades K–12)**

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EUCCHARISTIC *Adoration*

— ST MICHAEL'S —

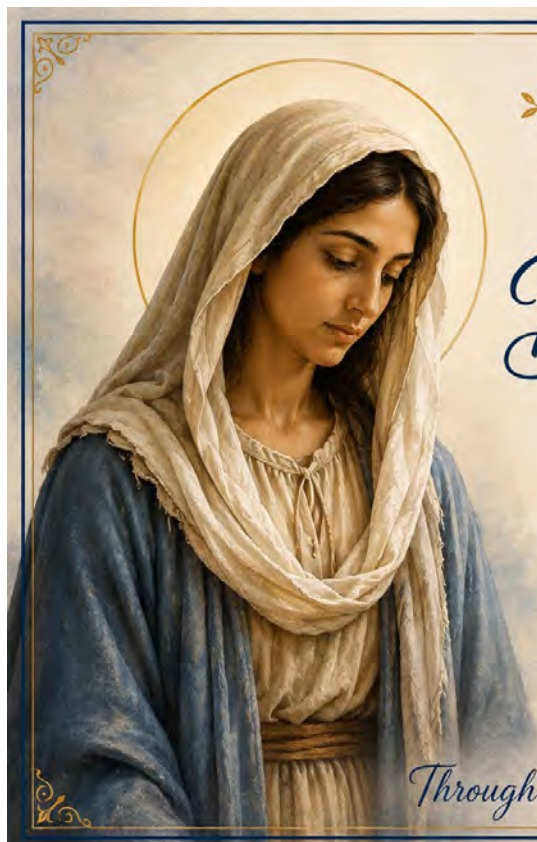
TUESDAY: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SATURDAY: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

— SACRED HEART —

FRIDAY: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Come adore the Lord truly present in the most blessed sacrament.



— CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF —

The Nativity of the *Blessed Virgin Mary*

SEPTEMBER 8

We celebrate the birth of Mary,
the mother of Jesus,
chosen by God to be part of His
wonderful plan of salvation.

Through Mary, we come closer to Jesus.

BINGO NIGHT!



DOORS OPEN
AT
6:00PM



GAMES START
AT
7:00PM



WE NOW HAVE TWO JACKPOTS
WORTH **\$1,000** EACH!

53

NUMBER CALLED



47

NUMBERS CALLED



RAFFLE PRIZE IS NOW UP TO

\$

1,500

JOIN US FOR
BINGO
every
TUESDAY NIGHT
IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA



BRING YOUR
FRIENDS, FAMILY
AND LUCKY CHARMS.



WE CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE YOU THERE.

SCAN FOR
LATEST BINGO INFO.



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LITTLE ROCK

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LITTLE ROCK
está comprometida a
**PROTEGER A LOS
NIÑOS Y JÓVENES.**



Si usted está enterado de algún abuso o ha sido abusado por Clérigos, voluntarios o funcionarios de la Iglesia, por favor comuníquese a la Línea de Ayuda del Estado de Arkansas para Crímenes contra Niños al
(800) 482-5964



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Para asistencia pastoral, por favor comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Asistencia para Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little Rock
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2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207

The Catholic Diocese
of Little Rock

IS COMMITTED TO
PROTECTING CHILDREN
AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact:



STATE OF ARKANSAS HOTLINE
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FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE
please contact the Victim Assistance
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Laura Gottspomer
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*Let the little children
come to me,
and do not hinder
them, for the kingdom
of God belongs to
such as these.*

~ Mark 10:14



DIOCESE OF
LITTLE ROCK

2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207

Save the Date!

OPTIONS 2026

Gala



NOVEMBER 5, 2026



MARION FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH



We would love for *you* to join us for this special evening!



PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A TABLE HOST.

Contact the church office for more information.



TOGETHER, *we can make a difference.*



MARRIAGE *Preparation*

Those considering marriage need to notify the parish priest of their intentions to marry **at least six months prior** to their intended wedding date.



PREPARACIÓN *para el Matrimonio*

Las parejas que estén considerando contraer matrimonio deben informar al párroco de su intención de casarse **por lo menos seis meses antes** de la fecha prevista para la boda.

Por favor, llame a la oficina parroquial para programar una cita.

MASS *Intentions*

Mass intentions may be offered for the **repose of the soul** of a deceased loved one, for **healing**, a **special occasion** or a **special intention** for yourself, a family member or a friend.

Please fill out an envelope in the vestibule or contact the parish office for available dates.

INTENCIONES *de Misa*

Las intenciones de Misa pueden ofrecerse por el **descanso del alma** de un ser querido fallecido, por **sanación**, por una **ocasión especial** o por una **intención especial** por usted, un familiar o un amigo.

Favor de llenar un sobre que se encuentra en el vestíbulo o comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para fechas disponibles.



St. Michael's & Sacred Heart

2026-2027

Faith Formation

PRE & OCIA CLASSES

PRE CLASSES: PRE-K 3 THROUGH 12TH GRADE



FIRST COMMUNION

SPRING 2027:

If your child is planning to receive First Communion in Spring 2027, please register your child on **Wednesday, September 9th.**

SPRING 2028:

In the Diocese of Little Rock, First Communion requires two years of preparation, either in the parish or a Catholic school. If your child does not attend Catholic school and would like to receive First Communion in Spring 2028, he or she will need to participate in **PRE (Parish Religious Education) classes**. Please register on **Wednesday, September 9th.**



CONFIRMATION

SPRING 2027:

If your child is planning to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Spring 2027, please register on **Wednesday, September 9th.**

SPRING 2028:

In the Diocese of Little Rock, Confirmation requires two years of preparation, either in the parish or a Catholic school. If your child does not attend Catholic school and would like to receive Confirmation in Spring 2028, he or she will need to participate in **PRE (Parish Religious Education) classes**. Please register on **Wednesday, September 9th.**



OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, learning more about our faith or growing in a relationship with God, please consider participating in our OCIA program.

Those who have questions contact the church office.

CLASSES START

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH



**5:30 PM
MASS**



**6:15-6:45 PM
DINNER**

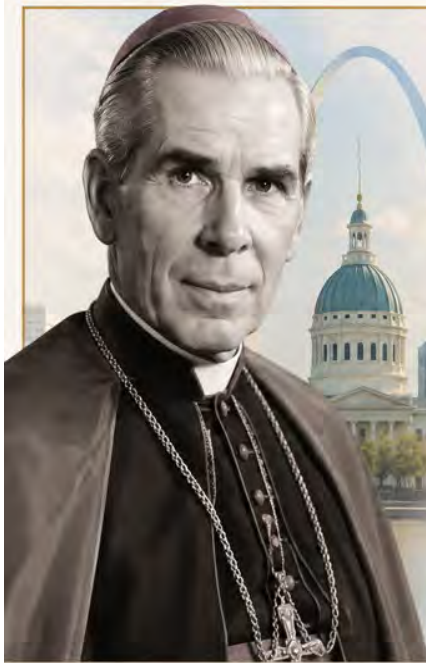


**6:45-7:30 PM
CLASSES**



**EVERYONE MUST REGISTER
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH.**





— ARCHBISHOP —
FULTON J. SHEEN
to Be Beatified!

A joyful celebration of the life and faith of a beloved preacher and evangelist.



THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 24,
2026



2:00 P.M.
CENTRAL TIME



THE DOME
AT AMERICA'S CENTER
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



The Mass will be presided over by
Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle,
representing Pope Leo XIV.



A pioneer of radio and television, Archbishop Sheen reached millions with *The Catholic Hour* and the Emmy Award-winning series *Life Is Worth Living*.

“The world is starving for holiness.
The modern apostolate is to get the Word of God
into the ears and eyes of men.

— Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED
ON **MONDAY,**
SEPTEMBER 7TH
in observance of
LABOR DAY!
Have a safe Labor Day weekend!

 **St. Michael's Catholic Church & Sacred Heart** 

An illustration for a baptism poster. It features a white dove with outstretched wings flying above a stone baptismal font filled with blue water. A white cloth with a gold cross is draped over the side of the font. A gold cross with radiating lines is at the top. The background is light blue with green leaves at the bottom.

Baptism

Parents desiring
Baptism for their children.

Please call the parish office
to schedule an appointment.

Bautismo

Padres que desean el
Bautismo para sus hijos.

Por favor llame a la
oficina parroquial para
programar una cita.

IF YOU ARE
Needing to
ADD OR REMOVE

SOMEONE TO THE
Prayer List,



PLEASE CONTACT
the Church Office.

THANK YOU!

Catechetical SUNDAY

≡ Sep. 19-20 ≡

Catechetical Sunday allows parishes to recognize
and thank those who give generously of their time
and gifts in the work of catechesis.



A SPECIAL COLLECTION
will be taken up to support
catechetical programs
throughout Arkansas.

≡ THE COLLECTION IS DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN:



Our local parish
religious education
program



The Diocese's
Office of
Faith Formation



Thank you for supporting faith formation
in our parish and across Arkansas!



ST. MICHAEL'S

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

will be

CLOSED

ON

Monday, September 7th

in observance of LABOR DAY!



Spiritual Retreat

FOR OBLATES AND GUESTS



OLIVETAN BENEDICTINES OF HOLY ANGELS CONVENT



Liturgy of the Hours

FR. CODY EVELD, DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK

Retreat schedule includes Mass, adoration, talks,
Liturgy of the Hours, confession, and social.

Meals provided. Donations accepted.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 | 8:30 AM TO 3:30 PM

Holy Angels Convent | 1699 Conny Road 766, Jonesboro, AR 72405

For attendees traveling from a distance, limited accommodations are available at convent on Friday and Saturday evening. Please inquire for additional details and availability.



For more information and to register, please contact Sister Mary John Seyler, OSB,
Oblate Director, at smjohns@gmail.com or 870-243-2440.



THE SAINT THOMAS MORE
— SOCIETY OF ARKANSAS —

YOU'RE INVITED!

HAPPY HOUR

Join fellow members and friends
for an evening of conversation,
community, and fellowship.



**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 15**



**5:00 – 7:00
P.M.**



**DRINKS, LIGHT BITES
& GREAT COMPANY**



O'CONNELL LOUNGE

Morris Hall, First Floor

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC CENTER

**2500 N. TYLER ST.
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.**





LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Week of	September 12, 2026	September 13, 2026
Lector	Ginger Creel	Mary Lou Hall
Linens	Diana Thompson	
Communion	Margie McCain	Sarah Horton
	Sandy G. Williford	Libby Burroughs
	Shelley Pugh	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Offertory	Alyssa Franks & Kaden McKinnon	Lugay Family
Greeters	Margie McCain	Maggie Aureli & Jacob Bowden



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & FELLOWSHIP



INFANT OF PRAGUE GUILD: Meetings are held quarterly in the school cafeteria. *Please watch here for announcements*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: First Sunday of each month · 7:00 p.m.

Finance Council - Thursday, Sept. 17th · 5:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council- Thursday, Sept. 17th · 6:15 p.m.

✧ PARISH FELLOWSHIP ✧

SACRED HEART BRUNCH - First Sunday — Sept. 6th *Following Mass*

ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH- Second Sunday — Sept 13th *Following Mass* – PC

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	September	5	9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	MSGR Bernard Malone† Adoration Danny Foster†
Sunday	September	6	8:30 am 10:30 am	Jerry McAlister† Benjamin Barber† Illuminta Wihelmi
Monday	September	7	NO MASS	
Tuesday	September	8	6:00 pm	Irmgard Paulk†
Wednesday	September	9	8:00 am 5:30 pm	Joanne Smith Terri Hamby†
Thursday	September	10	8:00 am	Bob Morrison†
Friday	September	11	8:00 am	Bobby Cassidy†
Saturday	September	12	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Danny Foster†
Sunday	September	13	8:30 am 10:30 am	Frank B. Alpe† Tom & Jan Martin



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Carli Albrecht, Bangie Camper, JoAnn Vega, Patsy & Danny Haynes, James Bell, Charlie Dabbs, Ginny Kimbrell, Carlton Coveny, Carla Sanderson, Kathleen Alparo, Baby Arabella, Ward Roberts, Melanie Beyer, Fairley Vega, Olivia Vega, Richard Gunter, Steve Marasco, Illuminata Wihelmi, Nancy Ellis Hays, Cathy Stockbridge, Theresa Black, Mary Ann Tyrone, Donald Turlich, Vickey Stanford, John Baioni, Will Hutcherson, Mandi Tacker, Matthew Bain, Edna Alpuente, Joan McCarty, Jane Rice, Neil Sponer, Tracey Tyrone Cox, Grace Pulliam, Alaina Goldsby, Nancy Jackson, Janet Long, Jim Pugh, Jose Cantu, Balthasar Arellano, Joe Alvarez, Jay Guiltner, Scott Goldsmith, Ruben Saldivar, Joanna Kim, Mayson Hall, Walter Smith, Freddy Crabtree, Richard Batkey, Leroy England, Gloria Anderson, Cindy Dabbs, Juan Perez, Jr., Lillie Clark, Eric Densford, Joan White, Tina Imboden, Kay Loney, Johnny McMullin, Victims of War and Violence in our country and throughout the world, especially in the Ukraine. All persons serving in our Military, The Seminarians of the Diocese of Little Rock, and the Religious Men and Women of Arkansas.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION:

August 30, 2026 St. Michael \$4,453.00
Sacred Heart \$953.00

Dear Padre,

I had not been to confession for decades until recently, and I've probably committed mortal sins I can't remember. I want God's forgiveness, but I'm unsure how to get it at this time.

You ask if God has forgiven you for sins that you may have committed in the past but that you don't remember now. You say you have been to confession recently.

A mortal sin has three criteria: it is seriously wrong; the person knows it is seriously wrong; and the person is free to commit the sin or not. In the case you are describing, you don't even remember what the mortal sin might have been, or even if there was one. So, no, you don't have to confess something you don't remember. Also, you have already gone to confession recently, and you sound truly repentant for your past sins. You do not indicate that you were deliberately trying to hide any sins from the priest. So, you have already been forgiven, not only for the sins you remembered but also for those you don't remember. That is why usually we will say something like "for these sins and for those I may have forgotten" when we go to confession.

The bottom line is that confession is for you to experience God's mercy. It is not to test how good your memory is. Be at peace. God loves you and particularly wants you to experience the peace that comes from his forgiveness. ●



JON TISON / UNSPLASH

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Church is at the same time an earthly community and the mystical body of Christ, a visible assembly and a spiritual mystery, a reality present in history and a people journeying toward heaven (Lumen Gentium, 8; Catechism of the Catholic Church, 771). The human and divine dimensions integrate harmoniously, without one overshadowing the other.... [The Church] is a reality that is both human and divine.



GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, MARCH 4, 2026

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

September 7

Weekday

1 Cor 5:1–8

Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday

September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1–4a or

Rom 8:28–30

Mt 1:1–16, 18–23

or 1:18–23

Wednesday

September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 7:25–31

Lk 6:20–26

Thursday

September 10

Weekday

1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13

Lk 6:27–38

Friday

September 11

Weekday

1 Cor 9:16–19,

22b–27

Lk 6:39–42

Saturday

September 12

Weekday

1 Cor 10:14–22

Lk 6:43–49

Sunday

September 13

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30–28:7

Rom 14:7–9

Mt 18:21–35