



Woe to those who
are complacent....
[T]hey shall be
the first to go
into exile.

AMOS 6:1, 7



Adrift

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In *A Christmas Carol*, Ebenezer Scrooge found himself confronted by the person he had become: someone forced to accept the reality painted by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. Scrooge hadn't realized how he had slowly drifted into becoming an uncaring and greedy person, unable to show compassion because he never really saw someone else's pain. The story of Ebenezer Scrooge is the story of the rich man in this Sunday's gospel who was unmoved by poor Lazarus, sitting at the gate of the rich man's sumptuous life. They are both stories of human beings drifting into emptiness.

St. Thomas Aquinas suggested that our motivations in life can ultimately be reduced to eight different categories. If we're interested in understanding what sort of people we are becoming, we might ask

ourselves which of these questions best describes our motivation: Am I making my decisions and choices about life based on wealth? Or am I looking to be admired by others and be praised? Is it lasting glory that I seek? Or power so that I can be noted for "making a difference?" Is what I seek a life of ultimate pleasure and comfort? Is it health that I look for? Or perhaps something related to my inner life—some intangible good, like virtue or knowledge? Or is it to see God already in this life what I truly want? It is always a challenge to know our true selves because all too often we may be adrift, unaware of who we are becoming. ●

Reflect

Which of St. Thomas Aquinas' questions describes me and my choices?

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Holy Mass Schedule: May God Bless You

Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday & 1st Saturday

Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday

Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 pm.: Saturday

Confession 3:00 p.m.: 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.

30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary

For more information, please contact the Church Office.

Sacraments

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!

The Sacrament of reconciliation is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

PARISH MINISTRIES

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here.

Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors. R.C.I.A. Adult Education.



Mass Intentions

Saturday/ September 27th – St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

4 p.m. Holy Vigil Mass: Dorothy Mikolajek †
by Julie Mack

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*Anointing of the Sick after Holy Mass

Sunday /September 28th – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Bud Kootz, Sr. †
by Buddy and Anne Kootz

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**Anointing of the Sick after Holy Mass

PARISH FEAST DAY and PICNIC after Holy Mass

**Monday/ September 29th – St. Michael the Archangel
St. Gabriel and St. Raphael, Archangels**

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Dorothy Mikolajek †
by Gary Balcerzak and Beth Sabez

*KC Officers meeting 6 pm The Rosary at 5:30 pm

Tuesday /September 30th – St. Jerome ,Priest and Doctor

No Holy Mass

Wednesday / October 1st – St. Therese of the Child Jesus

6 p.m. Holy Mass : Dawn Lutz †
by Richard and Norma Frisk

Thursday /October 2nd – The Holy Guardian Angels

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Bud Kootz, Sr. †
by Buddy and Anne Kootz

BINGO doors open at 5 pm games start at 6 pm

Friday/ October 3rd – First Friday

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Stella Stockwell †
by Rhonda Bystry

**Saturday/ October 4th – St. Francis of Assisi
First Saturday**

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Austin Kootz
by Buddy and Anne Kootz

4 p.m. Holy Mass : Bud Kootz, Sr. †
by Buddy and Anne Kootz

**Food Pantry Collection

Sunday/ October 5th – Twenty-Seventh Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Virgil Smith †
by Tom and JoAnn Helfert

**Food Pantry Collection

**Bingo at 1 pm doors open at noon

Thought for the week



The Parable
Of
"The Rich Man
And
The Lazarus"
Luke. 16:19-31



"Whatever
you did for
the least of one
these
Brothers Mine,
You did it for Me."
Mt. 25:40

St. Teresa of
Calcutta: "The
greatest disease in
the World today is
not TB or leprosy;  it is being unwanted,
unloved, and uncared
for.
The poverty of being
unloved is caused by
our sin of omission –
by failing to give
love."

▲▲ Wishing you a Blessed Week ▲▲



Collection Report

September 20th and 21st, 2025

Main Collection - \$1437

Maintenance Fund - \$494

Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?

ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration

Friday 5 pm to 6 pm

Rose, (870) 847-5018, or

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God Bless the Donors and their Intentions

Altar Flowers this week are generously provided
by : **Buddy and Anne Kootz** in honor of
their son, Austin Kootz's birthday.

Tabernacle Roses this week generously
provided by: **Buddy and Anne Kootz** in honor of
their grandson, Dominic Kootz's birthday.

Parish Feast Day and Picnic

September 28th, 2025, it will start after Sunday Holy Mass. The Parish is providing hamburgers and hot dogs cooked by the KCs and we will have a cake walk **please sign up on the sheets in the vestibule** for your side dish or dishes you will be bringing and how many cakes you can bring along with how many will be coming from your family/or friends for the meal.
Thank you. ~ see you there ~

Food Pantry Collection

The food collection is the 1st weekend of every month. Here is the list of food items needed for our food pantry: **canned fruits, canned vegetables, canned meats, dish soap, washing powder and Jello.**
Thank you for blessing those in need.

Baby Shower

You are invited to a baby shower on Sunday October 12th at 11:30 a.m. for Samantha and Aric Eichhorn. They are expecting a baby girl. Dessert will be provided after the shower in the parish hall. Please contact Linda O'Donnell for more information.

Altar Linens

Just as **Our Lady** washed the clothes of her child **Jesus**, we have an opportunity to launder the **special linens** used on the **Altar at Holy Mass**. We serve on a rotating schedule, for one month at a time or 3-4 times a year. There is also a substitute list for those who cannot commit to a schedule but willing to help when needed. If you are interested in this **privilege**, please contact Anne Kootz phone 870-847-1985

*****The Diocese of Nellore is Father Amal's home Diocese in India for those who may not know. We are thankful for him being here with us. It is the 2nd collection weekend of September 27th and 28th.**



Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Mary Welch, Jack Heuser, Crystal Hawkins, Chuck Wolff, Isabelle Wiest, Michael & Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, Michael Gagne, JoAnn Colwell, Georgia Harris, Dan Such, Jerry Gorton, Dawn Logan, Mary Lee, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Joan Schulz, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Pat Kimball, Marcella Birckhead, Michael Reddick, Gerald and Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Maryann Barber, Martin Moriaty, Maria Gerrah, Colleen Royal, Cecilia Cefalu, Darrell and Elizabeth Beason.

Nursing Home: Ariela Wege, Ruth Klinge, and KayLynn Rodenbeck.

Expectant Mothers: Samantha Eichhorn, Kristene Bates and Josephine Gregory.

- ▲ **October 1st - Pat Kimball**
- ▲ **October 1st - Dana Wiest**
- ▲ **October 3rd - Mary Jack**
- ▲ **October 4th - Michael Burton**
- ▲ **October 4th - Gerald Metty**
- ▲ **October 4th - Linda Rodenbeck**

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!

BIRTHDAYS



ANNIVERSARIES

We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

♥ No wedding anniversaries this week

**If we miss your birthday or anniversary please let the office know.
Blessings~*

THE ARCHANGELS



S^t MICHAEL



S^t RAPHAEL



S^t GABRIEL

SAINT MICHAEL

glorious prince of heaven, protector of souls, I call on you to free me from all adversity and all sin, and to make me useful in God's service, obtaining from Him the grace of final perseverance.

Amen.

SAINT GABRIEL

glorious archangel, God's stronghold and voice, I call on you to obtain for me the grace of being preserved from evil, victory over the devil and domination of my bad inclinations until the end of my life. Amen.

SAINT RAPHAEL

glorious archangel, God's remedy, I call on you to heal all my body and soul's infirmities and help me flee from the sins that do such harm. Deliver back to us the gift of recovery and conversion.

Amen.

HOLY ARCHANGELS, PRAY FOR US!

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Social and Potluck Meeting

2nd Monday of the month

Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

Officers Meeting

Last Monday of the month

Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

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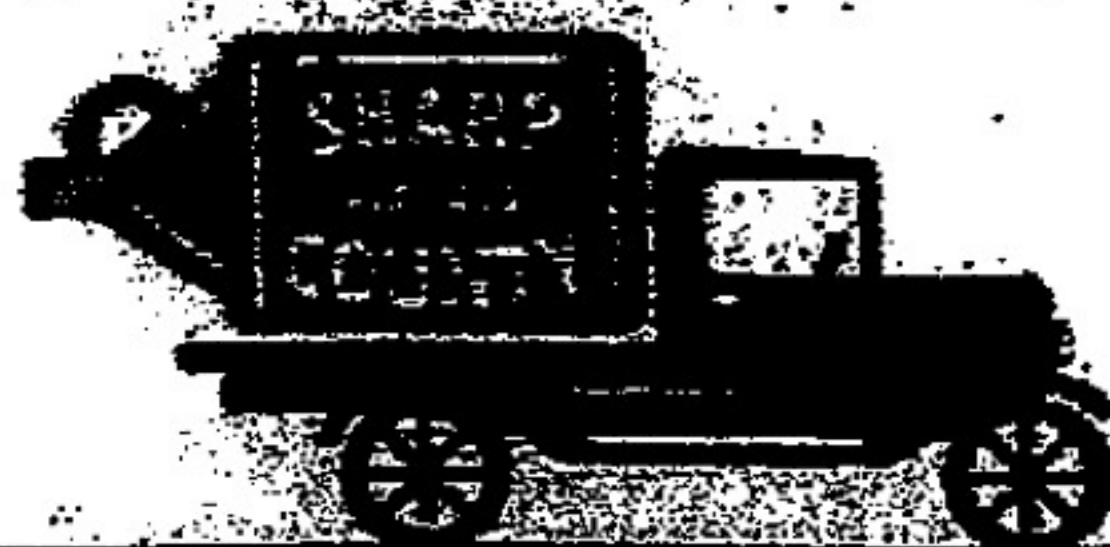
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Dear Padre,

Why does my parish priest preach about love practically every Sunday?

“Through the course of the liturgical year, the homily sets forth the mysteries of faith and the standards of the Christian life on the basis of the sacred text” (*Lectionary*, 24). A translation of the English word “love” appears in the Bible more than 500 times; by comparison, “sin” appears approximately 400 times. Thus, insofar as the homily “should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from sacred Scripture” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 65), God’s word on “love” is far too prevalent to overlook.

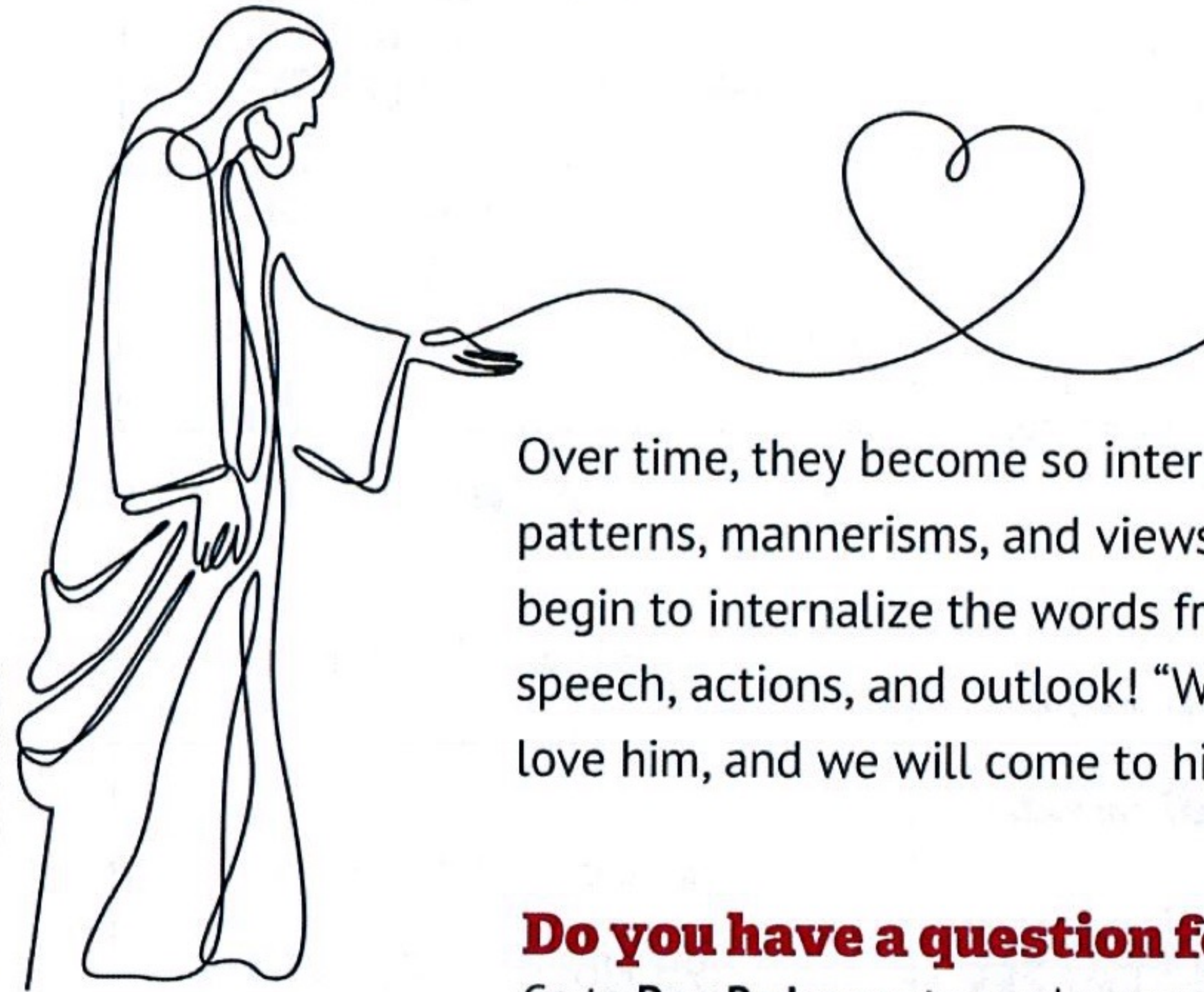
Pope Francis called God’s word “a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best.” In the Bible, this God who desires to bestow his love on us (See 1 John 3:1), is essentially telling us, “How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.” How we love God in return may be likened to two partners in a committed relationship.

Over time, they become so intertwined that they can even assume each other’s speech patterns, mannerisms, and views. Likewise, for those who love God, over the years we can begin to internalize the words from God’s “love letter” and reflect them in our Christian speech, actions, and outlook! “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him” (John 14:23). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church’s social doctrine, to which we need to respond.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

Monday

September 29
Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or
Rv 12:7–12ab
Jn 1:47–51

Tuesday

September 30
St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Zec 8:20–23
Lk 9:51–56

Wednesday

October 1
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Neh 2:1–8
Lk 9:57–62

Thursday

October 2
The Holy Guardian Angels
Neh 8:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12
Mt 18:1–5, 10

Friday

October 3
Weekday
Bar 1:15–22
Lk 10:13–16

Saturday

October 4
St. Francis of Assisi
Bar 4:5–12, 27–29
Lk 10:17–24

Sunday

October 5
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hb 1:2–3; 2:2–4
2 Tm 1:6–8, 13–14
Lk 17:5–10