



Wanting to Be Wanted

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

More than anything, we want to be wanted. As infants, we reach out, wanting to be wanted. When we begin school and discover others who might be friends, we want to be wanted. As teenagers discovering the stirrings of something new and deep, we want to be wanted. And when we grow old, then still we want to be wanted.

The parables Jesus told were always about how God moves in our lives, how God is powerfully intertwined in all that is. Jesus told parables to give us a hint of where to find God. This Sunday's parable is about a rich man with a steward about to be dismissed. The steward then finds ways to ingratiate himself into others' lives so when he is dismissed, he won't be left

out in the cold. It's not the rich man who is the God-person in the parable. The rich got rich by abusing the poor. Rather, it is the steward who is the image of God—a God who, like the steward, is desperate to be accepted, to find a way into our lives. We might say clever...or even sneaky. It is God who finds a way into our lives when we are afraid, when we face the loss of love, when our worlds are falling apart, when we go looking for him. There, then, is God, eagerly wanting to be wanted.●

Reflect

***What do I do when I'm feeling unwanted?
Do I recognize that God wants me?***

**No servant can serve two masters....
You cannot serve God and mammon.**

LUKE 16:13

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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

(Area code is 870 unless otherwise noted)

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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 20th – St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon
and St. Paul Chong Ha-Sang

4 p.m. Holy Vigil Mass: Bud Kootz, Sr †
By Joe and Doris Waggoner

*2nd Collection is for Catechetical Sunday

**Knights Annual Yard Sale 8 AM until Noon

Sunday /September 21th – Twenty-fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Dorothy Mikolajek †
by Julie Mack

*2nd Collection is for Catechetical Sunday

*25th Anniversary party for St. Vincent de Paul Society

Monday/ September 22nd –

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

Tuesday /September 23th – St. Pius of Pietrelcina

No Holy Mass

Wednesday /September 24th –

6 p.m. Holy Mass : Dorothy Beardslee †
by Dean Beardslee

Thursday /September 25th –

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

BINGO doors open at 5 pm games start at 6 pm

Friday /September 26th –St. Cosmos and St. Damian

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Cheryl Campbell †
by Brenda Garner

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

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

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**Magnificat Luncheon

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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PARISH FEAST DAY and PICNIC after Holy Mass

Thought
for the week

25th Sun-C



"No Servant Can
serve two Masters.
You cannot serve
both God and
Mammon" Luke.16:13

▲ Wishing you a Blessed Week ▲



Collection Report

September 13th and 14th, 2025

Main Collection - \$2163

Maintenance Fund - \$453

Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?

ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration

Monday 2 pm to 3 pm

Friday 5 pm to 6 pm

Rose, (870) 847-5018, or

Anne, (870) 847-1985



God Bless the Donors and their Intentions

Altar Flowers this week are generously provided
by : Julie Mack in memory of her aunt
Dorothy Mikolajek.

Tabernacle Roses this week generously
provided by: Rhonda Bystry in memory of her
mother Vina.

Parish Feast Day and Picnic

September 28th, 2025, we 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 ~

Magnificat Luncheon

Our upcoming Magnificat meal will be on **Saturday September 27th**. Our speaker for this meal is Helen Evans from Little Rock. Come bring a friend and enjoy a day of praise, worship and fellowship with a good meal and speaker. The cost of the ticket is \$15. For more information contact Lori Templet at 225-717-0238.

Catechetical Sunday

We want to thank all of the teachers that will be providing spiritual guidance and education in our faith thru both children and adults classes. We also appreciate Lori Templet director of religious education and Doris Waggoner for all of your help and time.

Baby Shower

Your 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 if needed.

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



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 and Dawn Logan, Mary Lee, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Joan Schulz, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Marcella Birkhead, Michael Reddick, Gerald & Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Pat Kimball, Maryann Barber, Martin Moriaty, Colleen Royal, Cecilia Cefalu, Maria Gerrah, and Darrell and Elizabeth Beason.

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

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

- 🕯 **September 23rd - Linda Pospisil**
- 🕯 **September 27th - Trudi Williams**

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!



♥ **September 22nd- Rick and Kathy Esquivel
47 years**

*****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.**

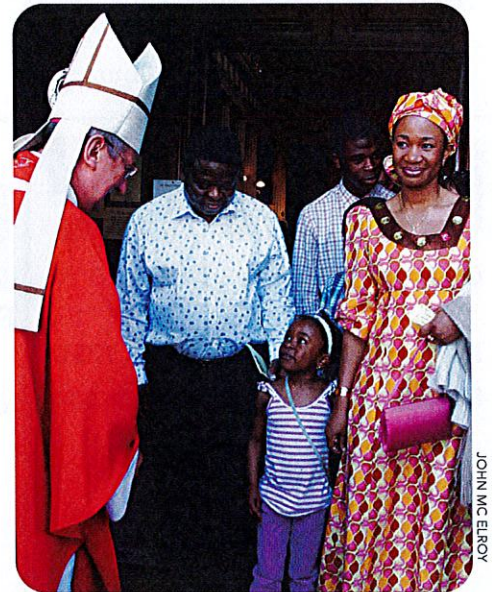
Dear Padre,

At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family's continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: "I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult."

"As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers, I may become more like Christ." ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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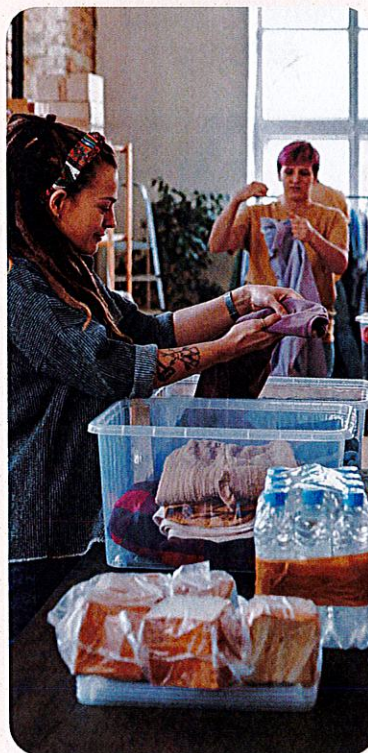
Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. [We see] too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest.

HOMILY, ROME,
MAY 18, 2025



JULIA-M-CAMERON / PEXELS

Monday

September 22

Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

September 23

St. Pius of
Pietrelcina, Priest

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,
14-20

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

September 24

Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

September 25

Weekday

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

September 26

Weekday

Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

September 27

St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

September 28

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31

Holy Family Catholic Cemetery
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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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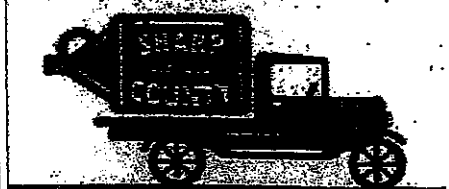
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