



Grateful for Being Grateful

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Here 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?***



Jesus said...“Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?”

LUKE 17:17-18

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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.

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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/ October 11th – St. John XXIII, Pope

4 p.m. Holy Mass: Adalyn Grace Ivy

by Dean Beardslee

***2nd Collection is for the Maintenance Fund**

Sunday/ October 12th – Twenty-Eighth Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Rollie VanderZyl

by St. Vincent de Paul Society

****KC Big Breakfast today after Holy Mass**

**** Eichhorn Baby Shower 11:30 am in the Parish Hall**

***** The Rosary at 5 pm at St. Michael's**

***2nd Collection is for the Maintenance Fund**

Monday/ October 13th –Columbus Day

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Phil Phillips †

by: Roger and Betsy Edmonds

***KC meeting 6 pm with The Rosary/Potluck 5:30 pm**

Tuesday /October 14th – St. Callistus I, Pope/Martyr

No Holy Mass

Wednesday / October 15th – St. Teresa of Jesus

6 p.m. Holy Mass : Alison Kocz

by Mary Kocz

***Altar Society Card party at noon**

Thursday /October 16th – St. Hedwig/ St. Margaret

Mary Alacoque

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Nick VanHouten †

by Rick and Jeonilla VanHouten

****BINGO doors open at 5 pm games start at 6 pm**

Friday/ October 17th – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Mildred Verdel †

by Roger and Betsy Edmonds

Saturday/ October 18th – St. Luke, Evangelist

4 p.m. Holy Mass: Dorothy Mikolajek †

By Dennis and Jacqueline Malone

***2nd Collection is for Respect Life**

Sunday/ October 19th – Twenty-Ninth Sunday

World Mission Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Virgil and Mae Smith †

by Tom and JoAnn Helfert

***** The Rosary at 5 pm at St. Michael's today**

***2nd Collection is for Respect Life**

**B-I-N-G-O is every Thursday night doors open at 5 pm
games start at 6 pm *******



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1 THESSALONIANS 5:18



*in everything
give thanks;
for this is the
will of God
in Christ
Jesus for you.*

Have A Blessed Weekend

Wishing you a Blessed Week



Collection Report

October 5th and 6th, 2025

Main Collection - \$3251.00

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

Anne, (870) 847-1985



God Bless the Donors and their Intentions

Altar Flowers this week are generously provided by : **Nancy Paluck** in memory of her husband, **James Paluck**.

Tabernacle Roses this week are generously provided by: **Rhonda Bystry** in memory of her husband, **John Michael Bystry**.

The Rosary

Father Amal will be having The Rosary every Sunday at 5 p.m. in the month of October, here at St. Michael's. Please, come join us for this beautiful and blessed reciting of the Holy Rosary praying it together. October is devoted to our Blessed Mother Mary and The Rosary.

Our Hearfelt Condolences

To Jim Wege and their family on the passing of his wife Ariela Wege, on Monday October 6th, 2025. Her Funeral Mass will be on Monday October 27th, 2025 at 11 am with The Rosary at 10:30 am. There will be a luncheon to follow in the parish hall. Burial will be Thursday, October 30th, 2025

May her soul rest in peace †

Food Pantry Collection

Thank you to all who helped with the collection last weekend, they collected 283 items. Thank you for your generous giving to those in need.

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

Christmas Shoebox

Now is the time to start gathering items for the Christmas Showboxes. Please, note some items not allowed in the shoeboxes: candy, gum, toothpaste, drink mixes, and all liquids. This year no soap is allowed. Please check the bulletin boards to see complete list of items not allowed with the ideals for gift items for boys and girls. The shoeboxes are available in the vestibule. You may also contribute funds. See the bulletin board posting.



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, Jim Whorl, Jimmy White, Doug and Tammy Wortham. Nursing Home, Ruth Klinge and KayLynn Rodenbeck.
Expectant Mothers: Samantha Eichhorn, Kristene Bates and Josephine Gregory.

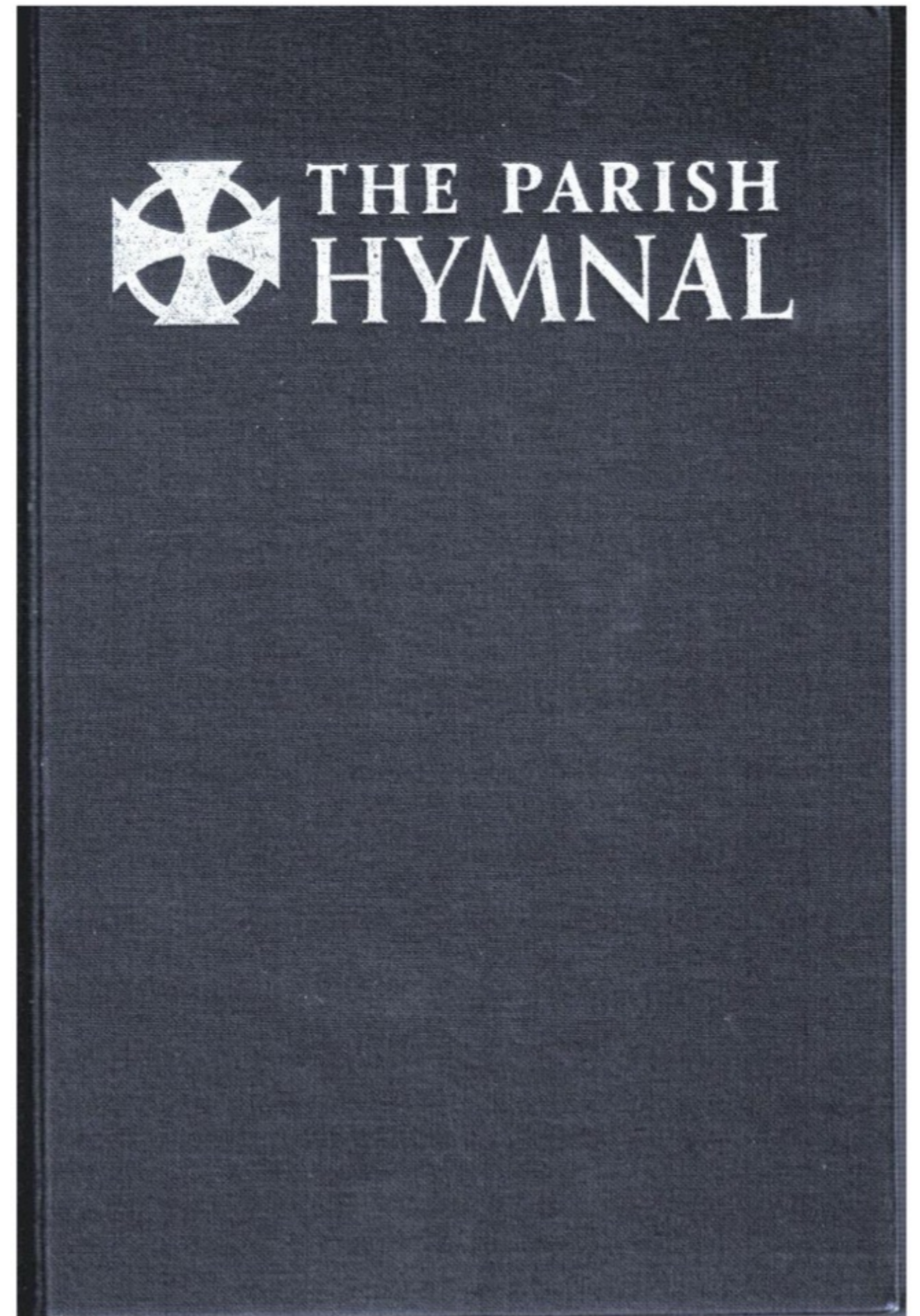
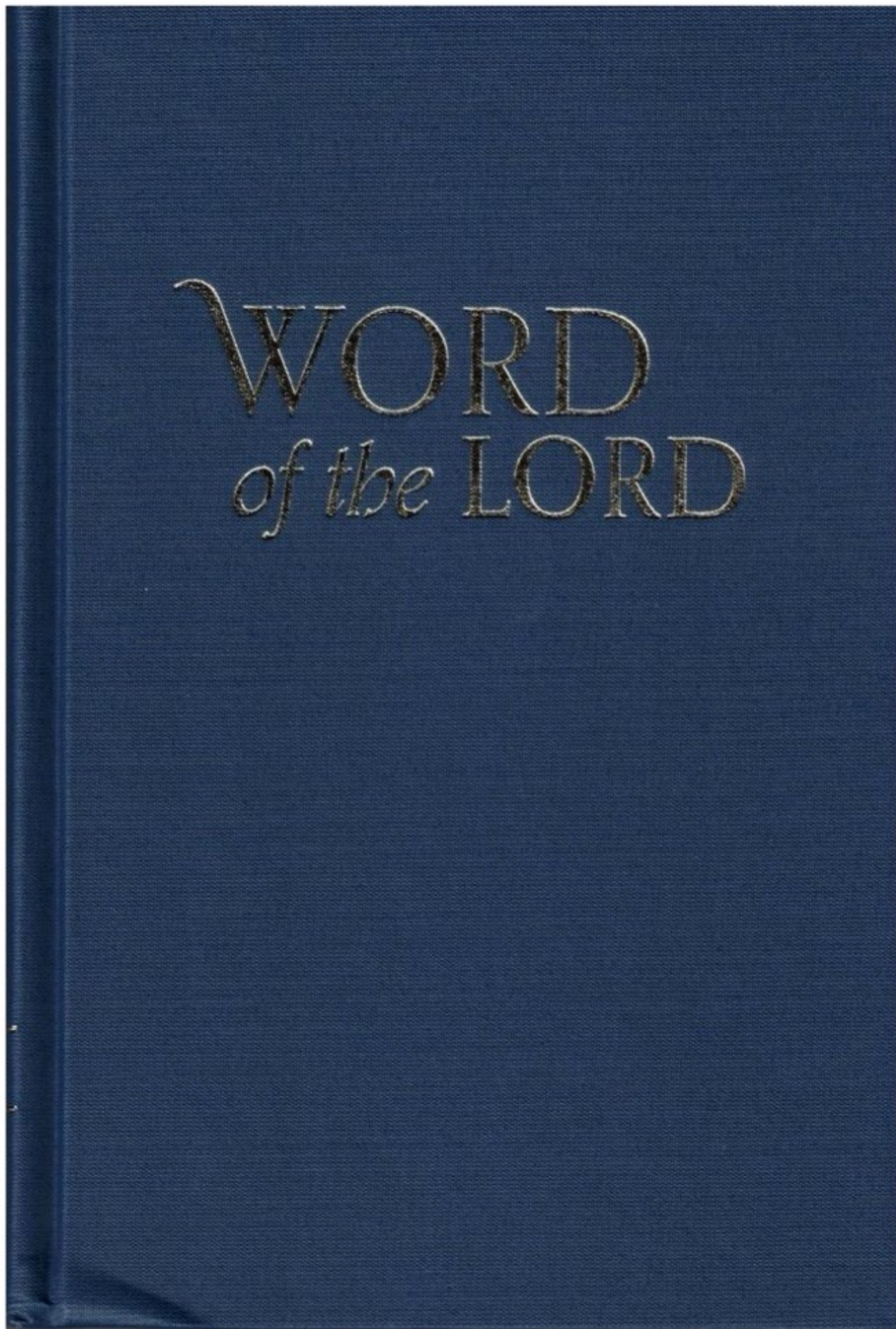
We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!

- ▲ October 11th - Matt Winston
- ▲ October 12th - Shawn Kirsch
- ▲ October 13th - Eddie Ishmael
- ▲ October 13th - Mary Mayhall
- ▲ October 13th - Desiree Montoya Rachankun
- ▲ October 14th - Linda Elmore
- ▲ October 16th - Lorraine Murray
- ▲ October 19th - Gale Orosz



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

- ♥ October 17th - Michael and Kathy Gagne
55 years



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Dear Friends,

Greetings and Peace to you All.

We are happy to inform you about the purchase of new liturgical hard cover books namely,

“WORD OF THE LORD” and “THE PARISH HYMNAL”

These books will begin to be used at the beginning of the new Liturgical Year – “Advent”

These books will serve us nearly 5 to 10 years. Which will substantially help us to save on the amount we spend on the Missals and Hymnals 3 times per year.

We have purchased 158 sets for here at St. Michael's Church for our usage and will stay in our church.

Each set cost is \$50.00, to help cover the cost of the books, we kindly request you to donate the amount of \$50.00 per set or more if you can afford to donate for more than 1 set.

Once you have donated your \$50.00 for the number of sets you can donate to the parish office we will then print up a label and it will be placed inside of the books with:

“Your name and in honor of your loved one.”

We request to make the **check out to : St. Michael's Church**

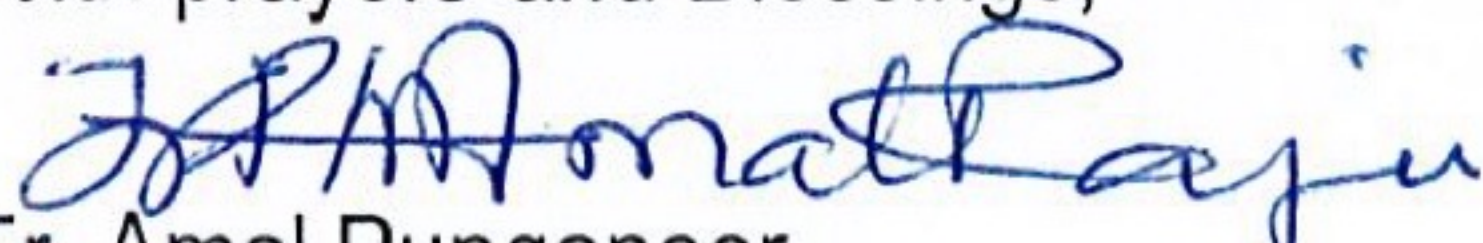
In the memo put for Liturgical and Hymnal Book Set and state how many sets you wish to donate.

Please, let us know the name (clearly print it for us to make sure the spelling is correct, of whom you are donating the set for in their memory.

We appreciate and thank you for your generous support and the help for our St. Michael's community.

God Bless you and Bless all of your dear ones !

With prayers and Blessings,


Fr. Amal Punganoor

Dear Padre,

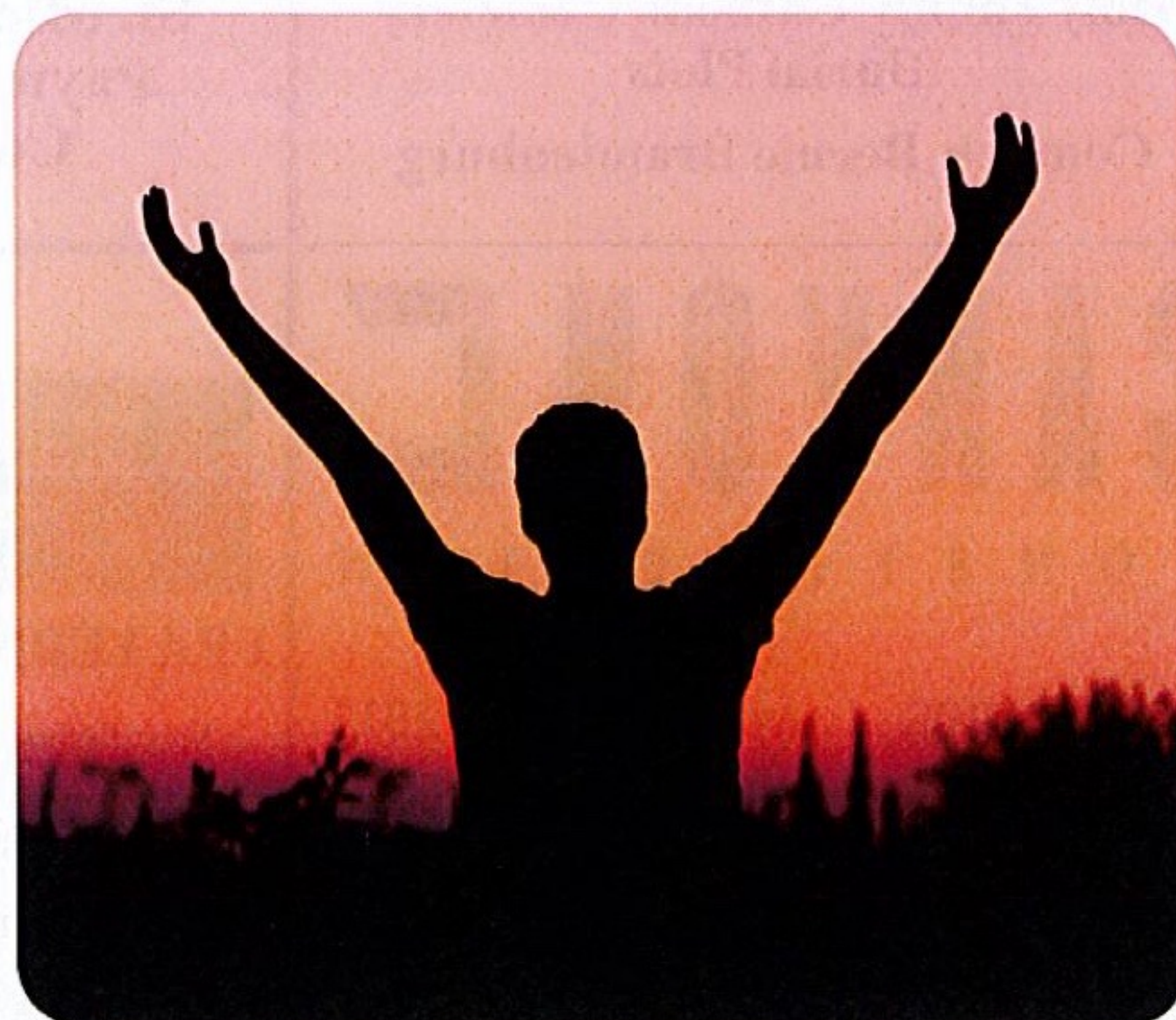
Are people born with the Holy Spirit, or do they have to be baptized in order to receive the Holy Spirit? If we are not born with the Holy Spirit, is it just our conscience that is bothered when we are doing wrong?

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



DREAM PERFECTION / SHUTTERSTOCK

Do you have a question for the Padre?

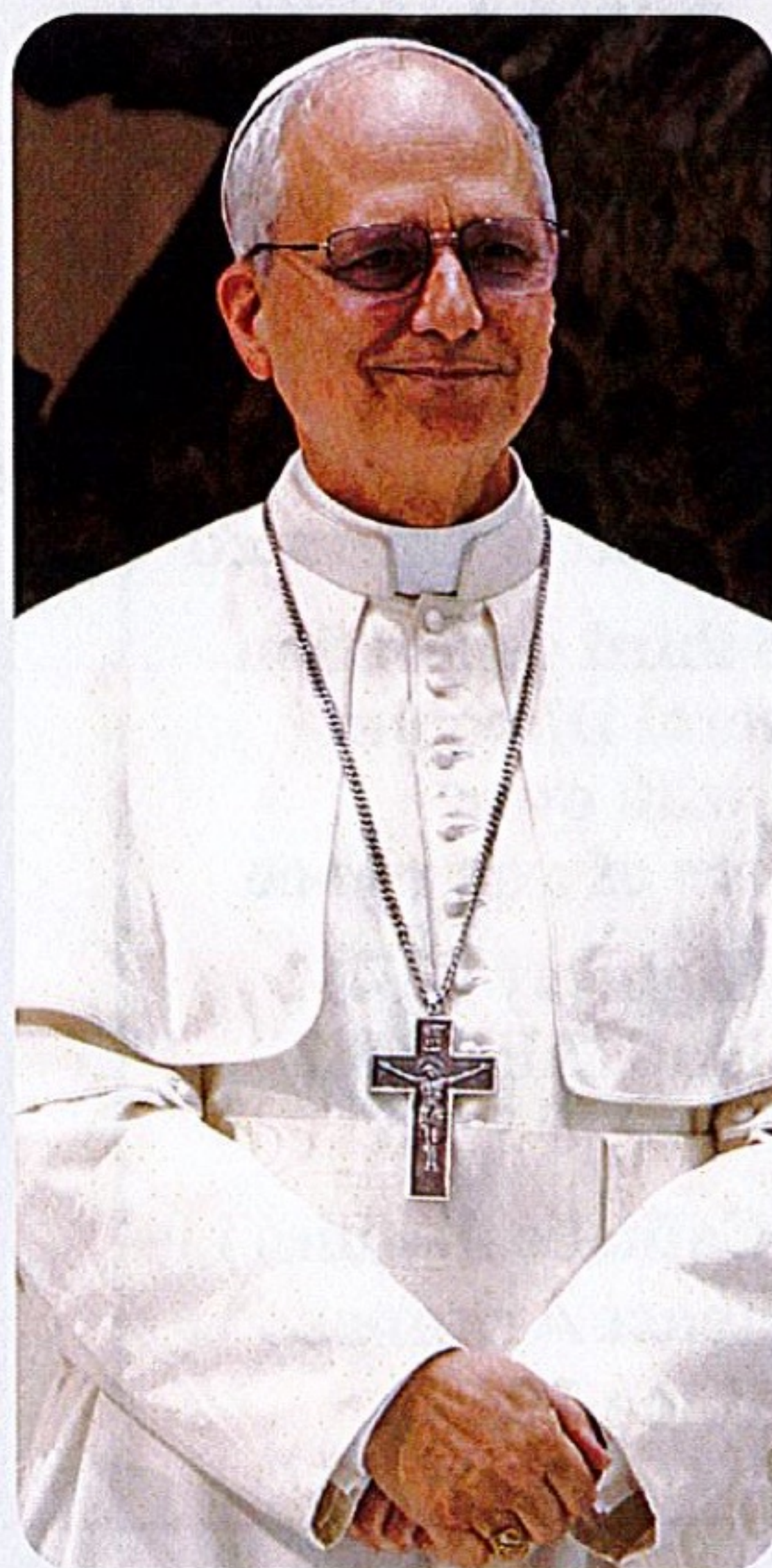
Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

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

Holy Family Catholic Cemetery
Burial Plots
Contact: Bernie Brandenburg

St. Michael's Columbarium
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Officers Meeting
Last Monday of the month
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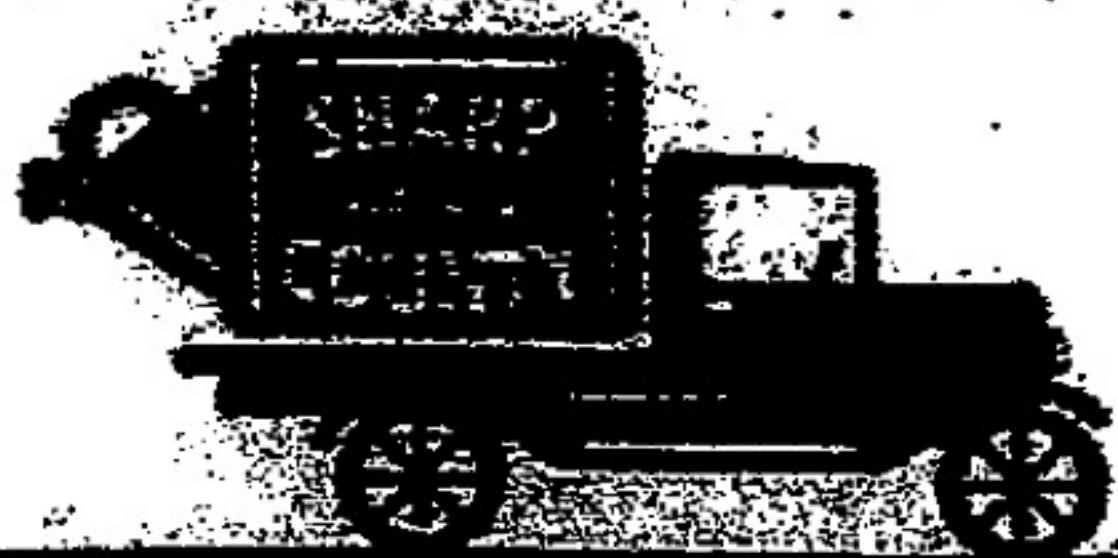
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