



Never Big Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Childhood daydreams come peppered with visions of heroes and heroines, movie stars and rock stars, fame and notoriety. Eventually, however, we adjust our visions of what we can become as we are confronted by the reality of who we are. Seldom, however, are our daydreams and visions big enough. They tend to be only about ourselves, barely including others.

The same may be said about becoming people of faith. Too readily we think of faith simply as our personal decision to believe in God. Faith then becomes one-sided—the prayers we say, the Masses we attend, the Church's rules we obey. Like the people of the prophet Habakkuk's day, we may bemoan, "I cry for help and you do not listen.... [I] cry out to you, 'Violence!' and you do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2).

Then, too, our faith and its vision for life are not big enough, for we do not allow room for God to slip into our lives and do what God does. Then, faith is only about ourselves—our needs and struggles and pains. Faith needs to be a surrender to God's vision, not simply for ourselves, but for all of life. [The LORD said,] "The vision is a witness for the appointed time...it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late" (Habakkuk 2:3). The difficulty is that we want God to make life perfect for us the way we want it and when we want it. Then, it becomes our vision for life and not God's. ●

Reflect

Have I ever given up my vision or plan and found God's plan to be perfect for me?

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7



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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.

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

Respect Life /World Communion Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Virgil Smith †

by Tom and JoAnn Helfert

****Food Pantry Collection**

****Bingo 1st Sunday-** doors open at noon and games start at 1 pm

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

Monday/ October 6th – St. Bruno, Priest

No Holy Mass:- Work is being done in main chapel

George Colles †

by Roger and Betsy Edmunds

Tuesday /October 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary

No Holy Mass

Wednesday / October 8th –

6 p.m. Holy Mass : Dorothy Mikolajek †

by Dennis and Jacqueline Malone

Thursday /October 9th – St. Denis Bishop and

St. John Leonardi, Priest

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Karl Kootz

by Buddy and Anne Kootz

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

Friday/ October 10th –

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Dorothy Mikolajek †

by Gary Balcerzak and Beth Sabez

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 after Holy Mass today**

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

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

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

Thought

for the week

**27th
Sun - C**

**Luke.
17:5-10**

"Lord,
increase our faith!"
—LUKE 17:5
Why we need faith?
We need faith
because
it is the key that
1. opens our
relationship
with God, and
2. sustains us in our
life's journey, and
3. leads us to eternal
life"

.. Wishing you a Blessed Week ..



Collection Report

September 27th and 28th, 2025

Main Collection - \$2226.00

Diocese of Nellore - \$2410.00

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 : **Buddy and Anne Kootz** in honor of their son, **Karl Kootz's birthday.**

Tabernacle Roses this week are generously provided by: **Izzy Wiest** in honor of her daughter, **Dana Wiest's birthday.**

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.

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.

KC BIG BREAKFAST

Join them downstairs after Sunday Holy Mass on October 12th. The KC's help our church in so many ways. Their breakfast always has something for everyone! Tickets are available at the door.

Diocese of Nellore Collection

Father Amal wants to give his heartfelt thank you for the generous 2nd collection that will be given to his home Diocese in India. He just wants everyone to know how thankful he is. May God Bless you !

A Big Thank you !

We want to thank the Parish Council and everyone who helped to make the Parish Feast Day and picnic a good time for all. Thank you to the Knights for cooking all the burgers and hot dogs. All who helped with the set up and clean up, what would be do without you all. We had around 70 people turn out.



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 Birkhead, Michael Reddick, Gerald and Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Maryann Barber, Martin Moriarty, Maria Gerrah, Colleen Royal, Cecilia Cefalu, Darrell and Elizabeth Beason, Jim Whorl, Jimmy White, Doug and Tammy Wortham.
Nursing Home: Ariela Wege, Ruth Klinge, and KayLynn Rodenbeck.
Expectant Mothers: Samantha Eichhorn, Kristene Bates and Josephine Gregory.

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!

- 🕯 October 4th - Michael Burton
- 🕯 October 4th - Gerald Metty
- 🕯 October 4th - Linda Rodenbeck
- 🕯 October 6th - Stephen Werneke
- 🕯 October 9th - Megan Werneke
- 🕯 October 11th - Matt Winston
- 🕯 October 12th - Shawn Kirsch



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

- ♥ October 8th - Frank and Gale Scholz
44 years

Dear Padre,

Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.

We live in a climate that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter-witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy: “You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor” (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart. (See Matthew 6:21.) The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanks for all God has given to us and others. To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else’s possessions, is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and rationalize it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: “Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother’s [and sister’s] progress, and you will immediately give glory to God” (2540). ●

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

October 6

Weekday

Jon 1:1–2:2, 11

Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday

October 7

Our Lady of the

Rosary

Jon 3:1–10

Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

October 8

Weekday

Jon 4:1–11

Lk 11:1–4

Thursday

October 9

Weekday

Mal 3:13–20b

Lk 11:5–13

Friday

October 10

Weekday

Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2

Lk 11:15–26

Saturday

October 11

Weekday

Jl 4:12–21

Lk 11:27–28

Sunday

October 12

Twenty-eighth

Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14–17

2 Tm 2:8–13

Lk 17:11–19



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.

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Officers Meeting
Last Monday of the month
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.



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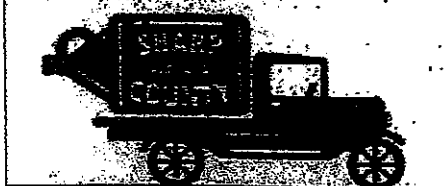
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