

Weekly Calender
Tues., Sept 8: Bible Study, 6:00 pm,
church basement
Wed., Sept 9: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
Mon., Sept 14: Catholic Daughters, 5:00 pm
Installation of officers, followed with
monthly meeting

Mass Intentions

- Sun., Sept 6: For the People
- Mon., Sept 7: No Mass
- Tues., Sept 8: †For Jim Seykora
by Maureen Brand
- Wed., Sept 9: †For Jim Seykora
by Maureen Brand
- Thurs., Sept 10: †For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus
- Fri., Sept 11: †For Jim Seykora
by IvoBODA
- Sat., Sept 12: †For Jim Seykora
by the Knights of Columbus



Marriage Encounter
Married couples – Consider doing something great for yourselves and your marriage. A Marriage Encounter weekend gives couples a rare opportunity to look at themselves, at their marriage relationship, and their relationship to God, the church, and the world.

Upcoming Marriage Encounter
Oct. 23-25, 2026
Missoula, MT

Nov. 6-8, 2026
Casper, WY

Contact:
John & Brenda Pankratz
at (406)591-5061
OR visit:
wwme.org

Offertory Collections
St. Joseph's
Sat., Aug 29 : \$ 522.00
Sun., Aug 30: \$ 1,323.00
Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$ 12,340.00
St. Mary's
Sun., Aug 30: \$

Pastoral Staff Volunteers
Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak
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Website Editor: Julie O'Dell, 406.665.5178
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Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat., Sept 5	Julia Ramirez	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Sept 6	Sheila Mae Pocdol	Cherinda Hopes	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., Sept 12	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Kent Harrington & Richelle Link
Sun., Sept 13	Liezel Ferido	Genne Taganahan	Juvi Mula & Sue Seykora
Sat., Sept 19	Richelle Link	Julie Ramirez	Celeste Geier & Kent Harrington
Sun., Sept 20	Cherinda Hopes	Sue Seykora	Juvi Mula & Visencia Ramirez

God is good all the time:
All the time God is good!

Watch the bulletin and listen to the announcements.
Religious Education classes for children will begin Wed., Sept. 30th.



Dear Padre

September 6, 2026

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. ●

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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 **Choir members needed.**
Also, those who can play an instrument. Contact Julie O'Dell @ 406.665.5178

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 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Cor 5:1–8 Lk 6:6–11	Wednesday September 9 <i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i> 1 Cor 7:25–31 Lk 6:20–26	Saturday September 12 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Cor 10:14–22 Lk 6:43–49
Tuesday September 8 <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Mi 5:1–4a or Rom 8:28–30 Mt 1:1–16, 18–23 or 1:18–23	Thursday September 10 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13 Lk 6:27–38 Friday September 11 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27 Lk 6:39–42	Sunday September 13 <i>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Sir 27:30–28:7 Rom 14:7–9 Mt 18:21–35



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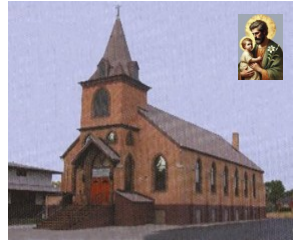
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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
please contact Father Cally

All questions—Father Cally, 406.665.1432



Mass Schedule

St. Joseph's Church—Hardin

Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Saturday Mass - 5:45 p.m.

Daily Mass - 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday—Friday

Exceptions: Wednesday Mass

and Adoration—5:30 p.m.

First Friday Healing Mass—5:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Mission—Custer

Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

Good News!

September 6, 2026

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Ezekiel 33:7-9 / Romans 13:8-10 / Matthew 18:15-20

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? ●