

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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



JOHN MAC FLECK

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



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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Schedule
September 2025

Mon: 8:00 AM (St. Joachim)

Tues: 8:15 AM (St. James)

Wed: 8:15 AM (St. Joachim)

Thurs: 8:00 AM (St. James)

Fri: 8:00 AM (St. Joachim)

Sat: 8:00 AM (1st Sat. of the
Month @ St. James)

Saturday: 4:00 PM
(1st & 3rd weekend @St. James; 2nd &
4th weekend @ St. Joachim)

Sunday: 8:00 AM (St. Joachim)
10:00 AM (St. James)

Confessions:

Saturday: 3:15-3:45pm
Prior to Sat. evening Mass or by
appointment



MASS
INTENTIONS
FOR THE
WEEK

Monday,
September 22nd
@ St. Joachim

Tuesday,
September 23rd:
Joann Thebeau

Wednesday,
September 24th
@ St. Joachim

Thursday,
September 25th :
Marvel Chazelle

Friday,
September 26th @
St. Joachim

Saturday,
September 27th:
@ St. Joachim

Sunday,
September 28th:
Theresa Smith

St. James Parish Family

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September 28th

Lector:

Sunday 10am: Jamie Warden

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm

Sunday 10am

C: Nikki Warden

L: David Woodland

R: Marvin Wright

Servers

Saturday 4pm:

Sunday 10am: Vincent Pashia

Music:

Sat: 4:00 pm.

Chala

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards

Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

St. Vincent de Paul collection: Canned meat, potted meat, canned chicken, canned tuna, beefaroni, etc

Heavenly Dusters

Diane Mull 9/26-10/3

Marilyn Carter & Jeanne Degonia

10/10-10/17

Altar Linens

Glenda Farrow 09/29-10/06

Connie Scott 10/13-10/20

Money Counters

Jeanne & Rhonda 9/30

Weekly Collection 09/14/2025	
Envelopes:	\$2205.00
Loose:	443.00
Online Giving	15.00
Maintenance:	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	541.00
Votive:	16.50
PSR Donations	800.00
Catholic University	5.00
Flowers	50.00
Total Giving:	\$4100.50



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth).” LUKE 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run “neck and neck” as top priority. Is money a “god” that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God

Parish Calendar

October 7: Ladies Sodality Meeting @1pm

October 13: St. Vincent DePaul meeting @ 6pm

October 14: Parish Council Meeting @5:30pm

October 14: Knights of Columbus Meeting @6:30pm

Pope Leo XIV, General Audience 09/17/2025

We live as if life were never enough. We rush to produce, to prove ourselves, to keep up. But the Gospel teaches us that knowing how to stop is an act of trust that we must learn to perform. Life does not always depend on what we do, but also in knowing how to let go of what we have been able to do. At times we seek quick answers, immediate solutions. But God works in depth, in the slow time of trust.

St. James PSR NEWS

St. James PSR classes began Sept 17th. It is not too late to register! Please stop by the PSR office and we will get you registered. We look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces. We want to thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation!

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, in being fully received, or in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, contact the parish office, or call coordinator, Joyce Politte 636-328-1343. Fall sessions began on Thursday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m.at St.Joachim in the Incarnate Word Center. All are welcome.

THE COUNCIL’S CORNER

Parish Council will be meeting Oct 14th @ 5:30PM
Any parishioners will question or concerns feel free to contact Eric Aubuchon so they can be addressed.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ERIC AUBUCHON @ 314-605-6268.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.
GOD BLESS!

Mass Intentions

What are Mass intentions?

When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he *offers* each Sacrifice of the Mass for a particular person, or intention. By doing so special graces from God are applied upon that person or intention. The act of offering prayers for the dead at Mass goes back to AD 235. Canon Law also confirms this practice and states, “In accord with the approved practice of the Church, any priest celebrating, or concelebrating is permitted to receive an offering to apply the Mass for a specific intention” (Can. 945 §1).

For whom can I request a Mass be offered?
Anyone may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons. For example, Masses can be offered *in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday)*, or as is most common, *for the repose of the soul of someone who has died*.

To schedule a mass intention, please call the Parish office during business hours or leave a voicemail after hours. We will be in need of more mass intentions soon.

Stained Glass Window Update

We wanted to give you an update on the progress of our goal to fund the repairs for the stained glass windows. As of Sept. 10, 2025 we are at 37% of reaching our goal. We are still accepting donations and encourage you to help us fully fund these repairs. No amount is too small. With everyone's help and generosity, we can achieve our goal! Thank you to everyone who has already contributed and continue to contribute. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

