



Our Parish Community

August 31, 2025

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

What Did You Expect?

Moms have a lot of jobs, and it's usually the case that none of them pay very well.

My work as a chef? Zero compensation, and my clientele are very rarely pleased with my efforts. My role as a teacher, a maid, a chauffeur, a therapist — same deal. Ironically, these jobs consume so much of my time that I am constricted in my work as a writer — the only sphere where I do actually garner any earnings.

It is so easy to grumble about all of this, and I do it all the time. Because despite the fact that I know better, I expect repayment for my good deeds. Deep in my soul, I expect it.

That's a huge problem.

In my defense, I don't think this is a very uncommon thing. I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. We want our day to go smoothly. We expect these things as a matter of course; we feel entitled to them, and we become grumpy when we are denied them. *I worked so hard. I gave so much. What was it all even for?*

But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

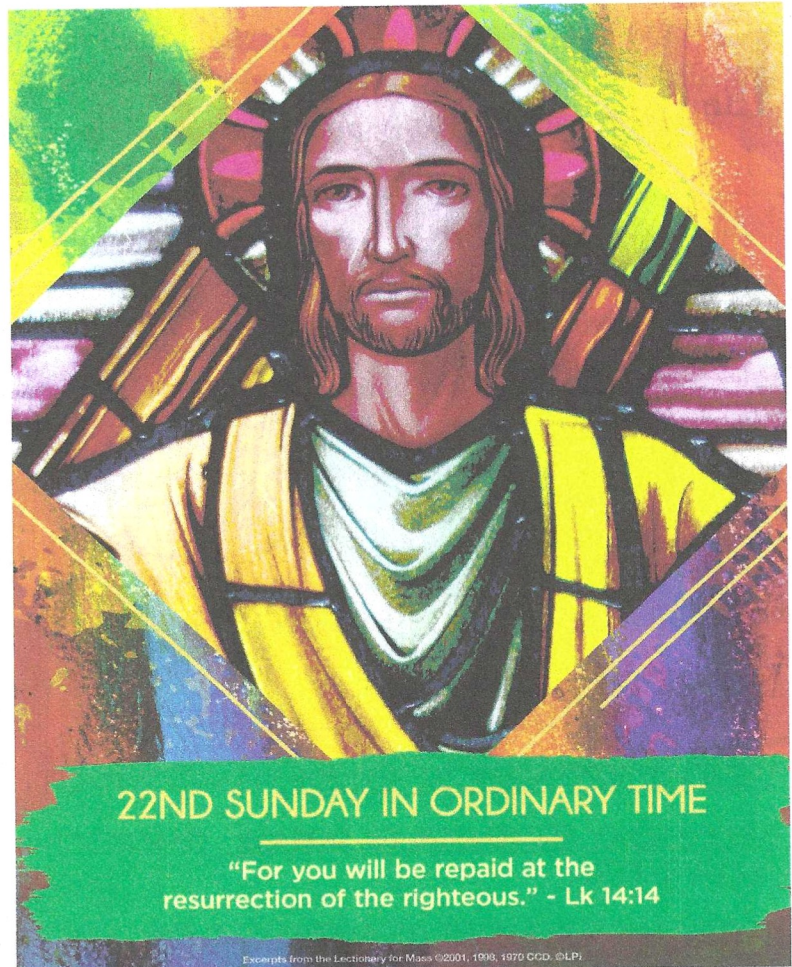
When you hold a banquet, Jesus said, invite those who cannot return the favor. Give not just without the expectation of repayment, but without the possibility of it.

Think about that for a minute. What does that even *look* like — no possibility of payment?

I know what that looks like in my own life. It's giving more to the literal poor, yes, but it's also giving more — and more happily, more lovingly — when I cook and clean and drive and write and console. It's not lamenting that no one appreciates me — it's actually hoping no one does.

It's learning to love the lowest place at the table. Because in the lowest place, we are closest to God.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:14

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Inspiration of the Week

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor," Jesus instructs. "Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Each of us has our own banquet to offer, our own gifts to share. Who will we invite?

Observances for the week of August 31, 2025

Sunday:	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Labor Day
Wednesday:	St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day



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Monday-Thursday:

9:00am-5:00pm

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Mass Schedule

Saturday:

4:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM

1:00 PM (Spanish)

Daily Masses

Mon-5:30pm

Tues-5:30pm

Wed - 9:00 AM Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 2:30PM-3:30PM,

Mon -Tuesday 5pm, Wednesday 8:30 AM or by appointment.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30- SEPTEMBER 07

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 4:00 PM: +KENT BURGESS, +BLANCA HILARIA CASTILLO

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 11:00AM: +KENT BURGESS, FOR THE HEALTH OF FATHER RUDY.

1:00PM: +ERNESTOI NERI, +JOSE EDUARDO ALBA, +ANTONIO ROBLEDO, +JULIAN GARCIA, MARCOS URIEL MARTINEZ, +DORA LILIANA GALLEGOS, RAMIREZ, JUAN GERMAN GALLEGOS MARTINEZ ESCARENO, +ROSAURA RAMIREZ, CRISTIAN GERMAN MARTINEZ GALLEGOS, Y ALMAS DEL PURGATORIO.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 01, 5:30 PM: +JOHN O'SHEA, MD, THANKSGIVING FOR ALL TEACHERS, PUBLIC, AND CCD.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 02, 5:30 PM: +SANTOS PINEDO, JR.

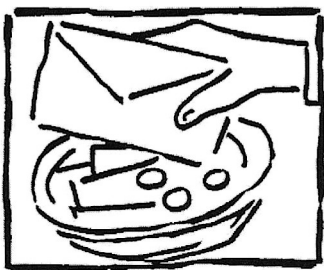
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 9:00AM: THANKSGIVING FOR PARISH MINISTERS.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 4:00PM: +BLANCA HILARIA CASTILLO, +MARK & +RED ANDERSON, +ANTHONY N. MARTINEZ, +GINO MARTINEZ

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 11:00AM: +ABEL GARCIA, +JOSE GUADALUPE PEREZ, HEALTH OF FATHER RUDY

1:00PM: +MARTINIANO FLORES, +ERNESTO NERI, +JOSE EDUARDO ALBA, +ANTONIO ROBLEDO, +ROSAURA RAMIREZ, +JULIAN GARCIA, +ALCADIO RAMIREZ, +OCTAVIO CAMPOS, +ELVIRA MAR, ALMAS DEL PURGATORIO.

Mass Intentions—Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons, for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday. Please call the Church Office at **(830) 995-3708** to offer a Mass Intention or for more information. Deadline is every **Tuesday by 12pm.**



Offering Totals

August 23 & August 24

General Offerings: \$5,804.26

Second Collections : \$ 1,059.00

Online Giving : \$705.00

Children's offerings: \$60.00

Thank you for your support!

¡Gracias por su apoyo!

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Stewards Follow

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."

LUKE 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a Stewardship life-style is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.



ATTENDANCE

Mass

Saturday, August 23

4:00 pm

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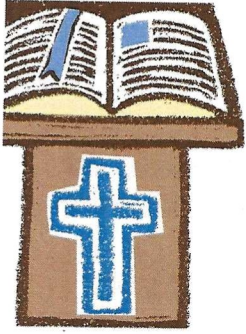
Sunday, August 24

11:00 am

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1:00 p.m.

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The virtue of humility is extolled throughout today's readings. Sirach teaches, "Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God" (Sirach 3:18). The psalmist writes that God makes a home for the poor, orphans, widows, prisoners, and the forsaken. Though not directly mentioning humility, the author of Hebrews alludes to the signs of the old and new covenants, which leave us humbled. Finally, Jesus teaches the Pharisees that God exalts those who humble themselves. May God's word inspire us to embrace humility.

La virtud de la humildad es exaltada a través de las lecturas de hoy. El libro del Eclesiástico (o Sirácide) nos enseña que actuar con humildad nos gana el favor de Dios. El salmista proclama que Dios auxilia a los pobres y huérfanos, a las viudas y a los cautivos, y a los desvalidos. El autor de la carta a los hebreos, aunque no menciona directamente la humildad, alude a los signos de la antigua y la nueva alianza, que nos hacen sentir humildes. Finalmente, Jesús les enseña a los fariseos que Dios exalta a los humildes. Que la palabra de Dios nos inspire humildad.



Please pray for/Rezamos por:

Elodia Garcia
Manuel Lozano
Santos Pinedo
Antonia Rosales
Javier Rosales
Caleb Allen
Ed Melcher
Angelica Arreola
Manuela Garcia
Rogelio Castro

Edith Maskey
Maricela Lozano
Juan Lozano



(If you would like to add a name on the list, please email shc.ofc@outlook.com/ Si usted quiere añadir un nombre, favor de mandar un email at: shc.ofc@outlook.com)

Announcements/Anuncios

There are free booklets in Spanish and English entitled, "The Word Among Us" in the gathering area of the church. Please take as many as you wish.

We are selling raffle tickets at the entrance of the church for our church festival that will be held on Saturday, October 4th on the new church grounds right after the 4 pm mass. Please buy or sell as many as you can. All the money from this raffle will go toward our new Parish Center.

All Pastoral Council members are reminded of their next meeting which will be on Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:15 in the rectory.

Religious Education starts next Sunday. Please be on time for class.

The Anointing of the Sick will be administered after each mass next Sunday.

The office will be closed Monday September 01st in observance of Labor Day.

Hay folletos gratuitos en español e inglés titulados "La Palabra entre Nosotros" en el área de congregación de la iglesia. Por favor, tome tantos como desee.

Estamos vendiendo boletos de rifa en la entrada de la iglesia para nuestro festival parroquial que se llevará a cabo el sábado 4 de octubre en el nuevo terreno de la iglesia justo después de la misa de las 4 pm. Por favor, compren o vendan tantos como puedan. Todo el dinero de esta rifa se destinará a nuestro nuevo Centro Parroquial.

Se recuerda a todos los miembros del Concilio Pastoral sobre su próxima reunión que será el martes 2 de septiembre a las 6:15 en la rectoría.

Las clases de educación religiosa comienzan el próximo domingo. Por favor, lleguen a tiempo a clase.

La Unción de los Enfermos se administrará después de cada misa el próximo domingo.

La oficina estará cerrada el lunes 1 de septiembre en observancia del Día del Trabajo

Parish Fall Festival

Live Auction

We are gathering some exciting items for the Fall Festival Live Auction. Soon there will be flyers to show you just what they are.

There will be an original water color painting of the Old Church by Edith Maskey. Two or three dinner packages are being planned, and again we will have the clay shoot at Joshua Creek Ranch.

An intricate handmade wooden jewelry box and a queen-size quilt, both created by parishioners, will be offered. And an exquisite figurine of wild horses is included.

Stay tuned for more information and mark your calendars to attend the Festival on Saturday, October 4th!

THANK YOU!

Festival de Otoño de la Parroquia Subasta en Vivo

Estamos reuniendo algunos artículos emocionantes para la Subasta en Vivo del Festival de Otoño. Pronto habrá folletos para mostrarte exactamente cuáles son.

Habrà una pintura al óleo original de la Vieja Iglesia por Edith Maskey. Se están planeando dos o tres paquetes de cena, y una vez más tendremos la tirada de arcilla en Joshua Creek Ranch.

Se ofrecerá una intrincada caja de joyería de madera hecha a mano y una colcha tamaño queen, ambas creadas por los feligreses. Además, se incluye una exquisita figura de caballos salvajes.

¡Estén atentos para más información y marquen sus calendarios para asistir al Festival el sábado 4 de octubre!

¡GRACIAS!

Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday:

Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14,
17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday:

Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 16:13-23

Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16
and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

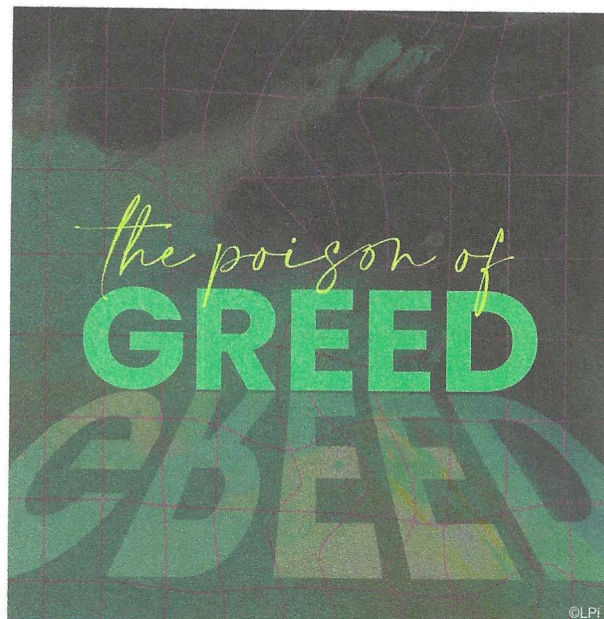
Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47
and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48
or 12:35-40



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, **"Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15).** Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— Father John Muir