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Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	6:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am
First Fridays	6:00 pm
Holy Days	See Bulletin

**Regular Confession Times**

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Wednesday	5:25 - 5:50 pm
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Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters	Mowers Trimmers
Saturday September 27	Emmett T Maxx S	Guy Emhoff	Liana Kilgore	Jenny Luttral	Marilyn Anderson	TBA / Judy Wolf				Steve Case September 25
Sunday September 28	Joseph H Alex H	DJ Breitbach	Tim Haake	Tim Long	Cathy Vogel	David Orson / Judy Wolf	Marijo O'Malley		Chris' Team September 29	
Saturday October 4	Maxx S	Tim Long	Laura Long	Marie Makulilo Maddie L	Shirley Baldwin	TBA / TBA		CJ Team October 3		TBD
Sunday October 5	Patrick O Richard B	Ryan O'Hanlon	Ryan Lindsay	Cathy Vogel	Olivia Carrasco	TBA / TBA	Deacon Morgan		Rita's Team October 6	



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, September 23	9:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Wednesday, September 24	6:00 p.m.	† <b>Patty Wagner</b> by Richard Wagner
Thursday, September 25	9:00 a.m.	† <b>Rev. Richard Sallee</b> by Gary & Katy Crabtree
Saturday, September 26	5:00 p.m.	† <b>John Storms</b> by the Anderson & Kitchells
Sunday, September 27	8:00 a.m.	<b>For the People of St. Bridget</b>

Special Collections

2025

September 21 Church of Latin America

October 5 DREAM Fund Youth Group

October 19 Mission Sunday

Charity Opportunity

Do you desire to help our Lord Jesus Christ by seeing Him in the poor and needy in our area? **Consider donating towards The Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy Council**, our local food pantry and charity organization. This is a 501C3 organization, thus your donation is tax deductible. There is no electronic giving yet, but **you can write checks to "Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy,"** mail your donation to **100 Veterans Parkway, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080**. If you desire to assist (i.e. Meals on Wheels – making and delivering low cost meals, then call 816-987-3952, working at the food pantry, working at the thrift store, etc.) OR have other questions, **please contact the Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy at: (816) 987-3600.**

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St. Bridget Parish	\$1693.87	\$0.00	\$1693.87
Dream Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dream Fund MTD	\$647.75	\$0.00	\$647.75
Youth Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Votive Candle	\$73.00	\$0.00	\$73.00
Special Colleciton -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$647.75

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Email: victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org

Ombudsman: David Noordeeloos

Phone: 816-213-6024

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Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin announcements must be e-mailed one week prior to the weekend of distribution to [secretary@stbridgetph.org](mailto:secretary@stbridgetph.org).

Sacraments

**Baptism** Parent preparation session is required. Please call the parish office prior to the birth.

**First Communion** A sacramental preparation program is required through SOR or an approved other curriculum.

**Confirmation** Program for high school students, according to Diocesan guidelines.

**Marriage** Please call the parish office when engaged. A nine month preparation period is required (diocesan policy).

One party should be a registered, attending parishioner.

**Anointing of the Sick** As requested after Mass and

by appointment.

Devotions and Info

\*\*\***New Parishioners**\*\*\*

**Welcome!** Please register by downloading a registration form from our web site, [stbridgetph.weconnect.com](http://stbridgetph.weconnect.com) or contact the parish office. We are glad you are here and look forward to meeting you! \*\*\*

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Every Thursday After Mass—7:00 p.m.

Fifth Fridays 24 hrs. 5:00pm—Sat. 4:45pm

**First Friday Mass and Devotions**

6:00 p.m.; devotions, adoration, and benediction follow

**Rosary**

Before Mass Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday; First Thursday at

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2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911.
3. If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the **Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon**, at **816.812.2500** or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org).

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.

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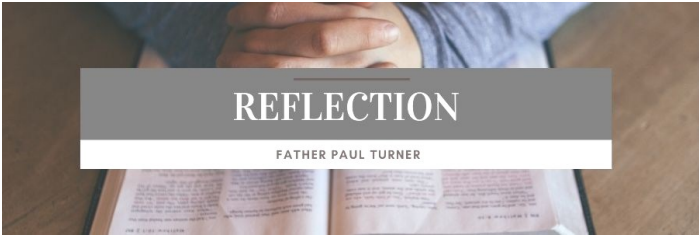
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# REFLECTION

FATHER PAUL TURNER

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7

### Holy Day Burden

To some people, religious holidays are a pain in the neck. Holy days interrupt the flow of business. They keep employees from work. The market’s demand remains the same, but the rhythm of work is interrupted. If you run a business, holy days get in the way.

To some people, religious values are a pain in the neck. If your goal in life is to make money, you do not want to hear about giving to the poor. You cannot keep money if you give it away. You will treat employees fairly only if it helps improve the bottom line. You will use human beings for fun or advancement, but not with respect for their lives and persons.

At the time of Amos the prophet, the corrupt business world treated religion with impatience. “When will the Sabbath be over,” people wondered on that holy day, “that we may display the wheat?” Business leaders took advantage of the poor and cheated customers. They had no use for religion. They had use only for profits.

We fall to the same sin when work takes precedence over prayer, and when profits take precedence over charity. Religion is designed to ease our pain, not to cause pain. It strives to lighten the burden of all, so that all can rejoice together in the love of God.

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# REFLECTION

DIVINE MERCY

## The Enormity of Small Acts of Love

Do you want to do amazing things in this world? Do you sometimes have grandiose ideas and dreams? Sometimes we have more secular dreams of wealth and fame, and sometimes we may have dreams of doing extraordinary things for God and for the Church. But these do not have to be dreams because each and every one of us is called to extraordinary things. The problem is that we often misunderstand what “extraordinary” is all about. So what is it about? It’s especially about doing small things with extraordinary love. Every one of us can do this every day all day. Our lives are filled with opportunities to do “small things.” It may be cooking or cleaning, shuttling kids here or there, caring for the yard, completing tasks at work, or daily casual conversation with others. Every one of these tasks offers us an opportunity to love with extraordinary love. And if you do every small act with great love, then your love will be great and God will do extraordinary things through your life, bestowing His Mercy on many (See Diary #1310).

Think about the small things you have to do today. How can you do these simple tasks with exceptional love? Many things we do are done with distaste or indifference. We can fail to see value in the small monotonous activities of our day. This is a mistake. Look for ways to do everything as an act of love and as an offering to God. Be devout and intentional in each opportunity you have and your dreams of greatness will become a reality on account of the Mercy of God shining through your life.

*Lord, I give to You, this day, every small act I perform. Help me to find value and meaning in even the smallest service. I pray that my love for You will increase in countless small ways so that I may be a holy instrument of Your abundant Mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.*

(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercy.life/2025/09/16/reflection-260-the-enormity-of-small-acts-of-love/>)



SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Like Father’s Day, let Priesthood Sunday be the one day a year when we make it a point to make priests feel truly appreciated and special. Priesthood Sunday is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International—Vocations Committee. Ideas helpful in honoring the priests in your life:

- Pray for them, and all the priests serving in the diocese and elsewhere.
- Pray for the vocation programs for the diocese.
- Personally thank your priest(s) on Priesthood Sunday.
- Send a thank you note or letter to your priest.
- Invite children in SOR to draw notes of appreciation.
- Invite your priest for dinner with your family or friends.
- Send a card or letter to a priest(s) who served St. Bridget in the past.
- Send a card to Bishop Johnston.

### Addresses:

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# CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Monday, September 22

## Tuesday, September 23

**No Mass—Due to Funeral at St. Patrick**  
**5:30 p.m. Vocations Ministry - Meeting**

## Wednesday, September 24

5:25 p.m. Confessions  
6:00 p.m. Mass  
**6:30 p.m. Women of Faith**  
**6:30 p.m. Men’s Group**  
**6:40 p.m. SOR**  
**6:40 p.m. OCIA Class**

## Thursday, September 25

8:25 a.m. Confessions  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration Begins  
6:15 p.m. Confessions  
6:50 p.m. Benediction

## Friday, September 26

8:00 a.m. Bible Study

## Saturday, September 27

### Priesthood Sunday Weekend

4:30 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Mass

## Sunday, September 28

### Priesthood Sunday Weekend

7:30 a.m. Confessions  
7:30 a.m. Rosary  
8:00 a.m. Mass



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October 2025

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## COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER 2025



*If you love me, you will  
keep my commandments.*

John 14:15

WEEK 3

### The 1st Commandment

***"I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me."***

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# Hope that Anchors Us

*Facing the end of life, whether for ourselves or someone we love, can stir fear, sadness and deep questions about what lies ahead. Yet, in these moments, we are called to cling to a hope far greater than anything this world offers. Christian hope is not just a wish for things to improve; it is a certainty, rooted in a person who will never fail us. Our hope rests in the One who guarantees it—Jesus Christ, who holds our future in His hands.*

*So how do we truly live out this hope, especially when suffering weighs heavy?*

*Let us use the letters of the word “hope” to reflect more deeply on the assurance Jesus has given us.*

## Holding Fast to Christ

Our hope is not in vague ideas but in Jesus Christ: God who took on flesh, loved us to the end, and conquered death. When life’s final chapter feels uncertain, He remains our sure and steadfast anchor. We are held by a God who keeps His promises. “The mystery of the Redemption of the human person is in an astonishing way rooted in the loving involvement of God with human suffering. That is why we can entrust ourselves to God and to convey this certainty in faith to the person who is suffering and fearful of pain and death.”<sup>1</sup>

## Overcoming Death

Through His resurrection, Jesus Christ, overcame death and gave us the hope of joining Him in eternal life. Eternal life is a relationship with our Lord who does not die, who is Life and Love itself. “Death is a decisive moment in the human person’s encounter with God the Savior.”<sup>2</sup> Thanks to the grace of Christ, death is not the end of life but a promise of communion with God. This is the glorious future awaiting us, and the great hope that steadies us even now when we are suffering.

## Persevering in Solidarity

The Gospel is not just information; it transforms. It changes our life and enables us to act. Since we know who holds our tomorrow, we can face today’s fears with courage. This hope reshapes how we face suffering. It means living our final days not in despair, but with joy, offering our pain as prayer and witness.

This hope is not just for us; it is a light we pass to others. In hospice rooms, family conversations, and quiet acts of care for others, we become living reminders that no life is beyond God’s reach. “The scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do there remains much to do, because ‘remaining’ by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains.”<sup>3</sup> Together, we can build communities anchored in solidarity that no illness or grief can destroy. We believe that every human

life, to the very last breath, has inestimable value and demands our protection and care.

## Embracing Suffering

Jesus did not just observe human suffering—He entered into it. Our God chose to become like us! Love Himself chose to suffer with us, and that changes everything. Even when we feel alone, He is there, whispering, “I am with you.” Our suffering becomes meaningful when united to Christ’s suffering on the Cross. When we unite our pain with His, it becomes a share in God’s redeeming work, a mystery where our deepest wounds become vessels of grace. This is the scandal of our faith: a God who did not spare Himself so that we would know we are never abandoned.



Isaiah the prophet tells us, “They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength” (Is. 40:31). In life’s hardest moments, let us fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus Christ. He walks this path with us, redeems our struggles, and promises a dawn where every tear is wiped away. May His hope light our way, guiding us and our loved ones to our heavenly home with Him.

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<sup>1</sup> *Samaritanus bonus*, Conclusion.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, V, 10.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, II.

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