



Tweaked by God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

While the Scripture readings this week remind us we are responsible for one another, do any of us really want someone serving as our conscience, telling us what to do? A national insurance company once aired a TV ad in which “Cynthia” takes it upon herself to make sure everyone was abiding by the established regulations of the subdivision. She checks to make sure everyone is breaking down cardboard, cuts down hanging flower baskets that are contrary to regulations, and takes a chainsaw to mailboxes that are even two inches too high.

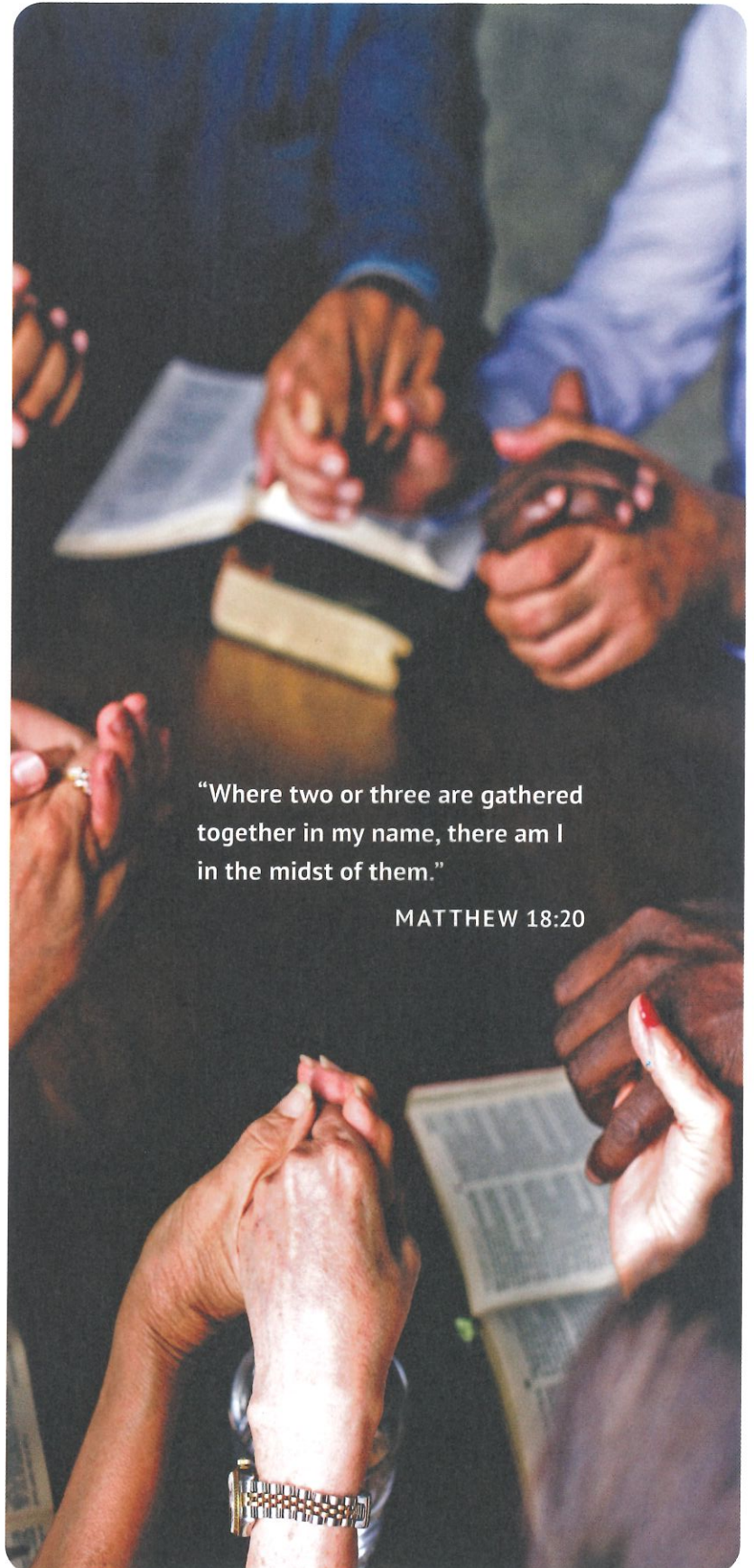
None of us want a “Cynthia” for a neighbor. It may be that it takes a community to raise a child, but once we have become adults—well, thanks but no thanks. So what do we do with these readings?

The Gospel adds the ingredient of community to the “cake batter.” Praying with a faith community can help correct our personal opinion, remind us what we might be blind to, and broaden our vision by affirming that we are a part of a larger world, all from the perspective of faith.

A faith community that reflects “Cynthia” thinking is a church that seeks to control. It motivates by fear, discourages prayerful reflection, and expects everyone to march in unison. A healthy faith community is a church that respects everyone as serious individuals of faith, encourages study and dialogue to seek out truth, and recognizes that growth in faith occurs in different ways. Prayerful, respectful communities of faith are how God tweaks our lives. ●

Reflect

What role does the faith community play in your religious practice and your spirituality?



“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

MATTHEW 18:20

Catholic Communities



Our Lady of Mercy

409 E. Main St.
Fayette, OH 43521

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ron Eisel
Pat Eisel
Ray Hollstein
Mike Burkholder
Traci Maginn
Barbara Roby

Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information.



Parish Pastor
Rev. William Pifher
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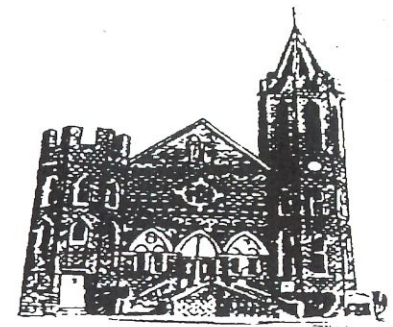
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St. Peter

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MASS SCHEDULE

1st Saturday of month 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.

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Stephen Bernath

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

- **Baptism:** Please call Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.
- **Reconciliation:** Father will be available for confessions **starting 30 minutes before Mass each week.**
- **New Parishioners:** A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Those who can participate: Anyone who is seriously sick or suffering a grave illness (not a cold, or flu) which is treated or medicated for by a doctor. Also for those of old age which often brings morale or depression factors (body, mind, or spirit). Please make arrangements with Father or call the parish office.
- **Matrimony:** Please contact the Parish Office *six months* ahead of your planned wedding date, for Marriage Preparation and scheduling.
- **RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a series of classes designed to bring new members into the Catholic church. Weekly sessions begin in September. People who have not been baptized, who have not been practicing or who have been raised in another faith are all welcome to register. Parishioners are encouraged to invite interested family members and friends. There is no obligation to join the church. This is simply an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. Contact Fr. William Pifher at 419-446-9288.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please note that the bulletin deadline is Tuesday, Noon. Please either call, email at ourladyofmercyfayette@gmail.com or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

23rd Sunday – Ordinary Time

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAY'S AT 8 A.M.

OUR LADY OF MERCY FEAST DAY & FESTIVAL

Our Lady of Mercy will be celebrating our Feast Day and Festival on September 24, 2023. Come and enjoy a day of fun & food. Starting the day is a very Special Celebration of Holy Mass followed by a light breakfast, silent auction, special activities and ending with an Our Lady of Mercy Festival dinner.

Letters, contribution cards and Chaplet of Divine Mercy pamphlet have been mailed. If you have not received yours there are extra on the back table.

PREPARATION FOR OUR LADY OF MERCY FEAST DAY

Our Lady of Mercy will be open starting September 15, 2023 (Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows) through September 23, 2023 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. for your spiritual needs, during the Novena leading up to our celebration of Our Lady of Mercy's Feast Day.

September 21, 2023 there will be Adoration with Divine Mercy Devotions starting at 7 p.m.

SILENT AUCTION – FESTIVAL BASKETS

Anyone wishing to donate a basket for the Festival's Silent Auction, please see or call Pat Eisel, 419-630-6534.

PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS

There will be a Pastoral & Finance Council meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2023. Finance will begin at 5:30 p.m. and Pastoral will begin at 6:00 p.m.** (time change)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MASS

Religious Education will begin on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. with a Mass at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Barb Bruggeman, Marge Crowell, Shelly Gruman, Joanna Marry, Sherry Renner and Anita Van Zile for help in spreading the Good News at the Fulton Co. Fair Catholic booth.

Do Something Beautiful for God – The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

Sept. 10 – You are the future of family life. You are the future of the joy of loving. You are the future of making your life something beautiful for God...That you love a girl or that you love a boy is beautiful, but don't spoil it, don't destroy it. Ask God to guide you in your love.

Sept. 11 – I heard the Pope John Paul II speak about peace, and one thing he said was this: "No to violence and yes to peace." What is violence? In the first place, we think of weapons, knives, killings. We never think of connecting violence with our tongues. But the first weapon, the cruelest weapon, is the tongue. Examine what part your tongue has played in creating peace or violence. We can really wound a person, we can kill a person, with our tongue.

Sept. 12 – Prayer is not about asking for things. Prayer is about putting yourself in the hands of God. Make yourself available to Him and learn to listen to His voice in the depths of your heart.

Sept. 13 – There is a light in this world, a healing spirit more powerful than any darkness we may encounter. We sometimes lose sight of this force when there is suffering. The pain we witness can be overwhelming. Then suddenly, the Spirit will emerge through the lives of ordinary people who hear a call and answer with extraordinary love.

Sept. 14 – If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous of you: Be happy anyway.

Sept. 15 – You can pray while you work. Work doesn't stop prayer and prayer doesn't stop work. It requires only that small raising of the mind to Him: I love you God, I trust you, I believe in you, I need you now. Small things like that. These are wonderful ways to pray and wonderful prayers.

Sept. 16 – We are all called to live contemplative lives. Contemplation is not to be shut up in a dark place, but to allow Jesus to live His passion, Love and humility in us, praying with us, being with us, sanctifying us and others through us.

Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email Anita Van Zile at vanzilejn@hotmail.com or call Pat Eisel at 419-737-2163.

Privacy Issues for Parish Office: IMMEDIATE FAMILY – must contact the parish office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Please submit with the exact verbiage requested. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals.

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.

FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---May 6 – Oct. 28 – Farmer's Market @ Fayette Opera House Parking Lot – Saturday's 9 am – 1 pm

---Sept. 12 - LifeWise kickoff meeting – 7 p.m. Fayette Methodist Family Life Center

---Sept. 20 – Community meal – Fayette Methodist Life Center – 5 – 6 p.m.

If you know of any Fayette Community events, please either call or visit the office or email to OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com

PROTECT

Women.

PROTECT

Children.

PROTECT

Families.

An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of pre-born babies up to 9 months.



Join us in praying a 54-Day Rosary Novena beginning Friday, Sept. 15, for the defeat of this amendment.

Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers here, or at pray54ohio.org.



To continue our efforts to defeat the proposed abortion amendment, Issue 1, we are asking Catholics across Ohio to unite in a 54-Day Rosary Novena, starting on Sept. 15, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, through election day, November 7.

Catholics across Ohio are praying a 54-Day Rosary Novena for the defeat of Issue 1. This week the Joyful Mysteries will be prayed each day.



Join us in prayer for the defeat of Issue 1.

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Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



Good News for all Parents

Have you heard the good news? In July, Ohio joined several other states across the country that have adopted a universal parental choice scholarship program. This new law allows for every Ohio family to be eligible for a scholarship for each child, which may be used at any private school of their choosing. Students in kindergarten through senior year of high school are eligible for a full or partial scholarship based on the family's household income. This is indeed good news for parents whose vocation includes choosing the best possible means of educating their children. Now parents who choose to send their children to private schools will justly, by means of the state's financial support, be on comparable footing with parents who choose other options for the education of their children.

For example, a family of four that makes \$135,000 or less annually is eligible for a scholarship of \$6,165 for students in grades K-8 and \$8,407 for students in grades 9-12. The scholarship award amounts decrease as a family's income increases; however, all families who apply receive a scholarship.

From a Catholic perspective, this good news allows for the Good News to be proclaimed more widely! It is a momentous occasion to celebrate the recognition of parental rights and a new opportunity to help form thousands of young people through the gift of Catholic education! The Church has long taught that parents have the

primary and inalienable right to educate their children in concert with their moral convictions and religious beliefs. As a result of this principle, the Church has advocated for systems of educational pluralism to ensure parents have choices as opposed to an educational monopoly with few or no options. Today in Ohio, parents have more educational options than ever.

Catholic schools are at the heart of the Church and are now a much more viable and affordable option for many families. The then Congregation for Catholic Education, in a 1997 document, taught that "the Catholic school participates in the evangelizing mission of the Church and is the privileged environment in which Christian education is carried out."¹ Another way to consider this metaphor is that Catholic schools are the main muscle through which new life circulates throughout the body, the Church. Until this summer, the financial weight of a Catholic education was a cost-prohibitive endeavor for many families. With the universal parental choice scholarship program, it becomes all the more possible for parents to consider sending their children to a Catholic school.

As parents evaluate what is best for their children, it is my sincere hope and prayer that our Catholic schools will stand out as good partners for all parents. If you are or know a new parent who has a younger child just beginning their formal education, I encourage you to reach out to your

parish or local Catholic school to learn about the education offered in the preschool or primary grades. If you are or know a homeschool parent, I encourage you to reach out to your parish or local Catholic school to learn about what options, programs, and courses may most benefit your child. If you are or know a parent who has never considered a Catholic school as an option, I encourage you to engage with your parish or local Catholic school to understand how this partnership may work. Or if you are or know a current Catholic school parent, I encourage you to take advantage of and tell your family members, friends, co-workers, colleagues, and neighbors about this new opportunity for all. As a product of Catholic schools myself, I can assure you that Catholic education provides what secular options cannot, a faith based education which strives to form the whole person in body, mind, and spirit. I am forever grateful for the Catholic education I was so blessed to receive.



The philosophy of Catholic education is what allows our schools to perform extraordinarily well as compared with other educational options. While college and career readiness are good and noble endeavors, necessary for a productive society, Catholic schools are inspired by a supernatural vision which goes beyond by preparing good citizens for the world and good citizens for heaven, the next generation of saints! Catholic schools create strong, familial communities that recognize each student as made in the image of God. They build character and instill in each student the desire to live a life of

virtue. They witness to those first and fundamental commandments: to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength; and to love your neighbor as yourself. They exist to make Jesus Christ known, loved, and served, by teaching truth, beauty, and goodness across all disciplines. This unwavering commitment to the Truth in Catholic schools is becoming all the more valuable and necessary as we witness around us the collapse of our culture.

Our parishes and local Catholic schools have worked this summer to assist families with applying for the parental choice scholarship. The application is just one page and only takes a few minutes

to complete. Our administrators and staff stand ready to facilitate the admissions process and answer your questions. Most of all I ask you to spread the good news far and wide that our Catholic schools stand ready to encourage current families to take advantage of this new opportunity, to welcome new families to our schools, so that the Good News may continue to be announced, proclaimed and lived here in our nineteen counties! How powerful are the words which appear on signs that grace the entrances of many of our Catholic schools: "Let it be known to all who enter here that Jesus Christ is the reason for this school, the unseen but ever-present teacher in all its classes, the model of its faculty, and the inspiration for its students." Good news indeed!

+ Daniel E. Thomas

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
August 31, 2023

¹Congregation for Catholic Education. (1997). *The Catholic School on the Threshold on the Third Millennium*. The Holy See. Paragraph 11. vatican.va

Saints of the Day (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of September 10– September 16

Sunday, Sept. 10–St. Ambrose Edward Barlow - St. Ambrose Edward Barlow (1585-1641) was born near Manchester, England, to a noble family. He was baptized Catholic at his birth, but was raised Protestant when Catholicism was outlawed by the reigning monarchy. His grandfather died while imprisoned for his Catholic faith, and his father had two-thirds of his estate confiscated for refusal to conform to the Church of England. Ambrose returned to Catholicism as an adult, recognized his vocation to the priesthood, and traveled to France to enter seminary. He was ordained in 1617 in the Order of St. Benedict. He returned to England to minister to underground Catholics in his native south Lancashire for 24 years, being financially supported with a pension arranged by his grandmother. Ambrose said Mass daily and administered the sacraments secretly to avoid detection by the authorities. He was arrested four times during his priesthood, each time being released without charge. When the king issued a decree that all Catholic priests should immediately flee the country or be arrested and condemned as traitors, St. Ambrose chose to stay, reasoning that he could not die a better death than to be martyred for being a Catholic priest. On April 25, 1631, just as he ended Easter Sunday Mass at Morley Hall near Manchester, he was arrested by a 400-strong armed mob led by the local Anglican vicar. He freely admitted to the charge of being a Catholic priest, and gave a defense of the true faith before his judge. He was sentenced to be hanged, drawn, quartered, and boiled in oil on September 10, 1641. His dead body was publicly displayed on a pike as a warning to other Catholic priests. St. Ambrose Edward Barlow is one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. His feast day is September 10th.

Monday, Sept. 11 –St. Jean-Gabriel Perboyre - St. Jean-Gabriel Perboyre (1802-1840) was one of eight children born to a farming family in France. He was a pious child and served as a model of virtue for his childhood companions. He discerned a call to the priesthood and joined the Vincentians along with a younger brother, with the full support of his parents. He served as a seminary professor for many years, and his sanctity impressed even his superiors. He longed to serve in the missions to China, but his poor health prevented him and his brother was sent instead. He prayed and begged to also be sent to preach in China and to suffer martyrdom there. After his brother died on the voyage to China, Jean-Gabriel was allowed to take his place in the mission. He arrived in China in 1835 and his labors there were met with great success. In 1839 persecutions broke out against the Christian missionaries, and Jean-Gabriel was one of the first to be arrested. The events leading to his death bear a striking resemblance to the Passion and Death of Christ. He was betrayed to the authorities by one of his new converts for thirty pieces of silver, stripped of his garments and clothed with rags, bound, and dragged from tribunal to tribunal. At each trial, he was brutally treated and tortured. He was finally condemned to death along with seven other criminals on September 11, 1840. He was martyred by being strangled to death as he hung on a cross. His feast day is September 11th.

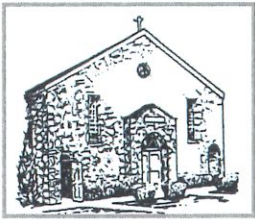
Tuesday, Sept. 12– St. Guy of Anderlecht - St. Guy (950–1012), also known as the "Poor Man of Anderlecht," was born to pious parents of humble means in the country village of Anderlecht near Brussels. Having no money for school, from his childhood he served the poor and fostered a great devotion to the Church while praying for the grace to love and accept his poverty. He was regarded as a young saint by those who knew him. One day a priest, who noticed his great reverence while praying in church, invited him to serve it for a small sum by sweeping the floors and keeping the altar and sacred vessels clean. During the day St. Guy would help the poor, and at night he would work and pray in the church; these were his two great loves. He served in this way joyfully and faithfully. One day a shipping merchant from Brussels, prompted by a devil who wanted to take St. Guy away from his holy work as a sacristan, presented him with a lucrative opportunity to invest his small savings into a business venture. Guy, not recognizing the temptation, accepted the job offer under the pretense of making more money to give to the poor, and he left his position as sacristan. When his first cargo ship sunk as it left the harbor, Guy realized his error and the deception he had succumbed to in giving up his happy and humble work serving Christ. He went back to the church and found that the sacristan position had been replaced. Left without a job and no money, Guy was so filled with remorse over his foolish decision that he went on a penitential pilgrimage. He visited Rome, the Holy Land, and other shrines over a period of seven years. He returned to Anderlecht in 1012 and died in the same year. Miracles were reported at his grave, after which a church was built in his honor. His feast day is September 12th.

Wednesday, Sept. 13– St. John Chrysostom - St. John Chrysostom (347-407 A.D.) was born to noble parents in Antioch, an important center of Christianity in his day. After the death of his father, his mother sent him to the best schools for his education. As a result of his philosophical studies he was convinced of the truth of Christianity, entered the Church, and became a renowned scholar and orator. He then adopted a life of extreme asceticism as a hermit and committed the whole of Sacred Scripture to memory. The brilliance of his mind combined with the holiness of his soul made him famous; he was ordained a bishop in Antioch and was later appointed to the Archbishopric of Constantinople. He was an incredible preacher, among the greatest in the history of the Church, which earned him the name 'Chrysostom' meaning, 'Golden-mouthed' or 'Golden tongued'. His sermons, which extended for up to two hours, were public marvels. His straightforward style of preaching the Scriptures and his practical homilies made him very popular. He also denounced the abuses of the ruling authority and preached against the immorality of the day, which resulted in him being exiled numerous times. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 451. St. John Chrysostom's feast day is September 13th.

Thursday, Sept. 14 - St. Albert of Jerusalem - St. Albert of Jerusalem (d. 1215) was born to a noble family in Italy, and was well educated in theology and law. He went on to become a priest and bishop and served in important posts as a peacemaker; he served as a mediator between Pope Clement III and the Holy Roman Emperor, between the Kingdom of Jerusalem and the Kingdom of Cyprus, and between the Knights Templar and the Armenian Kingdom of Cilicia. In 1205 he was made Patriarch of Jerusalem by Pope Innocent III during the time when the Saracens had control of the city. In this position he was respected by all for his sanctity and intelligence. Because of the Muslim presence in Jerusalem, Albert took up residence in Acre overlooking the great city, as well as Mt. Carmel where a group of holy hermits lived. Albert was asked by St. Brocard, who was prior of the group of hermits, to draw up a rule of life for them which became the beginning of the Carmelite Order. In 1214 Albert was summoned to serve in the General Lateran Council, but was murdered before he could attend. The Master of the Hospital of the Holy Spirit, whom he had rebuked and deposed for immorality, stabbed him to death on September 14th in the Church of Saint John of Acre, while he was part of the procession on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. His feast day is September 14th.

Friday, Sept. 15– St. Catherine of Genoa - St. Catherine (1447–1510) was born into an aristocratic family in Genoa, Italy. She was a quiet, obedient, physically beautiful, and holy child who devoted herself to prayer and penance. At the age of 13 she made an attempt to enter a convent, but was rejected. At the age of 16 she consented to a marriage arranged by her family for political and financial gain. Her husband was faithless and violent, and their marriage was miserable. Catherine did not bear any children, and for the first five years lived as a hermit in her fine home. After this time, upon her family's rebuke of her solitude, she began to engage in the kind of social activity expected for her state in life. This only increased her weariness and depression, and led to the loss of her religious fervor. Catherine prayed earnestly for assistance in her trouble. Taking the advice of her sister, who was a nun, Catherine went to confession, and through the sacrament had a profound mystical experience in which she clearly saw the depth of her sinfulness contrasted with the depth of God's love. From that point on she renewed her commitment to rigorous prayer, penance, and works of mercy, and God continued to favor her with mystical visions. Catherine later won the conversion of her husband, and they were received into the Third Order of St. Francis. Together they cared for the poor and sick in the Genoa hospital, over which Catherine became administrator. St. Catherine's mystical visions were recorded by her confessor toward the end of her life, the most famous being her Treatise of Purgatory. Her feast day is celebrated on September 15th.

Saturday, Sept. 16– Pope St. Cornelius - Pope St. Cornelius (d. 253 A.D.) was a Roman citizen and a holy priest who became the twenty-first successor to the chair of St. Peter, following a fourteen-month vacancy when Pope St. Fabian was martyred by Roman Emperor Decius. When the Emperor temporarily left Rome, the persecution against the Christians subsided long enough for the Church to elect St. Cornelius as the new Roman Pontiff. During Pope St. Cornelius' two year reign a great controversy arose as to what to do with Catholics who apostatized from the Christian faith under threat of death during the persecution. Many were being received back to the sacraments without any penance. In response to the scandal, some maintained that apostates could not be forgiven and could only be admitted back to the sacraments if they were re-baptized. Chief among them was a priest named Novatian, who, as a result of the scandal, caused a schism when he had himself consecrated as an anti-pope. In response, Pope St. Cornelius convened a synod of bishops to confirm his rightful authority as Pope. Novatian was excommunicated and his doctrine was condemned as heresy. Pope St. Cornelius proclaimed that the Church had the power and authority to forgive repentant apostasy, and that converted apostates could be readmitted to the sacraments after true contrition with adequate penance. Soon a new wave of persecution against the Christians broke out, and Pope St. Cornelius was driven into exile and martyred. His feast day is celebrated on September 16th.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish



SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Sun. Sept. 10	8:30 a.m.	OLM	Marcel Bonin
	10:30 am	SP	For the People
Tues. Sept. 12	7 p.m.	SP	Pat & Juanita Arend
Wed. Sept. 13	9:00a.m..	SP	For the People
Thurs. Sept. 14	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. Sept. 15	9:00a.m.	SP	Mary Grime
Sat. Sept.. 16	8:30a.m.	SP	NO MASS
	4:30p.m.	SP	Deceased members of French & Florence Dominique Family
Sun. Sept. 17	8:30a.m.	OLM	Mike Dwyer
	10:30a.m	SP	For the People

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---Sept. 13 – Religious Ed., Arrive at 6:45 p.m., Mass at 7 p.m.
 ---Sept. 15 – 23 – Church open 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Novena needs
 ---Sept. 21 – Finance Council 5:30 p.m. Pastoral Council - 6:00 p.m.** (time change)
 ---Sept. 21 – Adoration with Divine Mercy Devotions – 7 p.m.
 ---Sept. 24 – Our Lady of Mercy Feast Day & Festival starting with 8:30 a.m. Mass

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for September 3, 2023

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (11 envelopes) \$ 1,001.00
 LOOSE OFFERINGS \$ 63.00

BUDGET \$ 1,747.00
 Over/(Under) (\$ 683.00)

OTHER COLLECTIONS

Maintenance \$ 420.00
 St. Vincent de Paul \$ 5.00
 CPC jar \$ 51.00
 Altar Rosary Dues \$ 10.00
TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 1,550.00

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

September 17, 2023

Reader	Anita Van Zile
Servers	Micah & Will Maginn
Greeters/ Gifts	Mike Maginn Family
Ushers	Dennis & Denise Miller
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Dennis & Denise Miller Jerry Van Zile

Word(s) of the week (from Merriam-Webster online dictionary)

LOVE - unselfish loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another

Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. **Romans 13:10**

Dear Padre,

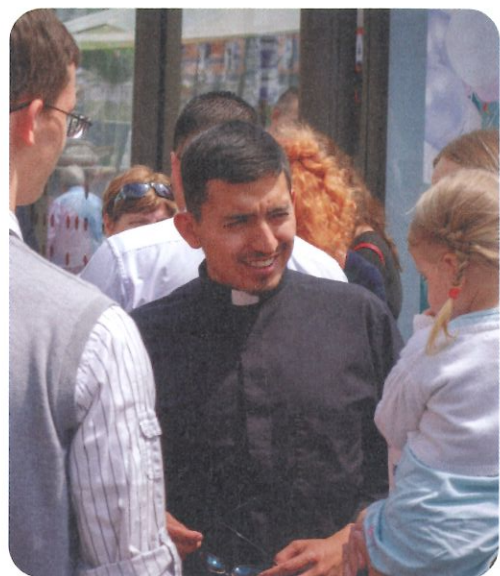
Recently our new pastor relocated the rectory away from the church and parish office. Why is this becoming more common?

“The laborer deserves his payment” from Luke 10:7 has been traditionally interpreted to suggest that ministers for the Lord engaged in pastoral service are provided with certain basic necessities, such as a place to call home. Some priests are now choosing a distinct location in which to live that is apart from where their ministry is primarily conducted. A reason for this move is often attributed to rectories that have no clear boundaries between the private living space and the parish office.

While clergy in apostolic ministry are not necessarily seeking a cloistered existence, they do deserve the fundamental privacies enjoyed by everyone else. Sometimes this courtesy is not respected by those who have an unhealthy curiosity about the lives of their parish priests or by those who are preoccupied with being “in the know” (and sharing what they know with the rest of the congregation).

Dedicated priests can be accessible and available at various hours during the day or night without having to live in a fishbowl. Sometimes this may warrant a new rectory location or facility, especially if the pastor in stocking feet on his day off can't pour his morning coffee without stumbling into a DRE staff meeting! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The great gossip is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church to distance brothers and sisters and not create community. Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Gossip is a plague more awful than Covid!

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



MONDAY

September 11
Weekday

Col 1:24–2:3

Lk 6:6–11

TUESDAY

September 12
Weekday

Col 2:6–15

Lk 6:12–19

WEDNESDAY

September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Col 3:1–11

Lk 6:20–26

THURSDAY

September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

FRIDAY

September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14

Jn 19:25–27

or Lk 2:33–35

SATURDAY

September 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 1:15–17

Lk 6:43–49

SUNDAY

September 17

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30–28:7

Rom 14:7–9

Mt 18:21–35

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