

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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**Humbly regard others as
more important than yourselves,
each looking out not for his own interests,
but also for those of others.**

Philippians 2:3-4

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The prophet Ezekiel scolds God's chosen people for demanding more than they deserve. Acting like spoiled children, the Israelites complain when their wicked actions lead logically to negative consequences. Nature has built-in punishments for bad behavior: laziness leads to unpreparedness; overwork leads to exhaustion; overindulgence leads to poor health; violence leads to injury. The natural world brims with corrective countermeasures to our poor choices. Why is it, Ezekiel wonders, that we become upset when sin leads to predictable and natural punishments?

SUPERNATURE

Animals never object to punishment, only humans. A wounded gerbil wouldn't shake her fist at the skies and ask, "Why me?" But as Ezekiel knows, human beings complain constantly. Humans are supposed to be more logical than animals, yet we irrationally protest natural consequences that we do not like, such as pain or death. Mysteriously, our bitterness against nature is rooted in our unique capacity for greatness. Unlike every other creature in the universe, we humans are

made in the image and likeness of God. We may live in the natural world, but God calls us every minute to supernatural glory. Though we are mortal, God's mercy has destined us for immortality. Our hearts long for perfect bliss unlike anything we will ever know on earth. No wonder we demand so much from God! Preserved for glory as we are, we experience pain when earthly life falls short of our divine expectations. Jesus shows us the antidote for that pain—service. Though we share in the kingship of Christ, we must demonstrate our royalty as Jesus does, by serving others. As Saint Paul tells us, Jesus is God, yet takes the form of a slave—our slave. The Gospel encourages us to imitate Jesus in this way. We may object to being a servant at first, and even grumble about it. But God's strength can help us overcome natural objections and enter gracefully into our supernatural role, heirs to the kingdom of God.

Today's Readings: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

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Tues. - Fri. 8:00AM

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Welcome Visitors!

We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Jo Hoffman. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Jim Hayes. Jess Corrigan. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Randy Epp. Shay Mikalonis. Dwight Nunley. Wanda & George Duke. John Ott. Fleming Family. Carolyn Shannon. Doris Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Patricia Guy. Jacob Stephens. Randy Burris. Frankie Durst. Dana Moffatt. Emly Walker. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

New active recruit, Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading: Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel: Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:1-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Don't forget: Saturday, Oct. 3th is the First Saturday of the month. Mass begins at 8:00am, followed with the Patriotic Rosary. Please join us!

Wouldn't you like to pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament? Fr. Mike is encouraging Holy Spirit parishioners to pray the Rosary before the Sat., Vigil and Sun., Masses. Join us at 4:30pm on Sat., and 8:30am on Sun., in the sacred space to achieve maximum effect. The promised graces are guaranteed!

Please join the Rosary Group every Friday for 8:00am Mass. We would love it if you would like for us to teach you how to make rosaries. This is a way to meet and get to know some of Holy Spirit's sweetest and funniest women. We do wear masks & social distancing. Call Jean Kelley 903-857-9868 for info.

Mass—Intentions

Sat 9/26 Rita Joyce Aucoin+ (Carolyn Bonicard)

Sun 9/27 Frank Duff+ (Legion of Mary)

Tue 9/29 Chuck Snodgrass+ (M/M Jeff Ellis)

Wed 9/30 Edel Quinn+ (Legion of Mary)

Thurs 10/01 Ellis Family (M/M Charlie Clymer)

Fri. 10/02 Alfonsos Lambert+ (Legion of Mary)

Sat. 10/03 Deacon Len+ & Eloise Sanchez (Bridget Rich)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts through August 31, 2020:

Expenditures (excluding parking lot repairs) \$ 3,633

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,698

Attendance 9/19 Sat. 43 & 9/20 Sun. 34

POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:

The Laity's Mission in the Church. That by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Morally Coherent Catholic Citizenship

by Bishop Joseph Strickland Sep 5, 2020

As your bishop, I plan to offer a series of brief articles that I pray will be helpful to all of us as we approach the 2020 national, state, and local elections in November. Let me be clear, I have no intention of publicly endorsing any specific party or any candidate.

Rather, I intend to focus on the foundational teachings and principles of our Catholic faith and the importance of moral coherence in our personal exercise of faithful citizenship. That will entail a special emphasis on Authentic Catholic Social Teaching. It is a real tragedy that even the principles of Catholic Social Teaching are often being corrupted and coopted by some whose attitudes and approaches are not Catholic or Christian at all. Catholics, in their exercise of their citizenship, too often succumb to what the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council warned of in the "Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World" ("*Gaudium et Spes*"). They wrote: "This split between the faith which many profess, and their daily lives deserves to be counted among the more serious errors of our age" (Par. 43) In short, faith and Life must come together for Catholics. The full Deposit of Faith must be guarded – and it must inform every area of our life, including our social and civic participation. That includes our voting. This overriding insight was elaborated upon in 2002 by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in its excellent teaching on the Participations of Catholics in Political Life: "The social doctrine of the Church is not an intrusion into the government of individual countries. It is a question of the lay Catholic's duty to be morally coherent, found within one's conscience, which is one and indivisible. There cannot be two parallel lives in their existence: on the one hand, the so-called 'spiritual life', with its values and demands; and on the other, the so-called 'secular' life, that is, life in a family, at work, in social responsibilities, in the responsibilities of public life and in culture. The branch, engrafted to the vine, which is Christ, bears its fruit in every sphere of existence and activity."

Dispensation: The entire diocese of Tyler remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice.

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An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Food donations: Blessings to all of our givers! We could use cans of soups; jams and jellies. Plastic container is located in the **parish hall** for now. We have been feeding 70—90 people per week. Please call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net if you know someone that needs help or if you have questions for Bob.

CONFESSION Tues., Sept. 29th & Wed., Sept. 30th only from 9:00—10:00AM. If you have an emergency and need Fr. Mike call him on his cell # 903-490-3883.

WINNERS OF THE \$2,000.00 DRAWING

Each winner won a \$ 500.00 visa gift card

Congratulations!

Sareh Taheni: Lives in Dallas. Good friend of the Laudt family.

Patricia Pinchard: Works at the Holy Lake BTH Bank.

Kim Mooney: Works at Tammy's Touch of Glass.

Joyce McConnell: Lives on the ranch and plays golf.

Our financial report will be in the bulletin next week.

Fundraising Committee

The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer the Catholic faithful **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**, our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. We hope that this website will help form your consciences before voting.

usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship

Temporary Weekend Mass held in parish hall: Sat., Sept. 26th at 5:00pm and Sun., Sept. 27th at 9:00am.

Protocols for weekend Masses:

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Limited seating maximum 81 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Wear a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed.
4. **Chairs** set-up 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS.**
5. **Enter & exist double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang.**

Life Chain is scheduled for **Sun., Nov., 8th** early afternoon in front of church and along 2869. Hopefully, this year we will have more than enough people to extend our chain from Hwy 49 to Hwy 14. Also, Baby Shower weekend!!!

Watch the bulletin for more information in the near future

Cenacle of Life: Fr. Mike gave us his permission to resume the Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

Fr. Mike is offering a **men's bible study** and a **women's bible study.** If interested please call/text Fr. Mike on his cell 903-490-3883. Leave your name and contact number.

Coming soon, "The Way of Christ" and going deeper (mystagogy) virtual study course. If your interested please email holy.spirit2@yahoo.com your name & contact number. Or you can register after each Mass this weekend with Wanda Stephens. This course is for 16 years and above. Please watch the bulletin for further information.

EM's we would appreciate your help: If you're an **Eucharist Minister** and your not ministering that day, **please help by taking the vessels to the Sacristy.**

Thank you, Fr. Mike

Blessing of the Animals

Everyone is invited to the Blessing of the Animals on **Sun., Oct. 4th at 2pm in the Prayer/Meditation Garden.** This ceremony is to honor St. Francis of Assisi. Pets need to be on leashes or in carriers. In case of inclement weather the blessing will take place at the main entrance of the church. Masks and Social Distancing will be mandatory.

Updated information needed for the following. Please notify the church office if name(s) can be deleted from the "prayers for the sick" list. Also, if there are changes to the status or additions to our list of actively serving in our military.

Bridget Rich

Sept. Second Collections: 26th & 27th: "Special disaster collection for the recovery from Hurricane Laura and the California wildfires"

Temporary Weekday Mass Times held in church: Tues. — Fri. at 8:00am.

Protocols for weekday Masses:

1. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
2. **No socializing** in the Narthex. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed. Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
3. **In church alternating every other pew.** Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
4. **Enter & exit** double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
5. **Limited seating maximum 31.** In order for the households to maintain at least 6 feet separation.



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