

Dear Padre,

Is it sacrilegious to throw away a sacramental?

“Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church’s prayer, they prepare us to receive and dispose us to cooperate with it” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1670). Therefore, sacramentals confer grace through the Church’s power of prayer and, if blessed, should not be thrown away but burned and/or buried. If the object has not been blessed, it can be discarded; however, it could also be donated to a Catholic ministry (school, prison, hospital, etc.) that would benefit from its distribution. (If a religious object was included in an unsolicited appeal letter from a charitable organization, it is safe to assume that it was not blessed.)

If the object is worn or broken, it should be substantially altered so that it loses its form as a sacramental and then returned to the earthly elements. For example, a worn scapular should be burned and the ashes buried; a damaged statue should be further broken into smaller fragments and buried. A European tradition on the Vigil of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (June 23) is to burn old sacramentals in bonfires and bury the ashes. Burning and/or burial respects the sacred nature once held by these items and prevents their adaptation for trivial use. Reverence and discretion are proper for whatever method of disposal. ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

To follow [Jesus]...means “carrying one’s cross”: shouldering, like him, one’s own burdens and those of others, making one’s life a gift, not a possession, spending it in imitation of his own generous and merciful love for us. These are decisions that engage the totality of our lives.

HOMILY, ROME, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

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Monday

September 1

Weekday

1 Thes 4:13–18

Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday

September 2

Weekday

1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11

Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday

September 3

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Col 1:1–8

Lk 4:38–44

Thursday

September 4

Weekday

Col 1:9–14

Lk 5:1–11

Friday

September 5

Weekday

Col 1:15–20

Lk 5:33–39

Saturday

September 6

Weekday

Col 1:21–23

Lk 6:1–5

Sunday

September 7

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13–18b

Phlm 9–10, 12–17

Lk 14:25–33

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 31, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sirach 3:17–18, 20, 28–29 / Hebrews 12:18–19, 22–24a / Luke 14:1, 7–14



Life Out of Focus

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I found myself angry the other day, as we all do, I suppose, whenever we put our foot in our mouth, or forget about an important engagement, or scramble whatever it was we had hoped would be picture-perfect. What I had scrambled was a homily. For some reason, the image came out wrong, or the example did not fit, or it just did not come together the way I had hoped. And I was angry with myself to the point that it caught me off guard. It was an unexpected glimpse of what I didn’t want to admit: the fact that the way people might perceive me as a preacher had taken on more importance than preaching God’s word. Life had gotten out of focus. A perspective had been lost.

It happens to us all in the course of our lifetimes,

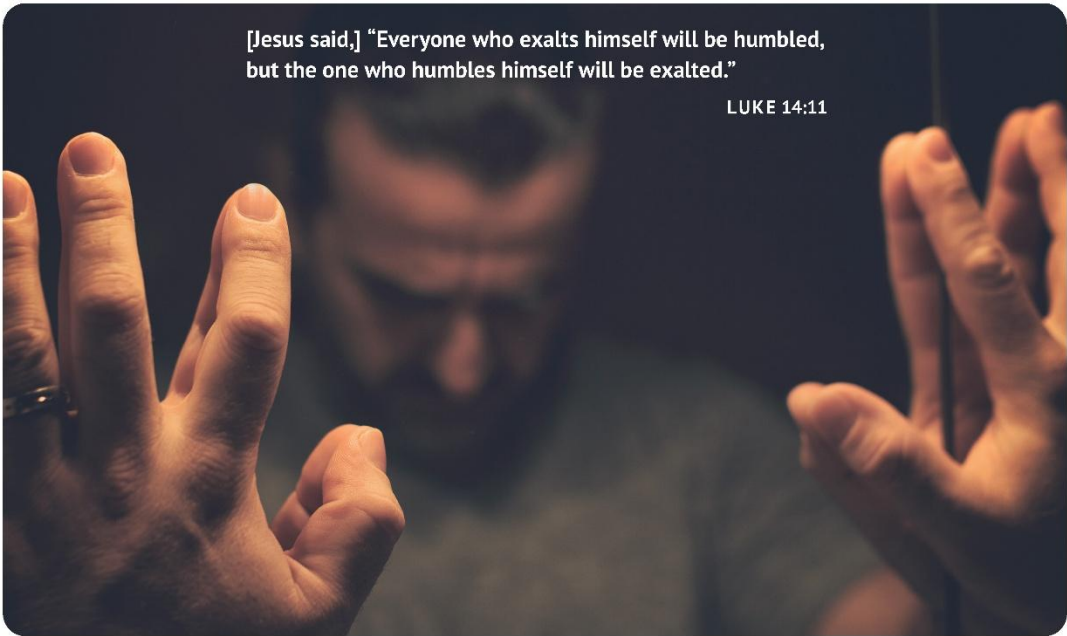
and more than once. Grades become more important than learning, or being right more important than the relationship, or the address of where we live more important than the people living together. It happens between parent and child when a parent places greater significance on the son’s or daughter’s profession than on that son’s or daughter’s happiness. Like in the parable of Jesus, where we sit at table takes on greater meaning than the people who gather or the meal that is shared. That is what pride does. It distorts what is real and shifts the focus of life to ourselves. The antidote? A prayerful awareness of who we are and who God is. ●

Reflect

What is more important to me than it should be?

[Jesus said,] “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

LUKE 14:11



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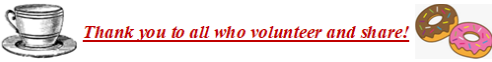
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RECONCILIATION: (Confession) available, following Mass, on
Sunday and Wednesday – please contact Fr. Pedro, before mass, to confirm
availability. Also by appointment.
BAPTISM: Please contact the Deacon or Pastor, at least one month prior to
desired date.
SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE: Please contact the Deacon or Pastor
at least six months prior to desired date.

Please remember St. Genevieve Parish in your Will


THANK YOU for your donations!

Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00
08/17/25: \$952.26
08/24/25: \$950.25
Building Fund Donations: \$500.00

CAFFEINE & CALORIES:
The weekly social hour continues, after Mass.

Thank you to all who volunteer and share!
Please consider hosting C & C. Contact Alicia Brown for info, 509-429-1621.

 **BUILDING COMMITTEE**
People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building
skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.

PARENTS: Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block
retaining wall. Thank you!

 **The Cove is, again, in need of toilet paper. Donations can
be left in the basket at the side door.**
The Cove THANKS YOU for your continuing donations of food,
laundry detergent, dish soap, bar soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

**WELCOME! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRESENT OR PAST STATUS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NO MATTER YOUR
PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST.
GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.**

Mass Schedule:

Sunday, Aug 31 @ 11:00 am **Twenty-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time**, Rosary @ 10:20 am
Wednesday, Sept 3 @ 9:30 am; Rosary @ 9:00 am;
Adoration 5:30 am to 8:30 am
First Friday, Sept 5 @ 9:30 am; **Anointing of the Sick
& Benediction**
Sunday, Sept 7 @ 11:00 am, **Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time**, Rosary @ 10:20 am

Behave humbly, and
you will find favour
with the Lord

Ecclesiasticus 3:18

Liturgy of the Word

Sirach 3:17–18, 20, 28–29 Ancient wisdom insists that the more humble we are,
the greater we are.
Psalms 68 “God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.”
Hebrews 12:18–19, 22–24a Far from frightening, our encounter with God
will be like a glorious holiday.
Luke 14:1, 7–14 Jesus presents his own version of table manners.

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.
Question of the Week: When have I realized too late that I should have exercised some
humility? What have I learned when exercising humility?

★ ANNOUNCEMENTS



The 2025 Bishop’s Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is coming soon. Over the next few
weeks, the parish will be promoting this year’s Annual Catholic Appeal. The ACA supports the
Ministry of Bishop Daly and the important work of the Diocese of Spokane. Please prayerfully
consider how you can support the Annual Catholic Appeal this year.

You can access a wonderful documentary about Pope Leo XIV entitled “Leon de Peru” on our
website www.methowcatholic.org



Christ Teaches Humility
Robert Scott Lauder (1803-1869)



Humble Prayer

God,
in your
goodness, you
have made a
home for
the poor.

PRAY

Please Remember in
Your Prayers

Lupe Garcia
Bill Wilburn
Sheila Kerr
Jonathan Kessler
Paul Budrow
Kyle Rogers
Fr. Sean Thomson
Thomson Family
Fred Nowicki
Evangeline Grace Knox
Teagan Maxwell
Melissa Larson
Jim Perra
Howard Burcham
Terry & Barb Anderson
Bernice Morgan



Repose of the
Soul of