

Dear Padre,

Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the "Order" rather than the "Rite" is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In Gaza...children, families, and elderly are reduced to starvation. In Myanmar, new hostilities have cut short innocent young lives. Finally, war-torn Ukraine awaits negotiations for a just and lasting peace.... We implore [Our Lady's] intercession for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

Monday

September 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or
1:18-23

Tuesday

September 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 2:6-15
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

September 10
Weekday
Col 3:1-11
Lk 6:20-26
Thursday
September 11
Weekday
Col 3:12-17
Lk 6:27-38

Friday

September 12
Weekday
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

September 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 1:15-17
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 7, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wisdom 9:13-18b / Philemon 9-10, 12-17 / Luke 14:25-33



When Life Becomes Lose-Lose

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is so often a cost to being a follower of Jesus, to doing the right thing. During our country's Civil War, southern plantation owners came face to face with the gospel's imperative to accept slaves as human beings who have the right to be free, though that would then bring about the collapse of the cotton economy. For them, it was live the gospel or save the economy. Sometimes, the gospel seems to put us in a lose-lose situation.

President Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the Vietnam War. By continuing a war he knew was unwinnable, it would cost human lives. If he ended the war, he would be labeled as the president who lost a war. For him, it was lose-lose. Do the right thing or save face. A person may be confronted by a job that demands unjust and immoral decisions when

the refusal to make such decisions would cost that person the job necessary to support his or her family. A student may be faced with the prospect of either cheating or receiving a poor grade. Living the gospel is fraught with costs.

Today, our nation faces the difficulties of immigration. On the one hand, there is the gospel's command to love the poor and so to accept immigrants seeking to escape violence and terror and drought, conditions that make it impossible to live. On the other hand, there is the need for our nation to deal with uncontrolled migration. The question of "What would Jesus do?" is never without consequences. ●

Reflect

How does following Jesus cost me in my life?



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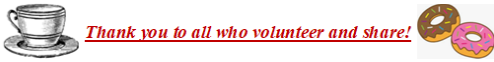
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RECONCILIATION: (Confession) available, following Mass, on
Sunday and Wednesday – please contact Fr. Pedro, before mass, to confirm
availability. Also by appointment.
BAPTISM: Please contact the Deacon or Pastor, at least one month prior to
desired 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
08/24/25: \$950.25
08/31/25: \$1,426.00
Building Fund Donations: \$575.00

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, Sept 7 @ 11:00 am **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary**
Time, Rosary @ 10:20 am
Wednesday, Sept 10 @ 9:30 am; Rosary @ 9:00 am;
Adoration PAUSED UNTIL ADVENT
Sunday, Sept 14 @ 11:00 am, The Exaltation of the Holy
Cross, Rosary @ 10:20 am



Liturgy of the Word

Wisdom 9:13–18b: Our choices in life are timid compared to God’s choices for us.
Psalm 90: “In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.”
Philemon 9–10, 12–17: Paul baptizes a slave and then expects the slave’s master to
accept the slave as a brother.
Luke 14:25–33 Do you want to be a disciple? Renounce everything else, with no
reservations, no regrets.

Jesus, our teacher, offers lessons today on being a disciple. These lessons can be
difficult—we must carry our own crosses, we must renounce all our possessions, we
even must hate our own family—but we gather as a family of faith in this place to hear
them and reflect on them. The words of Wisdom may help, as they point out that as
much as we try, we cannot possibly conceive the mind of God. Therefore, with faith
and humility, let us listen to God’s word.

Question of the Week: How do I feel challenged by Jesus’ demands of discipleship?



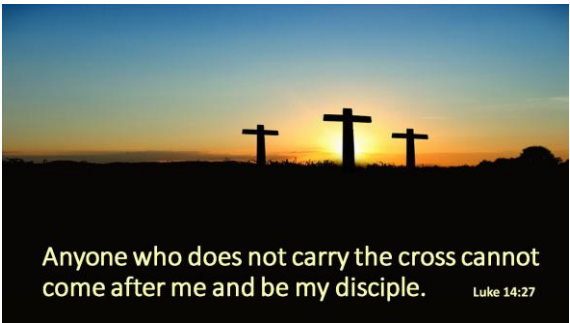
ANNOUNCEMENTS



The 2025 Bishop’s Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is now!
This week you should have received letters from Fr. Pedro and
Bishop Daly. Please prayerfully consider how you can support
the Diocese’s ministry this year. Donation envelopes are at
church entrances.



If you are interested in becoming Catholic, contact Deacon
Bill at 425-941-9171. The cover of this bulletin has
information on the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.



*Fill us at
Daybreak
with your
kindness!*



**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
Mark Crum
Nate Chrastina
Wannita Knox
Roland Cruz
Duncan Bronson



**Repose of the
Soul of**