

Dear Padre,

At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family’s continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: “I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult.

“As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers, I may become more like Christ.” ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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JOHN MC ELROY

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a haven for a reconciled world. [We see] too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth’s resources and marginalizes the poorest.

HOMILY, ROME,
MAY 18, 2025



JULIA-M-CAMERON / PEXELS

Monday

September 22

Weekday

Ezr 1:1–6

Lk 8:16–18

Tuesday

September 23

St. Pius of
Pietrelcina, Priest

Ezr 6:7–8, 12b,
14–20

Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday

September 24

Weekday

Ezr 9:5–9

Lk 9:1–6

Thursday

September 25

Weekday

Hg 1:1–8

Lk 9:7–9

Friday

September 26

Weekday

Hg 2:1–9

Lk 9:18–22

Saturday

September 27

St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest

Zec 2:5–9, 14–15a
Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday

September 28

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4–7

1 Tm 6:11–16

Lk 16:19–31

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 21, 2025

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Amos 8:4–7 / 1 Timothy 2:1–8 / Luke 16:1–13 or 16:10–13



Wanting to Be Wanted

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

More than anything, we want to be wanted.

As infants, we reach out, wanting to be wanted. When we begin school and discover others who might be friends, we want to be wanted. As teenagers discovering the stirrings of something new and deep, we want to be wanted. And when we grow old, then still we want to be wanted.

The parables Jesus told were always about how God moves in our lives, how God is powerfully intertwined in all that is. Jesus told parables to give us a hint of where to find God. This Sunday’s parable is about a rich man with a steward about to be dismissed. The steward then finds ways to ingratiate himself into others’ lives so when he is dismissed, he won’t be left

out in the cold. It’s not the rich man who is the God-person in the parable. The rich got rich by abusing the poor. Rather, it is the steward who is the image of God—a God who, like the steward, is desperate to be accepted, to find a way into our lives. We might say clever...or even sneaky. It is God who finds a way into our lives when we are afraid, when we face the loss of love, when our worlds are falling apart, when we go looking for him. There, then, is God, eagerly wanting to be wanted.●

Reflect

*What do I do when I’m feeling unwanted?
Do I recognize that God wants me?*



No servant can serve two masters....
You cannot serve God and mammon.

LUKE 16:13



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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.

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
09/07/25: \$1,273.00
09/14/25: \$678.00
Building Fund Donations: \$-----

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.

Mass Schedule:

Sunday, Sept 21 @ 11:00 am Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Rosary @ 10:20 am
Wednesday, Sept 10 @ 9:30 am; Rosary @ 9:00 am;
Adoration PAUSED UNTIL ADVENT
Sunday, Sept. 28, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, @ 11:00 am, Rosary @ 10:20 am



Liturgy of the Word

Amos 8:4–7 God cannot forget the sin of those who cheat the poor.
Psalms 113 “Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.”
1 Timothy 2:1–8 Pray for everyone, not just your own.
Luke 16:1–13 You cannot be the servant of God and the servant of money.

Today’s first reading, responsorial psalm, and Gospel speak to the pursuit and use of wealth. Amos decries the merchants who cheat the poor, promising that God will not overlook their selfishness. The psalmist promises that the Lord will lift up the poor and lowly. Jesus teaches his disciples to be trustworthy in handling worldly wealth so that they can be trusted with the true wealth that comes from God. Listening to today’s selections from Scripture, let us consider our relationship to material wealth.

Question of the Week: How do I value true wealth over material wealth? How can I do so more fully?

 ANNOUNCEMENTS



The 2025 Bishop’s Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is now! Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Diocese’s ministry this year. Donation envelopes are at church entrances and in the pews.



Adults, if you are interested in becoming Catholic, contact Deacon Bill at 425-941-9171. He’ll ask you to fill out an application.
Parents, Fr. Pedro has an at-home sacramental prep program for children who are at least 7 years old. Please contact him for details at either 509-997-4201, 509-689-2931, or shbrewstercds@gmail.com.



Altar Society’s first meeting is Wednesday September 24th after Mass. Also, please bring a baby shower gift for the Community Connection Baby Shower in Omak. We'll be putting together a gift basket for expectant mothers from St. Genevieve Altar Society.

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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
Mark Crum
Nate Chrastina
Wannita Knox
Roland Cruz
Duncan Bronson
Mary Rasmussen



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