

Dear Padre,

Are people born with the Holy Spirit, or do they have to be baptized in order to receive the Holy Spirit? If we are not born with the Holy Spirit, is it just our conscience that is bothered when we are doing wrong?

Your question is suggesting that the Holy Spirit is “in” or “out.” St. Paul teaches us, “In him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). In other words, the Spirit of God is always with us, and we are dependent on that Spirit for life. There is no beginning and there is no end; the Spirit always was, and is, and will be.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that “Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right” (1778). We have an obligation to form our consciences to know what is right and to help our children form theirs. It is with the cooperation of the Spirit that a “good conscience” is formed.

When we celebrate the sacraments, including the sacrament of baptism, we are confirming the life of the Spirit that is within is. We are acknowledging and proclaiming the abiding presence of the Spirit of God. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The deepest purpose of the Church's social doctrine [is] a contribution to peace and dialogue in the service of building bridges of universal fraternity.... [T]he Risen Lord always goes before us, even at times when injustice and death seem to prevail. Let us...“build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace.”

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

WIKICOMMONS



Monday

October 13
Weekday
Rom 1:1–7
Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday

October 14
Weekday
Rom 1:16–25
Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday

October 15
St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church
Rom 2:1–11
Lk 11:42–46

Thursday

October 16
Weekday
Rom 3:21–30
Lk 11:47–54

Friday

October 17
St. Ignatius of
Antioch, Bishop
and Martyr
Rom 4:1–8
Lk 12:1–7

Saturday

October 18
St. Luke, Evangelist
2 Tm 4:10–17b
Lk 10:1–9

Sunday

October 19
Twenty-ninth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Ex 17:8–13
2 Tm 3:14–4:2
Lk 18:1–8

Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 12, 2025
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
2 Kings 5:14–17 / 2 Timothy 2:8–13 / Luke 17:11–19



Grateful for Being Grateful

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Here is a quick self-test: Name three things in your life for which you are grateful. Finished?

If you were able to name three things easily, your spirituality is probably in a good place. If you had difficulty, your spirituality may be in need of some work. Spiritual writers have long noted that living day by day with a sense of gratitude is one of the signs of holiness. Yet, a number of attitudes can get in the way of our being thankful. One is anger; it unsettles and focuses our attention on one issue, keeping us from seeing a bigger picture filled with blessings. Another is living with continual wanting; incessant desires for more prevent us from recognizing the beauty and goodness of what already is. Fear too keeps us from being grateful; it obliterates all the goodness that is present and focuses on an unknown and uncertain future that may never be.

Therapists have advised that, at the end of each day, people should take time to name three things that happened that day for which they are grateful, as doing so will often ease depression. Our religious tradition has been encouraging this for 2,000 years. Not all depression is due to life circumstances; some is the result of chemical or hormonal imbalances. But, if our sadness is the consequence of life events, naming three positive occurrences from each day not only brings a balance to our attitudes but also brings us to deeper faith, recognizing a power greater than ourselves at work in our lives. That power is God. ●

Reflect

What are three reasons I have for gratitude?
What blessings do I forget?

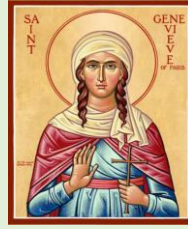


Jesus said...“Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?”

LUKE 17:17–18

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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
09/28/25: \$1679.00
10/05/25: \$1312.00
Building Fund Donations: \$5119.00

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

The next Altar Society Meeting will be Wednesday October 22 after Mass. Hope to see you there!



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.
COVE NEWS: Manger Mall is coming soon- drop off your unwrapped gifts at the church from 10/30-11/30 or at the Cove until 12/4. THANK YOU!

Mass Schedule:

Sunday, Oct 12 @ 11:00 am Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Rosary @ 10:20 am
Wednesday, Oct 15 @ 9:30 am; Rosary @ 9:00 am;
Adoration PAUSED UNTIL ADVENT
Sunday, Oct 19, Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, @ 11:00 am, Rosary @ 10:20 am



Liturgy of the Word

2 Kings 5:14–17 The foreigner Naaman humbles himself and receives God’s healing.
Psalms 98 “The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.”
2 Timothy 2:8–13 If, like Christ, we hold out even to death, we will reign with Christ.
Luke 17:11–19 Ten lepers show faith in obeying the Lord, but in thankfulness one goes a step farther—straight into the kingdom of God.

Today’s readings extol the virtue of gratitude. We hear first of Naaman, a foreigner, who is so grateful to Elisha and the LORD for curing his leprosy that he returns to offer gifts. In the Gospel, another foreigner—a Samaritan—returns to Jesus to offer thanks after his leprosy is cured.

May we be as grateful as them for God’s blessings upon us, starting with our “Thanks be to God” for the saving power of God’s word

Question of the Week: How can I, like the Samaritan, take the extra step to show my gratitude to God?



ANNOUNCEMENTS



The 2025 Bishop’s Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is now! Please prayerfully consider how you can support the work of the Diocese. Donation envelopes are at church entrances and in the pews. As of 10/3/24 families participated and \$10,050 pledged. Thank You!!



Adults, if you are wondering about Catholicism, contact Deacon Bill at 425-941-9171 or bwehmeyer1945@gmail.com.
Parents, if you have children who are at least 7 years old, please contact Fr. Pedro at either 509-997-4201, 509-689-2931, or shbrewstercds@gmail.com for sacramental preparation.

ENDOW Seeker of the Truth-Women’s Scripture Study is Monday October 6 6-8pm in the rectory. Please join us

HIGHWAY CLEANING: The next highway cleaning is scheduled for Friday October 24th at 9am. Meet at Hwy 20 and Finley Canyon Rd.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, collection is Nov. 17-24. Filled boxes need to be collected during collection week. More info is at the church entrance

The Lord
shall reign
forever, your
God, O Zion,
through all
generations



Please Remember in Your Prayers

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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
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