



Like the Rings of a Tree

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

For some, going to confession can bring a sense of relief—as if the slate has now been wiped clean; as if we have gotten a do-over with life or the past has been left behind as though it never happened. Our past, however, is always with us—the good and the bad, the joys and the sadness, the grace and the sin. There are no do-overs. We carry with us the marks of our lives simply because every experience, every kindness and cruelty, every moment of generosity and selfishness, all have made us into who are. We are much like a tree that adds a ring to its trunk each year. The ring always bears the marks of that year, whether it has been a year of rain or drought, whether insects have attacked, or whether Mother Nature has been kind. The tree always remembers and carries with it forever the rings of what life has been.

Our lives are the same. The story of the Pharisee and the tax collector tells this tale. Like the Pharisee, we have much good in our lives. We too have prayed and have been generous. We have been kind and honest and cared for the poor. We have tried to be faithful. The Pharisee's downfall was that he forgot about his sinfulness; he forgot he needed God's mercy. The tax collector, on the other hand, remembered his failings. Both were in need of God's love. Only the tax collector seemed to realize it. ●

Reflect

***How has my life been a mixture
of sin and grace?***



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905 Broadway, P.O. Box 176, Valley Falls KS 66088

**Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 18760 Rogers Road, Atchison KS
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Dec. 2022

Parishes Office:	221 N Sycamore Street
	Nortonville, Kansas 66060
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Sacraments

Reconciliation Saturday & Sunday 30 min before
Mass, Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Joseph

Marriage Six-month notice required
18 months if annulments needed

Anointing Please let us know of any hospital
admissions

Baptism For Baptismal dates call the office; one
Baptismal Class required

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Oct 25	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
		† Bernard Noll
Sat. Oct 25	7:00pm	St. Joseph
		† Mark Wilson
Sun. Oct 26	8:00am	St. Joseph
		† Matt May
Sun. Oct 26	10:00am	St. Mary's
		Mass for the People
Mon. Oct 27	No Mass	
Tue. Oct 28	8:00am	St. Mary's
		† Francis E. "Smitty" Schmidt
Wed. Oct 29	8:00am	St. Joseph
		† Jeannette Kingman
Thu. Oct 30	8:00am	St. Mary's
		† Bernard Noll
Fri. Oct 31	8:00am	St. Joseph
		† James A. and John A. Ballinger
Sat. Nov 1	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
		† Marceline Trainer
Sat. Nov 1	7:00 pm	St. Joseph
		† Patrick and Carol McCreary
Sun. Nov 2	8:00 am	St. Joseph
		† Jon Larson
Sun. Nov 2	10:00 am	St. Mary's

For All Who Have Died in the past year

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Kyle Perkis	Jeremy Heinen
Bob Heinen	Virginia Grollmes
Emma Dockweiler	Rosella Hollis
Janet Schmidt	Chris Heinen
Tim Hosler	Heidi Rutar
Phil Heuertz	Dolores Miller
Roxie Herring	Dorothy Herring

November Appointments

Ushers: James Miller, Taylor Allen, Brooks Glassel

Lay Ministers: Dan Heinen, Baretta Schmeisner, Debbie Noll

Rosary: Thomas Welsh Family

November 2nd

Lector: Youth Mass

Musicians: Marley Hamon

Contributions

October 12th, 2025

Lift	
Installment.....	
....100.00	
Plate.....	
.....195.00	
Support.....	
.....665.00	

**St Mary's Immaculate Conception
Parish Mission Statement**

- Study our **FAITH**
- Practice our **FAITH**
- Support our parish and community in **FAITH**

Bulletin Contributions or FAITH actions:
Contact Crystal Clark 785-806-0262
Sunday (text or call) 45.00

Plate calebcrystal@hotmail.com	
.....168.00	
Support.....	
.....1210.00	

Sunday, Dec. 7th - Youth Mass, Parish feast day, potluck dinner, Holiday basket auction, St. Nicholas visit

BENEFIT BREAKFAST FOR

SEMINARIANS on Sunday, November 2nd after Mass. This year the Knights of Columbus are supporting three seminarians. Please support and pray for our seminarians through their years of discernment and education. Free will offering

Camp Tekakwitha Women's Retreat

October 24-26 Join us for talks, conversations, adventures, and free time as we explore this year's theme, Pilgrims of Hope: Journeying with Christ. There will be time to get to know other like-minded women, be in God's Creation, and dive deeper into your relationship with Christ. This retreat is an edifying experience for all ages of women 18 years and older. For more information and to sign up, visit our website: <https://archkck.org/camp-tekakwitha/womens-retreat/>

WHAT IS A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD)?

If you are age 70½ or older, you can make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your **individual retirement account (IRA)** to a qualified charity. A qualified charitable distribution is not taxed, so the charity receives 100% of your donation. QCDs may also count toward the **required minimum distributions (RMDs)** that are required depending on your age. You can set up monthly, quarterly or yearly donations to any charity of your choice. It is an excellent way to donate to your Church or any other charity. Check with your tax professional to see if a QCD is advisable for you.

Dear Padre,

Is it wrong for children to dress up as zombies and devils and other evil creatures for Halloween?

No. It is perfectly acceptable to choose these kinds of costumes and to participate in the festivities of Halloween. Halloween is primarily a secular celebration. Although it is true that the original celebration is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, that tradition is more properly celebrated during the great feast days of the Church that follow Halloween: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Mythological representations, and the costumes that remind us of these kind of characters, are to be understood with a sense of fun and mischief. There is no difference between a ghost, a goblin, a zombie, Captain America, Superman, or one of the Mario Brothers. They are all fictional characters in the very human stories we share with each other. The meaning we assign to them must be proportional to what they represent. On Halloween, they represent nothing more than a person in costume. It could be an entirely different story under different circumstances in which there might be the possibility of a misunderstanding about the meaning of such a costume. Halloween pretty much blurs that distinction and takes away the misunderstanding. It is meant to be entertaining and fun. That is all. ●

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



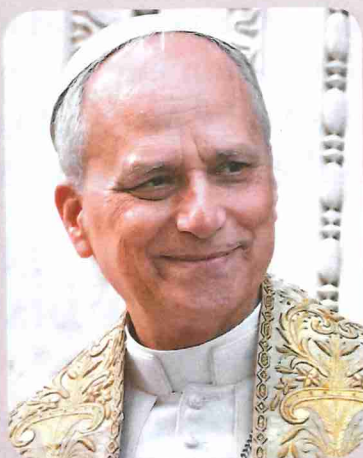
Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

My own story is that of a citizen, the descendant of immigrants, who in turn chose to emigrate. All of us, in the course of our lives, can find ourselves healthy or sick, employed or unemployed, living in our native land or in a foreign country, yet our dignity always remains unchanged: it is the dignity of a creature willed and loved by God.

AUDIENCE OF THE HOLY FATHER, ROME, MAY 16, 2025



STEFANO SPAZIANI

Monday

October 27
Weekday
Rom 8:12-17
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

October 28
Sts. Simon and Jude,
Apostles
Eph 2:19-22
Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday

October 29
Weekday
Rom 8:26-30
Lk 13:22-30

Thursday

October 30
Weekday
Rom 8:31b-39
Lk 13:31-35

Friday

October 31
Weekday
Rom 9:1-5
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday

November 1
All Saints
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday

November 2
The Commemoration of All the
Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Wis 3:1-9
Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9
Jn 6:37-40
(These readings or any
from no. 668 or from
the Masses for the Dead)

ST. MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

FR. William Dun-Dery, PASTOR
Appointments for November 2025

USHERS: James Miller, Taylor Allen, Brooks Glassel

LAY MINISTERS: Dan Heinen, Baretta Schmeisner, Debbie Noll

ROSARY: Thomas Welsh Family

LECTORS:

- 2 Youth Mass
- 9 Joyce Heinen
- 16 Larry Heinen
- 23 Jolina Wildeman
- 30 Megan Belveal

MUSICIANS:

- 2 Marley Hamon
- 9 Patty Bendure, RaeAnn Allen
- 16 Dawna Ross
- 23 Patty Bendure, Dianna Welsh
- 30 Marley Hamon

SERVERS

- 2 Jack Warth, Grady Smith, Jett Nellis
- 9 Waylon Allen, Tommy Welsh
- 16 Emma Welsh, Paxten Heinen
- 23 Jack Warth, Tommy Welsh
- 30 Emma Welsh, Waylon Allen

GIFTS

- 2 Youth Mass
 - 9 Nate Heinen Family
 - 16 Taylor Allen Family
 - 23 Alan Coker Family
 - 30 Larry Heinen Family
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FINANCES:

- 2 Jarett Wildeman, Chad Mooradian
- 9 Larry Martin, Kristy Burns
- 16 Jarett Wildeman, Chad Mooradian
- 23 Larry Martin, Kristy Burns
- 30 Jarett Wildeman, Chad Mooradian

SACRISTAN:

- 2 Julie Sieve
- 9 Beth Brown
- 16 RaeAnn Allen
- 23 Matthew Hamon
- 30 Lesa Brose

If unable to fulfill obligation, please find a substitute.