

September 20, 2026
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September 20, 2026

THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am
Mass Intention for Repose of the Soul of Leslie Bartell

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am
Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Leslie Bartell

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Daily Mass 8:30am
Mass Intentions for the Parishioners

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC
Mass Intention for the local Conference of St Vincent dePaul

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Holy Rosary 8:00am
The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am
Mass Intention for the local Conference of St Vincent dePaul

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Jerry Horning

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Richard and Janice Boyes

Altar Server: TBD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Lisa Ward

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Mindy Godfrey, Karen Finkeldei

Ushers: Michael Murphy, Mark Leggett

Altar Server: Leva Murphy



There will be a second collection next
week for the support of our local
Conference of St Vincent dePaul.



OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Rob Breaux, Florence Giels, Barbara Witkowski, Virginia Jankowski & Barb McClung.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

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OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith, Robby Bartos

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Nancy Elfter, and Harry Hackenmueller

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Ann Dinello-9/22, Kate Hunter-9/22

Bev Wright-9/24

May you have many more!



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As a parish, we are financially dependent on your generous weekly contributions to pay our bills and keep the lights on and our doors open. So, as you plan for the weeks and months ahead, please remember your parish family in your prayer and in your financial planning.

The Sunday Collection for Sunday, Sep 13 was \$3171.00
 Project Revive Campaign as of 25 Aug 26-

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Pledge Bal.</u>
Parishioners	\$829,323	\$672,678	\$156,645
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Thurs 9/24	10:00-1:00	Terri Kees
	1:00- 4:00	Nanette Barnett
Fri 9/25	10:00-1:00	T & S Meyer
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Sat 9/26	10:00-1:00	Sandy McClung
	1:00-4:00	T & S Meyer
Sun 9/27	9:30-1:00	J & F Ricciardi
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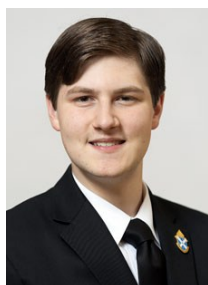
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For more information:

*Our Seminarians
 for the month of
 September, 2026*



Mathew Lamb

Last weekend to sign up for the

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End of Summer Social

Friday, September 25 5:30 at the Parish Hall



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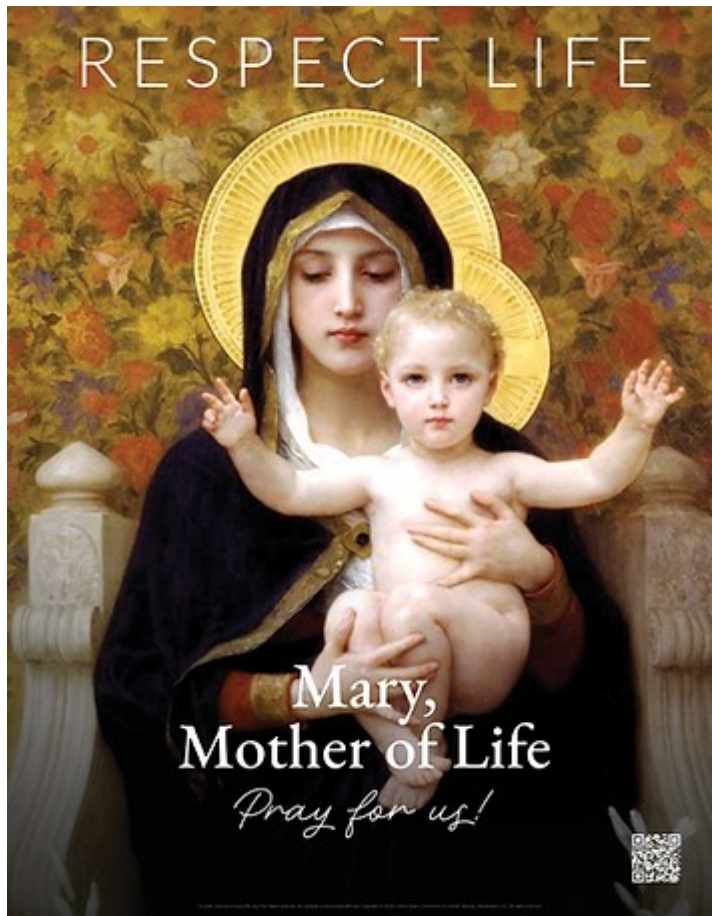
Announcements

Catechetical Sunday September 20, 2026

This year's theme: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to bring good news to the poor"*
Luke 4:18

Every year on the third Sunday of September, the church celebrates Catechetical Sunday. It is a time to recognize, celebrate, and encourage those who serve as catechists.

It is also a time to reflect upon the responsibility of every baptized person to share their faith in Jesus Christ.



October is Respect Life Month

October 4th is Respect Life Sunday at the Cathedral of St Andrew and the Shrine of Divine Mercy

Rosary for Life 11:20a at the Cathedral

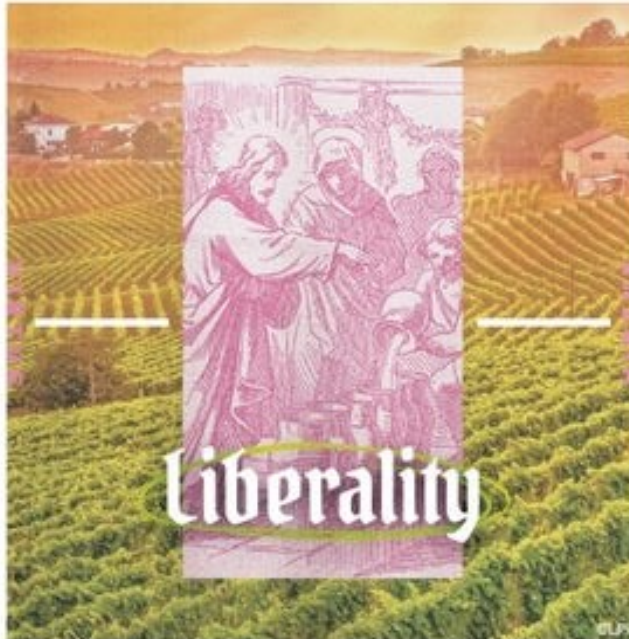
Eucharist Procession for Life at 11:50a from the Cathedral of St Andrew to the Shrine of Divine Mercy

Respect Life Mass at 1:00p

Tacos for Respect Life at 2:00p at St Edward's Hall

Holy Hour for Life at 3:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions at the Shrine of Divine Mercy

Weekly Scripture



Virtues, Explained!

Jesus told the rich young man that in order to be saved, he must sell all he owned and give the proceeds to the poor. This is the virtue of liberality — giving of one's resources freely and in abundance.

However, the virtue of liberality should be practiced by each person according to his state in life. The rich young man could afford to lose everything — and indeed, was too attached to his wealth. We are all called to give selflessly of what we have, but “we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us,” writes St. Paul (Romans 12:6).

Some of us have too much time and have grown idle. Some of us have too much talent and use it only to benefit ourselves. Some of us have too much wealth, and hoard it jealously. Whatever we have too much of will keep us from God. So let's practice liberality, and be generous.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call him while he is near. (Is 55:6)

Psalm

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading

I am caught between the two.
I long to depart this life and be with Christ,
for that is far better. (Phil 1:23)

Gospel

“What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?”
(Mt 20:14-15)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The master rewards the latecomers with the same wage as those who labored all day, upsetting the construct of who deserves what — and why. May we never seek to be the judge of what others deserve. May we labor in our vineyard with joy and gratitude.

Worship & Observances

Prayer for an OCIA Class

Dear God,
You never cease calling
each of us to You.
Be with our OCIA class as we
journey to know You better.
Inspire our conversations,
guide our lessons,
and direct our hearts as
each of us seeks Your will.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of September 20, 2026

Sunday

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a

Monday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Ecc 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Ecc 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

Ecc 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/
Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/
Mt 21:28-32



Observances for the Week of September 20, 2026

Sunday

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday

Monday

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist;
National Migration Week

Wednesday

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Saturday

Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Next Sunday

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday

Gospel Meditation



Encourage
Deeper
Understanding
of Scripture

Matthew
20:1-16

Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not

upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the landowner who pays all of the workers of his vineyard a just daily wage, reminding them that "the last will be first and the first will be last."

The Why

Sometimes, the Gospel takes everything you think you know about Jesus, throws it in a box, shakes it violently, dumps it on the floor, looks you in the eye and says: "Clean it up."

And there you are, picking up the pieces, wondering how, after 2,000 years, someone can still keep you guessing.

Today is one of those Gospels. We know Jesus as a champion of the poor. We envision him as a social justice warrior. And now he's advocating for time theft in the workplace? Make it make sense.

Well, at its heart, today's Gospel is a story about who gets what. A story about comparison, which we are told is the thief of joy — but without comparison, nothing would ever get done. In this world, wages are set, court cases are settled, international borders are drawn, all by comparing one entity to another and evaluating that comparison to make a judgment.

What this Gospel doesn't tell us is the "why." The workers who labored longest in the vineyard feel

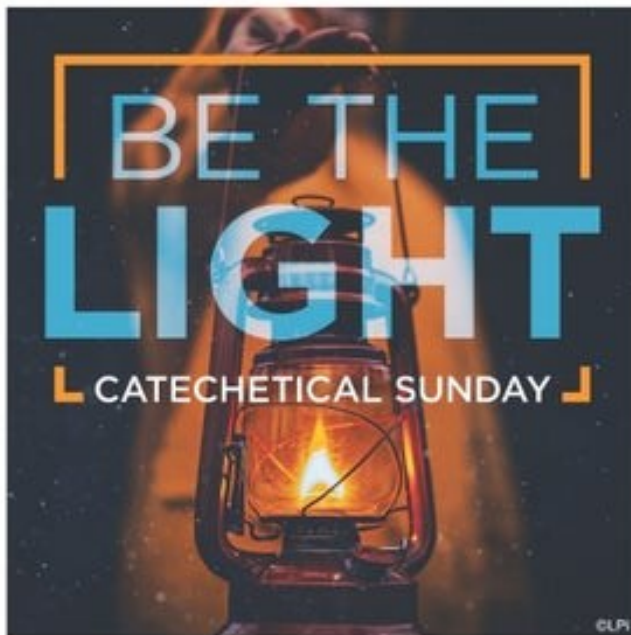
cheated because those who showed up later earn the same wage. This would be egregious — unless we consider that the only criteria used in the comparison is the length of the work day's duration. Quality and efficiency of work is never even mentioned. For all we know, those all-day workers could have been standing around fanning themselves, and should feel lucky to get what they did.

"Why" is a question we ask a lot in this life. Why did my dad die? Why did I get cancer? Why did my husband lose his job? As we pick up the pieces of today's Gospel, we should ask ourselves this: when we know what we know about Who decides who gets what, do we have to know the "why?"

—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Liturgical Life



Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Life Explained

Question

November 9 is the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. What is the significance of this feast?

Answer

Every diocese has a mother church, the bishop's cathedral, where the diocesan church gathers and celebrates. The cathedral is the seat of the bishop's authority over the diocese. That authority is intended to be one of service to God's people, shepherding and guiding them in a truly pastoral mode.

The pope is first and foremost the Bishop of Rome, as well as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. St. John Lateran is his cathedral, and its prominence derives from that reality. St. John Lateran Cathedral traces its origins to Emperor Constantine, who converted a portion of the Laterani family palace into a church, and gave it to Pope Sylvester (314–335) as the papal church and residence; St. John refers to the two saints in whose honor the church is dedicated, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. It became known as the cathedral of the pope, and its facade's inscription refers to it as "the Mother and Head of all Churches, in the City and of the World." The universal celebration of this feast emphasizes unity among Roman Catholics as they unite with the chair of Peter.

Catholic Trivia

John F. Kennedy, the first Catholic American president and member of the Knights of Columbus, established which distinguished volunteer organization?

Answer: The Peace Corps

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard...When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.'" – Mt 20:1, 8

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Liturgical Life

"He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:13-16

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Questions of the Week

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect
& Respond to Scripture**

First Reading Question

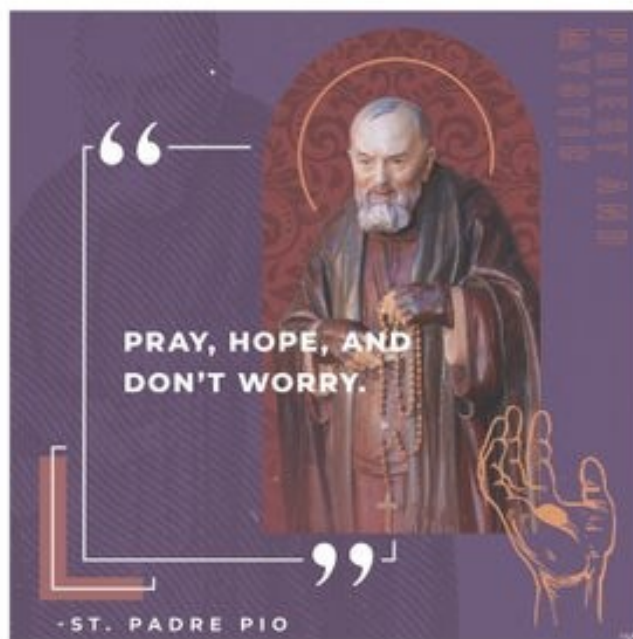
Isaiah teaches that while God's thoughts and ways are far beyond our understanding, the Lord is nonetheless near to us. When do you feel closest to God?

Second Reading Question

As Paul writes to the Philippians from prison, he speaks of his spiritual dilemma of feeling caught between life and death. Who do you turn to for spiritual guidance?

Gospel Question

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches that in the kingdom of Heaven, God's generosity is not always easily understood. Where do you see God's generosity at work among your family or friends?



Liturgical Life

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Pray for us!

Born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy, St. Pius of Pietrelcina (May 25, 1887 – September 23, 1968) — better known as Padre Pio — joined the Capuchin Franciscans at 15 and was ordained in 1910. He endured lifelong illness and bore the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, for the last 50 years of his life. After serving briefly in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I, he was assigned to San Giovanni Rotondo, where he became renowned for celebrating Mass, hearing confessions throughout the day, and his ardent desire to serve the sick and poor. His compassion inspired the founding of Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza, a hospital that opened in 1956.

St. Pius of Pietrelcina died on September 23, 1968, and he was beatified in 1999. Canonized in 2002 by Pope St. John Paul II, he is the patron saint of adolescents, civil defense volunteers, and Pietrelcina.



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Sharing the Gospel

Your Father says, "Will you work eight hours in my garden for one hundred dollars?" You answer, "Yes." You work hard for seven hours. Then your Father says to two other people, "Will you work one hour in my garden for one hundred dollars?" You shout angrily, "Father, you are not fair." He says, "You agreed to work eight hours for one hundred dollars. That is fair."



**Now color
the picture!**

Prayer

When I am first or when I am last, thanks for giving me what I need, Father.

Mission for the Week

I will do chores and give the money that I earn to the poor.



Kids Corner

Find the right shadow.

