

*September 6, 2026
The Twenty-third
Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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Sunday 8:30am
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Thursday 8:30am
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THIS WEEK *at Saint Elizabeth*

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Adoration 8:00am

Daily Mass 8:30am

Extended Adoration after Mass

Mass Intention for

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Daily Mass 8:30am

Confessions 9:15am

Mass Intention for the

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Daily Mass 8:30am

Mass Intentions for

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC

Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC

Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

Mass Intention for the Repose of the

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Holy Rosary 8:00am

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Mass Intention for the Repose of the

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector:

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers:

Altar Server: TBD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Phyllis McGuire

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Karen Finkeldei, Phyllis McGuire

Ushers: Mark Leggett, Gary Finkeldei

Altar Server: Missy Leggett



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THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Nancy Elfter, and Harry Hackenmueller



God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

May you have many more!





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The Sunday Collection for

Our Project Revive Campaign Update as of July 14, 2026

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$837,333	\$659,968
Non-Parishioners	\$124,283	\$101,037
Donations	\$ 0	\$114,013
	\$961,616	\$875,018



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	1:00-4:00	Donna Buttecali
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Thurs 9/10	10:00-1:00	M & K Lubbers
	1:00- 4:00	M & K Lubbers
Fri 9/11	10:00-1:00	Mike Reed
	1:00-4:00	Mike Reed
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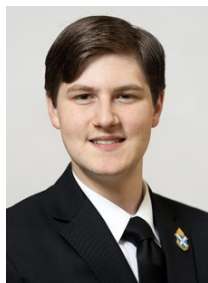
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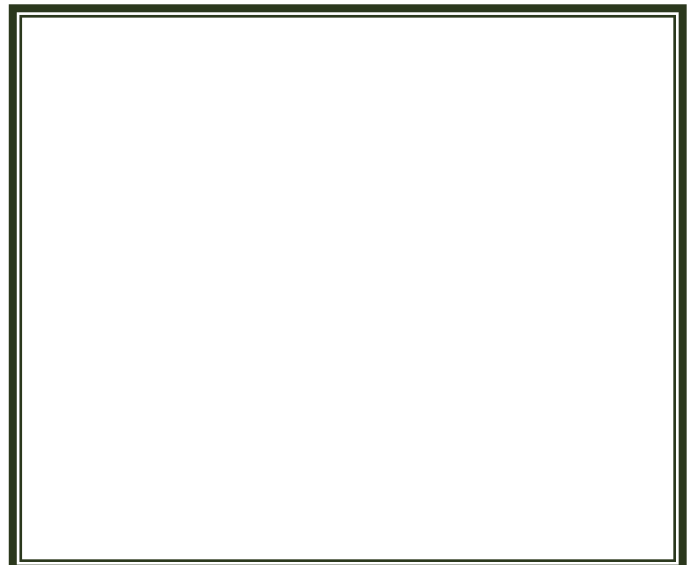
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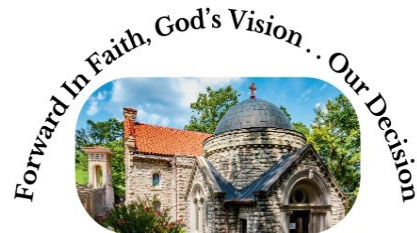


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Announcements



2026 World Day for Grandparents and Elderly

Saturday, Sep. 12, 2026 - Sunday, Sep. 13, 2026

Location: Nationwide

In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the memorial of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, which is celebrated on July 26. The U.S. bishops approved the transfer of the celebration in the U.S. to the first weekend after Labor Day in September to coincide with National Grandparents (and the Elderly) Day in the United States as many local communities, schools and parishes have celebrated for some time. This year's theme is "I will Never Forget You." (Isaiah 49:5) It serves as a reminder that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age. For more information, read Pope Leo XIV's message for the "Sixth World Day for Grandparents and Elderly."



Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Monday, Sep. 14, 2026

Location: All Parishes

"No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." — John 3:13-15

"We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered." This is the entrance antiphon for the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which comes from Galatians 6:14

This feast originally celebrated two historical events: St. Helena's discovery of Jesus' cross in 320 A.D. and Byzantine Emperor Heraclius's recovery of that cross after it was captured by an invading army in 629 A.D. Now this feast focuses on the role Jesus' cross played in salvation history.

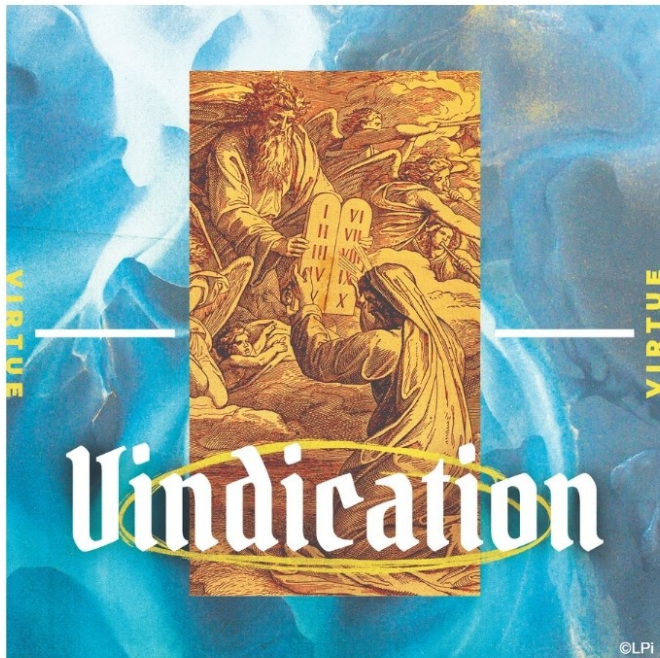
"The cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty at its worst. But by Christ's love shown in the Paschal Mystery, it has become the sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself," according to "Saints and Feast Days," by the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio.

"The cross is the primary symbol of the Christian faith. It represents Jesus himself, his suffering, his immeasurable love for us, his victory over sin and death and our redemption. In cruce salus. In the cross is our salvation," explained Father Michael Van Sloun in the Catholic Spirit. "The sign of the cross is a kind of synthesis of our faith, for it tells how much God loves us; it tells us that there is a love in this world that is stronger than death, stronger than our weaknesses and sins. The power of love is stronger than the evil which threatens us," wrote Stephanie Mann for Simply Catholic.

St. Francis of Assisi Prayer

We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, here, and in all your churches throughout the whole world, and we bless you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Weekly Scripture



Virtues, Explained!

Most commonly, we understand the term “vindication” in a very legal, argumentative context. We say someone is “vindicated” when they are proven innocent, or when their good name is defended from an accusation.

This isn’t so far from what vindication means in the sense of virtue, either. Vindication is related to the virtue of justice, which demands we honor our duty to God and to one another. Justice seeks to ensure the fairness of human interaction. It seeks to safeguard truth against those who would co-opt it for their own purposes.

If we truly put our trust in God and seek to do His will, we may not always have popularity, but we will have truth: “Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him and he will act, and make your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like noonday.” (Psalm 37:5-6)

Sunday’s Readings

First Reading

But if you warn the wicked,
trying to turn him from his way,
and he refuses to turn from his way,
he shall die for his guilt,
but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:9)

Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
(Ps 95)

Second Reading

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another;
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Rom 13:8)

Gospel

Amen, I say to you,
whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (Mt 18:18)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Christ tells us that “where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Our faith compels us to be in community with one another. No one should be a Christian alone. How can you draw closer to others who love Christ?

Worship & Observances

Back-to-School Blessing

Dear God,
We ask that You bless the students in our congregation, giving them inspirational teachers, studious habits, solid friendships, and Your grace in every moment of this school year. Bless the teachers and school staff in our congregation, too. Fill them with Your love and care so that, as they teach and minister to our young people, Your wisdom and light may be known, encountered, and shared.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of September 6, 2026

Sunday

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-20

Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
or 1:18-23

Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday

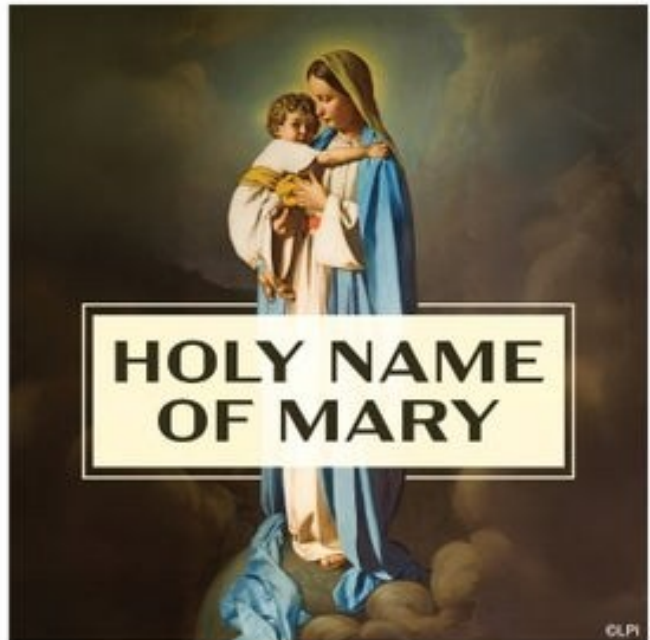
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday

Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/
Mt 18:21-35



Observances for the Week of September 6, 2026

Sunday

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday

Labor Day

Tuesday

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Friday

Patriot Day

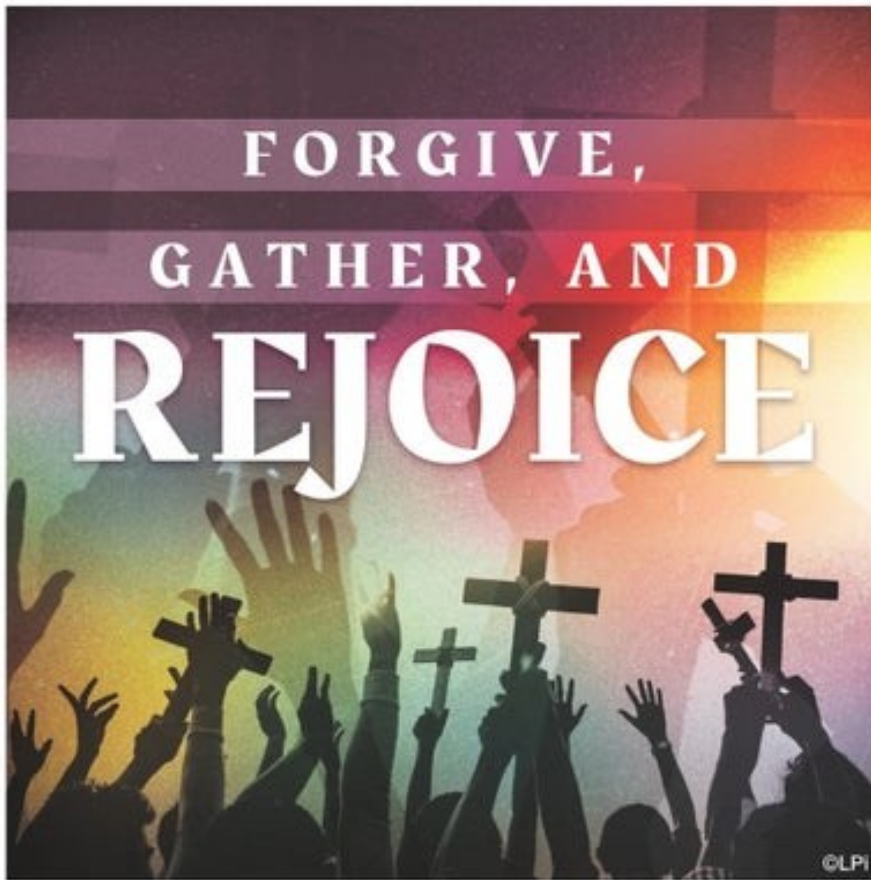
Saturday

The Most Holy Name of Mary

Next Sunday

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparent's Day

Gospel Meditation



Encourage
Deeper
Understanding
of Scripture

Matthew
18:15–20

A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily *together* with each other.

That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when his children are divided and isolated.

So when Jesus says, **"Go and tell your brother his fault,"** He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into his mission of reconciliation. When he adds, **"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother,"** we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family.

These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together.

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to seek reconciliation where it is needed. Make my heart resemble the Father's heart, longing and working for unity among His children. Amen.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples how to minister to those who sin, and declares that whatever they shall bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven.

Treat Him Like a Gentile

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives instructions for ministering to those persisting in error. Here's the CliffsNotes version: If all else fails, "treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector."

In other words? Don't give up. Tell him the truth. Wash, rinse and repeat.

Technically speaking, I'm a Gentile. I've done those mail-in DNA tests, and none of my ancestors were Jewish. So whoever told my family about the God of Abraham, it wasn't Moses, and it probably wasn't Jesus himself, unless he spent some time in northwestern Europe that the Gospels fail to mention.

Nope, my ancestors were big old Gentiles living in a big old Gentile world. Lucky for me, someone evangelized them. At first, my ancestors probably didn't listen. But the evangelist, whoever he or she was, didn't give up.

I say "lucky for me" because this all means that I was born and raised Catholic. It makes it easier, I think — but it doesn't make it easy. I'm not an automaton, and I still have to accept the truth of

the faith I choose to live. So do you. So do we all.

Inevitably, we falter. What then?

Who are the tax collectors? Zaccheus was one. Matthew was another. Maybe you recognize his name — he's the guy who wrote this Gospel. And who are the Gentiles? Me. You, maybe. Everyone the disciples decided not to give up on. Everyone the Church is called not to forget about, not to dismiss, and not to take for granted.

So treat them all like Gentiles, and remember that God sees the future, not just the past.

—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Liturgical Life



Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Life Explained

Question

What is the "Miraculous Medal" and why is it called that?

Answer

The medal of the Immaculate Conception that has come to be called simply the "Miraculous Medal" dates back to an apparition of Mary to St. Catherine Laboure, who was then a novice sister with the Daughters of Charity. On November 27, 1830, Our Lady appeared to her standing on a globe, with shafts of light streaming from her hands and the words, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee," surrounding the image. In the same vision, St. Catherine saw a capital "M" with a cross above it and below two hearts. St. Catherine seemed to hear a voice telling her to have what she saw struck as a medal and a promise that those who wore the medal would have the protection and intercession of the Mother of God. The first 1,500 medals were distributed in 1832. Many miraculous favors were attributed to the use of the medal.

St. Catherine's "Miraculous Medal" is among the recognizable and popular symbols of modern Catholicism. Reflecting on its widespread use, the 2001 Vatican document, "Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy," observes that the medal "recalls the mystery of Redemption, the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. It signifies the mediatory role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mystery of the Church, the relationship between Heaven and earth, this life and eternal life."

Catholic Trivia

The word "Catholic" comes from the Greek "katholikos," meaning what?

Answer: Universal

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses." - Mt 18:15-16

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Liturgical Life

"Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." – Mt 18:19-20

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Liturgical Life



Questions of the Week

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

First Reading Question

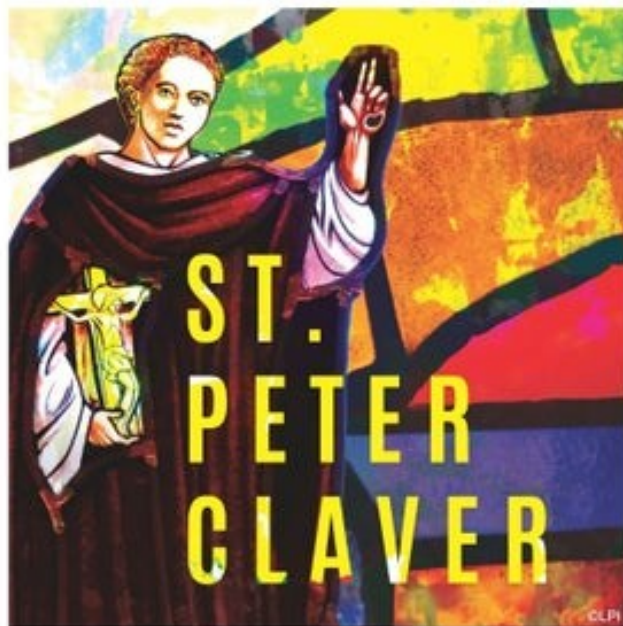
Ezekiel learns the importance of telling the truth when speaking God's prophetic word, even if it is difficult. Can you think of a time when telling a difficult truth led to a good outcome?

Second Reading Question

Paul teaches that we owe it to others to love our neighbor. How might you show love to a neighbor this week?

Gospel Question

Jesus places a high priority on reconciling with someone who has sinned against you. Are there people in your life who easily forgive?



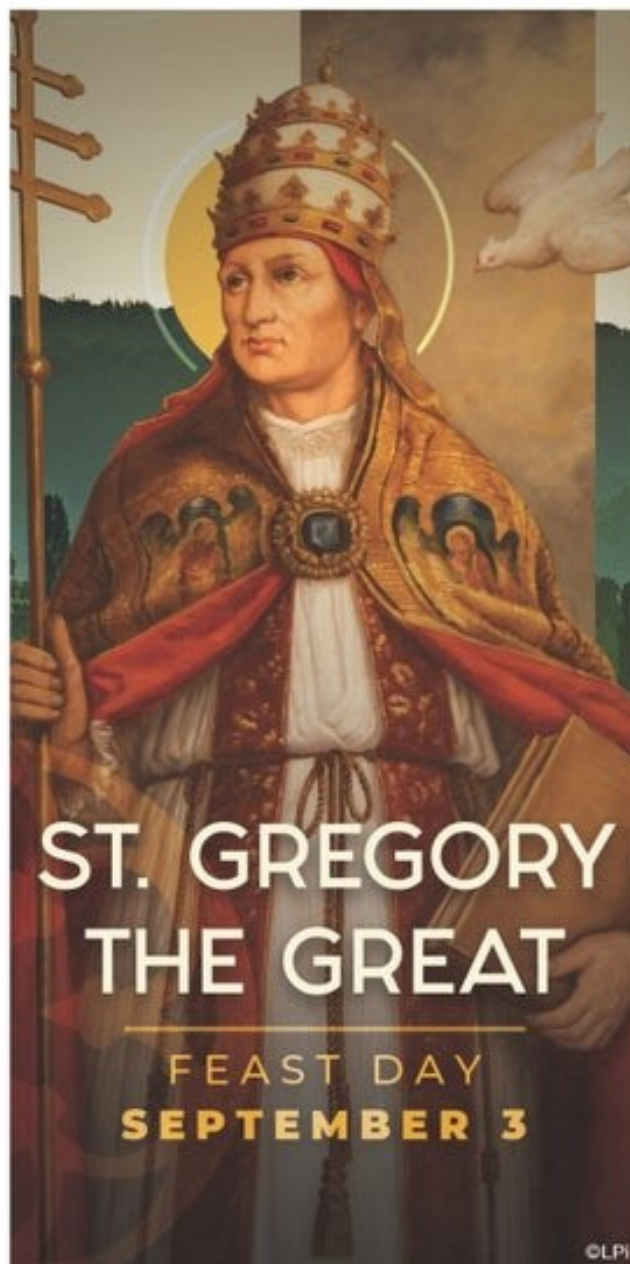
Saint of the Week

St. Gregory the Great

Pray for us!

St. Gregory the Great (540-604) began his career as Prefect of Rome before embracing monastic life, converting his family home into a monastery and founding several others. Chosen pope by acclamation in 590, he reluctantly accepted the office but became one of the Church's greatest leaders. He reformed the liturgy, strengthened papal authority, corrected abuses, defended the faith against heresy, and sent missionaries to evangelize England.

Tradition also credits him with a Eucharistic miracle in which the consecrated Host became visible flesh, strengthening the faith of a woman who doubted Christ's Real Presence. St. Gregory the Great died in 604, was immediately recognized as a saint, and is honored as one of the four great Doctors of the Western Church.



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Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

One day someone might sin against you. Friends may hurt your feelings. A neighbor may take your toy without asking. Remember what Jesus said. Remember that you sin, too. Talk it over quietly, just the two of you, and give your friend a chance to apologize.



**Now color
the picture!**

Prayer

Be with me, Jesus, when someone has hurt me. Help me to forgive. Amen.

Mission for the Week

Pray for your friends who get stuck in sin. Help them out if you can.

