

Dear Padre,

I'm having trouble finding a good place to pray. I can't get to church every day. I have a noisy household, and I can't pray at work. Any ideas?

The best place to pray is in solitude. But solitude in this case doesn't mean an isolated place; it is, rather, a state of the heart. Many Christians can enter into a state of solitude on a crowded train. I've talked with others who find solitude while sitting on a bench in a crowded shopping mall.



However, to cultivate this interior state that opens a Christian to heartfelt conversation with God, many of us need to physically shut out distractions. As Jesus advised, go into your room—your secret place—close the door, and pray there. For some people, this “secret place” is a church or chapel. Many people pray before

or after Mass. Some churches have a special oratory or chapel for the Blessed Sacrament.

But like you, many people find it difficult to go to a church or chapel every day, so some of them devote a special corner of their home to prayer. This prayer corner usually has a Bible, a crucifix, a statue, a sacred picture, a candle, or a plant.

We can find solitude in the car, in a favorite nature spot, in the garden, or on a morning jog. Once you start looking for it, solitude isn't as difficult to find as you'd expect because God is present in every place and in every moment—so wherever we can find solitude, he will be there.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

You may know all the commandments, all the prophecies, all the truths of the faith, but if this isn't put into practice, is not translated into works, it serves nothing....A faith without works, a faith that doesn't get you involved, isn't faith. It's words and nothing more than words.

HOMILY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014

Calendar

Monday
SEPTEMBER 13
St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
1 Tm 2:1–8
Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 14
The Exaltation of the
Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 3:14–16
Jn 19:25–27 or
Lk 2:33–35

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope,
and Cyprian, Bishop,
Martyrs
1 Tm 4:12–16
Lk 7:36–50

Friday
SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday
1 Tm 6:2c–12
Lk 8:1–3

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 18
Weekday
1 Tm 6:13–16
Lk 8:4–15

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 19
Twenty-fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17–20
Jas 3:16—4:3
Mk 9:30–37

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 12, 2021

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Is 50:4c–9a

Jas 2:14–18

Mk 8:27–35

Faith or Works?

Unfortunately, these two facets of our faith are often pitted against each other. In many of his letters, St. Paul insists on the superiority of faith, while today's reading from St. James underscores the importance of good works. It is understandable that one might get confused. Actually, both are vital. In fact, one without the other does not result in full Christian living. At issue is how they fit together.

Paul's insistence on faith was probably a corrective for the erroneous belief that we can earn eternal happiness by our good works. This was not simply a problem with the Jewish law and practices but with the religious law and practices of many societies. Even today we find people convinced that obeying religious laws assures salvation. To this, Paul insisted that it was faith in Jesus that saved, not conformity to law. Paul never said that believers should not obey the law.

Rather, he would insist that such obedience should flow from faith, not vice versa.

It seems that the people to whom today's second reading was directed took the idea of “faith alone” to an extreme. They were not committed to good works. This letter corrected that error. It states that faith without works is dead. In fact, good works demonstrate the authenticity and depth of one's faith.

The message for today should be clear. Faith and works belong together. Genuine faith manifests itself in works of love and mercy, and the works of love and mercy that flow from faith are of God.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Which works of mercy does your faith inspire?
- ★ How are these works fortified by faith?





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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Sept. 13	8:00 a.m.	Peter & Anna Sack+
Tuesday, Sept. 14	8:00 a.m.	Favorable Weather
Thursday, Sept. 16	8:00 a.m.	Chuck Sullivan
Friday, Sept. 17	12:15 p.m.	Private Intention
Saturday, Sept. 18	4:00p.m.	Denis & Sherry Guebelle
Sunday, Sept. 19	9:00 a.m.	Leona Randolph

Sept. 11	4:00 p.m.	Karen Burden
Sept. 12,	9:00 a.m.	K of C
Sept. 18,	4:00 p.m.	Tom Bachman
Sept. 19,	9:00 a.m.	Mike Broeckelman
Sept. 25,	4:00 p.m.	Debbie Frederick
Sept. 26,	9:00 a.m.	Fred Jones
Oct. 2,	4:00 p.m.	Gwen Waechter
Oct. 3,	9:00 a.m.	Julie Kaps
Oct. 9,	4:00 p.m.	Karen Burden
Oct. 10,	9:00 a.m.	K of C
Oct. 16,	4: 00 p.m.	Tom Bachman
Oct. 17,	9:00 a.m.	Mike Broeckelman

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. every Friday from 4:15—4:50 p.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

24 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world (Galatians 6:14)

“But who do you say that I am?” That’s the question Jesus poses to his disciples in this Sunday’s Gospel passage from Mark. At first he just asks them what other people are saying about him --- a rather simple and harmless question. But then Jesus does what he does so well --- he turns the question around and puts them “on the spot” so-to-speak. “But who do you say that I am?”

He knew that how they answered would make all the difference in the world as to whether or not they could carry on his work and his mission, whether or not they could accept some of the incredibly challenging things he was asking of them, whether or not they could follow him all the way --- laying down their lives for others.

The question Jesus asks them is precisely the same question he is asking each of us this day. So what is our answer? Who do we say Jesus is? The truth is, I can’t answer for you and you can’t answer for me.

If we say that Jesus is just a really good guy . . . then he’s no different than countless other people we know, people who are basically kind and loving and generous.

But if we say he is Lord, if we say he is God, if we say he is our Savior, if we say he is the Christ, then . . . well, that’s up to each of us. My friends, how are each of us going to respond --- and consequently (and most importantly), what changes in our lives are we willing to make?

Fr. Peter Tran

COLLECTION for September 5, 2021: Envelopes: \$1405.00; Loose: \$109.00; Online Giving: \$1303.60
Total \$2817.60; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under +1056.43.

Thank you so much to your faithful stewards for supporting our parish, diocese, and worldwide Church.

PARISH WORKDAY—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 Starts Proximately around 10:30 a.m. If you are free and would like to help, you are invited to participate in doing some small parish projects such as cutting or trimming bushes or cleaning in and surrounding the church and parish hall. Thank you.

SEPTEMBER CCD If you haven't had a chance to enroll your children to CCD last Wednesday, please stop by at Parish Hall to enroll them this Wednesday 09/15 at 6:30 p.m. Registration Forms are also available on our parish Website-www.saintanthonylakin.org.

09/15 at 6:30 p.m.—A required parent meeting.

CCD classes will start on 09/22.

Confirmation class starts on 09/19.

BUDGET SHOP REMINDER our church is scheduled to work at the budget shop on 25th and 27th of this month. We always appreciate all your help.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN OF ADULTS) PROCESS IN THE PARISH

- Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially taken the step to become Catholic? Have you been away from the Church, and have now returned, but want to know more? Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?

Have you joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church? If you ("or someone you know") answers YES to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It is a journey that begins with your questions. There is no obligation to join us as you discover more about your Catholic faith. The decision is ultimately yours to discern if this is to be your spiritual home. The invitation is always open. Please call us (620-355-6405) when you are ready! On behalf of the Catholic faith community of the St. Anthony, we look forward to welcoming you.

VOCATION VIEW "The Lord GOD is my help." When Christ calls one to follow as a priest or religious, He also gives the strength to overcome the obstacles that are sometimes in the way, but we must ask to receive this strength! (Isaiah 50:5-9)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (By St. Ignatius of Loyola) Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will. Amen

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Mark 8:27-35)

Along the way Jesus' actions and teaching have compelled people to ask who he is. Now he raises this question while traveling along the way. The way is a metaphor for Christian discipleship. As Jesus journeys to his own death, he further reveals who he is and teaches people what following his way requires of them.

Who is he? The disciples sum up the different ideas people have about Jesus' identity. • maybe Jesus is a sort of reincarnation of John the Baptist • some believed Elijah would precede God's own arrival (Malachi 3:23) • Jesus is like the prophets of Israel's past who called people back to God In each of these cases, people believe that Jesus is someone who prepares them for God's arrival. No one, including the disciples, have yet realized that God has come in the person of Jesus himself.

Messiah/Christ Messiah is the Hebrew word for anointed one. Christ is the Greek word for the same thing. In the ancient world people were anointed as a sign that they were chosen for a particular mission or role. Although Jews had different ideas about who the messiah would be and what he would do, no one expected the messiah to suffer and be killed.

Secret identity Although Jesus is the messiah, the title that best expresses his identity is Son of God (15:39). Because nothing in the Jewish tradition anticipates the arrival of God's own Son, Jesus needs time to guide his followers to this understanding. Until they have a clearer idea of his identity, he commands them not to declare who they think he is (v.30). Jesus uses the title Son of Man to guide people to the truth of his identity. Although the title can refer simply to a human being, it also refers to the one who reigns over God's kingdom (Daniel 7:13-14).

Rebukes Each time Jesus speaks about his forthcoming suffering, his disciples reject or don't understand what he means. Peter is so upset that he rebukes Jesus. The word rebuke describes how Jesus expels demons. Jesus thus rebukes Peter for acting like Satan, who violently opposes God's reign. Although Peter called Jesus the Messiah, he rejects the way of this Messiah. True followers of Jesus accept the suffering that comes from their commitment to the gospel. By devoting their lives to Jesus now, they become part of his eternal reign. , is unclear. It might have been part of the ancient healing formula or an expression of anger at the man's disability. (www.oursundayreadings)

DERSTANDING THE SECOND READING (James 2: 14-18)

Lived faith James bluntly states that Christian faith must show itself in deeds of service and justice. Because Paul insisted that faith alone is necessary for salvation (Romans 10:9), some people think that James contradicts Paul. In fact, the two apostles are in perfect agreement. Paul uses the word "works" to refer specifically to the Jewish law. Now that Christ has come, salvation no longer comes through obedience to these laws but through faith in Christ. People can't earn or "work" for salvation because eternal life is a gift God offers everyone, which we accept in faith (Romans 3:21-30).

Works Like James, Paul insists that we demonstrate our faith in how we live. Paul repeatedly urges members of the Christian community to live justly and morally (Romans 12, 2 Corinthians 8, Galatians 5:13-6:10, Ephesians 4:25f, 1 Timothy 6:17f, and so on). Moreover, Jesus repeatedly demonstrated in his own ministry that faith entails action on behalf of others. Genuine love for God and neighbor includes caring for people's physical needs. (www.oursundayreadings)

Grand Knights' Comments (Tom Bachman)

Greetings for the 2021-2022 fraternal year of the Knights of Columbus, council #7318.

The summer of 2021 flew by and here we are facing the last quarter of the year. The Knights were pretty busy during the summer with different projects around the church grounds.

Alvin Bergkamp is the one who has kept those pretty flowers growing on the west side of the church. Something I'm sure takes more time than one would admit. Because of that work Alvin was voted out "Knight of the Month" for August.

Bill Rooney, Janet, Billy and Brent were the main force behind much of the spraying of weeds and taking care of different things around the church as well as digging out and installing the new window wells for the rectory. These deeds landed The Bill Rooney Family "Family of the Month" for the summer months.

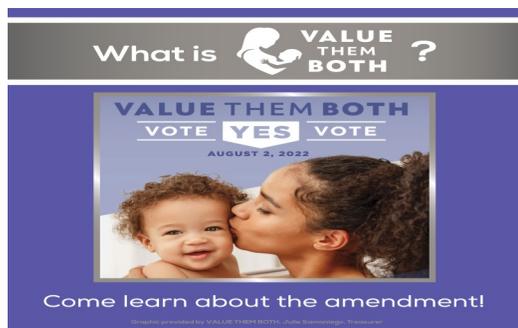
Kenny Waechter and Jason took care of a lot (most) of the mowing this summer. Got to admit the lawns looked great all summer. Kenny also chaired our parish breakfast the knights hosted in June. We had a pretty good turnout for that...so good in fact that we are planning another one for October 10. Please plan on attending this free breakfast.

As you can see in the Bulletin, we are hosting a Informational meeting September 19, after Mass on the "Value Them Both" amendment that the State Legislature is taking up and which we, as citizens of Kansas, will be Voting on in the near future. Please plan to attend this important informational meeting, It will only last about 30 minutes. The Kansas State Council is sending the State Chaplin, Father Bernie Gorges to do the presentation.

Finally, the knights will be out and about in the next month or so pedaling our Tootsie Rolls as the yearly event is coming up. If you are interested in purchasing tootsie rolls contact any KofC member.

Thank you all for your support of the KofC our members and our projects, we hope and pray that you remain safe and healthy.

Come learn about the VALUE THEM BOTH Amendment on Sunday, September 19, 2021!



Event #1: 10:15 AM presentation at St. Anthony Parish Center (600 Soderberg Street) in Lakin, KS.

Event #2: 3:00 PM presentation at St. Dominic Parish Hall (615 JC Street) in Garden City, KS.

Kansans can help protect women and babies in our state by voting YES on the VALUE THEM BOTH Amendment on August 2, 2022, which will:

- Protect existing Kansas law that keeps babies from being aborted up to the moment of birth.
- Prevent taxpayer-funded abortion and extreme procedures such as partial-birth and live-dismemberment abortions.
- Preserve safeguards that require the abortion industry to protect women with important clinic safety standards

Make plans to attend one of these important meetings!

TWENTY –FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Shopping made simple

Loving grandparenting is a special gift to those children who receive it. Some of us were raised by generous elders. Others recognize our grandparents as the folks who cherished us just for showing up—something our parents couldn't always manage to do! Nine-year-old Russell Capper first wrote President Nixon in 1969 with the idea of honoring grandparents with their own day. It would take another decade and another president, Jimmy Carter, to make Grandparents Day official on the Sunday after Labor Day. Reach across the generations today and close the gap of understanding by listening to each other's stories, dreams, and hopes. (Prepare the Word)

VIGÉSIMO CUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Comprar de forma simple

El cariño de los abuelos es un regalo especial para los niños que lo reciben. Algunos fuimos criados por ancianos generosos. Otros reconocemos a nuestros abuelos como las personas que nos querían por el solo hecho de aparecer, algo que nuestros padres no siempre pudieron hacer. Russell Capper, de nueve años, escribió por primera vez al presidente Nixon en 1969 con la idea de honrar a los abuelos con su propio día. Tuvo que pasar otra década y otro presidente, Jimmy Carter, para oficializar el Día de los Abuelos el domingo después del Día del Trabajo. Extiende hoy la mano a través de las generaciones y cierra la brecha del entendimiento escuchando las historias, los sueños y las esperanzas de los demás.