

## Calendar

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina,  
Priest

Ezr 1:1–6

Lk 8:16–18

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 24

Weekday

Ezr 6:7–8, 12b, 14–20

Lk 8:19–21

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday

Ezr 9:5–9

Lk 9:1–6

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday

Hg 1:1–8

Lk 9:7–9

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul,  
Priest

Hg 2:1–9

Lk 9:18–22

### Saturday

SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday

Zec 2:5–9, 14–15a

Lk 9:43b–45

### Sunday

SEPTEMBER 29

Twenty-sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4–7

1 Tm 6:11–16

Lk 16:19–31

# Dear Padre,

## Is withholding or withdrawing life support a form of euthanasia?

While it's always morally wrong to kill an innocent person, it can sometimes be morally right to allow someone to die. This implies that it is sometimes morally wrong to allow a person to die. To withhold antibiotics from a person who has every chance of recovering and living a full life if given the medication would be morally wrong.

But there are times when we must accept that our death is inevitable and that additional medical treatment will place an excessive burden on us and our caretakers, with little benefit.

To refuse such treatment is not a form of suicide; rather it's a decision to allow the dying process to take its natural course. The key words here are *excessive burden* and *little benefit*. When is using a ventilator too burdensome to bear and able to be withdrawn? When is the natural care of nutrition and hydration failing to do what it should? Such life-sustaining treatment or care

may be too burdensome for some but not for others.

A young person after a car accident may be left a quadriplegic and unable to breathe without a ventilator. He might consider the ventilator an extraordinary means of preserving life and want to discontinue its use. Any determination that disregards the value of this person's life—by the patient himself or anyone else—must be avoided. Ultimately, such judgments shouldn't be made without a careful review of Catholic moral teaching, medical and spiritual consultation, and a well-formed conscience.

—Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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## A Word from Pope Francis

The level of progress in a society is measured by its capacity to safeguard life....Death from malnutrition is an attack on life. Terrorism, war, violence; so is euthanasia. Loving life means always taking care of the other, wanting the best for him, cultivating and respecting her transcendent dignity.

—Address to Science and Life Association, May 30, 2015





# 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*September 22, 2019*



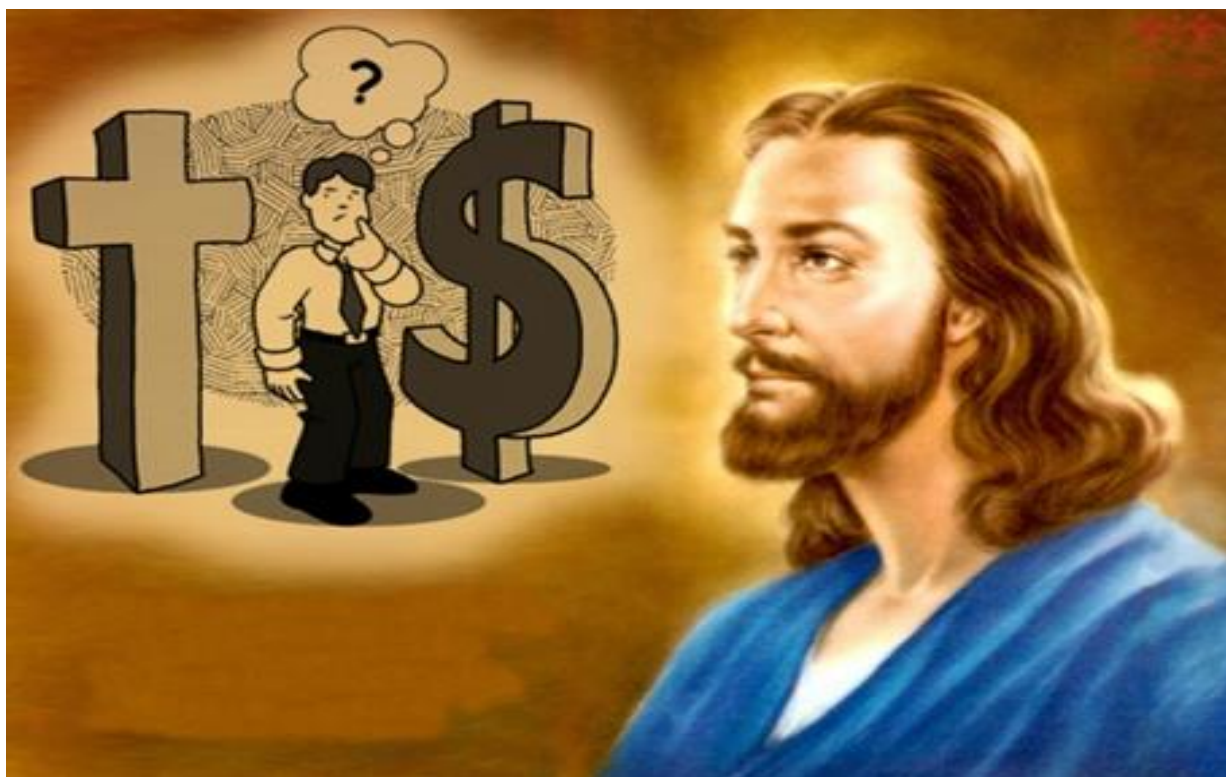
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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

*Mass Schedule for this Week*

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule

Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat 5:00 pm +Gary Lacy

Sun 9:00am Verda Crabtree

Sun 6:00pm +Gary Lacy

Mon 8:00 +John Landeche

Tues 8:00 am +Luke Northrop

Wed 6:00pm Benefactors

Thu 8:00 am Benefactors

Fri 8:00 am Benefactors

## **From Father Khoa's Desk...**

***Dear Parishioners and Friends, Jesus likes you. Jesus loves you. Jesus longs for you!***

Compartmentalization or consistency?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty." This parable isn't advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers over-charged and skimmed off the top.

Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This parable contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces? Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time?

Jesus calls his disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one

person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation? "No servant can serve two masters." This week, take stock of your life. All of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go?

*May God bless all of us! Enjoy your praying!*

**...Fr. Khoa**

**Senior Citizens Bingo:** Thank you KC, donors, and everyone who prepared bingo for senior citizens last Sunday. Thanks.

**Parish Council:** meet this Saturday September 21 after 5pm Mass. Thank you.

**Garage Sale:** will be on Saturday October 12 and Oct 19 from 7am to 4:30pm. Please contact Beverly. Thank you.

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:\*\***

**79**Identifiable: **\$2,057.00**; Loose: **\$1,609.00**; ACH: **\$640.00**; Total: **\$4,306.00**; Children: **\$26.34**. **Inter'l Seaman Center: \$221.00.**

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**\*\*Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Church Cleaning:** Thank you John Davis for cleaning the church this weekend. Lester and Keisha Palmer'll clean the church next week.

**RCIA:** Are You Considering Becoming Catholic? Are You A Catholic Interested In Being Confirmed? Are You A Confirmed Catholic Who's Ready To Explore Your Faith Anew? Please contact Sherrie DeMello. The 2019/20 sessions started Sept 10. RCIA classes are on Wednesdays 6:30pm. Thank you.

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>GIFT B.</b>
Sat Sept 21 5pm	Judith Martinez	Mike & Dianne Mays, Henrietta	Austin S.	Shorty August	Dale Babin
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Douglas Ladner	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Sept 22 9am	Lacey Ladner	Susan Peleaz, James Quintini, Kim Wood	TBA	Pat Will	Marie Nance Family
Sun 6pm	Richard Dunlap	Jan E., Derek & Jodi T.	Blake Smith	TBA	TBA
Sat Sept 28 5pm	Matthew Marchand	Mike & Ellen West, Rita Acosta	Austin S.	Mike Dale	John Ira Necaize
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Douglas Ladner	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Sept 29 9am	Beverly	Will Burke, Lester Palmer, Robin Peterson	TBA	Pat Will	Marie Nance Family
Sun 6pm	Kathleen Cuevas	Jan E., Derek & Jodi T.	Blake Smith	TBA	TBA

## **ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.**

**Altar Society:** will meet in October.

### **A Prayer for Students by St. Thomas Aquinas**

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom! Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever. Amen.

**Cursillo:** I will go to Cursillo retreat next weekend from Thursday evening September 26 to Sunday 29. Please keep me in your prayers. Thanks.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

**Parish Picnic:** will be on **October 27**. We invite everyone to come to this occasion to enjoy the foods, faith, family, and fellowship. There will be only one Mass at 10 am. Any questions please call: Beverly 228-832-4968.

**CCD:** CCD starts on Sept 07. Please contact Robert Lizana the DRE 228-697-9124.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:**

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Robert Necaize, Nancy Ladner, Matt Bryant, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Jenny Hinton, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaize, John Parish, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Paula Foreman, Nancy (Chicago), Kathy Robison, and Lyndon Rushing, Meghan and Daughter Colbi Pittman Necaize, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Brandon Miller, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, and Alden Smith.

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE FR. KHOA WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.**