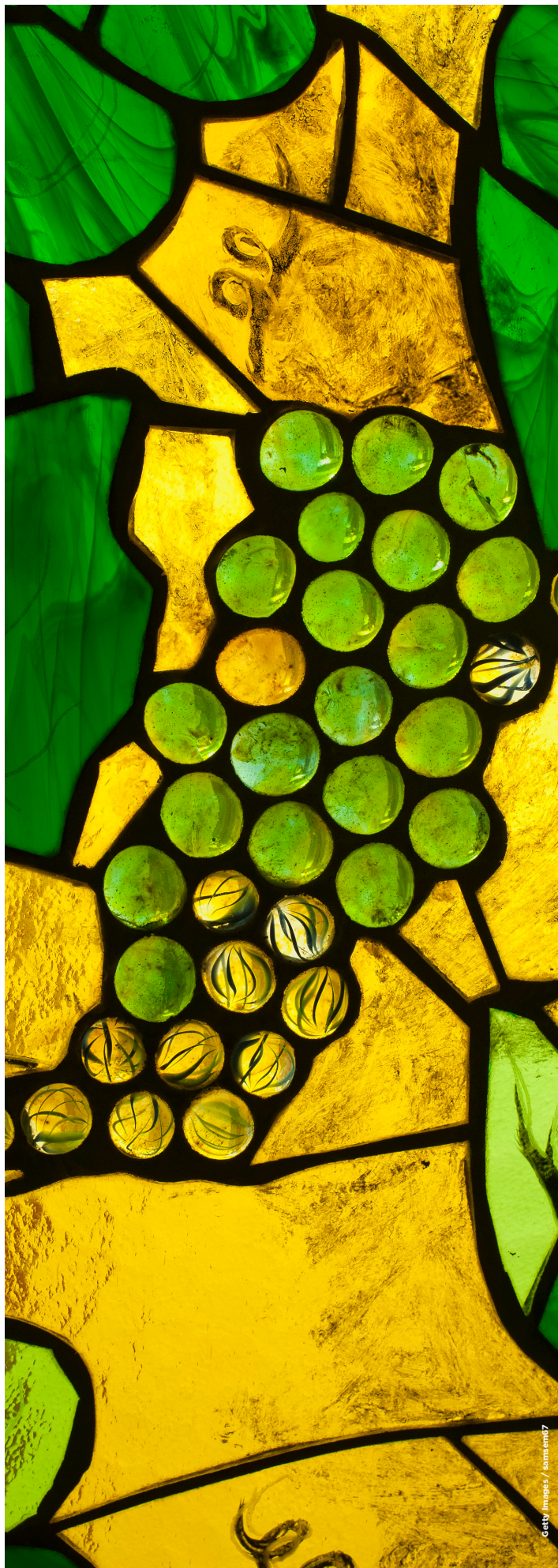




October 4, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7 | Phil 4:6-9 | Mt 21:33-43

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I enjoy thinking about what it would have been like to hear Jesus' teachings as a first-century Jew. When Jesus calls out the current tenants of the vineyard as being unfaithful, disobedient servants, however, it may have left the crowd feeling a bit anxious. And really, Jesus could say this to each of us at times because, like the wild grapes in the vineyard, when left to our own devices we also have a tendency to fall into sin and produce unsavory fruit. But we also know that Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and he wants our lives in his vineyard to be characterized by that peace. Christ is not condemning, but he is the Son sent to call the tenants back into communion with the Father. He does the same with us too. In acts of great mercy, Christ continues to call us again and again – even after we reject him and turn away from him. Through the Church, the sacraments, the intercession of the saints, and the holy men and women who proclaim the Gospel today, God continues to seek us out so we might know the peace of fruitful service in his vineyard.

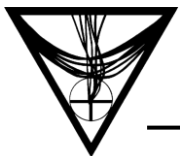
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Christ longs to give us peace that surpasses all of our fears and anxieties, and he does so by inviting us to be good stewards of his created world and the community of believers. He invites us to work in the vineyard – to offer our gifts and talents to bring forth the fruits of love and joy that overflow from the work of the Holy Spirit within us. We do so with the assurance that salvation is not dependent on us. Our Father has sown the seeds and has prepared the vineyard; we are simply called to reap and preserve what he has brought into being. And so we trust in the overwhelming mercy of God and humbly accept the love and communion that we do not deserve.

REFLECT

Just as the landowner sent messengers to the tenants of the vineyard, God sends people to us to proclaim the Gospel. Who are those people in your life who are calling you to a deeper relationship with God? How can you open your heart to hear the message of love and peace that they are proclaiming?



OUR MISSION

‘Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God
To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.’

MONTH of *The Holy Rosary*

Sunday October 4	Monday October 5	Tuesday October 6	Wednesday October 7	Thursday October 8	Friday October 9	Saturday October 10
10a Mass 12:30p Mass 1:30p-4pm Adoration 7p Mass	9:30a CWL Quilters 6:30p RCIA	8:30a Mass 6p K of C Meeting	8:30a Mass 7p Adoration	8:30a Mass 1:30p 55+ Cards 6p Youth Choir	8:30a Mass 9a-12p Adoration 6p Challenge	11a-12p Confession 5p Mass

LIVE-STREAM MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10 AM MASS [FACEBOOK.COM/HOLYSPIRITSASK](https://facebook.com/holyspiritsask)

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2026 — Living the Father's Will
WEEK TWO — FAITH FORMATION, EVANGELIZATION AND YOUTH

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Youth Ministry

Young people are not simply the future of the Church—they are an important part of the Church today.

The fundraising goal for Holy Spirit Parish has been set at \$178,000. Any thing raised beyond this goal is returned directly to our parish!

Visit dscf.ca/baa or the BAA table in the Place of Welcome for more information and to donate!



Who does BBA help? Watch the ministry videos to find out!
dscf.ca/baa-parish-resources

First Fruits

Connect with other families in our community through faith fellowship and fun. The small group initiative is aimed at supporting parents in the early stages of parenting. You meet once every other month starting October 20.

Register online holyspiritsaskatoon.ca or pick up a registration form in the place of welcome.



First Reconciliation & First Communion
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



for more info & registration form
holyspiritsaskatoon.ca

Funeral Planning Workshop
Wednesday, October 21
2PM and 7PM Holy Spirit Parish

No Cost/Refreshments Provided

Ministry of Care presents a workshop in preplanning your funeral.

We will cover all aspects of a funeral; the Liturgy, the finances and the planning; with people from each area to answer your questions.

Learn how planning ahead will reduce stress for your family, save you money, and give you peace of mind.

REGISTER FOR EITHER SESSION

Contact Kelly for more information at

306-374-1425 | kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca

55+ Cards
Thursday, October 8 1:30-4pm



"Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission"
CWL is open to all women of the parish 16 years or older.
Our next meeting is **Tuesday, October 13**, beginning with **Mass at 6:30 pm**. **All ladies are welcome to come and join us for an evening of Fun, Faith and Fellowship.**

President: Melanie Fauchoux (306) 220-9520
holspiritcwl@gmail.com

CLOTHING DRIVE The CWL will be holding a clothing drive for the CWL Clothing Depot on October 17 and 18. We are specifically looking for winter clothing, bedding, towels and new toys. At this time, we are unable to accept other household items.

Holy Spirit Youth Choir
Rehearsals **Thursdays 6-7PM**
Choir will sing **4th Sunday** of every month @12:30PM Mass
Contact Charlotte for more info:
hsyouthchoir@gmail.com

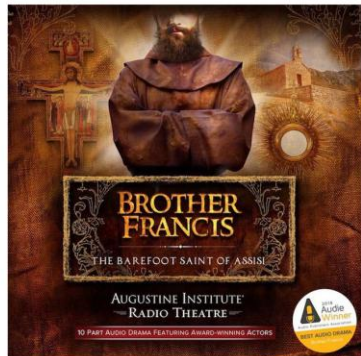
SAVE THE DATE

Fr. Michael's
25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 24

LET US PRAY

- **For the sick and all those who care for them, today we pray for:** Vera Wolkosky, Frederick Vizeacoumar, Vijaykumar Soupramaniam Modaliar, Evangeline Manzon, Adel Gorges, Mary Cody, Camilla Wren, Alice Plewes, Zelpha Rolph, Marygold Uchendi, Stephen Faytaren
- **For all those who have died, today we remember:** Martin Julien, Ted Easton, Alexandra Parno, Sophie Indrawan, Gus Sander
- **And on the anniversary of death:** Stan Wormsbecker, Francis Ifeanyi Uchendu, Jacey Hunter



Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi
In this 10-part audio drama, listeners can dive into the life of St. Francis of Assisi as he goes from being a son of wealth and privilege to a man who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

MASS TIMES	ADORATION	CONFESSIONS
Saturday 5 pm	Wednesdays 7-8pm	Saturdays 11 am - 12 noon
Sunday 10 am, 12:30pm, 7 pm	Fridays, 9 am - 12 pm	<i>or by appointment.</i>
Weekdays Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am	Sundays, 1:30 - 4 pm	

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Evangelization and Catechesis

At the heart of the Church's mission is the call to share the Good News.

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis supports parishes, schools, and individuals in proclaiming the Gospel and forming disciples. Through training, resources, sacramental preparation, and faith formation initiatives, this ministry helps people encounter Christ and grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith. Its work touches every age group, helping individuals move from simply knowing about Jesus to living as His disciples.

This ministry helps build a Church that is welcoming, missionary, and alive with faith.

Rural Catechesis

The Office of Rural Catechesis exists to ensure that faith formation is accessible to everyone, regardless of where they live.

Through workshops, resources, parish visits, online learning opportunities, and support for volunteers, this ministry reaches individuals and families throughout rural Saskatchewan. It strengthens local faith communities and equips parish leaders to share the Gospel with confidence.

The impact extends far beyond the classroom. Children are preparing for the sacraments, adults are deepening their understanding of the faith, and rural parishes are finding renewed energy for evangelization. This ministry reminds us that geography should never be a barrier to encountering Christ.

Adult Faith Formation

Faith formation does not end at Confirmation. Throughout our lives, we continue to grow as disciples. Adult Faith Formation offers opportunities for learning, prayer, spiritual growth, and meaningful conversation. Through workshops, courses, retreats, and parish-based programs, adults are encouraged to deepen their relationship with Christ and better understand the teachings of the Church.

In a world filled with uncertainty and noise, this ministry helps people find wisdom, purpose, and a stronger foundation in faith.

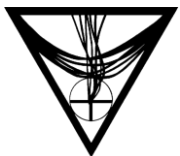
When adults grow in faith, families grow stronger, parishes become more vibrant, and communities are transformed.

Youth Ministry

Young people are not simply the future of the Church—they are an important part of the Church today. Through retreats, leadership development, parish programming, diocesan gatherings, and faith-filled community experiences, Youth Ministry helps young people encounter Jesus and discover their God-given gifts.

This ministry creates spaces where youth can ask questions, build friendships, serve others, and grow in their faith. It forms disciples who are prepared to lead in their schools, parishes, and communities.

Every young person who encounters Christ through Youth Ministry becomes a beacon of hope for the future of our Church.



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If you need prayer, support, a visit (with the Eucharist or otherwise), Anointing of the Sick, or assistance with funeral planning, Ministry of Care is just a phone call or email away. Please contact **Kelly Wormsbecker** Pastoral Associate- Ministry of Care kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca or call 306-374-1425

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Diocesan Bulletin

Oct. 4, 2026 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 In all things we are *rooted in Christ*,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.

Upcoming Events

Life Chain, an hour of prayerful public pro-life witness in communities around the country, will be held from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Sunday, Oct 4**, including in Saskatoon (Idylwyld and 22nd Street), Humboldt (civic park), and Unity (Hwy 21 at 1st Ave.). For more info visit: www.lifechain.ca.

Apostolate of the Precious Blood meets from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Tuesdays** in October (except Oct. 20). at Saint Anne Catholic Church, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon, to pray the rosary, the Litany and Chaplet of The Precious Blood. All are welcome.

A Season of Creation series concludes 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Oct. 5** held in the welcome area at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Ave, Saskatoon. All are welcome to join in these evenings of reflection; there is no cost.

Time Out for Moms is a Catholic faith enrichment and fellowship group in the diocese of Saskatoon, with mothers gathering to enjoy a light breakfast and listen to speakers at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, from 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Tuesday mornings, **starting Oct. 6**. Childcare is available with volunteer caregivers. The fall term theme is "The Little Domestic Church on the Prairie." For more info and registration, see: <https://tofmsaskatoon.sk.wixsite.com/mysite>. Time Out For Moms is also seeking caregivers for the children while the mothers meet – to volunteer, please visit the website.

Funeral Pre-Planning free workshop presented by parish Ministry of Care will be held at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. on **Wednesday, Oct. 21** at Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon, covering all aspects of a funeral, the liturgy, the finances and the planning. There will be people present of these areas to answer questions. Learn how planning ahead will reduce stress for family, save money, and give peace of mind. Register for either session (afternoon or evening) by contacting Kelly at (306) 374-1425 or kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca.

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Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Called to Respond: Living the Father's Will"

Find this year's video, information, and online giving at:

dscf.ca/baa

Featured Ministry: Adult Faith

Thanks to support for the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the Adult Faith Office in the diocese of Saskatoon can continue to run programs and events that inspire, equip, and send forth disciples. Gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal have a significant impact on the mission to Proclaim Christ and God's Kingdom today!

Bishop's
ANNUAL APPEAL



Bishop's Annual Appeal - Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, SK, S7S 1H1
<https://dscf.ca/baa> / admin@dscf.ca / (306) 659-5851

What Gifts Has God Given You? Called and Gifted

All parishioners, priests and religious are invited to more deeply discern the charisms God has given uniquely to them to build up God's Kingdom. Whether in homes, parishes or workplaces, these gifts are indispensable to our accomplishing God's purposes!

A Called and Gifted Introductory Workshop

will be held 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Saturday, Oct. 17**

Catholic Pastoral Centre, Second Floor,
Holy Family Cathedral, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon.

Everyone is welcome!

Cost is \$75, includes lunch and materials.

Register online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/261529066334256>

or contact diocesan Adult Faith coordinator Astrid Alas for more information: 306-659-5858 or amalas@rcdos.ca.

Read more about the Called and Gifted discernment process at <https://rcdos.ca/called-and-gifted>

Message Board

Knights of Columbus Pancake breakfast will be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 211 Avenue O South at 11 a.m. **Sunday, Oct. 11** after the 10 am Mass. All are welcome.

Theology on Tap for young adults, 19-35 years: "From STM Campus Ministry to Bishop of Prince Albert" with Bishop Ken Thorson will be held 5 p.m. **Tuesday, Oct. 14** at Louis, 93 Campus Drive, Saskatoon. All are welcome!

At the Threshold of Grace is a Catholic conference to be held **Oct. 16-17** at St. Martin de Porres Parish, 5720 Castle Road, **Regina**, with separate sessions for men and women. To register or for information, see the website: <https://boatsonfire.net>.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at 12:15 p.m. **Saturday, Oct. 24** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, to celebrate the **recent profession of perpetual vows** (on Aug. 22) to the Queenship of Mary Community in Ottawa by Sr. Maryam Josephine of the Child Jesus (Micheline Thibault of Saskatoon). A light lunch will follow in the hall.

CHAS Convention: Shared Vision, Sacred Work: Growing Healing Communities: *"We aim to promote a vision of health care so undeniably compassionate that families will accept nothing less."* The Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan will hold its 2026 Annual Convention, **Oct. 29-30** at St. Joseph Church, 260 25th St. East, **Prince Albert**. Join spiritual care providers, Catholic health leaders, clergy, and community members for two days of learning, dialogue, and mission-focused collaboration. A public event features Ryan Straschnitzki sharing a powerful story of resilience after the Humboldt Broncos bus crash. For details and online registration see: <https://chassk.ca/annual-convention-2026>.

Join St. Mary Mission & Outreach This Winter - For the fourth winter, St. Mary Parish Hall in Saskatoon will serve as a warm-up location, offering shelter, warmth and dignity to those experiencing homelessness. Behind-the-scenes volunteer opportunities are available for people of all ages, while those volunteering directly with guests inside the warm-up location must be 18 years of age or older. Volunteer training will begin in October, with dates and further information coming soon. E-mail Jennifer Nunes at jnunes@rcdos.ca for information, or to add your name to the volunteer list and receive future updates. Learn more or donate at: www.stmarysoutreach.com.



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Diocesan Fall Congress

"Preparing the Way:

The Church's Mission for 2033"

Wednesday, Oct. 14 - 9 am to 4 pm

Cathedral of the Holy Family, Saskatoon

An event for clergy, staff, parish/ministry leaders, and the general public to learn more about preparing for Jubilee 2033 – marking 2000 years since the Resurrection!

To register for Fall Congress, please go to:

<https://form.jotform.com/262037155248254>.

Cost: \$30 (*includes lunch*). For more information contact Director of Ministry Services Marilyn Jackson, mjackson@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5836. (*Supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Job Opportunity: The Diocese of Saskatoon is seeking an Executive Assistant to the Bishop / Curia Coordinator. See: <https://rcdos.ca/employment> for the job description and requirements. E-mail resumé to HR@rcdos.ca.

Job Opportunity: St. Mary Parish in Saskatoon is seeking a part-time parish custodian (approximately 12 hours per week), responsible for maintaining a consistently clean, sanitary, and orderly environment throughout St. Mary Church, parish hall, rectory, offices, and associated areas. Please provide a resume prior to **Friday, Oct. 23, 2026** to smasaskatoon@rcdos.ca.

Tourtières: These traditional meat pies are again available from Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Francophone Catholic Parish in Saskatoon, \$20 each. Call or e-mail Muriel Hill to reserve your order: mhill@rcdos.ca or (306) 665-1829

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Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
October 4, 2026

When God Daydreamed Us

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

At the end of the Broadway musical Camelot, King Arthur finds himself confronted by the fact that his dream of the Round Table and justice for all has died without having borne the fruit he had hoped. A young boy, Tom of Warwick, comes up to him asking if he might be dubbed a knight. Arthur does so, then commissions him to go forth and tell the story of Camelot to everyone he meets, all with the hope that someone someday will dare to try again to create a world with equal justice for all.

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 5:1–7

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, the people of Judah, his cherished plant.

Philippians 4:6–9

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

Matthew 21:33–43

[Jesus said,] “I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.”

We all live with dreams of what we might be, of what life might be. They seldom turn out the way we had imagined, yet what would life be without such dreams? They push us into new futures. They create hope and new possibilities. They bring meaning to our lives.

The parable of the landowner and his vineyard is really a story of God and the dream God has for us. It is a story of how God withholds nothing from caring for his vineyard that it might bear fruit, that is, from trying to make his dream for us a reality, even to the point of giving his Son over to that dream.

Dreams never come easy. If they did, they would not be dreams. It was so for those who founded this nation in 1776. It is so for parents with dreams for their children. It is so as well for God, who dreams dreams for us in Jesus. †



***God withholds nothing
from caring for his
vineyard that it might bear
fruit.***

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

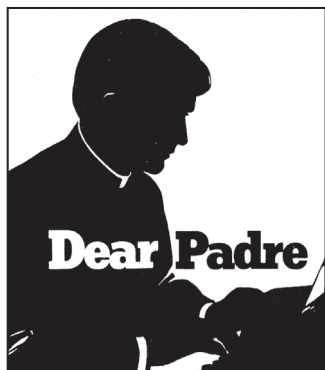
Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy. Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference, so we may become instruments of reconciliation. Help us understand that true security does not come from control fueled by fear, but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.

“Pray with the Pope” video message,
March 2026



REFLECTION QUESTIONS **QUESTIONS** REFLECTION

- Do my dreams reflect God’s dreams for me?
- Do my children know God has dreams for them?



Dear Padre,
My friend is deeply involved in her faith, but I struggle with our friendship because I don't like how she treats her pets. I don't understand how someone who values religion so highly can show so little care for animals. What should I do?

Franciscan Friar Kevin Mackin writes, "The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye to eye are two creatures of love" ("Why We Bless Animals," *Catholic Update*). Because of this strong bond between humans and sentient creatures, it's especially difficult to witness their mistreatment, either through neglect (such as failing to provide sufficient food, water, shelter, or veterinary care) or direct physical abuse (a violation of anti-cruelty laws and a criminal offense in all fifty states). Studies show that owning pets offers us companionship and emotional support; in turn, these qualities can foster in us greater empathy and compassion toward others. Yet, while pets may greatly benefit our health and well-being, owning them comes with a serious obligation and moral responsibility. Vulnerable pets depend on humans for adequate care and protection. At times, some pet owners can be overwhelmed by their responsibility to provide proper care; others may even be unaware that they are treating their pets inappropriately. Out of concern for both your friend and her pets, consider a non-critical, non-confrontational approach to discuss your observations and to offer assistance. †

Fr. Byron Miller, 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**.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Real Presence in the Eucharist" by Jeffrey D. VonLehmen

We often think of spiritual as invisible. But who wants an invisible relationship with a loved one? Consider this example. A father leaves work early on a weekday, drives five hours to another city to be present at his son's college basketball game, and then drives home the same night. The father arrives home about 5 am, catches an hour of sleep, then goes to work. He does this often. Perhaps it would be enough to tell his son over the phone that he is thinking about him and cheering and praying for him. But think how much more it means to the child that his father is not just there in spirit—he is there in flesh. He is providing a real presence for his son. What a big difference!

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Creator God, quiet our minds and open our hearts that we may become the holy person you created us to be. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 5–10

Monday,

Weekday: Gal 1:6–12 / Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday,

Weekday: Gal 1:13–24 / Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday,

Our Lady of the Rosary: Gal 2:1–2, 7–14 / Lk 11:1–4

Thursday,

Weekday: Gal 3:1–5 / Lk 11:5–13

Friday,

Weekday: Gal 3:7–14 / Lk 11:15–26

Saturday,

Weekday: Gal 3:22–29 / Lk 11:27–28



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Sunday, Oct 04, 2026

They'll know us by our respect

We know Christians are to love others. Whether it's Jesus telling people to love God with all their souls, hearts, and minds and their neighbor as themselves or Saint John saying God is love, it is clear love is at the center of living one's faith. Love for all is not the intimate love we share with family, spouses, and close friends. No one can love everybody in that way. No, the essence of Christian love is respect for the life and dignity of all human beings.

Christians are often ridiculed for such respect, particularly when it concerns vulnerable or marginalized lives, such as babies in the womb; disabled, elderly, and poor people; undocumented workers; prisoners; addicts; or even our sworn enemies. But our love for even the least of our brothers and sisters is what sets Christians apart. Show that love today on Respect Life Sunday, and every day.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43 (139). *"By the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes."*

Monday, Oct 05, 2026

Don't fence love in

"Hear, O Israel," says a famous Jewish prayer, taken from the Book of Deuteronomy, "... you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." Sound familiar? How about this, from the Book of Leviticus: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." As you can see, the Christian teaching to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself was not new. What was new was the messenger: Jesus. And right before the "love your neighbor" quote, the Old Testament says, "You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people." Christ, however, made it clear that love wasn't meant only for your own people. "Your neighbor" is everyone.

Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37 (461). *"Because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'"*

Tuesday, Oct 06, 2026

The better part?

There's probably no other gospel story that infuriates women quite as much as the one we read today about Martha and her sister Mary. Invariably, the argument goes something like this: If everyone—including Jesus—would have helped out in the kitchen, both Mary and Martha could have sat and listened to what Jesus had to say. Still, no matter how much we might like to rewrite the story, for 2,000 years Martha has cooked and served while her sister sits at Jesus' feet. What can we learn from this maddening story? How about acceptance? Of tension. Of the unsolvable. Of all that is unresolved in our lives. It's worth contemplating.

Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42 (462). *"A woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak."*

Wednesday, Oct 07, 2026

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us

The Rosary has been a favored Catholic form of prayer for centuries. It invites us to pray a set order of Our Fathers, Hail Marys, and Glory Be's along a string of beads while meditating on gospel stories from Mary's and Jesus' lives. This spiritual practice has helped generations of Catholics ask for Mary's intercession

and God's direction. In October 1571, Catholic soldiers prayed the Rosary to prepare for battle with Turkish soldiers in the Gulf of Corinth. When they won that battle, Pope Pius V claimed that October 7 would be known as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory. Two years later, his successor, Gregory XIII, changed the name to the Our Lady of the Rosary. As our world faces many challenges, we continue to turn to prayer and ask for Mary's intercession as we seek God's guidance.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4 (463). *"Jesus was praying in a certain place."*

Thursday, Oct 08, 2026

Keep your mind and heart open

In biblical times, hospitality was not so much a question of courtesy or manners but of moral obligation. The harsh, nomadic conditions of desert life meant that welcoming the traveler was often a matter of survival. Not only friends were to be welcomed but strangers as well, because, for the Israelites, they, too, had once been "strangers in a strange land." In our age of proliferating gated communities, alarm systems, checkpoints, and border walls, it's easy to lose sight of the fact that the door to our heart must always remain open to weary travelers and strangers we meet on life's journey.

Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13 (464). *"Knock and the door will be opened to you."*

Friday, Oct 09, 2026

What it takes to be Christian

So, which comes first, believing or doing? Over the centuries Christians have argued and fought and divided over this question, slinging theological doctrines and scripture verses at one another like rocks. Didn't Saint Paul say, "We know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ"? But didn't Saint James say, "Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead"? We're only now figuring out that faith and works go hand in hand. Truly good works are grounded in faith, while true faith is expressed in charitable action. You can't have one without the other. What can you do today to strengthen these key ingredients to true discipleship?

Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26 (465). *"The law does not depend on faith; rather, the one who does these things will live by them."*

Saturday, Oct 10, 2026

Who are the blessed?

You'd think Jesus wouldn't have missed an opportunity to accept a compliment about his mother. But instead, he uses the moment when someone calls her blessed for being his mother to make it clear that true blessedness comes from hearing and living according to the word of God, and that blessedness is available to all. Being someone's mother, spouse, child, or friend isn't enough to make us holy; we must each choose to follow Jesus ourselves. Undoubtedly, Mary is blessed because she is the first disciple to hear the word of God and keep it. We, too, will find ourselves blessed when we put our lives at the service of the Lord and faithfully follow his word.

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28 (466). *"He replied, 'Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.'"*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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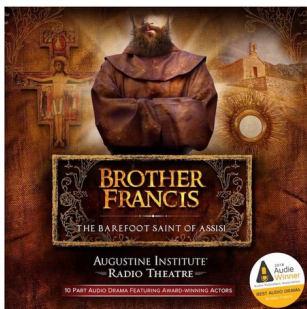
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Week of October 04, 2026



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