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

From the Desk of the Pastor:

In a little church in a small village, an altar boy serving the priest at Sunday Mass accidentally dropped the cruet of wine. The village priest struck the altar boy sharply on the cheek and in a gruff voice shouted, "Leave the altar and don't come back." That boy became Tito, the Communist leader. In the cathedral of a large city in another place, another altar boy serving the bishop at Sunday Mass also accidentally dropped the cruet of wine. With a warm twinkle in his eyes, the bishop gently whispered, "Someday you will be a priest." Do you know who that boy was? Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen. How do you deal with others who have caused problems for you? Jesus has the answer in today's Gospel: with straight talk, due process, but most of all, with grace.

In the first reading, God tells Ezekiel that he is to be a "*watchman for the house of Israel*," obliged to warn Israel of moral dangers. If Ezekiel should refrain from speaking God's word given to convert the wicked, God will hold Ezekiel responsible for the death of the wicked. In the second reading, St. Paul points out that the love we should have for one another should be our only reason for admonishing and correcting the sinner. Love seeks the good of the one who is loved. Therefore, we should admonish one another so that we all may repent and grow in holiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that true Christian charity obliges a Christian, not only to assist his neighbors in their temporal and spiritual needs with material help and prayer, but also to aid with correction those brothers and sisters who have damaged the community by public sin. If the erring one refuses a one-on-one, loving correction by the offended party, then the Christian is to try to involve more people: first, "*one or two others*," and eventually "*the Church*." Finally, Jesus mentions the efficacy of community prayer in solving such problems, for Christ is present in the praying Christian community.

Life messages: 1) We are our brother's/sister's keeper. Modern believers tend to think that they have no right to intervene in the private lives of their fellow believers. Others evade the issue saying, "As a sinner, I don't have the moral courage or the right to correct anyone." But Jesus emphatically affirms that we are our brothers' keepers, and we have the serious obligation to correct others. We need to offer advice and encouragement to our friends, neighbors, and coworkers when it is needed, and loving correction, in private, for a personal offense where that is possible.

2) We need to gather in Jesus' name and work miracles. Today's Gospel reminds us of the good we can do together, and of how we can do it. Jesus says, "*Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them*." If any group of us gather, work, and act with the Holy Spirit guiding us, we will become much more than simply the sum of our numbers. Today, Jesus makes it clear how important we are, one to another. One in Christ, our community can draw on God's power to make His healing, life-giving love, more effective among His people.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m. Vigil
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
Rosary at 9:25 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m. Thursday,
Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:30 p.m. English
7:30 p.m. Spanish

Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Rosary

The Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Organizations/Groups Monthly Meetings

Altar Society - 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm (Sept - May)
Knights of Columbus - 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Men's Group - 3rd Thursday at 6:45 p.m. Women's
Group - Last Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group - Every Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community.....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Luncford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Rich Legler, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Matthew Williams, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Sep 05	5:00 p.m.	Cesar Brillantes+
Sun	Sep 06	10:00 a.m.	Our Children & Youth
Sun	Sep 06	12:30 p.m.	Ciro Garcia Payan+

Weekday Mass Intentions will be offered by Fr. Luke:
Ciro Garcia Payan+(2) & Jean Claude Barbat +

Sat	Sep 12	5:00 p.m.	Chase Barnes+
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Parish Giving

August 30, 2026

1st Collection	\$4,104.11
2nd Collection	\$ 467.00
Children's Collection	\$ 63.00

Collections

2nd Collecction	Sep 06	Catholic University of America
3rd Collection	Sep 06	Lawncare Maintenance
2nd Collection	Sep 13	Emergency Fund

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 90 10:00 a.m. 129 and 12:30 p.m. 118

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;
Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



When all shall fail us, then God will take care of us, and then all will not fail us, since we shall have God, who must be our all.

St. Francis De Sales

News and Notes

Fr. Luke

Fr. Luke is in India until September 11. Please keep him in your prayers. During his absence we will have Mass on weekends but not on weekdays. For any emergency our office will contact the cathedral. Bible questions/answers will be paused until Fr. Luke's return.

Office Closed on Labor Day

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7, for the Labor Day Holiday.

SERENITY RETREAT at Wellspring

Fr. Gus Tharappel invites you to join him as he continues to guide the study of Serenity on Saturday, September 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Wellspring, Fransalian Center for Spirituality, 16828 FM 2964 (Rhones Quarter Rd), Whitehouse. Register at: retreatsatwellspring@gmail.com.

Prince of Peace Youth Group Burger Bash on September 13

Support our amazing youth group as they kick off the school year with faith, fun, and fellowship! On Sunday, September 13, join us for our Back-to-School Burger Bash. Burgers will be ready for pickup from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 per plate that includes a juicy burger, chips, drink, and dessert! Tickets will be available for purchase after Masses this weekend. All proceeds go directly to supporting youth retreats, service projects, and other faith-based events throughout the year!

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil September 23 – November 1

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigils. Forty days is a timeframe God consistently uses throughout salvation history to transform His people. The crisis of abortion is enormous. Abortion is the leading cause of death in the world, taking more than 50 million lives every year. The vigil location in Tyler is located outside the Chapel of Sts. Peter and Paul at 1435 E. Southeast Loop 323 @ Easy Street. Vigil hours are 7 am to 7 pm daily on weekdays. Learn more at: www.40daysforlife.com/Tyler, or contact Lars Gustafson at 281-782-6292.

Safe Environment

As a reminder to parents with young children through school age, your child must be in your line of sight in church or on church grounds. A parent must accompany their children to the restroom, wait, and return to the pew with them.

Building Expansion

Based on the survey received from our parishioners in which most of our members felt the need of and were in favor of expanding our current community hall and adding a few classrooms, Fr. Luke had several discussions with parish councils, those experienced in construction, and the previous contractor. A final but a preliminary plan and estimates were given by the contractor. Fr. Luke is also in contact with the diocese as part of the process. Once more information with detailed plans and actual costs are available, they will be communicated to you eventually. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers for the successful completion of this important project of ours.

Ethics and Integrity - Church Personnel Certification / Recertification (CPC)

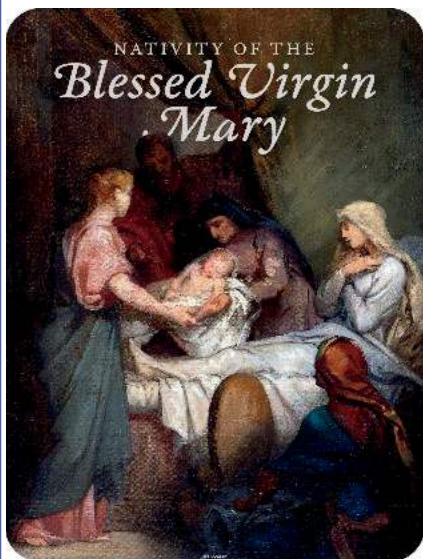
All clergy, employees, and volunteers who work with minors up to age 18 and vulnerable adults must have a CPC - Church Personnel Certification (Ethics and Integrity). If you currently have a CPC, remember that this certification lasts for three years, at which time you must recertify through VIRTUS. recertification training. **If any of these modules has expired, you will not be allowed to participate in any ministry in which certification is mandatory.** If you have any questions, contact Linda Rossler at the church office.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 8

Mary is our most esteemed saint. Through her willing obedience to God the Father, Mary conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and gave birth and human nature to the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Through God's grace, Mary herself, daughter of Joachim and Anne, was conceived without the stain of Original Sin. Saint Augustine wrote that next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Through her willing obedience to the Father, Mary became the mother of God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Messiah, the Savior of the world. Mary remained without sin all her life, and after she died, her body and soul were taken up into Heaven.

Mary Mother of God now reigns as Queen of Heaven and Earth, and her greatness lies in her willingness to continue bring Jesus to the world. She never wants attention for herself; she always points to her son, Jesus. Mary is our mother because she gave birth to Jesus, our brother, and was given to us by Jesus he died on the cross.

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