



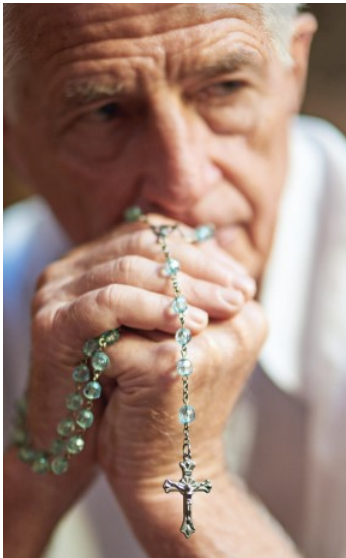
# Saint Vital

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[Christ Jesus] emptied himself...becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8

September 14  
2025

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### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-6:45pm

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please contact one of our priests at the parish office at least  
6 months in advance.

### FUNERALS:

Please contact one of our priests at the parish office prior to  
making arrangements with the funeral home.



## When Life Is on Empty

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A**s he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, "Pain is weakness leaving the body." Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one's child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life's joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul.

If St. Paul's assertion that Jesus came and "emptied himself...coming in human likeness...even [to] death on a cross," then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God's spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full. ●

### Reflect

***What emptying am I experiencing?  
Can I accept it as becoming more like Jesus?***

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

4PM Brasseur family  
(R & J Brasseur)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

9AM † Maria Luisa Salta  
(Angel Gomez)

11:30AM † Wilfred & Humilta Stewart  
(Carol Stewart)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

7PM † Joyce  
(Anne)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

9AM † Alexis Garay  
(Marietta Godoy)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH (MASS WITH GRADES 9-12)

9AM † Aminta L. de Arauz  
(Marietta Godoy)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

9AM † Joseph Dubanski  
(Andrew Bridges)

Please join us for the rosary on  
Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays  
starting at 8:30am before the daily Mass

# Dear Padre,

***A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?***

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life “as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus’ death was payment for our sins doesn’t mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. “It is love ‘to the end’ (see John 13:1) that confers on Christ’s sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus’ death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice “that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices,” when “the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself,” and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father “in reparation for our disobedience” (CCC 614). Christ “bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ’s death has meaning in eternal life’s triumph over sin. ●



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***Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org***



## Weekly Stewardship Report

Thank you for your donations! September 7, 2025

Sunday Collection Sept.7, 2025	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 7961.73	\$ 7307.69	\$ 654.04	\$ 2687.16

Parish Debt collected—Sept.7'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Sept.7'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 97.75	\$ 1052.55	- \$ 954.80	\$ 518.75	\$ 1106.67	- \$ 587.92

## Annual Cemetery Mass

Our annual cemetery Mass will be on Sunday, September 28th at 1:00pm in the cemetery. Bring a lawn chair.

If the weather is bad we will have the Mass in the church.

Please consider donating to the Cemetery Debt Restricted Fund.

If you have a box of envelopes you will find one labeled Cemetery Mass. Other envelopes will also be made available where you can place your contribution if you do not have a box assigned to you.

## A Course in Conjugal Love

*Rediscovering What Marriage Was Always Meant to Be—Faithful, Fruitful, and Forgiving*

A formation course designed for those who want to strengthen their marriages and deepen their faith together.

In an era when marriage and family life are under considerable pressure, we require formation that addresses both the beauty and the challenges of living out conjugal love.

The course runs from October through June. Every 3 weeks, a new module will release and include:

- A short live Zoom introduction
- Written reflections and readings

A follow-up Q&A session based on your questions

Whether you are married, engaged, or discerning marriage, we invite you to consider joining us. The course is designed to be accessible and affordable, with the option of additional support if desired.

For more information, contact Luella Jonk through her website: [www.luellajonk.com](http://www.luellajonk.com)

Let us fight for our families—together.

**A parish to call home! If you are new - WELCOME!**

**If you have been away - WELCOME HOME!**