

## The Price of Goodness

**W**e all know genuinely good people. Somehow they are able to live the virtues of their religious tradition. It might even appear that it is easy for them to do so. One would think that such good people would be valued. Well, yes and no. While we might truly value the goodness of others, that goodness can also shame us. And there is the rub. People are uncomfortable with the realization that they are not as good as they think—or not as good as others might view them. Today’s readings underscore the price we might have to pay for such goodness.

The first reading describes a plot being devised to get rid of a righteous person whose goodness has become “annoying” (Wisdom 2:12). This is not someone who flaunts goodness; it is a genuinely good person, one who is referred to as “the righteous one” (2:18). (Here “son of God” simply means someone belonging to the people of God.) The plotters insist

that God will come to the rescue if the righteous one is truly good. The petitions in the psalm response are placed on the lips of that righteous one. Like many good Bible stories, this story is open-ended. We do not know what happens. The price paid for righteousness is found in the Gospel passage as well. Here the righteous one is Jesus. Though we know how his story ends, here the disciples did not.

Today we are faced with the starkness of these stories. Are we willing to pay the price of goodness?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- \* *Where in your life do your religious values conflict with social norms?*
- \* *Do you ever resent the goodness of others? If so, what might you do about it?*

*[Jesus said,] “If anyone wishes to be first,  
he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”*

MARK 9:35



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**September 19, 2021**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**septiembre 19, 2021**

**Vigésimo quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Dear brothers & sisters,

" This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 19, 2021, under the theme of "Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed." On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith," [USCCB].

We thank all our catechists here at St. Joseph for answering Jesus' call and the Church's invitation to teach and pass on the faith. Please pick up a copy of the "Prayer for Catechists" cards we have provided and pray for our catechists and our baptismal mission to pass on the faith joyfully from generation to generation.

Blessings,

Fr. Daniel Ter Melaba

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

*Este año, la Iglesia celebrará el Domingo de Catequesis el 19 de septiembre de 2021, bajo el lema "Di la Palabra y mi alma será sanada". En este día, los catequistas son comisionados formalmente para el ministerio a la comunidad. El domingo de catequesis es una maravillosa oportunidad para reflexionar sobre el papel que desempeña cada bautizado en la transmisión de la fe y en el testimonio del Evangelio. El Domingo de Catequesis es una oportunidad para que todos se vuelvan a dedicar a esta misión como comunidad de fe," [USCCB].*

*Agradecemos a todos nuestros catequistas aquí en St. Joseph por responder al llamado de Jesús y la invitación de la Iglesia a enseñar y transmitir la fe. Por favor, recoja una copia de las tarjetas de "Oración por los catequistas" que hemos proporcionado y ore por nuestros catequistas y nuestra misión bautismal para transmitir la fe con alegría de generación en generación.*

*Bendiciones!*

*Padre Daniel Ter Melaba*



### Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Rose and Ernie Lopez invite you to attend their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary celebration.

Rose and Ernie will renew their vows on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 11 am Mass here at St. Joseph. Please join them in the Social Hall for lunch following their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Mass.

(No Gifts)



#### Votive Candles

Please remember your \$5.00 donation when you light a **votive candle** in the church. There is a deposit box for your donation attached to the lower left side of the stand.



#### Mass Intention Requests

If you would like to request a **Mass Intention** in memory of someone, the donation is \$10.00. Please contact the church secretary to check date availability and to make your donation.



#### BINGO!

If you are 60+ years of age and considered a "Wise Angel" you are invited to play BINGO on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 from 10 am until noon followed by a light lunch at the Knights of Columbus hall. Masks are optional. We hope to see you there!

# free

**The Word Among Us:** Copies of this fine monthly prayer book in English and Spanish are available to you free for the months of September, October, November, and December. We have a limited amount of copies in the back of church. The September copies are now available until the supply is gone.

**La Palabra entre Nosotros:** Copias de este excelente libro de oraciones mensuales en inglés y español están disponibles para usted de forma gratuita durante los meses de septiembre, octubre, noviembre y diciembre. Tenemos una cantidad limitada de copias en la parte posterior de la iglesia. Los ejemplares de septiembre ya están disponibles hasta que el suministro se haya ido.

#### Mass in the Extraordinary Form (The Latin Mass)

Mass in the Extraordinary Form (the Latin Mass) at St. Anthony of Padua (Ray City) on the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

**October 10, 2021, Sunday, at 3:00 pm**

**St. Anthony of Padua (Ray City)**

Depending on the level of engagement of the faithful and in accord with the life our parish, the Latin Mass will be offered on a regular basis on Sundays. A schedule will be posted on their parish website.

<http://www.anthonypaduaga.org/>

For more information please contact Fr. Juan Carlos Castillo by phone or email: 229-445-5554

[pastor@anthonypaduaga.org](mailto:pastor@anthonypaduaga.org)

#### **The Bible and the Church Fathers**

**St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology: 12 week DVD series**

**Where: St. Joseph's Social Hall**

**When: September 19, 2021**

**Day and Time: Sundays from 1:30 – 2:45**

#### **Embrace the Faith of Our Fathers:**

Learn who the Early Church Fathers were and how they shaped the way we read Scripture. This study examines the earliest interpretations of the texts of Scripture, the origins of Catholic dogma and the foundations of Church. **Please join us.** Facilitator: Tammy Theologus. Sign up for Bible Study reminders be emailing [tammytheologus@gmail.com](mailto:tammytheologus@gmail.com) or texting 912-282-0338.

**PROMISE** to Protect **Pledge** to HEAL

**Abuse Hotline Number:** To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888-357-5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to [www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection).

**Línea telefónica para reportar abusos:** Para reportar un abuso sexual de un menor, perpetrado por un empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Savannah, llame al Número de la línea para reportar abusos: 888-357-5330 o a la Oficina para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes, 912-201-4073/4074. Para leer la política de la Diócesis sobre abuso sexual de menores, favor de visitar la página Web [www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection)

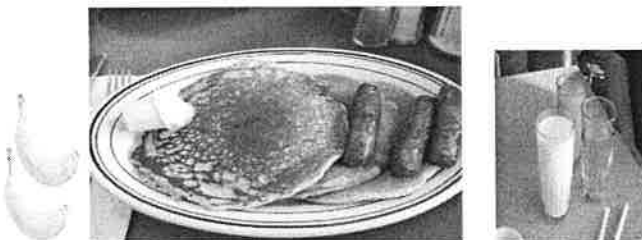


**Knights of Columbus  
REVERSE RAFFLE  
postponed until  
Spring of 2022**

**Thanks!**

The Parish Religious Education students would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for the Pancake and Sausage breakfast they prepared for them on Sunday.

It was a very kind and thoughtful thing to do for the children on their first day back in PRE. Thank You!



**The Wednesday Rosary Group will meet at Debbie Cahill's home located at 403 Loblolly Lane in Waycross on Wednesday at Noon, September 22nd. Come pray with us!**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL, ESPECIALLY PARISHIONERS:**

Joyce Bachofner, Arcelia Saucedo, Elizabeth Smith, Carlene Murray, Rose Mary Fulford, Bob & Kathy Odam, Colleen Matich, Debbie Cahill, Leslie Bennett, Abraham Gomez, Glenn & Shelly Chase, Clinton Vaughn, Morgan Hess & Ann Marie Hess, Genevieve Martin, Keith Fullenkamp, Bill Brewington, Phyllis Buck, Lucy Todd, Nathan Brooks, Cathy Long, Joanne Vaughn, Sam Scott, Ginger Worley, Jerry Wilkerson, Debbie Wilkerson, Trisha Pape, Lee & Angela McCohna, Jim & Louise Craig, Margie Read, Louvella Hoffman, Dee Parker, and Teresa Frawley.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OURS:**

Robert Cushing Jr., Pat Marsh, Hannah Phillips & Family, Lindsay Joyce, Patricia Carter, Jason McCullum, Michael Driggers, Maurice Hannah, Earl Black, Tom Grizzaffe, James Kenneth Cox Jr., Merinda Mixon, Toby Foster, Florence Struempler, Francis Ann Cook, James Stokes, Cindy Taylor, Kris Kruse, April Snider, Robin Johnson, Thomas Williams, Angel Sinai Gomez, Kim Messenger, William Willis, Sandy Wright, Ashley Hoffman, Sue Rossi, Betty Denyko, Sr. Chris Cullen, MFIC, David Greg Russell, Chloe Robinson, William Martin IV, Michelle Rio, Bobby Ziolkowski, Joseph McHendry, Dr. Richard Lynch, Rose Parisee, Adrian Arnold, Erin Crosby, Rosa Maria Santos, Ida Cook, Claudia Taylor, Megan Schultz, Millie Bailey, Ken Jorishie, Craig Carter, Dallin Thorton, Don & Marilyn Sanderson, Bill Byrd & Family, Reginald Ghioto, Chris Garafola, Marlene Brooker, Wesley Sowell, Jennifer Raulerson, Carol McNeary, Delia Fonzeca, Frank Oliveto, Michael Casavanc, Anette Vulah, Teresa Greer, Calista Oliveto, Tommy Pritchard, Pam Cox, Don Graham, James Spivey, Lee Martin, Diana Martin, Mark Smith, Amy Houle, Iris Boatright, Janice Strickland, Mark Parker, Julie Hodinot, Perry Kolchek, Raymond Eastup, Martin Brewington, Joshus Parisse, Marie Fletcher, and Gugoying Patten, and Steve, Pam Raulerson, the father of Barbara Blasko, and Jason Jordan.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY:**

LT. Tim Boyce, U.S. Navy, Rann Howell, Ethan Stanley, Richard Jacobs, and Spencer Hughes.

**PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA ALBERT IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 912-283-7700 TO ADD OR REMOVE NAMES FROM THE PRAYER LISTS.**

St. Joseph Offertory  
September 12, 2021

Weekly Offertory Needed	\$4,423.00
Weekly Offertory Collected	\$5,600.00
Difference Positive	\$1,177.00
Capital Expenditure Fund	\$436.00

There will be a second collection next weekend for **Mission Cooperative Sunday**.

*Habr  una segunda colecta el pr ximo fin de semana para el **Domingo Cooperativo de la Misi n**.*

Word from Pope Francis

"I think this is truly the most wonderful experience we can have: to belong to people walking, journeying through history together with our Lord, who walks among us! We are not alone; we do not walk alone. We are a part of the one flock of Christ that walks together."

**Palabras del Papa Francisco**

*Yo creo que esta es verdaderamente la m s maravillosa experiencia que podemos tener: el pertenecer a gente caminando, viajando a trav s de la historia juntos con el Se or, que camina en medio de nosotros! No estamos solos; no caminamos solos. Somos parte del reba o de Cristo que caminamos juntos."*

**2021 Annual Catholic Appeal.** Each one of us is Christ to all we meet. As of 09/02/2021, our parish has given **\$24,016.00** which is **120%** of our target of \$20,050. Out of 212 families only 65 made a donation or pledge, which is 31% of the parish families. Thank You!

**Llamamiento Cat lico Anual 2021.** Cada uno de nosotros es Cristo a todo lo que conocemos. Al 09/02/2021, nuestra parroquia ha dado \$24,016.00 que es el **120%** de nuestro objetivo de \$20,050. De 212 familias s lo 65 hicieron una donaci n o promesa, que es el 31% de las familias parroquiales. * Gracias!*

**Our goal was \$20,050; We now have \$24,016.00**  
**31% of the parish families have responded.**  
**31% de las familias han respondido.**



*Lee and Debbie Jipps wish to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and thoughts on the passing of Lee's father, Weldon Lee Jipps.*

*Thank You,*

*Lee and Debbie Jipps*

**September 18, 2021-Mass in English-5:00 pm Saturday**  
English Lector-- Ann Johnson-**EM Rose Lopez**

Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

**September 19, 2021-Mass in English-9:00 am Sunday**  
English Lector-- Lacey Gruver -**EM Eloise Purdom**

**September 19, 2021-Mass in Spanish-12 Noon Sunday**  
Spanish Lector-Luci Diaz -**EM Teresa Martinez**

**September 25, 2021-Mass in English-5:00 pm Saturday**  
English Lector--Tammy Theologus-**EM Linda Robison**  
Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

**September 26, 2021-Mass in English-9:00 am Sunday**  
English Lector--Joseph Johnson-**EM-Socorro Martinez**

**September 26, 2021-Mass in Spanish-12 Noon Sunday**  
Spanish Lector-Lucy Rios-- **EM-Vicente Rodas**

**Mass Intentions for Week of September 18, 2021--September 26, 2021**

Saturday, September 18, 2021-5 pm Mass +**Helen Parris**

Sunday, September 19, 2021-9 am English Mass +**Martha Rubio**

Sunday, September 19, 2021-Noon Spanish Mass **Pro Populo**

Monday, September 20, 2021-No Mass

Tuesday, September 21, 2021-6 pm Mass **No Intention**

Wednesday, September 22, 2021-5 pm-6 pm Adoration and 6 pm Mass **Alex Deluca Special Intention**

Thursday, September 23, 2021-9 am Mass **Ernie and Rose Lopez 60th Wedding Anniversary**

Friday, September 24, 2021-9 am **No Intention**

Saturday, September 25, 2021-11 am **60th Anniversary Mass for Ernie and Rose Lopez**

Saturday, September 25, 2021-5 pm Mass +**Mary Cahill Morris**  
Sunday, September 26, 2021-9 am English Mass +**Martha Rubio**

Sunday, September 26, 2021-Noon Spanish Mass **Pro Populo**

# Dear Padre,

## In Bible times why did people sacrifice animals, children, and other living beings for their own sins?

The practice of human and animal sacrifice is at least as old as written history, including in our own Scripture. Few stories are more chilling than when God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, or when Jephthah sacrifices his daughter (Genesis 22; Judges 11). In scriptural theology, one's sins merited punishment and even death, but an animal or other person could be chosen to take one's place. God, in his mercy, instituted this animal sacrificial system as a symbol, foreshadowing Jesus' sacrifice for our sins (Genesis 8:20; Hebrews 10:1-18). In the New Testament, Jesus understood his mission as sacrificing his own life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was at the cost of death. However, to say that Jesus' death was payment for

our sins is not to say that a vengeful God was appeased by the sacrifice of his own innocent Son. Rather, Christ was willing to liberate us when he "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that... by his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Thus, "it is love 'to the end (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" (CCC 614).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Catechism firmly states that human power has limits and that "it is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly." All such use and experimentation "requires a religious respect for the integrity of creation."

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME (LAUDATO SI'), MAY 24, 2015

## Calendar

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 20  
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 21  
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Mt 9:9-13

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 22

Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 23  
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 24

Weekday

Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22

### Saturday

SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

### Sunday

SEPTEMBER 26  
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43,

45, 47-48