

Calendar

Monday
SEPTEMBER 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 1:24–2:3
Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 10
Weekday
Col 2:6–15
Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 11
Weekday
Col 3:1–11
Lk 6:20–26

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 12
Weekday
Col 3:12–17
Lk 6:27–38

Friday
SEPTEMBER 13
St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14
Lk 6:39–42

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 14
Exaltation
of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 15
Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ex 32:7–11, 13–14
1 Tm 1:12–17
Lk 15:1–32

Dear Padre,

We talk about turning away from sin. When do we cross the line between temptation and sin?

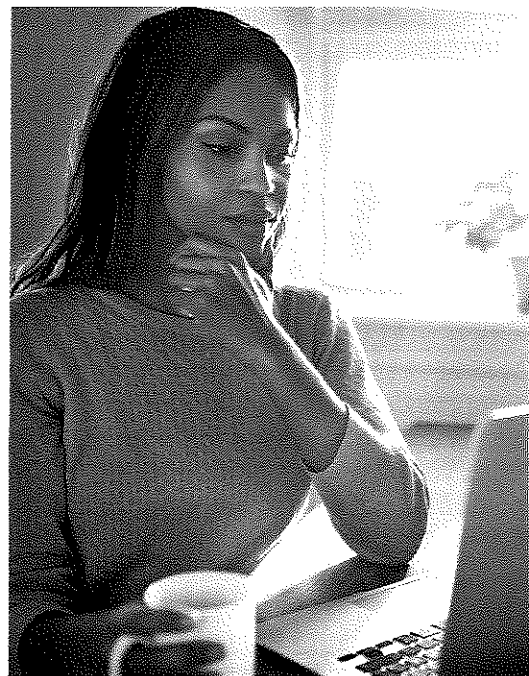
The temptations of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus' message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

Temptation is a suggestion or impulse to sin, not a sin itself. To experience temptation is natural, not sinful. When tempted, remember there is always a choice to sin or not. Temptations become sins only when we act on them. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* suggests a “silver lining” to temptation: “There is a certain usefulness to temptation. No one but God knows what our soul has received from him, not even we ourselves. But temptation reveals it in order to teach us to know ourselves, and in this way we discover our evil inclinations” (CCC 2847).

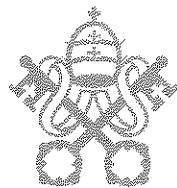
If you worry about temptation and sin, why not take part in your parish's sacrament of reconciliation? Like Jesus in the Gospels, you would then be choosing God over evil. You would be asking God to strengthen your weakness, especially in the face of temptation. Like the Lord, you can then proclaim: “Worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve” (Luke 4:8).

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A Word from Pope Francis

I would like to reflect on nonviolence as a style of politics for peace....May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate,

they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking.

—Fiftieth World Day of Peace, January 1, 2017

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 8, 2019

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis 9:13–18b

Phmn 9–10, 12–17

Lk 14:25–33

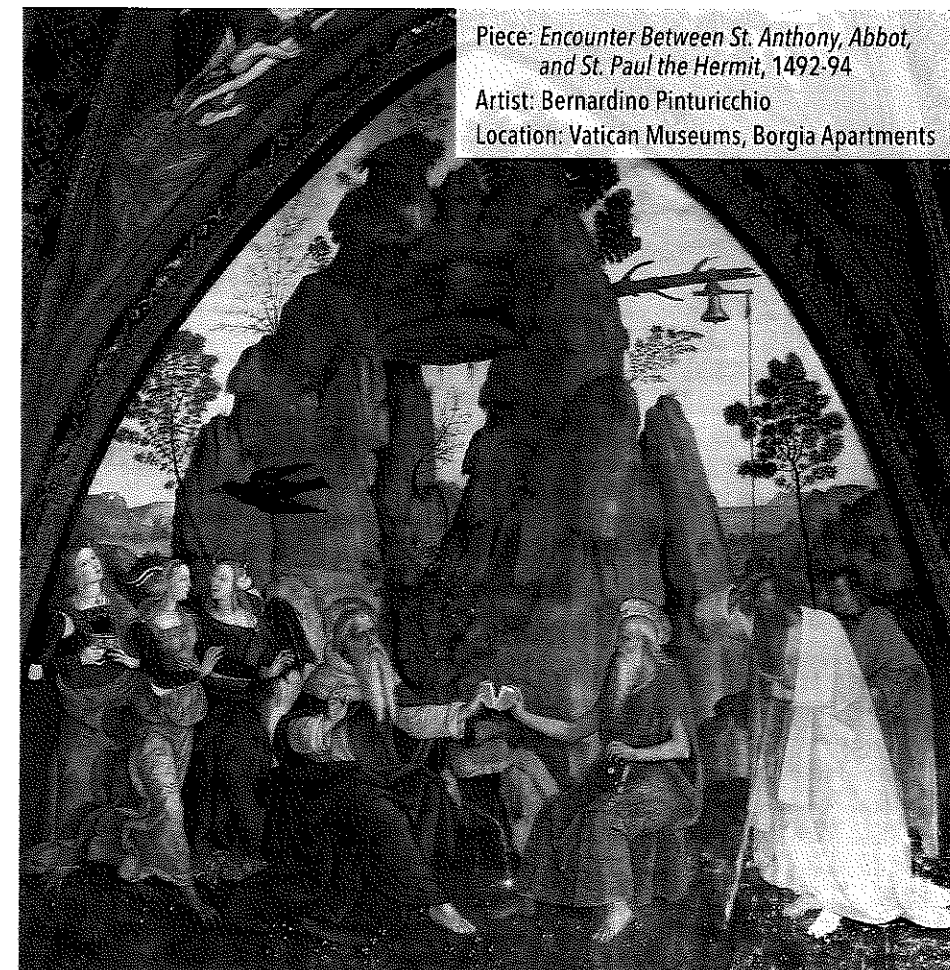
A Love of First Preference

Jesus is radical and absolute when speaking of his first preference for love. In saying *hating* in today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to place God first in our hearts. And when God is first, we will actually love everyone else more and better. Saint Gregory comments on this passage: “In this world let us love everyone, even though he be our enemy; but let us hate him who opposes us on our way to God, though he be our relative. We should...love our neighbor; we should have charity towards all—towards relatives and towards strangers—but without separating ourselves from the love of God out of love for them” (*Evangelia homiliae*, 37, 3).

Jesus' words mean that we cannot be halfhearted in our love for God or neighbors—even if our neighbor is an enemy. The very nature of love is to put others first, and that first “other” is God himself.

The painting from the Vatican Hall of Saints shows St. Anthony, head of a large monastery, meeting in the desert with St. Paul, a poor hermit who lived off the land. Both represented two ways of totally responding to God's call—one as a religious monk living in a thriving community and another as a hermit, living separated from the world as testimony to what really matters.

Religious brothers and sisters living by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—as monks, hermits,



Piece: *Encounter Between St. Anthony, Abbot, and St. Paul the Hermit, 1492-94*
Artist: Bernardino Pinturicchio
Location: Vatican Museums, Borgia Apartments

or other forms of consecrated life—testify to the world that this radical, loving God is first above all things. They deserve our support and our imitation!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Is there something the Holy Spirit is asking of me so my following of Jesus becomes more sincere and committed?

How do I support religious vocations?

[Jesus said,] “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:27



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Horas De Oficina

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm

Friday 9:00am-2:00pm

Cyndi in office Tues & Friday

10-2pm & by appointments.

Patty in office Tues-Fri 9-2

Carol in office Tues-Thurs 2-6

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:40pm Tues-

Fri before daily Mass 7:30-7:45am

Confessions: in GS Lometa

Sunday 7:30-7:55am

Kitchen Hours/ Horas de Cocina:

Tues- Fri 6:00-11:00am

Food Pantry/Dispensa de Comida:

Wed & Fri 9:30-11:30am

Shared Blessing:

Wed & Fri 9:30am-2:00pm

Baptismal Class

Call the office for date.

Clase de Bautismo

Llamar la oficina para la fecha.

Adoration: Every Wednesday after 8:00am

Mass to 5:00pm and Thursday for one hour after the 6pm Spanish Mass.

Adoración: Todos los miércoles después de la Misa de 8:00am hasta las 5:00pm. Y los jueves después de la misa de las 6:30pm

For Those Who Have Died

Reynaldo De La Cruz, Luis Torres, Espirion Moreno, Robert Maldonado, Mike Medina, Mario Gill Josephine Valadez, Nick Hull, Mike Valles, Edna Deanda, William Clayton, Joe Wittenburg, Bobby Dyer, Helen Kiley, José Torrez, Adela Garrison,

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday/Lunes, September 9

8:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday/Martes, September 10

8:00am: †Robert Maldonado

Wednesday/Miércoles, September 11

8:00am: †Pauline Motz

6:00pm: (GS) For the Poor & Needy

Thursday/Jueves, September 12

6:00pm: †para las almas de purgatorio

Friday/Viernes, September 13

8:00am: †Mike Medina

Saturday/Sábado, September 14

5:30pm: Julia Aguilar

Sunday/Domingo, September 15

8:00am: (GS) For the Sick

10:00am: Lupe & Sally Dimas Anniversary

12:15pm: Eduardo Arevalo Birthday

†David Brizuela Ortiz

Sacrificial Giving: August 30/September 1

1st Collection: \$2809.00

Building Fund: \$756.00

Children's Collection: \$53.00

Counters: September 10

Carol Boberg

Dolores Stewart

LECTORS September 7/8

Sat 5:30pm: Teresa Swift

Sun 10:00am: KOC

Dom 12:15pm: Romelia Rivera

Maria Rafael

Lector September 14/15

Sat 5:30pm: TEEN MASS

Sun 10:00am: Victor Olivarez

Simon Valles

Dom 12:15pm: Martha Muñoz

Elia Mondragon

EMHC September 7/8

Sun 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros

Andrea Cardon

Sun 10:00am: KOC

Dom 12:15pm: Eduardo Arevalo

Rosa Arevalo

Bernarda Abreu

EMHC September 14/15

Sat 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros

Robert Stluka

Sun 10:00am: Carol Boberg

Lily Olivarez

Dom 12:15pm: Eduardo Arevalo

Rosa Arevalo

Bernarda Abreu

Those Who Serve Our Country

Jarren Morua, Anthony Morua, Mark Argo, Jose Argo, Colton Currier, Luke Argo, Lawrence Olivarez, Jesus Garcia, Trenton Cavness, Dyran Self, Brandon Crawford, Graham Hibbert, Edwin Rivas-

For Our Sick/Nuestro Enfermos

Joshua DeZarn & Family, Teri Clayton, Felix DeLeon, Father Jim Robertson, John Michael Maldonado, Trinidad Rangel, Noah Garcia, Julia Aguilar, Teresa Velasquez John Tracey, Cindy Sawyer, Ed Reigle, Jason Moreno, Shannon Barnett, Anthony Ray Torrez, Fred Bartell, Willie Nuñez, Mary Tobin, Dorthy Jeter, Gilbert & Rudy Lozano, Teresa Gronau, Bennie & Nancy Hromadka, Luis Lopez, Bill Nors, Robert Vasquez, Adrian Torrez, Chris Longoria, Robert Ramirez, Mary G Cortez, Tom Rogers, Ann Hughes, Arielle Dayrit, Felix Gonzales, Felipe Rodriguez, Madisyn Morua, Adolfo Torrez, Evelyn Ahearn, Ann Wilson, Anita Hyatt, Anna & Daniel Little, Richard Salazar, Melanie Bartek, Barbara Folks, Maggie Lopez, Henry Langford, Sylvia Reber, Truman Crawford, Lilly & Raul Olivarez, David Hernandez, Mary S & Jesse Ramirez, Andres Moreno, Diana Harlow, Carlos Jasso, Arturo Aragon, James Fioroni, Annabel Salazar, Marie Berger, Juan Torres, Donna Brewer, Lupe Rodriguez, Oliva Garcia,

Prayer: All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God. You have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Announcements

THE BIBLE TIMELINE: Continues to meet in the cafeteria on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS: Meets second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the KOC hall

GUADALUPANAS SOCIETY: Meets every first Saturday of the month @ 11:30am, starting with Rosary, Devine Mercy, Mass and ending with Meeting.

GRUPO SAN BENITO: Ven a sentir el abrazo de Jesús, nos reunimos en los Lunes 7:00pm en el pasilo arriba de la cafeteria.

MENS PRAYER GROUP: Men's prayer group, meets every Thursday morning @ 6:00am in the upstairs hall.

ROSARY CRUSADE: Every Wednesday @ 6:00pm, Please feel free to join us.

CRUZADA DEL ROSARIO: Cada Miercoles, las 6:00pm. Por favor no dude en unirse con nosotros

MASS CLASS IN ENGLISH: On Thursdays, @ 7:00pm you will be able to learn the HOW'S and WHY'S of the Mass, please join us.

KOC BREAKFAST: Sunday, September 15th

CONFIRMATION MEETING: All 9th and 10th grade

students who desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation need to attend this meeting on Tuesday, September 17 @ 6:30pm in the upstairs classroom. Any other youths who are 16 years of age and have not been confirmed and wish to may also attend. Please contact Lisa Carson @ 512-734-3194 for further information or if you cannot make it to the meeting.

ANNUAL TURKERY DINNER: Sunday, September 22nd after 10:00am mass.

FALL FESTIVAL: October 4, 5, and 6.

Oct. 4 - Reverse Raffle

Oct. 5 - Dance

Oct. 6 - Festival

To help run a booth or for more information please contact Rebecca Ramos @254-458-2060

Get your raffle ticket now from any parish council or finance council member, \$5000.00 grand prize.

ALASKA MISSIONARY: Coming up on the weekend of September 21/22, we welcome Deacon Les Maiman from the mission Diocese of Fairbanks in Alaska.

The Northern Missions of Alaska are the largest geographic diocese in the United States with only seventeen priests, compounded by Alaska's vast distances and the isolation of the Catholic communities from access to roads. Amongst the poorest dioceses in the nation, only 8 of its 46 parishes and missions are capable of financial self-support. Deacon Les will share the site story of the Catholics living in the missions of Northern Alaska at each of our Masses, and invite our prayerful consideration to helping his bishop provide for the proper pastoral and sacramental care of our far northern sisters and brothers.

ST. MARY 7th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:

September 14th

3 Person Scramble

Tee Time 1:00pm,

Lampasas Hancock Park Golf Course

Meal will be provided after the event

For any information please contact event coordinators

Alex Marez @512-525-1517 or Christina Marez

@512-525-5930

The St. Mary Food Pantry often is able to purchase meat for a very low cost from the Central Texas Food Bank and also receives donations of meat especially during deer season. Currently, we use several aging chest freezers to store meat for our neighbors in need. We would like to purchase a commercial freezer to increase our storage capacity for frozen items. We recently applied for a grant advertised by the Diocese, unfortunately we were not selected. We will continue to apply for any funding. We also are seeking donations from parishioners to help cover the cost. If you can spare \$5, \$10 or whatever you can spare, it will be greatly appreciated...**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

RCIA Class: For Non-Catholic's seeking to enter the Catholic Church and for Catholic's wishing to learn more about their Catholic Faith, please join us on Monday's beginning, @7pm in the conference room.

FAMOUS FRIED CHICKEN: WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS, TODAY, 11:00am-1:30pm, @ Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Llano, Tx.

EIM WORKSHOP: September 21, 10am-1:30pm here at St. Mary, PLEASE SIGN UP!!!!

Good Shepherd Announcements

Lectors: Monica Ivey

Altar Society: Nelda DeRiso

Flowers: Linda Klose

EMHC: Adela Perez, John Vasquez, Dianna Furlan

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE: Please join us Thursdays

@ 4:15 in the Family Life Center

WEEKDAY MASS: Wednesday @ 6:00pm

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Join us for some breakfast and fellowship after mass TODAY.

SHARED BLESSINGS: We are in need of one person to work a two-hour shift on Wednesdays only. We give so much to so many in our community, please consider helping us. If you would like to help contact Anna, Linda, Rebecca, or Heather.

Sacrificial Giving: September 1

Main Collection: \$459.00

Building Fund: \$171.00