



Tweaked by God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

While the Scripture readings this week remind us we are responsible for one another, do any of us really want someone serving as our conscience, telling us what to do? A national insurance company once aired a TV ad in which “Cynthia” takes it upon herself to make sure everyone was abiding by the established regulations of the subdivision. She checks to make sure everyone is breaking down cardboard, cuts down hanging flower baskets that are contrary to regulations, and takes a chainsaw to mailboxes that are even two inches too high.

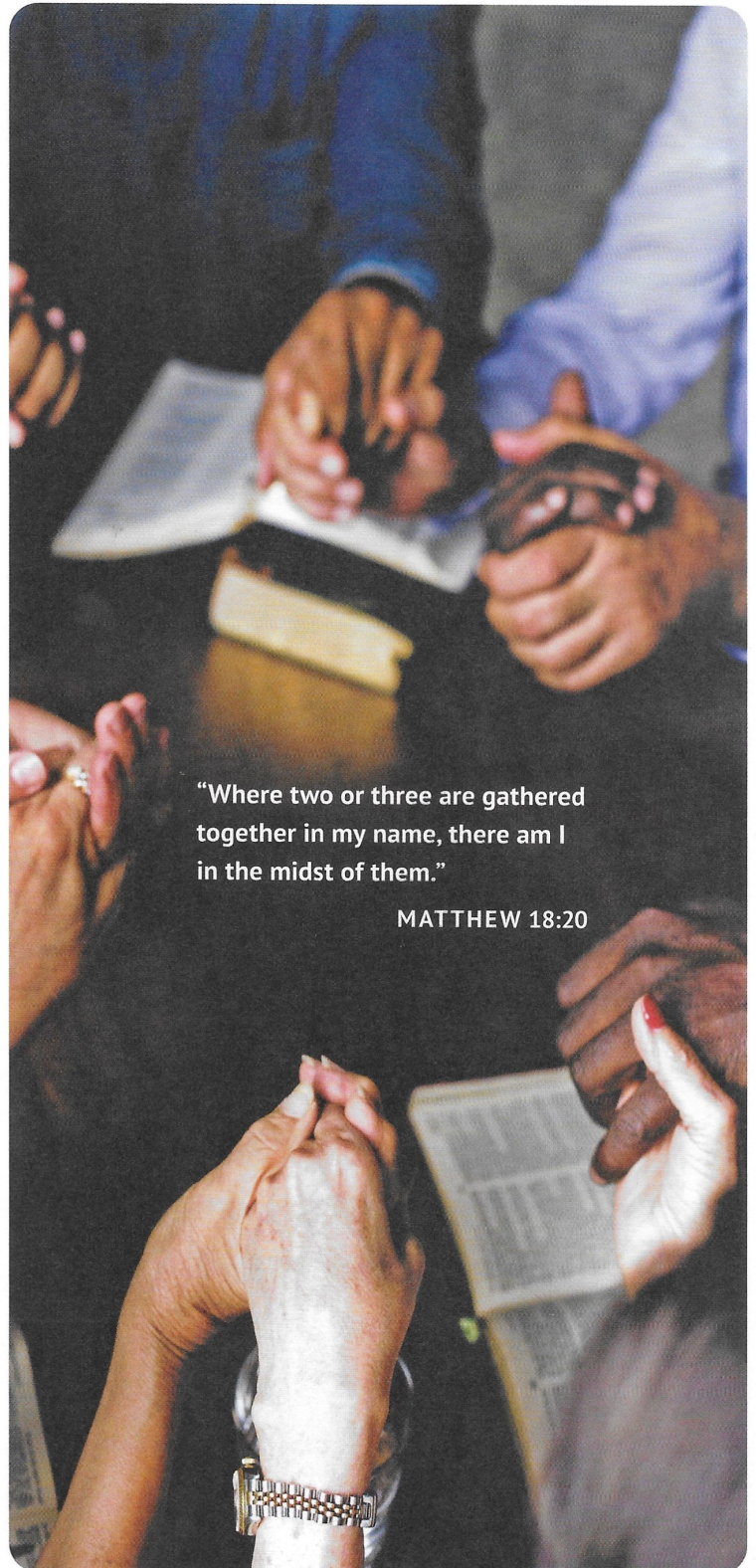
None of us want a “Cynthia” for a neighbor. It may be that it takes a community to raise a child, but once we have become adults—well, thanks but no thanks. So what do we do with these readings?

The Gospel adds the ingredient of community to the “cake batter.” Praying with a faith community can help correct our personal opinion, remind us what we might be blind to, and broaden our vision by affirming that we are a part of a larger world, all from the perspective of faith.

A faith community that reflects “Cynthia” thinking is a church that seeks to control. It motivates by fear, discourages prayerful reflection, and expects everyone to march in unison. A healthy faith community is a church that respects everyone as serious individuals of faith, encourages study and dialogue to seek out truth, and recognizes that growth in faith occurs in different ways. Prayerful, respectful communities of faith are how God tweaks our lives. ●

Reflect

What role does the faith community play in your religious practice and your spirituality?



“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

MATTHEW 18:20

September 9 & 10, 2023
Sunday Mass is livestreamed

Office Hours:
Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Upcoming Events:

Tue, Sep 12, 6:45 pm Parish Council

Fri, Sep 15, 6:00 pm Silent Eucharistic Adoration

Sun, Sep 17, After Mass Altar Society Pulled Pork Dinner

Catechetical Sunday

Sep 18 & 19, Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral council

Fri, Sep 29, 6:00 pm Silent Eucharistic Adoration

Fri, Oct 6, First Friday Mass at Noon

Oct 9-13 - Fr. Sebastian OOT

Fri, Oct 13, 6:00 pm Silent Eucharistic Adoration

Sun, Oct 15, 5:00 pm The Harpa Dei Choir at St. John the Evangelist

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, Sep 9, 4pm - ✠ **Dr. L. J. Pace** by Susie Pace

Sunday, Sep 10, 11am - **Tresa Ogg** (birthday) by Rick & Laura Wyatt

Tuesday, Sep 12, 6pm - **Available**

Thursday, Sep 14, Noon - **Available**

Saturday, Sep 16, 4pm - ✠ **Esther Piconi** by Loretta Hammond

Sunday, Sep 17, 11am - **Youth** by Faith Formation

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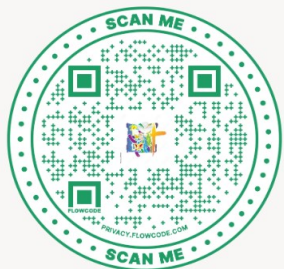
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If you are in search of
a **caregiver** for your
loved one, please reach
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Annie Myers at
304-888-6172

Maui Wildfires 2023
- Relief, Recovery
and Rebuild

<https://dwc.org/>
(if you would like to donate)



Register for Religious
Education by scanning
the QR code

World Day for Grandparents and Elderly

PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023

Virgin Mary,
Mother of faith and hope,
an example for this humanity bent by indifference,
make me as willing as You
to accept the will of God,
to magnify and praise His Mercy.

Mary, Mother of fortitude,
you who knows my heart,
do not allow me to become discouraged.
I confidently surrender my life into your hands.
Heal my wounds.
May your tenderness accompany me on the way.

Your presence, Mother of love,
brings us to experience the joy
of seeing our families united.
Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God
to the grandchildren and youth
so that, in addition to praying for them,
we can pray with them.

Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me:
sustain my weakness;
breathe into my heart the consolation
that I may leave traces of faith among the young,
bearing witness to the beauty of life,
knowing that life has a limit
and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace.

Amen.



Share Your Blessings

2nd Collection: Catholic Extension

September 16-17

On Saturday, September 16, and Sunday, September 17, there will be a second collection for Catholic Extension, which is an organization that supports poor faith communities and keeps the presence of the Catholic Church strong in our country. Last year Sacred Heart Bluefield and Sacred Heart Princeton joined forces and raised \$2,000. This donation allowed each parish to “adopt” a desperately needed project of 2 communities consisting of the poorest of the poor. Pope Francis recently praised Catholic Extension for “caring for the needs of the poor and vulnerable.” We are so blessed at Sacred Heart. Please share our blessings and give generously during this second collection.

Sacred Music—St. John's Church in Summersville

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church would like to invite you for an evening of Sacred Music on October 15th at 5:00PM here in St. John's Church in Summersville. Admission is free.

The Harpa Dei Choir is made up of four siblings, both in blood and in spirit: Nikolai, Lucia, Marie-Elisée and Mirjana Gerstner. Born in Germany, they grew up in Ecuador, in South America. All four have as their spiritual foundation the long formation they have received in a religious community of Catholics. Since 2011, as part of a peace initiative, the siblings have been called to evangelization through Sacred Music. In this sense, Harpa Dei tries to collect the most beautiful songs from different traditions, in order to glorify God, and, on the other hand, to transmit to people the beauty of the Lord, which shines so eminently in Sacred Music.

You can listen to their music by clicking the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbC_anX176Q

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XVrtsOP_n0

Harpa Dei presents

Sacred Music NIGHT
for Eucharistic Revival

OCT 15 SUN 5 PM St. John Catholic Church
Summersville, WV

Faith Formation

Schedule 9:30 am - 10:45 am

Sep 17
Catechetical Sunday
1st Day of class

Sep 24
Oct 1
Oct 8
Oct 15
Oct 22
Oct 29

As we prepare to kick off our faith formation program on Sunday, September 17th, we are filled with excitement at the prospect of welcoming all the young people who will be joining us. We hope that this program will be a source of inspiration and growth for everyone involved, and we invite parents to refer to the calendar in the bulletin and

or your inbox as we embark on this journey together.

Registration forms are available [online](#) or in the Narthex..

Class follows the curriculum: **Word of Life**

K - 5 will meet in the classrooms downstairs

Class follows the curriculum for sacrament: **Confirmed in the Spirit**

6 - 8 Will follow the YM schedule (unless making a sacrament.)

9 - 12 Will follow the YM schedule (unless making a sacrament.)

First Communion Preparation:

Grades 2 - 5 - Parent meeting Date coming

MS/HS - Parent Meeting Date coming

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry
night

September 10
Meet in the Parish
Hall
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Sep 10
YM Night

Sep 30
CU Football Game



Youth Sunday

Sep 17
Oct 15
Nov 19
Dec 17
Jan 21
Feb 18
Mar 17
Apr 21

As human beings, we all long for a deeper connection with God. We want to hear His voice, feel His presence, and know that He is with us in our daily lives. But how can we achieve this? How can we hear God's voice amidst the noise and chaos of our busy lives? Here are some practical ways to attune ourselves to God's voice and learn important lessons on our journey toward deeper intimacy with Him.

Praying Is Like Throwing A Boomerang

One way to hear God's voice is through prayer. However, at times, we may feel like our prayers go unanswered. We may wonder if God is really listening or if our words are just bouncing off the ceiling. The truth is that praying is like throwing a boomerang. Just as a boomerang returns to the person who throws it, our prayers will return to us in some way. They may not be

answered in the way we expect or on our desired timeline, but they will be heard. As Matthew 7:7-8 says, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." So, keep throwing those prayers like a boomerang and have faith that they will return to you in some way.

Cont. reading: <https://catholic-link.org/gods-voice-catholic/>

Adult Faith Formation

Women's Prayer Group

- ◆ Thursday's at 10:15 am in the conference room

Contact: Susie Pace

Men's Group

- ◆ First and Third Thursday of the month at 10 am in the Narthex

Contact: Jim Cosgrove



Does prayer change me or change God's plans?

- ◆ Coming Soon!

Contact:
 Laura Wyatt 304-425-3664 or
 MaryJane Albin



walking with purpose

Join us on a journey of self-discovery and spiritual growth as we invite women to our program that meets them where they are at and helps them transform their hearts through the power of God's Word.

Starting Oct 8 at 6:00 pm in the classroom

Contact:
 Laura Wyatt 304-425-3664 or
 KD Coleman

OCIA

The OCIA journey is a profound experience that enables individuals to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. It's a process that involves several stages, and the duration varies depending on the individual's readiness and circumstances.

During this journey, participants

- **learn about the Catholic faith,**

- **engage in various rituals and liturgies,**
- **and ultimately receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).**

Through this process, individuals can deepen their relationship with God and become more fully integrated

into the Catholic community. This journey is personal and transformative, and it's an opportunity for individuals to grow spiritually and embrace the Catholic faith.

Contact Laura Wyatt at
 304-425-3664 or
 lwyatt@sacredheartpinceton.org

This Week on Formed

Fun with Exalting the Holy Cross | Catholic All Year w/ Kendra Tierney In honor of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14, let's talk about . . . talking to kids about Jesus' suffering. Plus a family-friendly at-home Veneration of the Cross, and our favorite feast day foods.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/fun-with-exalting-the-holy-cross-catholic-all-year-w-kendra-tierney>





Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
Music for September 9 & 10, 2023

Celtic Mass
Mass Readings on pg. 323
Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G645
“Amazing Grace”

Responsorial Psalm:
If today you Hear God’s Voice.

Presentation of Gifts: G724
“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say ”

Communion: G706
“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Closing Hymn: G835
“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

Parish Council

Deb LaMothe (Chair)	Vickie Blankenship (Secretary)
Harold Cofer	Gerry Cosgrove
Mike Flanigan	Renee Green
Anthony Heltzel	Zack Romano
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Ad Hoc:	Gina Boggess
Kim Hickman	Laura Wyatt
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Collection



Finance Council

Charlie Pace (Chair)	Gina Boggess
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Kirt Suehs	
Ad Hoc:	Kim Hickman

	weekend Sept 2-3	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,511.00	115,826.54	115,500.00
Loose Offertory	289.00	6,780.10	3,500.00
Maintenance	5.00	1,907.00	1,500.00
Total Contributions	\$ 4,805.00	\$124,513.64	\$ 120,500.00
Abel crisis center	30.00	465.00	350.00
Tender Mercies	320.00	1,650.00	2,250.00
Memorial Contributions/ E Piconi	1,300.00	3,178.00	0.00
Dioc: Catholic University	50.00	50.00	150.00
Attendance:	4pm: 42	11am: 129	

September Ministry Schedule

DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Altar Server	Counter
9	G. Saffell	D Richardson K Bailey V Manley	M Gaspersich	n/a	C Pace	J Cosgrove
10	A Dumapit	W Picknally K Suehs Y Suehs	Hillyer	K Hickman	A Coleman A Albin	
16	M Bacho	C Pace T. Marx M. Marx	F Bacho	n/a	D Richardson	J Choate
17	K Carter	B Barrett G Cosgrove K Hickman	YOUTH	W Picknally	E Coleman A Albin	
23	M Tinio	K Bailey V Manley T. Settle	C Prox	n/a	C Pace	T Settle
24	C Cofer	A Heltzel H Cofer R Modena	Blankenship	W Picknally	B Carter J Holt	

In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:

The Parish Office
(304) 425-3664

Bluefield Parish Office
(304) 327-5623

Kim Hickman
(304) 920-2440

In case of illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr. Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

In case of serious or life threatening sickness or the actively dying: The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

Parishioners:

Catherine Belcher
Ruth Boyd
Deloris Caccamo
Ron Ciccolini
Romulo DelaRosa
Dr. David Garcia
Dale & Mary Lu Geiger
Angie Grbac
Cynthia & Gordon Harmon
Cyndi Jones
Nancy Larkin
Valarie Laxton

Christina Laxton
Robert Laxton
Kaitlyn Laxton
Keith Laxton
Jim Lintz
Jim & Diane Luciano
Tanya Marx
Jaelynn Mendoza
Annette Morgan
Dr. Jun Neri
Patricia Nester
Alan Rieger

Vivian Romano
Deborah Saffell
Gareth Settle
Felomina Yongque
Carrie Yurkovich
Jane Walthall

Family & Friends:

B.J. Asbury
Linda Berghof (mother of Jackie Mercado)
Lou Berentes (friend of Monica Mills)
John Bowers
John Caccamo (brother of Pat)
Rita Calhoun (Aunt of Tanya Marx)
Regina Church (friend of Monica Mills)
Judy Clayton (sister of Loretta Lintz)
Linda Cunningham
Kimiko Fettro (friend of Bill Picknally)
Kyle Geiger
Mike Goff
Patricia Gupton (daughter of Jim Cosgrove)

Myles Harris
Velma Hartwell
Wylie Rae Henson (Kay Bailey's granddaughter)
Brenda Ivelise
Ruby Jones (Aunt of Rachel Colosi)
Langan Family
Lucas Llado (grandson of Maria Franco)
Richard Lockhart
Sandy Morefield (friend of Gaspersich family)
Tina Mullins (friend of Tanya Marx)
Wayne Mullins (brother of Delores Caccamo)

Carolyn Munther (mother of Lisa Black)
Susan Nelson (Bill Picknally's daughter),
Rex Neely
Agnes Sedi
Sherry Sisk
Bryan Staten
Agnes Tokarski (Bill Picknally's sister)
Jamie Willoughby (niece of Sharon Buttaci)
Richard Wentz (brother in law of Rick & Laura Wyatt)

Dear Padre,

Recently our new pastor relocated the rectory away from the church and parish office. Why is this becoming more common?

“The laborer deserves his payment” from Luke 10:7 has been traditionally interpreted to suggest that ministers for the Lord engaged in pastoral service are provided with certain basic necessities, such as a place to call home. Some priests are now choosing a distinct location in which to live that is apart from where their ministry is primarily conducted. A reason for this move is often attributed to rectories that have no clear boundaries between the private living space and the parish office.

While clergy in apostolic ministry are not necessarily seeking a cloistered existence, they do deserve the fundamental privacies enjoyed by everyone else. Sometimes this courtesy is not respected by those who have an unhealthy curiosity about the lives of their parish priests or by those who are preoccupied with being “in the know” (and sharing what they know with the rest of the congregation).

Dedicated priests can be accessible and available at various hours during the day or night without having to live in a fishbowl. Sometimes this may warrant a new rectory location or facility, especially if the pastor in stocking feet on his day off can’t pour his morning coffee without stumbling into a DRE staff meeting! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

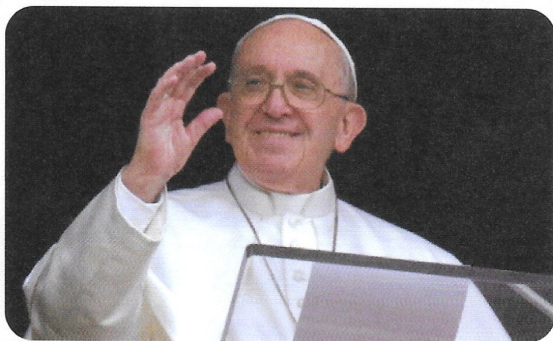


A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The great gossip is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church to distance brothers and sisters and not create community.

Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Gossip is a plague more awful than Covid!

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



MONDAY

September 11

Weekday

Col 1:24–2:3

Lk 6:6–11

TUESDAY

September 12

Weekday

Col 2:6–15

Lk 6:12–19

WEDNESDAY

September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Col 3:1–11

Lk 6:20–26

THURSDAY

September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

FRIDAY

September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14

Jn 19:25–27

or Lk 2:33–35

SATURDAY

September 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 1:15–17

Lk 6:43–49

SUNDAY

September 17

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30–28:7

Rom 14:7–9

Mt 18:21–35

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