

ST. JOAN OF ARC ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

3801 E. GREENWAY RD, PHOENIX, AZ 85032

SEPTEMBER 6 , 2026 / TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DAILY MASS TIMES

M,T,W,Th,F,Sat 8:30am
Monday: 6:00pm/English
Wednesday: 6:00pm/Sp

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am
12:30pm Sp

CONFESSION/CONFESION

Mon-Sat 8am-8:25am
Mon 5:30pm-5:55pm
Wed 5:30pm-5:55pm
Sat 9am-10:30am
or by appointment on above
listed days

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Mon-Thurs 9am-12pm
1pm-5pm
*closed 12pm-1pm
Friday 9am - 12pm
Saturday & Sunday closed

24 HR ADORATION CHAPEL

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volunteering as an Hourly
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Adorer, please contact
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23rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:19-20

"Si dos de ustedes se ponen de acuerdo en la tierra para pedir algo, mi Padre que está en el cielo se lo concederá. Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos". Mateo 18,19-20

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ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

We're so glad you're a part of our worshipping community! While attending Mass is the heart of our faith, official registration is the best way for us to support you and your family.

<—Please scan and register today!—>



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**Courageously following Christ by serving
the community through Catholic liturgy,
gospel values, charity and education.**

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PARISH BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE

Parish Beautification Update September 2026!

Thank you to all our faithful benefactors for your generous gifts to our Parish Beautification projects!

Since June of 2026, we received \$58,085.00 from 303 families of Saint Joan of Arc parish.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! This tells me that you trust God with what he has entrusted to you as a gift. We can all learn to be good stewards of God's grace through Saint Peter: *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*" (1 Peter 4:10)

At Saint Joan of Arc, every person deserves to be received as a beloved child of God and to foster an intimate relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ at every stage of life. The witness of this family of faith is important to me as your pastor. It warms my heart to see so many of you worshipping our Almighty God each Sunday and during the rest of the week. The hours spent adoring our Blessed Lord at all hours of the day inspire me daily. As we draw near to the source of our joy in the Lord, we respond with profound care as our campus approaches its 50th anniversary.

Below is an update on our progress on our Parish Beautification efforts to restore our campus with updates and improvements.

- Roof Repair/Replacement: Weidner Hall roof replacement \$124,705.39
- Fire Alarm: repair in the church, Weidner Hall, preschool system ~\$85,000
- HVAC: one unit replaced in the church (2026) ~\$70,000
- Another Church unit plus Santa Maria Hall unit (2027) ~\$120,000
- Church Floor Repair: replace broken tiles & weak areas ~\$7,000

As always, please keep asking Saint Joan of Arc to intercede for us!

In Christ,

Father Cruz

Since 6/1/26 and as of 8/28/26, 303 families have donated \$58,085.00.

This number includes anonymous gifts of \$3261.00 which is included in the total.

The goal to repair/replace the maintenance issues are: \$408,729.00.

\$408,729.00

\$ 58,085.00

\$350,644.00

SCAN HERE TO
DONATE —>>>



¡Actualización sobre el embellecimiento de la parroquia, septiembre de 2026!

¡Gracias a todos nuestros fieles benefactores por sus generosas donaciones a los proyectos de embellecimiento de nuestra parroquia! Desde junio de 2026, hemos recibido \$58,085.00 dólares de 303 familias de la parroquia de Santa Juana de Arco. ¡GRACIAS! ¡GRACIAS! ¡GRACIAS! Esto me demuestra que confían en Dios con lo que Él les ha confiado como un don. Todos podemos aprender a ser buenos administradores de la gracia de Dios a través de San Pedro: "Cada uno de ustedes debe usar el don que ha recibido para servir a los demás, como fieles administradores de la gracia de Dios en sus diversas formas" (1 Pedro 4:10).

En Santa Juana de Arco, cada persona merece ser recibida como un hijo amado de Dios y cultivar una relación íntima con nuestro Señor Jesucristo en cada etapa de la vida. El testimonio de esta familia de fe es importante para mí como su párroco. Me llena el corazón ver a tantos de ustedes adorando a nuestro Dios Todopoderoso cada domingo y durante el resto de la semana. Las horas dedicadas a adorar a nuestro Bendito Señor a todas horas del día me inspiran diariamente. Al acercarnos a la fuente de nuestra alegría en el Señor, respondemos con profundo cuidado a medida que nuestro campus se acerca a su 50.º aniversario. A continuación, les presento una actualización sobre el avance de nuestros esfuerzos de embellecimiento de la parroquia para restaurar nuestro campus con renovaciones y mejoras.

- Reparación/reemplazo del techo: Reemplazo del techo del Weidner Hall: \$124,705.39
- Alarma contra incendios: reparación en la iglesia, el Weidner Hall y el sistema de preescolar ~\$85,000
- Sistema de climatización: reemplazo de una unidad en la iglesia (2026) ~\$70,000
- Otra unidad de la iglesia más la unidad del Santa Maria Hall (2027) ~\$120,000
- Reparación del piso de la iglesia: reemplazo de baldosas rotas y áreas deterioradas ~\$7,000

Como siempre, ¡sigan pidiéndole a Santa Juana de Arco que interceda por nosotros!

En Cristo,

Padre Cruz

Escanea para
Donar —>>>



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Esta cantidad incluye donaciones anónimas de \$3261.00 que están incluidas en el total.

El objetivo para reparar/reemplazar los problemas de mantenimiento es: \$408,729.00.

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PRAYERS, READINGS, AND ADORATION

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 5

8:30am

†Marge & Paul Richard

4:30pm

†Steward & Marge Stofflet

Sunday, September 6

8:30am

SJA Parishioners

10:30pm

†Jonathan Hanks

12:30pm

†Becky & Robert Steven

Monday, September 7

8:30am

Charliet & Sonia Taft

6:00pm

No 6pm Mass/Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

8:30am

†Sue Gerken

Wednesday, September 9

8:30am

†Bonnie Godfrey

6:00pm

†Jorge Enrique &
Maria Consuelo Magaña

Thursday, September 10

8:30am

†Maureen McCarthy

Friday, September 11

8:30am

†James Porro

Saturday, September 12

8:30am

†Lou Vulovich

4:30pm

†Patricia Chitkowski

Sunday, September 13

8:30am

†Ed Mabey

10:30am

SJA Parishioners

12:30pm

†Victor Alejandro
Meraz Montes

ADORATION CANDLE SPONSORS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6

THE ZUNO FAMILY

In Memory of

JUAN DANIEL LAGARDE



PERPETUAL ADORATION CANDLES

Our Adoration Chapel Candles allows parishioners to honor/memorialize family/friends with lighted candles in the Adoration Chapel. Please come to the Parish Office to set up your sponsorship of a \$10/candle.

**Each sponsorship is for one week.
(Sunday thru Saturday)**

What is Parish Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration?

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion whereby members of a Parish (or some other entity) unite in making continuous adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament (in most cases, exposed) throughout the twenty-four hours of the day, seven days a week.

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

Readings for the week of September 6, 2026

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/

Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Observances for the week of September 6, 2026

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Thursday:

Friday: Patriot Day

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

24 HOUR ADORATION CHAPEL

ADORERS NEEDED:

Sunday: 2am, 12pm

**Monday: 7am, 9am, 12pm,
Thursday: 12am, 10am, and
11am**

Friday: 7am, 12pm, 1pm

Saturday: 5pm

**Prayer partners are always
needed.**

**For more
information, please
contact Desiree at
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PRAYERS, READINGS, AND STEWARDSHIP

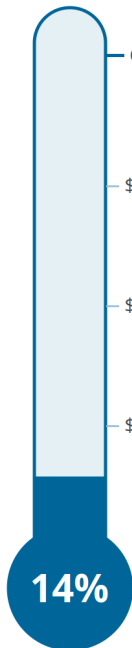


In observance of Labor Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th.

Due to the holiday, confessions and Mass will only be offered on Monday morning, beginning at 8am and 8:30am.

PARISH BEAUTIFICATION

Help Us Reach Our Goal



GOAL RAISED TO DATE

\$58,085.00

June 1 - August 31, 2026

OUR GOAL FOR NEEDED EXPENSES

\$408,729.00

WE STILL NEED TO RAISE

\$350,644.00

as of August 31, 2026

14%

Every gift brings us closer.

Thank you for your generosity.

St. Joan of Arc Roman Catholic Church

PLEASE REMEMBER...

Being a registered, active member of our parish is essential for:

- Serving as a Godparent or Sponsor.
- Accessing in-parish tuition rates for our preschool and Diocesan schools.
- Planning weddings and funeral services within the parish.

Take a moment today to register at www.stjoanofarc.com.

For questions, please contact the Parish Office at 602-867-9171.

SCAN TO REGISTER

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The Blessing of the Community

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.

It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community. The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren't for the life I have had in my parish community.

– Tracy Earl Welliver

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / September 6, 2026

First Reading:

But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:9)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Rom 13:8)

Gospel:

Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (Mt 18:18)

MORNING PRAYERS

Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 8:00 AM daily before Mass;
Liturgy of the Hours at 8:10am.

Rosary follows Mass Monday-Saturday.

For more information of questions, please contact Mary Sitto at 602-561-4063.

MINISTRY NEWS PAGE



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

Like Peter we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? In the month of August, we had to close the pantry 8 days because we had no volunteers. This has never happened before since our conference was created over 30 years ago.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR MINISTRY, WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

Contact our volunteer orientation coordinator at espelder@cox.net for more information.

Food items we need this week are:

- A package of Hamburger Helper
- A box of Cereal
- A Jar of Jelly

The pantry is open the following days & times:

***Mondays- 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

***Wednesdays – 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

***Saturdays – 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

SJA ADOPT A FAMILY PROJECT

25 years we've been doing this! It's a milestone year for the Adopt a Family Project. Planning is underway, and we're hoping you can help by joining our ministry. Many parishioners have adopted families, but we invite you to get involved before then! Plenty of opportunities to share your talents, as we support families in need on the Navajo Reservation. A meeting for new members will be held on Sunday, September 13 at 930a in Santa Maria Hall.

We're excited to meet you!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SOULS OF ALL OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



**David Bynoe, MaryAnn Moore, and
Douglas Eugene Troupe**

"Eternal rest grant unto them, o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace."

SJA PRAYER LINE

The Mission of the SJA Prayer Line Ministry is to provide an opportunity to support others in our community with special prayer requests.

Members of the SJA Prayer Line offer their own prayers on the requestor's behalf.

Please contact Margo Enfield:

4prayeronly@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following requests that have been recently received either by the Prayer Line (4prayeronly@gmail.com), the bulletin, or both.

St Joan of Arc Parishioners

For bulletin only submission requests, please email SJAbulletin@stjoanofarc.com

ST. DAMIEN'S MINISTRY



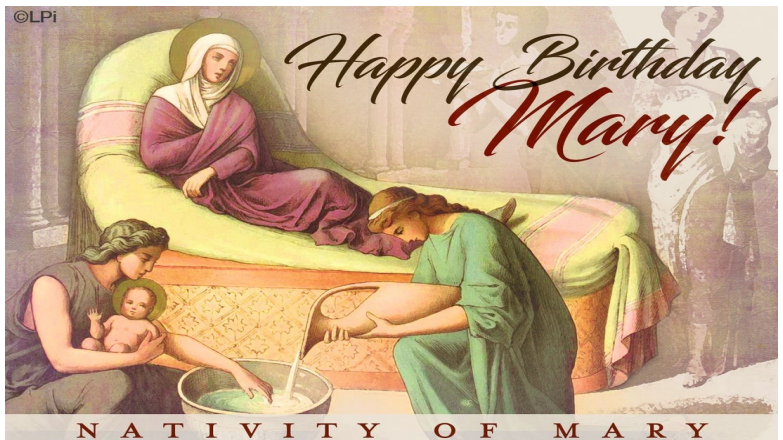
St. Damien's Ministry provides Catholic fellowship among members who follow the example set by St. Damien, serving others in need. We knit and crochet warm hats, scarves, gloves,

blankets, loveys, and layette items to donate to various organizations at SJA. We make hats for cancer patients, scarves for Mariner and scarves for various veteran organizations.

We appreciate all donations of yarn.

We welcome and are eager to meet new people. **Meetings are every Thursdays from 9-11A in Gomes Library.** Everyone is welcome and we look forward to meeting you.

Please call Edye Malena for more information at 602-971-0490.



AROUND THE PARISH

Attention ALL Ministry Volunteers:

Please renew your Safe Environment Training NOW!!!



- Go to: <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org>
- Go to your "Dashboard" and click on the ONLINE Renewal Video 2026-2027.
- REMINDER: DO NOT create a new account! If you have forgotten your password, click on the forgot password link located under SIGN IN. If you have forgotten your username, you can click on the "Forgot Username" link.
- Verify the expiration date of your criminal background check.
- If it expires within the coming year please renew it.

For questions about the Safe Environment Training Program, please contact Annette Garrison at liturgy@stjoanofarc.com or 602-867-9171 x308

THANK YOU
GRACIAS ©LPI

Dear SJA Parish Community,
On behalf of the SJA rummage sale committee, we would like to thank you for your support in making our 2nd annual sale a huge success. Your generous donations of clothing, housewares, games, and furniture were overwhelming.

We also extend our sincere thanks to the many SJA volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure everything ran smoothly, as well as the parishioners and neighbors who shopped the sale.

Congratulations to Paris on winning the raffle for the Blessed Mother Mary statue.

The rummage sale proceeds of \$10,000. will be applied to improvements to the church flooring including cleaning and tile repairs.

Mark your calendars for the 3rd annual rummage sale in August, 2027.

Thank you all for your incredible support.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO PARTAKE IN THE
25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PATRIOT DAY OF
PRAYER AND FLAG CEREMONY, WHICH
COMMEMORATES THE EVENTS OF 9/11..

When: Friday, September 11, 2026. Following the 8:30 am Mass, during which the Knights of Columbus will conduct a prayer and a ceremony for the event, the U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony is scheduled.

Location: The flagpole on the St. Joan of Arc campus.

Purpose: To hold a prayer service commemorating **all individuals** who perished, including the Knights of Columbus who lost their lives that day. This date is observed as Patriot Day.

Including: The ceremony will include a formal recitation of the names of all 44 Knights of Columbus who died that day.

Presented by Rev. Oliver Viotor

Rationale: The tragedy resulted in the deaths of 3,000 innocent victims due to terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Flight 93. Among those who lost their lives, over forty were members of the Knights of Columbus.



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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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COR Men's Formation

Saturdays, 7:00-8:30am in Santa Maria Hall

Sept. 12 & 26; Oct. 10 & 24

Who Do You Say That I Am? - The Gospel of Mark

All men welcome. Join at any time.

Sessions are in English.

Todod los hombres son bienvenidos.

Las sesiones se ofrecen en ingles.



PARISH & DIOCESE EVENTS/NEWS



ST. JOAN of ARC
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FALL FEST

*Fellowship
IN THE
Neighborhood*

OCT. 31 | **FESTIVAL HOURS:**
SATURDAY
10AM-10PM

Enjoy
LIVE MUSIC

COME ENJOY:

- LIVE MUSIC
- KIDS GAMES
- SILENT AUCTION
- BINGO & LOTERIA
- BURGERS, BURRITOS & MORE
- BEER GARDEN
- SWEET SHOPPE

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August 2-9, 2027

WYD 2027

South Korea

The Office of Young Adult Ministry at the Diocese of Phoenix invites you to join young people from every corner of the globe to celebrate faith, encounter Christ, and experience the universal Church firsthand. We are gathering young adults ages 18-39 to join our pilgrimage delegation to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea!

Trip Information

LAND ONLY PRICING
\$2,900
**Based on final group size*

Highlights

- Ganghwa Island
- Paju & DMZ Exploration
- St. Andrew Kim Shrine
- Vigil with Pope Leo

Registration Deadline:
September 30, 2026

CONTACT JUNUEE CASTRO
FOR MORE INFO:

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JCASTRO@DPHX.ORG

SCAN TO REGISTER
View the full itinerary & reserve your spot.



Twilight Retreat: Challenges in a Challenging Time

Start Date: September 10, 2026—FRANSISCAN RENEWAL CENTER

Time: 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm—Location: 5802 E Lincoln Dr, Scottsdale, Arizona 85253—Phone: (480) 948-7460

Description:

Fr. Page Polk, OFM

Walk the Way of St. Francis with Fr. Page

In this Special Jubilee Year, we'll begin the evening with dinner and fellowship before embarking on a pilgrimage through the life of St. Francis.

After a delicious meal in the dining room, we'll gather in Our Lady of the Angels Church for a journey through pivotal moments in Francis' spiritual transformation — from privilege and ambition to surrender, compassion, and profound encounters with Christ.

At each station, you will discover the story behind the artwork, reflect on the significance of that moment in Francis' life, and consider how similar experiences unfold in your own life. Through guided reflection and prayer, this pilgrimage invites you to recognize where God may be calling, challenging, healing, or renewing you today.

As you walk the Way of St. Francis, you may discover that his journey is not only the story of a saint from eight centuries ago but also a companion for your own pilgrimage toward Christ as you experience both grace and struggle in our world today.

FEE: \$30 per person including dinner. Pre-registration required. Email lora@thecasa.org for information on scholarships.

*****Sign Up By Wed, Sep 9 at 5:00 pm*****

REFLECTIONS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Treat Him Like a Gentile

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives instructions for ministering to those persisting in error. Here's the CliffsNotes version: If all else fails, "treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector."

In other words? Don't give up. Tell him the truth. Wash, rinse and repeat.

Technically speaking, I'm a Gentile. I've done those mail-in DNA tests, and none of my ancestors were Jewish. So whoever told my family about the God of Abraham, it wasn't Moses, and it probably wasn't Jesus himself, unless he spent some time in northwestern Europe that the Gospels fail to mention.

Nope, my ancestors were big old Gentiles living in a big old Gentile world. Lucky for me, someone evangelized them. At first, my ancestors probably didn't listen. But the evangelist, whoever he or she was, didn't give up.

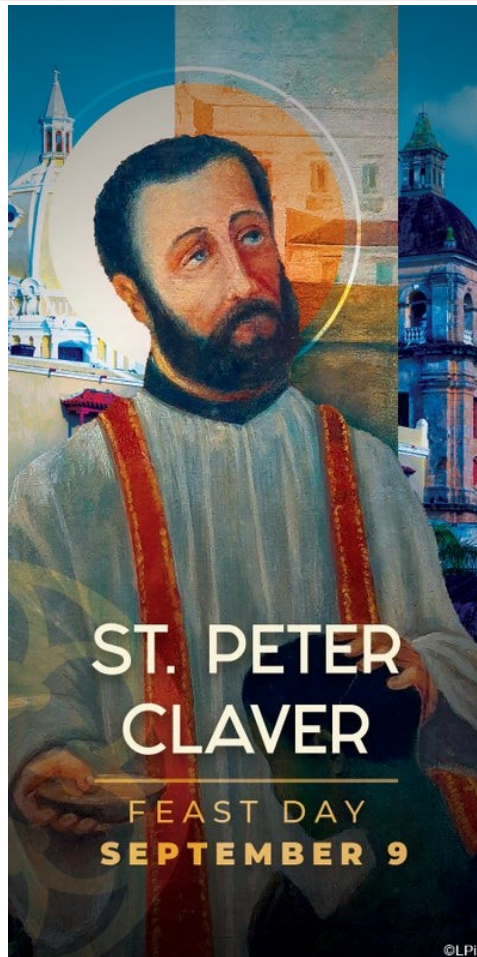
I say "lucky for me" because this all means that I was born and raised Catholic. It makes it easier, I think — but it doesn't make it easy. I'm not an automaton, and I still have to accept the truth of the faith I choose to live. So do you. So do we all.

Inevitably, we falter. What then?

Who are the tax collectors? Zaccheus was one. Matthew was another. Maybe you recognize his name — he's the guy who wrote this Gospel. And who are the Gentiles? Me. You, maybe. Everyone the disciples decided not to give up on. Everyone the Church is called not to forget about, not to dismiss, and not to take for granted.

So treat them all like Gentiles, and remember that God sees the future, not just the past

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



PATRIOT DAY
SEPTEMBER 11



NOTICIAS

Encuentro matrimonial misionero

—La comunidad de los matrimonios católicos servidores de la palabra. (MCSP)

— Les invitan a un encuentro matrimonial misionero, los días sábado 19 y domingo 20 de septiembre del 2026.

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Para obtener más información y/o confirmar la asistencia de su hijo a las clases de entrenamiento, comuníquese con Carmen Zuno, coordinadora de monaguillos, al correo electrónico: Cyzuno@gmail.com

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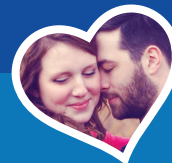
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