



Annunciation  
Catholic Church  
CALIFORNIA, MO



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 4, 2022

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis 9:13-18b

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33

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SAT. 4:00 PM  
SUN. 9:45 AM  
**Spanish Mass/  
Communion Service:**  
Sun. 11:15 AM



*So if you [Philemon]  
regard me as a partner,  
welcome [Onesimus]  
as you would me.*  
PHILEMON 1:17

## No Longer a Slave

**P**aul urges Philemon to treat a runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ, not a slave. He didn't ask Philemon to free the man. Nor did he encourage him to work for the eradication of slavery. Why not? The letter doesn't tell us. Yet if we look deeply at this issue, we might discover that Paul was asking for something much more profound than a change in law.

The United States outlawed slavery more than 150 years ago. But that change did nothing to erase the political, economic, and social biases of many citizens. Some people still consider African Americans and other people of color as inferior, untrustworthy and dangerous. Laws cannot change thinking or prejudices.

Had Philemon simply freed Onesimus, would the slave's situation have been improved? In the ancient world, slaves were often branded, thus alerting

everyone to their servile position in society. Might this have prevented him from living a full life as a free man? Even if the law had changed, would ancient Rome have provided for former slaves any better than contemporary America has?

Paul pressed Philemon to go deeper into his heart, to change his perception of Onesimus' status in his household. Paul is probably not talking about a blood bond, but the bond that joins Christians to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. If we really treat each other in this way, discriminatory customs will crumble and there will no longer be any kind of slavery.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- ✦ *How do you regard people of different races? As sisters and brothers, or as dangerous?*
- ✦ *How are nonwhites disadvantaged in your community? What might you do about this?*

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**BAPTISMS:** By appointment.  
**WEDDINGS:** Please contact at least 6 months in advance.  
**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call any time or by appointment.  
**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM and by appointment.

### Bishop McKnight's September prayer intention for our Local Church

**For all who serve in our community as first responders: that God may protect them from all harm, and that we be grateful for the sacrifices they make for the common good.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 3	4:00 PM	Lenard Elliott/ Madelyn/James Dahler
Sept. 4	9:45 AM	Jim Martin/Mark Imhoff
	11:15 AM	Maria Gracia Garcia
Sept. 6	8:00 AM	No Mass - funeral
Sept. 8	8:00 AM	Joseph/Patricia Muenks/ Steve McKinzie
Sept. 10	4:00 PM	Parish
Sept. 11	9:45 AM	Tony/Dorothy & Dick Scheidt
	11:15 AM	Rafael Magana/Diana Corona Lemus/Anna Karen Corona Quesada/ Erica Corona Quesada/Mayra Magana Corona/Annabelle Magana Corona

## LITURGICAL ROLES

### Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:00 pm

Lector:	Russell Anderson
Servers:	Need Volunteer
Greeter:	Lisa Anderson/Kay Pearson
Song Leader:	Larry Dahler
Organist:	Ruth Ann Jobe
Rosary:	Russell Anderson

### Sunday - September 4<sup>th</sup> , 9:45 am

Lector:	Rita Henley
Servers:	McCumber Family
Greeter:	Jerry/Deanna Hoback
Song Leader:	Bev Kleffner
Organist:	Ruth Ann Jobe
Rosary:	Ruth Ann Jobe

### Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm

Lector:	Pauline Forck
Servers:	Need Volunteer
Greeter:	Tim Forck/Tim Baker
Song Leader:	Rosemary Bardwell
Organist:	Betty Pringer
Rosary:	Vickie Schroeder

### Sunday - August 28<sup>th</sup> , 9:45 am

Lector:	J.D. Gattermeir
Servers:	Nicki Frank
Greeter:	Mickie/Jake Bolinger
Song Leader:	Alicia Taube
Organist:	Jo Pummill
Rosary:	Charlie Roll

## PRAYER LIST

Please Pray for these and all who are in need of prayer. Call the office to add someone or take someone off.

*Liz Schlup; Valerie Bloch; Lanny Wingate; Vickie Schroeder; Pat Roll; Debbie VanDieren, David Strickfaden; Baby Elliott (grandson of Bob & Beth Ziehmer); Ruth Ziehmer, Brenda Irely; Tagen Higgins, Joann Ponder; Jack Anderson; Milinda Hoecker, Angie Hoecker (sister-in laws of Tammy Strein) Lisa Anderson, Glenda Williams, Dr. Conrad Balcer; Jamie Bax; Don Aggeler (father of Chris Hurt & Carolyn Aggeler; Amanda Gorham; Stephanie Marshall; Jim Imhoff; Sharon (Imhoff) Dresel (Sister of Vince Imhoff & Nancy Martin); Barb Glenn; Darrell Bolin; Chris Schoenthal; Larry Hoback; Kim (Gailey) Moss; Sister Leona Bax; Roger Borgmeyer; Carol Baker; Frankie Bolinger (mother of Jake Bolinger); Amanda Imhoff; Connie Sack; Jeff Johnson; Gary Fleischmann; John & Barbara Reichl (parents of Bill Reichl); Louis Forck (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Bob Winkler; Gary Rackers (Margaret Reynolds son-in-law); Special Intention; Rachel Frank; Abe Baepler; Andrea Tilbury; Carol Rackers; Keith Connell; Alfred Rhodus (father of Melody Fischer)*

## THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

Saturday, Sept. 3	St. Gregory the Great
̄Mass 4:00 PM	Lenard Elliott/Madelyn & James Dahler
<b>Sunday, Sept. 4</b>	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
̄Mass 9:45 AM	Jim Martin/Mark Imhoff
11:45 AM	Maria Gracia Garcia
<b>Monday, Sept 5</b>	Labor Day
5:45 PM	No Prayer of the Holy Rosary
8:00 PM	AA-Alon
<b>Tuesday, Sept 6</b>	No Mass
<b>Thursday, Sept. 8</b>	Nativity - Blessed Virgin Mary
̄Mass 8:00 AM	Joseph/Patricia Muenks/ Steve McKinzie
7:00 PM	Spanish Holy Hour
<b>Saturday, Sept. 10</b>	Parish
̄Mass 4:00 PM	24th Sunday Ordinary Time
<b>Sunday, Sept 11</b>	Tony/Dorothy/Dick Scheidt
̄Mass 9:45 AM	Spanish
11:15 AM	

Dear Annunciation Family:

By now you may have received a mailing from the Diocese with a Q&A about the new Stewardship model of tithing. In a few more weeks additional information will be shared as well as the Time and Talent sign-up sheets for our Parish. The Stewardship model is based on the biblical 10% tithe of one's income.

As stated, Stewardship isn't all about money, but very much about giving of your time and talent to the parish. However, understandably, many members are asking how the tithe our parish will give to the Diocese, will affect this parish. The short answer is Not Very Much at All, because of the generosity of you, the parishioners.

In past years, the Parish paid a monthly amount to the Diocese (Cathedraticum – Latin word). You also pledged an amount annually to the Diocese (the Catholic Stewardship Appeal - CSA). In addition, the Diocese asked for funds in nine special collections. **The CSA and six of these collections have ceased. You will no longer see any envelopes for these collections.**

Now, you give as you have in the past to Annunciation through the Offertory, including the funds that you may have donated thru the CSA to the Diocese. **You are asked to direct these donations directly to the parish.** This makes up the 8% referred to in the Q&A pamphlet. **Keep in mind that 90% of the funds which you previously gave to the diocese, will now be kept in our Parish.** Only 10% of each month's offerings go to the Diocese as our tithe. There is no longer a set amount required from any Parish, only the tithe (10%) on the weekly offerings. The difference between last year's monthly Cathedraticum and this year's July tithe was \$1,000.00 ... and this parish is able to afford this amount.

**If Annunciation parish receives all of the CSA monies previously donated to the Diocese, the \$1,000 increase will be negated.**

Just as you are asked to tithe to the Parish, Annunciation will then tithe to the Diocese. This Stewardship way of tithing began July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. You have seen in the weekly bulletins what the Sunday offerings have been, and this is what the tithe for Annunciation is based upon. Each Parish can have a fundraiser (ours is the picnic) - and we keep all the funds, NO tithe is paid.

There are other exceptions to the tithe, such as the Silent Auction we just had, where excess parish property was sold, this is NOT tithed. Our picnic funds go into the Building Fund and are not used for normal operating expenses, but for extraordinary matters, such as when a power surge ruined the sound system last year. Also, any fundraisers held by the Knights of Columbus, the Ladies Sodality, or any other Parish organizations, are NOT tithed.

Annunciation will still send out the weekly envelopes, and at the discretion of this Parish will include **Mustard Seed** and **Building Fund** envelopes. A number of our parishioners like to donate toward Mustard Seed and the Building Fund (Rainy Day Fund), so we will continue to make this opportunity available to you. There will be only three extra annual collections from the Diocese: The Diocesan Mission (March), Easter (Priest Retirement) and Christmas (Seminarians).

If you have questions about the Catholic Stewardship Renewal program, please contact me, the Office Staff, or Don Vanderfeltz, chairman of our Stewardship committee.

Blessings always,  
Fr. Viviano

## PARISH NEWS

This week's bouquet was provided by Barb McKenzie in remembrance of Joseph and Patricia Muenks and Steve McKinzie.

If you want to donate flowers, contact Bev Kleffner.

### Meet and Greet with Fr. Viviano

Sunday, Sept. 4 at 12:00-1:00pm. Join us for refreshments! We are blessed to have Fr. Viviano and would like spend a little time getting to know him. He is also celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday so feel free to bring a birthday card or welcome note.

**Happy Birthday** to Helen Bolin who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. May God continue to bless her.

Finance Statement for August	
Receipts	
Weekend Collections:	\$27,767.86
Additional Income: Reimbursements, stipends, building improvement fund, Infirm Priest, mustard seed, Interest	\$ 1,108.93
Sale of Parish Property, Bus Fares (not tithed to diocese)	\$4,695.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$33,571.79</b>
Expenses	
Salary, FCIA	\$5,246.29
Liturgy & Worship Exp.	\$ 519.92
Repairs, Utilities, Grounds Upkeep, (Painting in church & tuck pointing at rectory)	\$10,824.15
School Tuition & PSR Expenses	\$5,298.45
Mustard Seed, Cathedraticum, Dio.Mission, parish software, misc.	\$5,106.36
<b>Total Expenses,</b>	<b>\$26,995.17</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>+\$ 6,576.62</b>

**Pitch Tournament.** 5PM Sat, October 1<sup>st</sup> Free to play. Must sign-up (single or with partner) in advance (back of Church or [jjfrank23@gmail.com](mailto:jjfrank23@gmail.com)). BYOB. Share chili. Annunciation Hall. Organized by Knights for Parish.

### Weekly Collections

1<sup>st</sup> week: \$ 7,518.24 2<sup>nd</sup> week: \$3,905.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> week: \$ 2,417.00 4<sup>th</sup> week: \$5,046.09

Stipend \$ \$115 Hispanic \$351.00

**As our parish continues its pastoral planning, we want to know your perspective on how it's going. Please take a few minutes to complete a survey at <https://bit.ly/DJC-plan>. Our parish plan was an attachment in last week's bulletin.**



### PSR and Confirmation Starting SOON!

PSR classes begin on Sun., October 2nd from 8:30-9:30 am. Confirmation will begin on Sun., Oct. 9 beginning at 8:30 am. The Confirmands will go to 9:45 mass as a group and continue their lessons after mass until 11:30 am. Registration forms will be available at the beginning of Sept.

### PSR Teacher and Substitute Needed

We need one more teacher or team of teachers for PSR.