



# 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**September 19, 2021**

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,  
receives me.” - Mk 9:37a

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## Reflections for the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17–20**

It may seem odd to read a quote from the wicked, or ungodly men in the Book of Wisdom. In the ancient world, the wise men understood the reason behind things and ordered all things in their lives rightly, or prudently. Knowledge of the highest or first cause would bring the greatest wisdom. Consider that God is the First Cause of all things and that knowing more about God would necessarily mean understanding more about everything that he has created. In short, the religious person who strives to know more about the God he or she loves will generally be the wisest. So, it is that the saints are often revered as much for their wisdom as their goodness. To be good, however, one must also understand the absence of goodness—wickedness—in order to avoid that which is wicked. As the “just one” in the book of Wisdom is associated with Jesus, so also “the wicked” are often associated with those who oppose Jesus’s ministry. Compare our reading this week with those who revile him at the foot of the Cross in Matthew 27:39-44. The Church sees the Passion of Jesus as fulfilling the poor treatment of the “just one” by “the wicked” as described here in the book of Wisdom. This book is worth a thorough reading for its faith-filled assertion of the final victory of good over evil and life over death.

### **Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3**

In the second reading, Saint James addresses the question of why there is so little peace in the world. Peace, he tells us, is not found in the pursuit of what the world offers us, but in heavenly things. It is found in “wisdom from above.” The world often talks about discovering peace, but no one can deny that we still live in a world filled with turmoil and chaos; the evidence is too obvious and too immediate to deny. We live in a world that is marked by conflict. There is conflict in global matters, at the national level, and even in local communities between friends and families. Somehow, our pursuit of peace has fallen far short of the mark. This lack of peace, as history shows us, is rooted in man’s desire for what he does not have. In itself, this desire is not bad. We should be motivated by the desire to receive those things that God has waiting for us. Nevertheless, we place things such as material goods, sensual satisfaction, and recognition before God. Because temporal things can never fully

satisfy us, we grow frustrated and become jealous of one another, which leads us into open conflict. As Christians, we see things differently. The wisdom of God is timeless. All peace begins within the soul of the individual person, because she is given entirely to the service of God. Peace cannot begin anywhere else. Peace of soul, as spoken of by St. James, is the only peace that can ultimately bring lasting peace. God’s ways are not our ways. If we truly desire peace of soul, we should surrender our desires to God and look for his peace, not the peace of the world.

### **Gospel: Mark 9:30–37**

Even though Jesus just told the disciples that he is going to the sacred city of Jerusalem to suffer ridicule and death, they choose to spend the journey talking about which among them is the greatest. They are not thinking with the mind of the Lord. Why do the disciples fail to realize the nature of the journey to Jerusalem and the cross? Once we lose sight of the destination or goal of our journey, we usually get lost. This is what happened to the disciples spiritually. As they traveled to Jerusalem, they were thinking of power, namely, those who had the most importance among themselves. We, like the disciples, can lose sight of the real spiritual significance of life and the Father’s call for us, if we do not remain in the presence of Jesus as we journey toward the heavenly Jerusalem. The disciples teach us that we must stay with Jesus if we want to be with him in Heaven.

**Reflection:** In this week’s Gospel, Jesus is nearing the end of his journeys with his disciples. Soon after these events, he will turn towards Jerusalem to face his Passion. He is beginning to pull his Apostles aside for intimate moments, revealing more deeply his heart, teachings, and mission on earth. The Apostles have spent almost three years with Jesus, but here it is evident that they still don’t fully know him. It can be challenging to watch them misunderstand Jesus so many times, but we can relate to them more than we realize. Because Jesus is God, there will always be things about him that we cannot fully understand because our minds are finite. Moreover, the ways of God are not like our ways. His kingdom, his mission, and his promises aren’t what we expect. The logic of the Gospel is the logic of God, not of humans. Today, Jesus wants to pull us aside for an intimate moment to reveal his heart more deeply to us and to teach us his logic that will lead to our true joy, just as he did for his Apostles.

- 2017 Augustine Institute

## The Peace the World Cannot Give

Peace is the  
LORD's gift  
to us 

In his prayer before the Last Supper in Saint John's Gospel, Jesus promises us peace that the world cannot give. What did he mean? A Catholic definition of peace is "tranquility of order," the "agreement of wills." The world cannot give true peace because people will never live in agreement because of our fallen natures. In other words, we cannot have peace in this world because people are fundamentally selfish. Jesus's Kingdom is more concerned with other individuals than our own desires—this agreement of wills to love the other more than we love ourselves ensures that all the dignity of all is respected. This peace can happen between the person and God even now but won't be fully realized until the Kingdom of God.

### READINGS FOR THE 25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18 <b>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs</b>
Tuesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13 <b>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</b>
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9 <b>St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</b>
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45 <b>BVM</b>
Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 <b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday—Friday

8:00 AM (English)

Tuesday

6:30 PM (Spanish)

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM (English)

Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 AM (English)

12:00 PM (Spanish)

#### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil 7:00 PM (Bilingual)

Holy Day

8:00 AM (English)

#### CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays 7:15 PM

Fridays after 8:00 AM Mass

Saturdays 3-4 PM

or any time upon request

#### PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE:

<https://www.stmaryofthelakesparish.org>

We continue to livestream and to post the 4:00 PM Mass, featuring Fr. Carlos Bedoya as the presider, for our parishioners to be able to hear his inspiring homilies on YouTube or our FaceBook page.

## PETER RICHARD CONTE TO PERFORM AT BASILICA

Orlando famed concert organist, Peter Richard Conte, will perform a free concert on Friday, October 15th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe in Orlando. The concert will be the dedication recital of the new 5,200 pipe Schoenstein organ installed in 2019, and will feature a varied and entertaining selection of music.

Organist Peter Richard Conte possesses nearly unparalleled technical facility, a brilliant ear for tonal color, and an innovative programming style. He is one of the most admired concert organists performing today.

All are welcome, and no tickets are required. Mr. Conte's appearance is sponsored by the Ginsburg Family Foundation, and he is represented by Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists. For more information, please call 407-239-6600. Plenty of free parking is available.



## Communion Fasting

Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden).

Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.

### *A Prayer for Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in  
the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to  
receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You  
sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
And unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

### *A COMMUNION PRAYER*



Jesus, although You have existed with the Father and the Holy Spirit from the beginning, You came among us in Your human nature and showed us the depth of divine love. With amazement, I think about how You, Almighty God, became man. Even more, with astonishment I

recall Your words to Your disciples that to have eternal life, we have to eat the bread that is You. Jesus, I have now received the miracle of Your flesh and blood in this Holy Communion. May I grow in the awareness that your divine life is now within me. Please let my attitude reflect Your presence in me.

Lord Jesus, I believe that You are truly present within the consecrated bread which has been blessed and broken. Through the eyes of faith, I affirm that what I have received is Your Body and Blood.

Lord Jesus, in this celebration of faith, I have received the cup of blessing. It is the new and eternal covenant of Your love. May I proclaim, once again, this day that you are the Christ, the anointed One of God, who has come to me. Amen.  
—Source Unknown

### *The Pope's Intention for September:*

**AN ENVIRONMENTALLY  
SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE**

*We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.*



**"The whole world is understaffed.  
Be kind to those who show up."**

**-The Catfish Place, Apopka**



Sometimes, things can go very wrong in a marriage. Retrouvaille is a program to help heal and to support married couples experiencing difficulties, and for couples who are broken, lonely, or hurting. It's also for couples who have separated or are divorced and want to try again. Our next program is at San Pedro Center, Winter Park, September 24-26, 2021. For more information and for registration, please call 352-274-4614. All calls and names are held in strict confidence. We invite you to visit our website at [Retrouvaille.org](http://Retrouvaille.org).

Last Week's Collections

Offertory: \$4,912.50

Second Collection \$1,868.00

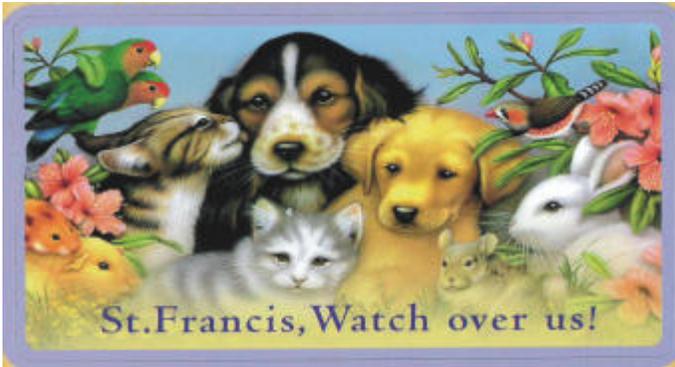
Other Income: \$3,436.02



Next week's second collection will be for St. Vincent de Paul.

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**SAT., OCTOBER 2ND AT 11:00 AM**

**PARKING LOT BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE PARISH CENTER**



**SCHEDULE FOR THE CATECHESIS OF THE NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY**

**Mondays and Wednesdays  
September 20 — November 8  
Meetings will be in the Parish Center  
from 7:30 — 8:30 p.m.**

***You Don't Want To Miss This One***

*The Clothing Donation Center, located at the far end of the parking lot behind the church, (with an iron gate), is having an adult Blow-Out Clothing Sale on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am—1 pm. We are including coats and sweaters, as cooler weather promises a brief visit to the Sunshine State. The clothing will be for adults only; there will be no children's clothing.*

**ALL SALES ARE CASH ONLY.**



The thrift store will also be open the first Saturday of each month From 9:00 am—1:00 pm

**Saturday, Oct. 02  
Saturday, Nov. 06  
Saturday, Dec. 04**

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is now open after all Masses. Come to browse, to shop, or to just share a cup of coffee and a snack with us.



# FAITH FORMATION MEETINGS

## Sept. 20 & Sept. 21

Home Learning Week for grades K-8th Faith Formation classes

(Check email for YouTube link!)

Semana de aprendizaje en el hogar para las clases de formación en la fe de los grados K-8.

(¡Revise el correo electrónico para ver el enlace de YouTube!)

Sept. 21 5:30-6:30 PM @ Parish Center

Little Flowers and Blue Knights Clubs Parent Interest Meeting

Reunión de interés para padres de Little Flowers and Blue Knights Clubs

**Faith Formation Registration**

**Registro de formación en la fe**

continues at the parish office as late registration  
continúa como registro tardío en la oficina parroquial.

**Catechists and Volunteers Needed**

**Necesitamos Catequistas**

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Contact the parish office today!

Responde la llamada!

¡Póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial hoy mismo!

Are you an adult missing  
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**RCIA**

classes will begin in  
October. Register at the  
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For more information / Para información:  
Mrs. Mónica M. Vega 352-483-3500 ext. 203  
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# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 9:30-37

## Reflexiones para el domingo 25 En tiempo ordinario

### MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO: ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

Vivimos en una sociedad llena de celos, envidia, rivalidades y un ego de superioridad y control sobre los demás. Con poquito poder que se le otorgue a la persona, le basta para mandar y ejercer poder sobre el otro, y lo triste es que muchas veces lo vemos como algo habitual y normal. Hoy, la Palabra de Dios nos habla de lo contrario. Las lecturas nos hablan de la sabiduría de Dios y de cómo aplicarla aquí en la tierra. Por sus frutos los conocerán, es decir por hacer el bien, por ser comprensivos, amantes de la paz, dóciles, sinceros y llenos de misericordia. Pero, ¿existe la misericordia?

El Evangelio nos narra, que Jesús instruía a sus discípulos de cómo iba ser su pasión, y ellos no entendían sus palabras. Ellos, en cambio, estaban enfrascados en una conversación contraria a los deseos de Jesús: ¿Quién de ellos era el más importante? La raíz del problema está en el corazón humano, pensamos y actuamos al contrario de lo que Dios nos pide. Casi siempre se impone la voluntad sobre los demás y esto puede ser sutilmente o de forma agresiva. Jesús tiene la respuesta correcta a toda inquietud mundana. Basta con escuchar su Palabra: “Si alguno quiere ser el primero, que se haga el último y el servidor de todos” (Marcos 9:35). Y agrega algo más para que quede claro: “El que recibe a un niño como este en mi nombre, me recibe a mí; y el que me recibe, no me recibe a mí, sino al que me ha enviado” (Marcos 9:37). Ojalá, que la participación en la Eucaristía, ya sea personalmente o por medio del internet, tenga como fin una sola cosa: la conversión del corazón.

## VIVIR LA LITURGIA : INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

¿Qué significa ser siervo de Dios? En esencia, significa estar dispuesto a hacer que el mundo vuelva a su inocencia infantil, mostrando a todos que un juego lleno de alegría tiene un lugar en la vida. El siervo de Dios sirve para fomentar el Reino de Dios. El reino de Dios no es una realidad estéril, infeliz, estricta y rígida. Es todo lo contrario. Es un reino desprovisto de celos y ambición egoísta donde abundan la paz, la mansedumbre, la misericordia y las buenas obras. Ser un siervo de este reino significa que la ambición egoísta debe dejarse de lado para que otros puedan ser los primeros y la justicia se busque a toda costa. La oración de este tipo de siervo no se centra en el avance personal o la necesidad. Más bien, la oración del siervo busca desprenderse de la preocupación por uno mismo para ser usado por Dios. De esta manera, los siervos podemos ser inspirados, guiados, empoderados y dirigidos por Dios. Entonces podemos ser usados para colocar las piedras angulares del reino: fe, esperanza y amor. Sobre estos se construye la morada firme de Dios. Aceptar este llamado puede colocarnos en último lugar a los ojos del mundo, pero en primero en los de Dios. ©LPi



# Lecturas de la Semana

## XXV Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: Esd 1, 1-6/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4  
- 5. 6 [3]/Lc 8, 16-18

San Andrés Kim Taegon, sacerdote, y San Paul Chong Hasang y compañeros, mártires

Martes: Ef 4, 1-7. 11-13/Sal 18, 2-3. 4  
-5 [5]/Mt 9, 9-13

San Mateo, apóstol y evangelista

Miércoles: Esd 9, 5-9/Tob 13, 2. 3-4. 4. 7-8 [1]/Lc 9, 1-6

Jueves: Ag 1, 1-8/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 y 9 [cfr. 4]/Lc 9, 7-9

San Pío de Pietrelcina, sacerdote

Viernes: Ag 2, 1-9/Sal 42, 1. 2. 3. 4 [5]/  
Lc 9, 18-22

Sábado: Zac 2, 5-9. 14-15/Jr 31, 10. 11  
- 12. 13 [cfr. 10]/Lc 9, 43-45

BVM

Domingo siguiente: Nm 11, 25-29/Sal  
18, 8. 10. 12-13. 14 [9]/Sant 5,  
1-6/Mc 9, 38-43. 45. 47-48



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*La próxima clase es el*

**2 de octubre 2021.**

**9 a.m.**

**Muchas gracias.**



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COLECTA ESPECIAL  
PROXIMA SEMANA**

# 26 de septiembre

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después de todas las  
misas dominicales.**



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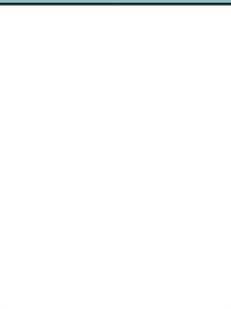
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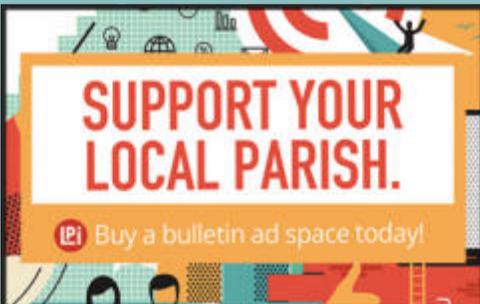


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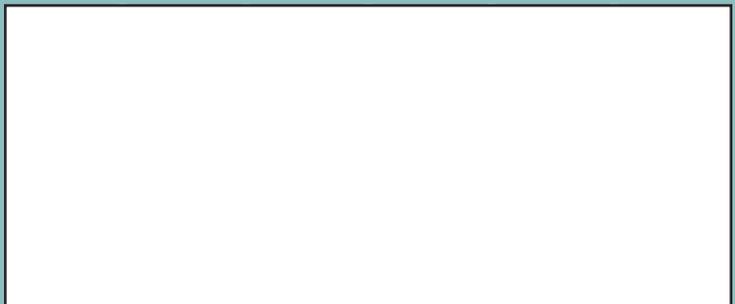
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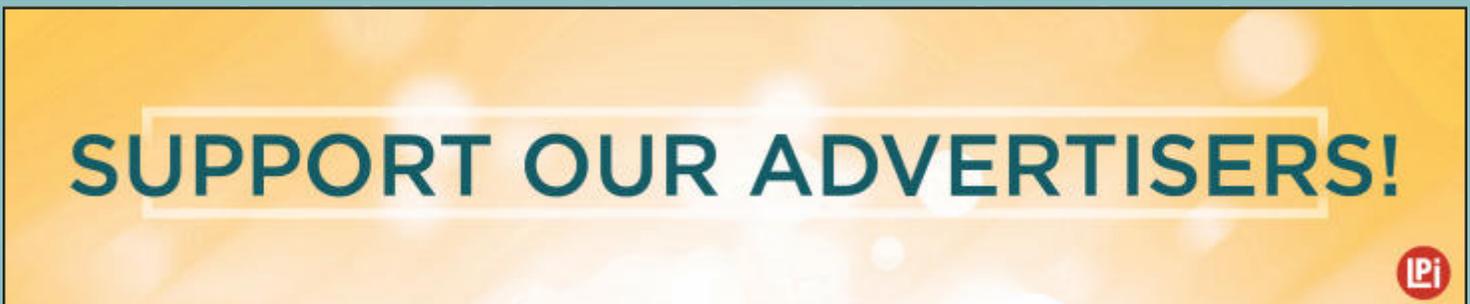


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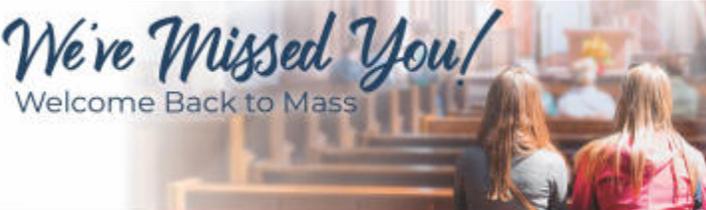


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**MONDAY,** September 20  
8:00 AM †Jerzy Paszkiewicz  
Spec. Int. for the Mike Ramirez Fam.

**TUESDAY,** September 21  
8:00 AM †Karen Gleichauf  
6:30 PM †Eva Martinez

**WEDNESDAY,** September 22  
8:00 AM †Joaquin Rivera

**THURSDAY,** September 23  
8:00 AM †Margarite Monroy Chacon

**FRIDAY,** September 24  
8:00 AM Spec. Int. for the Mike Ramirez Fam.  
†Rexy Duram

**SATURDAY,** September 25  
4:00 PM †Eva Andujar  
†Richard Figueroa  
†Maurice Mauricette

**SUNDAY,** September 26  
8:00 AM †Martin Woerter  
10:00 AM Spec. Int. for SAJ and Family  
†Ann Bignon  
†Jacob, Lawrence, and Poulose

**12:00 PM** Our Parishioners

All parishes are asked to remember our deceased priests who were incarnated for the Orlando Diocese, or who are buried at the San Pedro Center. For September they are:

September 14, 2017 Msgr. Patrick Caverly

September 19, 2016 Very Rev. John McCormick

September 23, 1986 Rev. Louis Bamundo

September 27, 1995 Rev. Charles Schneider

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



We pray for the repose of the soul of Jerzy Paszkiewicz, Karen Gleichauf, Eva Martinez, Joaquin Rivera, and Margarita Monroy Chacon. May God welcome them home, fill them with peace, and bless those who will miss them.