

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 7, 2025

Today’s Readings:

Wisdom 9:13-18b  
Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17  
Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
Luke 14:25-33



**Today’s Theme:** *Who can comprehend the Lord’s ways or conceive what the Lord intends? True wisdom leads us to acknowledge our limitations (a matter of “calculation”) and our idols of materialism as we seek to follow the Lord without reservation. True discipleship calls us to forgive those who have wronged us. May we gain the wisdom of heart to discern more fully our call to take up the cross of Jesus.*



**“Hating” So As To Love** – Reflect, today, upon the passion that you must have to reject all forms of sin. This includes sin that tempts you through the mediation of your family and friends. It also includes every form of temptation that arises within you on account of your disordered human nature. This holy hatred is an act of love in that it seeks to eliminate everything that keeps you from true love. Choose, today, to be a faithful disciple of Jesus and commit yourself to reject all that seeks to interfere with this choice. Doing so will not only increase your love for God, it will also increase your love for others, and even your love for your own soul.

*My passionate Lord, You exhorted the crowds to reject every form of temptation that interfered with their love of You. Please fill my soul with a holy hatred for sin and all temptation so that I can reject them with passion. May I love You above all things and from that love, love others and even my own soul with Your Sacred Heart. Jesus, I trust in You.* (My Catholic Life)



**Parish News**

**RE Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year is now open.** Registration and Meet Your Teacher is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the SJFC. Classes begin on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the SJFC at 6 pm.

The **SJFC Cry Room** has been outfitted with a live-stream TV for those who use the Cry Room to soothe and comfort their children during Mass. This will allow those who utilize the space to still be a part of the Mass, and families to feel included in the liturgy, even if they must step away from the immediate worship area.

**The Good Shepherd Priest Retirement Campaign** will run through the last weekend of September. The Catholic Diocese of Gallup remains among the neediest in the United States. We have no designated home for retired clergy or sufficient retirement funds. Your most generous contribution to the Priests’ Retirement Fund will bring elderly care and security to these priests in their senior years. **On their behalf, God bless you for your help!** Donation envelopes will be on the chairs in the SJFC.

**Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows** is traditionally prayed from September 7th to 15<sup>th</sup>. The Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15<sup>th</sup>. For daily novena reflections, visit our website [www.stmaryoftheangels.com/events](http://www.stmaryoftheangels.com/events). (My Catholic Life)



**Saint of the Day for August 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Blessed Frédéric Ozanam**  
For more information, visit <https://stmaryoftheangels.com/bulletins/> (Franciscan Media)

September 6 – 14

Eucharistic Celebrations:

**Saturday: 5:30 p.m. +ANTHONY & +VIRGINIA BALESTRINO** (Marcia Balestrino)

**Sunday: 9:00 a.m. BRIAN & MARLENE LOPEZ** (Anna Antoni)

**11:00 a.m. +ANTHONY & +VIRGINIA BALESTRINO** (Marcia Balestrino)

**Monday: 8:00 a.m. +DONNY DODGE** (Don & Cathy Dodge)

**Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. +PHIL LOIGNON** (Carol Loignon)

**Wednesday 8:00 a.m. +PAT BARRY** (Paul Barry)

**Thursday: 8:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Friday: CLOSED**

**Saturday: 5:30 p.m. +RILEY DAVID SUCH** (Tom & Jackie Such)

**Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**9:00 a.m. +KERRY MALO LANG** (Mary Kay Nelson)

**11:00 a.m. +VINCENT & +PAUL AVONA** (Philomena Avona)



**NEXT WEEK!**

Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17



**NEXT WEEK:**

**TUESDAY:** 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet – Following 8 am Mass  
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting – Church Overflow Hall  
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting - SJFC

**WEDNESDAY:** 8:30 a.m. Novena OLPH – Following 8 am Mass

**THURSDAY:** 8:30 a.m. Rosary for America – Following Communion Service  
11:00 a.m. Madonna Guild Meeting – Church Overflow Hall

**FRIDAY:** CLOSED Church & Parish Office Closed

**\*\*AA – call hotline 928-537-7800 for meeting information.**



Madonna Guild

**Prayer Shawl:** If you know anyone who is ill or suffering in any way and could use the comfort afforded by one of these lovely shawls, please contact the Parish Office. Shawls and pocket Shawls are also available in the Church before and after all weekend Masses.

**The Madonna Guild Library** is open for book checkout after all weekend Masses.

The **Madonna Guild Meeting** is Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am in the Church overflow hall. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

**Thanksgiving in September!** The Madonna Guild will be accepting non-perishable Thanksgiving items (**canned yams, cornbread mix, cream of mushroom soup, turkey gravy mix, French-fried onion topping, instant mashed potatoes**) in preparation for the 60 Thanksgiving baskets we donate to the community. Donation bins are in the St. Joseph Family Center Lobby.

The Madonnas are accepting monetary donations for turkeys for the Thanksgiving Baskets. To donate money, please place your donation in an envelope and label it **"turkey"**. You may drop your envelope in the weekend collection basket or the Parish Office. Thank you for helping to make a difference in our Community!

The Madonna Guild collects individually wrapped travel-size items such as shampoo, conditioner, lotion, dental floss, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, pens, notepads, and hand sanitizer for the Annual Christmas Stockings program. Please drop your donations in the bin located in the St. Joseph Family Center lobby.



**The Knights of Columbus** - Burrito Fundraiser was a huge success, raising \$1,410 in sales, \$255 in donations, after deducting \$410.46 in expenses, netting **\$1,254.54**. The proceeds will be donated to the RSVP Program for Seminarian Support. Thank you for your support!

For information on Knights of Columbus membership, don't hesitate to contact Jim Giger at 928-242-9604. **KOC Meeting, Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm in the SJFC.**



**Community Information**

**The White Mountain Victory Village Program** is hosting a fundraiser to build ten homes in a village-like setting that will accommodate families as they get back on their feet and need help. They are doing a **BRICK FUNDRAISER**. For more information, visit <https://thatsmybrick.com/wmvv> and personalize your brick today!

**Gala Show** featuring the High Country Barbershop Chorus on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, shows at 1 pm and 6 pm at Blue Ridge High School, Thomas Kean Auditorium. Tickets \$10 (advance) may be purchased at the Show Low Chamber of Commerce, Pinetop-Lakeside Visitor Information Center, from any Chorus Member, or \$12 day of.



**Last Week: Offering: \$8,209.00 Building Fund: \$238.00**

Contribution envelopes are available for full or part-time parishioners.

Stop by the Parish Office to register!



**Angels Rest Columbarium**

**Peace...Prayer...Perpetual Care. All faiths are welcome!** Angels Rest is located on the grounds of St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church. We are the only blessed and consecrated above-ground resting place in the White Mountains. For more information, contact Arleen at 928-367-2080.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Christina Vasquez Tim Williams Steve Vasquez

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Mike Caruth Don Dodge Greg Smith

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