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Summer Office Hours: Mon - Thu (8:30am to 3:30pm) Weekend Mass Schedule Saturdays: 5PM - English Sundays: 9:30AM - English / 12PM - Spanish

Weekday Mass Schedule Fridays: 11:30AM (for the most vulnerable) Tuesdays: 6:30PM - (Spanish) Wednesdays: 6:30PM - (English) Thursdays: 8:15AM - (English)

> **Reconciliation** Saturdays: 3:30 PM to 4:30PM

Holy Hour (first Thursday of every month at 7PM)

CLICK HERE For Parish Prayer list

PASTOR Rev. Hector J. Madrigal

> **DEACONS** José Castañeda John Renteria

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

You're Invited - 24th Annual Respect Life Banquet Sunday September 19, 2021

Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room • 4:30 Social Hour • 5:30 Prime Rib Dinner provided by The Big Texan Live and Silent Auctions

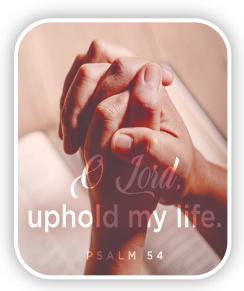
Keynote Speaker: Trent Horn – Catholic Answers apologist, author, speaker, blogger For more information and to purchase tickets please <u>CLICK HERE</u> or call the Family Life Office at 806-414-

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Today we celebrate Catechetical Sunday! This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Join us in prayer for our wonderful catechists who help our parishioners learn and grow in faith.





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WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELP MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT. TO THOSE WHO DONATED AND PURCHASE TICKETS, WE COULD HAVE NOT DONE THIS WITHOUT YOU, AND OF COURSE TO THE HISPANIC HOSPITALITY MINISTRY FOR WORKING SO HARD TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.



Thank You!



Joseph Catholic Church

WEEKLY COLLECTION RE-

Projected Collection	\$ 6,160.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 4,331.03
Online Collection	\$ 2,032.00
FOR WEEK OF :	9/12/2021



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