

Encountering God—Fr. Michael Chrisman

“John the Baptist was there with his two disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he said, *behold the lamb of God.*” (Jn. 1:35-36).

I find it striking how John the Baptist reached his conclusion. I mean he could have said anything recognizing Jesus, for example he could have said, “there is Jesus” or “there’s my cousin I was telling you about.” No, he chose those exact words to let everyone know that Jesus, the Messiah, the Lamb of God, has arrived. I imagine that John always knew that.

Recall, after the Blessed Mother received the message of the Archangel Gabriel that she was to bring the baby Jesus into the world, she left where she was and went to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was pregnant with baby John. And when the four met, Elizabeth reacted by saying, “at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leapt for joy.” In that instance, before he could even walk or talk, John the Baptist had an encounter with God, feeling God’s presence. Then without words he reacted, leaping for joy in the presence of the Lord.

Fast forward some years, to another encounter, on the banks of the Jordan river where words finally caught up to the experience he had as a baby. And in that moment, God gave John the Baptist the perfect words to describe what he felt as he leapt for joy decades earlier, “behold the Lamb of God.”

Have you ever experienced a moment when you felt the undeniable presence of God? When I think of those moments, in my own life, often I find it hard to put them to words. I can remember things in vivid detail like how the sun was coming through the chapel window as I was praying before the Blessed Sacrament. Or how calm everything felt as the Eucharist was elevated at Mass during the consecration.

But it seems like whenever I try to explain exactly what the undeniable presence of God was like, words fall short, or I can’t come up with any at all. It would seem to me that when we experience moments of God’s presence, they can be so overwhelming all we can do is, well, experience it like John the Baptist did as an infant, letting those moments wash over us as a blessing, a reminder, a gift from God that words cannot describe.

Thanks be to God for John the Baptist who experienced God’s presence and was blessed to be able to put it into words, and at each Mass, as the Eucharist is elevated those same words echo through time to us, some 20 centuries later. “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

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Knights of Columbus Breakfast today. 8:00am—12:30pm Parish Hall Take-out available

<u>Daily Mass Schedule</u>	<u>Weekend Mass Schedule</u>	<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>	<u>Office Hours</u>
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:00 a.m.	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Saturday 3:00—4:00 p.m.	Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m.—Noon
Wednesday 8:10am	Sunday	Or by appointment	&
1st Saturday 7:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.(also Livestream to YouTube) & 11:00 a.m.		Monday–Thursday 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
<u>Liturgy of the Hours—Morning Prayer Tuesday—Friday 6:30am</u>			
Eucharistic Adoration in St. Therese Chapel: Tuesday—Friday; 7:30am to 6:00pm. Rosary & Benediction begin at 6:00pm			

Ministry Schedule for September 6th & 7th**Saturday, September 6th- 4:30pm**

- Lector—Rosemarie Offenhauer
- Altar Servers - Josh Costello, Tony Manalo
- Sacristan - Ron Diodosio
- EMHC— Vince Perez, Ruben Roman, Connie Roman
- Porter—Connie Roman

Sunday, September 7th- 8:00 am

- Lector – Mimi Lundgren
- Altar Servers - Nate Hawkins, Henry & Liam Shea
- Sacristan - Michele Prado-Landreth
- EMHC— Jean Parker, Suzanne Lira, Darla Sexton
- Porter—Valerie Ramirez
- Coffee & Donuts— Helen Kneib & Shirley Parr

Sunday, September 7th— 11:00am

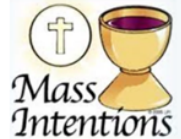
- Lector— Jason Guara
- Altar Servers - Kellum Hendrix
- Sacristan—Al Pearson
- EMHC— Deacon Carl, Tom Starnes, Isabel Starnes
- Porter - Rich Bassi, Angie Lundgren
- Coffee & Donuts— Leanne Corsentino & Jeff Huber

FIRST SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH**Mass will be celebrated at 7:00am****Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer 7:30am—7:45am****Confessions 7:45am—9:00am**

Please note that our parish office will be closed on Monday, September 1st and will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, September 2nd at 9am



- 9/1/25 7am No Mass
- 9/2/25 7am John Francis Thielen
- 9/3/25 8:10am Father Clark Stauter
- 9/4/25 7am Devan Jose Bujunda
- 9/5/25 7am Int. Roman Family
- 9/6/25 7am Bruce Presley
- 9/6/25 4:30pm Lucille Giordano, John Parsons, Jim Murray, Ralph, Madesta & Orion Birch, Carol Cornetta, Tom Jagger
- 9/7/25 11am Rose Santos, Frances Sanchez, Jim Murray, Sam Pantello Jr., Bill Offenhauer, Rick Vendetti
- 9/8/25 7am No Mass
- 9/9/25 7am Nino Pimentel
- 9/10/25 8:10am Int. Zach Selig
- 9/11/25 7am Manuel Serrano
- 9/12/25 7am Bill Offenhauer
- 9/13/25 4:30pm Lucille Giordano, Frank Ricotta, Valerie Metoyer, Int. Tony & Josephine Gagliano, Tim Sherrie, John Kristan
- 9/14/25 11am David Novak II, Michael Anselmo, Int. Ava Soto, Jim Murray, Willa & Edgar Wilhelm, Augustin A. Pascual
- 9/15/25 7am No Mass
- 9/16/25 7am Bill Wermers
- 9/17/25 8:10am Shirley Leachbaumer
- 9/18/25 7am James Murray
- 9/19/25 7am Roland Palacio
- 9/20/25 4:30pm Joe Martinelli, Olga Mohar, Lucille Giordano, Bob & Catherine Offenhauer, Kathleen & Jack Raleigh, Alvina Lousberg
- 9/21/25 11am Bonnie Morton, Jane Taylor, Kevin Greiger, Ray Catulli, Denny Higgs, Richard Regalado
- 9/22/25 7am No Mass
- 9/23/25 7am Jorge Pimentel
- 9/24/25 8:10am Int. Aubrey Santos
- 9/25/25 7am Amato, Cunico, Ferri & Morgan Families
- 9/26/25 7am Veronica Roman Gonzalez
- 9/27/25 4:30pm Lucille Giordano, Jim Murray, James Puce, Int. Santiago & Lauren Castillo, Jimmy & Donnie Welch, Int. Joseph Raleigh & Family
- 9/28/25 11am Lorraine DiNero, Sheri Miller, Derrick Regalado, Int. Bridget Raleigh, Int. Maryanne Wright
- In Thanksgiving
- 9/29/25 7am No Mass
- 9/30/25 7am Chuck Haering



Faith Formation Register!!

We are looking forward to another awesome Faith Formation year and we invite all children K- 6th grade to register for classes. Please use the QR code provided to sign your child up for class.

Note: Consent/Authorization forms are not on-line and will need to be filled out in person after Mass or in the office.

Cost: \$30 per child not to exceed \$100



Sunday September 7th with a *Meet, Eat, Greet* gathering for parents (children do not need to attend). Parents, come meet your child's catechist, gather some information and join in some fellowship with other parents while eating breakfast.

Sunday September 14th Faith Formation classes will begin in the gym at 9:15 am.

Catechists

Thank you to all the catechists who were able to make the Catechist meeting last Sunday August 24th. We were happy to welcome a few new catechists to the team and grateful to those returning.

Please keep our catechists in your prayers as they begin to plan for another fun faith-filled year with the children:

Kindergarten- Mrs. Jennifer Giannetto

1st Grade (First Communion I)- Mrs. Connie Roman and Junior Catechist Sofia Jansson

2nd grade (First Communion II) – Mrs. Julie and Ms. Stacey Costello

3rd grade – Mrs. Michelle & Junior Catechist Stevie Caligaris and Mrs. Christin & Junior Catechist Ella Kottenstette

4th grade – Ms. Magi Wren & Junior catechist Nate Hawkins

5th grade (Confirmation I) – Dr. Nancy & Junior Catechist Miss Elise Moya

6th grade (Confirmation II) – Mr Pablo Pedroza, Ms. Savannah Cordova and Mrs. Meg Richards

Why we should pray the Rosary

The Rosary is our prayer to God through the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Praying the Rosary allows us to encounter Mary and to enter the mysteries of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection.



LECTOR TRAINING

The ministry of the lector is one of the most important ministries, as the lector is instituted to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture. The responsibility of proclaiming God's Word is a humbling and deeply rewarding experience.

We will have training sessions for those who are currently serving in this ministry, as well as for those who are willing to begin participating. Training will take place following the weekend Masses on September 13th and Sunday, September 14th.

Please choose a date and time to attend:

after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday September 13th;

after the 8:00am Mass or after the 11:00am Mass on

Sunday September 14th.

Contact Julie in the parish office with any questions.

OCIA CLASSES WITH DEACON CARL COOK
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd 6:15pm – 7:30pm
in the hospitality room.

Who is OCIA for?



Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith

Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith

Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

Adult Faith Formation

**Join Deacon Carl Cook for Adult Formation
every Sunday from 9:30am - 10:30am
in the hospitality room.**

**The weekly sessions will begin September 14th,
2025.**

*Note: OCIA classes are separate, and meet on the 1st
and 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month.*

3K WALK-A-THON Council of Catholic Women - Pueblo District



Saturday, September 6, 2025

Registration 8:30 am Walk 9:00 am

**Pueblo City Park -north end on the right side
behind the George L. William building next to
the pond.**

Walk begins as soon as you register, follow the route
with signs.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!

**IF YOU ARE NOT A WALKER, YOU MAY GATHER
SPONSORSHIPS AND COME AND JOIN US AT
THE PARK TO FELLOWSHIP AND HAVE FUN!**

**YOUR SUPPORT CONTRIBUTIONS HELP FUND
OUR PROMOTION OF SPIRITUALITY, SERVICE
AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS**

Hope to see you all there!

**Sponsorship and pledge forms are
available in the parish office.**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stella Lopez (719) 250-5843 or Nina Wisthoff (719) 369-0717

**If you have a hearing impairment and require
assistive listening support at Masses,
contact the parish office.**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK September 1st-7th

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1,3-5,11-13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10,11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3cd,4-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4,6,8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17

Phil 9-10,12-17; Lk 14:25-33

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2025
Shrine of St. Therese
**Holiday Craft &
Vendor Fair**
November 22nd 9am - 3pm
November 23rd 9am - 2pm
300 Goodnight Avenue
Interested in being a vendor?
We still have spaces available
**Vendor registration forms available at
Porter's desk in cloister or parish office.**
Contact office @ 719-542-1788
parish@sostpueblo.org
Only the Shrine of St. Therese parish is
authorized to accept payments for registration.

**WHY JUST WATCH WHEN YOU
CAN WIN?!**
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\$5.88 per game buys the
chance to win \$75 after each quarter of
play... that's 68 payouts for the season!
PURCHASE A "TICKET ONLINE TODAY WITH QR CODE

All proceeds benefit St. Therese Catholic
School
**To purchase offline, please contact
the office at 719-561-1121**

Offertory Summary Ordinary Time
(8/23/2025-8/24/2025)
Stewardship all Masses: \$7,500.24
Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Cooperative Care
Center's
wish for the month of
September is for:
Canned Vegetables,
Fruit
Put your donation in the
food cart.
Thank You!**

Reception
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