



[Jesus said,]
“For where
two or three
are gathered
together in my
name, there
am I in the
midst of them.”

MATTHEW 18:20

Like a Gentile or a Tax Collector

ANN M. GARRIDO

As someone who works in the field of conflict management, I like to think that all situations can be worked out if we go about it in a skilled manner. If we use the right words. Ask the right kinds of questions. It's embarrassing to admit that even the best “tools” in my “conflict belt” sometimes still effect little change. Today's gospel can be consoling in a strange way. It acknowledges that even when we use all the tools we have on hand to heal a relationship, it doesn't always work out. Sometimes, we may need to become strangers to one another, at least for a while—like a Jew to a Gentile or a tax collector.

Of course, when Jesus says “treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector,” it is important to consider how Jesus treated Gentiles and tax collectors. He healed the centurion's servant. He ate in Zacchaeus' house. Jesus did not see Gentiles and tax collectors as enemies and did not treat them as such. Rather, Jesus understood Gentiles and tax collectors as those with whom he might start a relationship should the opportunity present itself. The past cannot be rewritten, but perhaps a different kind of future is still possible.

Is there a relationship in your life that feels beyond healing at this point and from which perhaps you need some distance? Is it still possible to treat the other person with the kindness Jesus showed toward Gentiles and tax collectors? ●



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Reflect

Could I improve how I handle conflict with others?

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 6, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Diocesan Seminarians
Wednesday	8:00 am	St. Peter Claver	Joan Mages
Thursday	8:00 am	Weekday Mass	Kip Slattery
Friday	8:00 am	Weekday Mass	Anthony Durler
Saturday	8:00 am	No Mass – Diocesan 75 th Anniversary	
Sunday	9:00 am	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Andrew Parishioners

Confessions: Sunday 8:00 – 8:45 am or by appointment any time

Ministers for next Sunday, September 13, 2026

Greeters: Matthew & Victoria Cornitius

Collection: Phillip Sobba & Robert Askew

Cantor: Choir

Servers: Hayden Sanko & Claire Chilton

Lectors: Briana Stephenson & Greg Lix

E.M.C.'s: Ruth Morton, Jay Theis, Kim Theis

Gifts: Hattie Stein

Rosary: Robert Askew

Giving Report: 8-30-26

Envelopes: \$2,355.00

Loose: \$182.00

Electronic: \$366.64

Alms for Renovation Project: \$75,032.69



PSR is on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. Youth Social Commission will provide the meal.

SENIOR CITIZENS COVERED DISH SUPPER

Covered dish supper Thursday, September 10 at 6 pm, Wright Senior Center, 10891 Main Street, Wright. Please bring a meat, salad, vegetable or dessert. Invite a friend to enjoy the evening.

An updated copy of Parish Center rental agreement and expectations is provided in today's bulletin. Please keep this in case you wish to use the parish center in the future.

75th Anniversary Celebration Activities
Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday, September 12, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Welcome and refreshments are available in the social hall

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Diocesan Archives Jubilee Exhibit- open

(Closed during Mass)

The Jubilee Exhibit will include Church patrimony, religious artifacts, historic photographs, Bishops' memorabilia and sacred treasures from the diocesan archives.

9:30 a.m.

Parish and Religious Congregations' delegations prepare for the procession

10:00 a.m.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Procession of delegations from the Parish and Religious Congregations

Commissioning of the entire congregation on the occasion of our anniversary

Work of Mercy - Offertory collection to benefit Catholic Charities of SWKS

12:00 p.m.

Lunch available

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Confessions available

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Adoration

1:30 Blessed Sacrament exposed, followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Catholic Diocese of Dodge City Litany

2:45 p.m. Benediction, reposition, hymn

3:00 p.m. Conclusion

4:00 p.m.

Diocesan Archives Jubilee Exhibit -
closes



Hospitality + Prayer + Service + Formation + Evangelization

Dear Padre,

I had not been to confession for decades until recently, and I've probably committed mortal sins I can't remember. I want God's forgiveness, but I'm unsure how to get it at this time.

You ask if God has forgiven you for sins that you may have committed in the past but that you don't remember now. You say you have been to confession recently.

A mortal sin has three criteria: it is seriously wrong; the person knows it is seriously wrong; and the person is free to commit the sin or not. In the case you are describing, you don't even remember what the mortal sin might have been, or even if there was one. So, no, you don't have to confess something you don't remember. Also, you have already gone to confession recently, and you sound truly repentant for your past sins. You do not indicate that you were deliberately trying to hide any sins from the priest. So, you have already been forgiven, not only for the sins you remembered but also for those you don't remember. That is why usually we will say something like "for these sins and for those I may have forgotten" when we go to confession.

The bottom line is that confession is for you to experience God's mercy. It is not to test how good your memory is. Be at peace. God loves you and particularly wants you to experience the peace that comes from his forgiveness. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Church is at the same time an earthly community and the mystical body of Christ, a visible assembly and a spiritual mystery, a reality present in history and a people journeying toward heaven (Lumen Gentium, 8; Catechism of the Catholic Church, 771). The human and divine

dimensions integrate harmoniously, without one overshadowing the other.... [The Church] is a reality that is both human and divine.

**GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, MARCH 4, 2026**

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

September 7

Weekday

1 Cor 5:1-8

Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

September 8

The Nativity of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

or 1:18-23

Wednesday

September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 7:25-31

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

September 10

Weekday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13

Lk 6:27-38

Friday

September 11

Weekday

1 Cor 9:16-19,

22b-27

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

September 12

Weekday

1 Cor 10:14-22

Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

September 13

Twenty-fourth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

SAINT ANDREW PARISH CENTER RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Parish Center has, for its primary purpose and use, the Religious Education Program of the parish. Its secondary purpose is to provide for the parish functions and activities, such as Altar Society meetings and socials, youth activities, religious meetings, retreats, etc., sponsored either by parish groups, the deanery, the diocese or Knights of Columbus.

All the above will be expected to leave the Parish Center in orderly condition subject to these rules:
Funeral, funeral dinners and vigil gatherings take precedence over all events except weddings.

RENTAL RATES

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| 1. Wedding or anniversary receptions or family reunions — no dance | \$75.00 |
| 2. Wedding or anniversary receptions with dance | \$125.00 |
| 3. Commercial Groups and Company Parties | \$125.00 |
| 4. Wedding rehearsal supper without wedding next day | \$75.00 |
| 5. Wedding rehearsal supper, if hall is rented for wedding reception | \$35.00 |
| 6. Bridal showers for parishioners & parishioner's fiancées | No Fee |
| 7. Baby showers for parishioners | No Fee |
| 8. All funeral dinners | No Fee |
| 9. Any person or group renting the hall through parishioner | \$25.00 additional |
| 10. Deposit that will be returned upon return of the key and review of building condition
(Please make the deposit in the form of a check that can be returned after review.) | \$75.00 |

RENTAL

1. No weddings or religious ceremonies are to take place in the parish center without the permission of the pastor of St. Andrew Parish.
2. No animals with exception of service animals are allowed in the Parish Center.
3. Non-parish events are to use only the big hall and kitchen.
4. Renters are to bring their own appliances and utensils. All kitchen supplies are for parish use only. This includes coffee, tea or any other supplies in the kitchen & storage of Knights of Columbus supplies.
5. Take away all trash.
6. Leave the kitchen clean.
7. Take towels, wash and return them as soon as possible.
8. Clean tables and chairs, and leave the same number as you found standing.
9. Be responsible for clean-up inside and out.
10. Floors are to be swept.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. St. Andrews Parish Center will be available at the discretion of the appointed booking agent who will be backed by the Parish Council. Bookings will be made through the parish booking agent, Barbara Durler
2. Only St. Andrews Parishioners may rent the Parish Center and they will be responsible for everything that happens or does not happen during the rental period.
3. Rental charges are to be paid in advance to St. Andrews Church. To rent the parish center contact in advance. Phone 620-255-1868
4. All social parties and dances must cease by 12:00 a.m. and the Center cleaned and vacated by 1 a.m.
5. All equipment belonging to St. Andrews Parish shall not be loaned or leased out.
6. The keys may be obtained the day before the event from the booking agent and returned immediately or as soon as possible after use.
7. The controls for the lights, furnace, and air-conditioner will be explained to the renter. The air-conditioner will be turned down to 80 and the heat turned as low as possible after use.
8. The southeast room will be available as a changing room for weddings.
9. All users of the Parish Center agree to protect, indemnify and hold harmless St. Andrews Parish, acting by and through the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, Kansas, a non-profit Corporation, its successors and assigns from any and all claims, costs or expensed arising from any failure of the users of the Parish Center in any respect to comply with and perform all requirements and provisions agreed to and required by law, regulation or ordinance during the rental period.
10. I hereby agree to be responsible for and pay for any and all damage sustained during the rental of St. Andrew Parish Center, and to abide by the policies for its use.
11. No smoking allowed.
- *12. It is mandatory that users of the facility provide documentation of a minimum of \$100,000.00 coverage in personal liability insurance before receiving the key to the center. Application for insurance needs to be done at least 1 month before the rental date if getting Diocesan insurance.

I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT. I UNDERSTAND IT IS A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS. I HAVE COMMUNICATED THE TERMS OF RELEASE TO ALL PERSONS USING THE PARISH CENTER AS AUTHORIZED HEREIN.

NAME _____

DATE RESERVED _____

BOOKING AGENT _____