



The Gradual Road to Ruin

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

A wise old sage once observed, “When it starts out stupid, it just gets more stupid.” The parable in today’s gospel illustrates this wisdom.

The son has been sent. The jig is up. The owner is not going to give up the vineyard. The tenants gambled and lost. It’s time for them to accept the inevitable and pay the rent. But common sense and wisdom do not prevail. *Kill the son, they think, and all that he would have inherited will be ours!*

How do you get from “don’t pay the rent” to “kill the son”? It is not a straight or smooth path. There are a lot of twists and turns between point A and point B. But it happens. It sneaks in. It demands little compromises and small dishonesties along the way as it becomes easier and easier for you to choose what is destructive. Then, you find you have lost it all—your very self. And the corruption you’ve embraced convinces you that you’re making wise choices. You must be completely cleansed of the seduction that has enabled you to make these choices. You need to start again. ●



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Reflect

Am I aware of a sin that has become easy to commit?

**Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.**

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 4, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	No Mass	
Wednesday	8:00 am	No Mass	
Thursday	8:00 am	No Mass	
Friday	8:00 am	Weekday Mass	Bernard Hornung Family
Saturday	8:00 am	Weekday Mass	Joan Mages
Sunday	9:00 am	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Andrew Parishioners

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

Ministers for next Sunday, October 11, 2026

Greeters: Logan & Courtney Lix

Collection: Nick King & Matt Durler

Cantor: Choir

Servers: Myles King & Navi Khan

Lectors: Alan Vogel & Yadira Torres

E.M.C.'s: Maurice Bleumer, Elaine Slattery, Ruth Morton

Gifts: Ron Temaat

Rosary: Kevin Hecht

Giving Report: 9-27-26

Envelopes: \$1,940.00

Loose: \$207.00

Electronic: \$366.64

Alms for Renovation Project: \$84,132.69



PSR is on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus will provide the meal.

Altar Society meets Monday @ 7:00 pm. Hostesses are Mary Beth Helfrich and Rochele Weil.

SENIOR CITIZENS PIZZA PARTY & ELECTION

Thursday, October 8 at 6 pm, Wright Senior Center, 10891 Main Street, Wright. All food will be provided. This is our quarterly meeting and election of officers is on the agenda. Invite a friend to enjoy the evening.

OCIA – The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

A few adults have expressed interest in joining the Catholic Church. In ages past, St. Andrew Parish coupled with the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in the process of preparation for sacraments of initiation. This year, we are going it alone. If you wish to be part of our OCIA team, please contact Sara Smith or Fr. Ted.

If you are not Catholic, but wish to become Catholic, we welcome you. Please contact Sara Smith or Fr. Ted as we prepare to begin sessions soon. God bless you.

Today is Life Chain Sunday. The Life Chain is the largest prayerful pro-life public witness in the world. We will line up along 14th Ave. from 2:00 to 3:00. Stop at Ziegler Funeral Chapel to pick up a sign, then walk or drive to your place in the chain.

Next Sunday, October 11, is Tootsie Roll Sunday. The Knights will be handing out Tootsie Rolls following Mass.

October is the Month of the Rosary. The Knights will lead the Rosary before daily Mass beginning at 7:40. Please join us.

There are still some Religious Ed Raffle Tickets available. Contact John Askew if you are interested.

Tuesdays with the Diocese Fall 2026 Schedule

October 6 – The Second Vatican Council
Why Lay Ministry
Presenter: Fr. Frank Coady

October 20 – Youth
Walking with our Youth
Presenter: Emma Webs

November 3 – Synodality
The Human Library
Presenters: Debbie Snapp & Doug Keller

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Dear Padre,

My friend is deeply involved in her faith, but I struggle with our friendship because I don't like how she treats her pets. I don't understand how someone who values religion so highly can show so little care for animals. What should I do?



HELENA RAHOISHA / PEXELS

Franciscan Friar Kevin Mackin writes, “The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye to eye are two creatures of love” (“Why We Bless Animals,” *Catholic Update*). Because of this strong bond between humans and sentient creatures, it’s especially difficult to witness their mistreatment, either through neglect (such as failing to provide sufficient food, water, shelter, or veterinary care) or direct physical abuse (a violation of anti-cruelty laws and a criminal offense in all fifty states). Studies show that owning pets offers us companionship and emotional support; in turn, these qualities can foster in us greater empathy and compassion toward others. Yet, while pets may greatly benefit our health and well-being, owning them comes with a serious obligation and moral responsibility. Vulnerable pets depend on humans for adequate care and protection. At times, some pet owners can be overwhelmed by their responsibility to provide proper care; others may even be unaware that they are treating their pets inappropriately. Out of concern for both your friend and her pets, consider a non-critical, non-confrontational approach to discuss your observations and to offer assistance. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy. Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference, so we may become instruments of reconciliation. Help us understand that true security does not come from control fueled by fear, but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.

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Monday

October 5
Weekday
Gal 1:6–12
Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday

October 6
Weekday
Gal 1:13–24
Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14
Lk 11:1–4

Thursday

October 8
Weekday
Gal 3:1–5
Lk 11:5–13

Friday

October 9
Weekday
Gal 3:7–14
Lk 11:15–26

Saturday

October 10
Weekday
Gal 3:22–29
Lk 11:27–28

Sunday

October 11
Twenty-eighth
Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6–10a
Phil 4:12–14, 19–20
Mt 22:1–14 or
22:1–10