



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9-10AM NO Confessions
4:00PM Confessions
4:30PM Rosary
5:00PM MASS: † Chris Jasper

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS: † Summer Rykert

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

— NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

5:00PM Rosary & Confessions
5:30PM MASS: † Pat Castellano

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

4:30PM Evening Prayer & Adoration
5:00PM Confession & Benediction
5:30PM MASS: SI – All Parishioners

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS: SI – Mary Decker

FIRST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00AM Patriotic Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS: † Thomas Otto Williams
9:00AM Fatima Rosary & Adoration

FIRST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:30AM MASS: † Jim & Esther Virnig
9-10AM Confessions
4:00PM Confessions
4:30PM Rosary
5:00PM MASS: SI – Jimmy & Rita Wells
71st Anniversary 10/12

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS: † Yolanda Iglesias de Quintanilla



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We welcome all visitors to Mary Mother Of God Church. We hope you enjoy your stay in this area and may God be with you on your trip home.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

Challenge: Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.

— Father John Muir, ©LPi

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Mary Mother of God, Catholic Church is to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ, as members of his living body, the church, to bring the kingdom of God into the world through evangelization, worship, religious education, and service in our families, parish, and community.

ADULT EDUCATION/OCIA CLASSES

Weds. Sept. 30 - Lesson 8: The Paschal Mystery: Jesus Delivers Us From Evil

Weds. Oct. 7 - Lesson 9: The Holy Spirit: God Dwells in Us

Weds. Oct. 14 - Lesson 10: Christian Prayer: God Invites Us Into Relationship

Weds. Oct. 21 - Lesson 11: The Old Law and the New: Learning Freedom

Weds. Oct. 28 - Lesson 12: The Church: God's Family

All sessions are open to everyone, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Come grow in your faith, deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith, and learn to live the Gospel more fully. A meal will be provided. We look forward to seeing you!

OCTOBER PARISH EVENTS

- Theology on Tap: Fr. Ben will be presenting a "Theology on Tap" at TallGrass Bar & Grill on Saturday, **Oct. 3**, following the 5pm Mass. The parish will provide appetizers. Parishioners will be responsible for purchasing their meal and drinks. A sign up sheet is located in the Church vestibule.
- Annual Parish Picnic: Sunday, **Oct. 11**, at 2pm. Meat and drinks provided. Bring a side dish if your last name is A-M, or a dessert if N-Z. Enjoy a jump house, BINGO and prize drawings from the Church fundraiser. Hope to see you there!

CIRCLE OF GRACE TRAINING

Circle of Grace training for youth will be held on Wednesday, **Oct. 7**. This program, required by the Diocese of Little Rock, helps children and teens recognize safe versus unsafe situations, respect boundaries, and identify harmful actions. It also emphasizes God's presence in real-life struggles and encourages seeking help from trusted adults. While parents may opt out, participation is strongly encouraged. The program is age-appropriate and valuable in helping children navigate the challenges of today's world.

CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Our annual church fundraiser is back, with wonderful prizes up for grabs! Prizes include a whiskey tasting with Fr. Ben, brunch or afternoon tea at the Overlook Bed & Breakfast, a massage package and four canvas prints from our local photographer, Fr. Ben. Tickets are \$10 each and available now and until the Parish Picnic on Sunday, **Oct. 11**, or you can contact the Church Office. The drawing will be held at the Picnic; winners do not need to be present. Thank you for your support!

PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES: PRESENTATION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING, INTERNET SAFETY & SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

The Diocese of Little Rock Task Force Against Human Trafficking and Pornography, a ministry of Catholic Charities of Arkansas, will be offering a parish presentation on the growing dangers of human trafficking, pornography, and online exploitation. These issues affect children, teens, and adults throughout our communities, and the Church is committed to providing both awareness and hope.

The presentation will include:

- How to recognize signs of human trafficking
- How to protect children and teens from online grooming, sexting, sextortion, and pornography
- Practical tools for families to create safer digital environments
- Information about Safe Haven Sunday, an initiative approved by the Presbyteral Council to help families safeguard their homes from online harm

All parishioners are invited to attend. **Teens and Children under 18 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian attending with them.** This is an important opportunity to learn how we can protect the dignity of every person and support families in living out the Church's call to purity and safety.

Date: Saturday, **Oct. 24**

Time: Following the Vigil Mass

Location: Parish Hall

For more information, please contact the Church Office.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Join Fr. Ben Riley and author Amy Schisler, **April 6-15, 2027**, walking in the footsteps of Christ: Mass in Nazareth, Cana, the Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, the Holy Sepulchre, and Bethlehem. \$5,000 per person, double occupancy, if registered by **Nov. 1**. Includes airfare, hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, guides, admissions, and daily Mass. Reserve: 410-725-1693 · www.psalms91min.com · amyschislerauthor@psalms91min.com.

CEMETERY DECORATION REMINDER

To help maintain the beauty and dignity of our parish cemetery, we kindly remind all parishioners that cemetery decorations must be placed only on the headstones. Please do not place decorations, flowers, or other items directly in the grass, as this helps keep the grounds neat and allows for proper mowing and maintenance. Thank you for your cooperation and care in honoring this sacred space.

CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, & SERVICES

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Welcome New Catholics (OCIA)	Wayne /Judy Keith	870-365-3570
Catholic in Recovery	Eric Bausch	870-688-6245

PRAYER LIST

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Military & emergency personnel, veterans, victims of terrorism, war, and other violence, victims of natural disasters, the sick & injured, all others in need of prayer, and for an increase in vocations.

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

David Allen, Patricia Bel, Larry & Cindy Benner, Sandi Black, Terry Bodson, Kyle Bowling, †Mary Bowling, Betty Burge, Norma Calhoun, Brian Coffman, Darlene Coffman, Larry & Rita Coffman, †David Decker, Mary Decker, Meghan Decker, Wayne Dixon, John & Wink Duncan, Heather Faught, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Becky & Hank Hartman, Pat Heinen, Sheila Hight, Jon Hill & Family, Dianne Hoberock, Derek Holden, Connie Israel, Ed & Virray Karlovic, Darby Kester, Scott Kennebec, Mary Koenig, Dennis Kyler, Eleanor Lipsmeyer, Mary Lynam, Mike & Sandy Luckenbill, Andi Miller, Shane & Esther Neeley, Christine Neely, Tina Pietrabella, Jimmy Pierce, Baby Guy Reading, Teresa Rotkowski, Giovanna Sandri, Betty Stechly, Greg Stephens, Dr. Grace St. Pierre, Linda Utaski, Nettie Virnig, Carly Webb, Cooper Webb, Jimmie & Rita Wells, Ray Wood.

To add a name or ensure a name remains, please contact the parish office.

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

- Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
- Monday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
- Tuesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- Wednesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels
- Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

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Visit <https://harrisoncatholic.org/> for:

- Parish calendar
- New parishioner registration
- Online giving
- YouTube (search "Harrison Catholic" for Masses and parish videos)
- FORMED, free Catholic streaming (movies, audiobooks, and daily reflections). Under resources, create an account and search "Mary Mother of God." Select the Harrison location



COMMUNITY DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration, 24/7 (Sign up for daytime hours)

Fatima Rosary, every Friday at 9 AM

Patriotic Rosary, First Friday at 8 AM

Marian Pathways to Holiness, every First Saturday at 9:30am

First Saturday Devotions, every First Saturday.

Seven Sisters Apostolate, praying for our priests.

CCW Rosary for Parish intentions, every Second Thursday at 9am.

For more info, call or text Carmen Andrade at 305-815-1795.

Fasting Brothers: For more information, contact Trevor Buckhout at 870-414-1115.

VOLUNTEER FOR A MASS MINISTRY

Eucharistic Ministers: Call Dcn. Mark, 870-741-1579

Lectors/Rosary Leaders: Call Greg or Julie Jasper, 870-688-9369 / 688-3354

Ushers: Call Jerry Hogue, 870-378-2605

Thank you to all Mass volunteers! New volunteers are welcome, and training is provided.



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor | General Counsel, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer at (501) 499-9110. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

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