

**LITURGIES FOR THE SEVENTH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME AND THE
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

February 24 – March 2, 2025

Monday, 2/24 † Weekday

6 pm: Johanna McBeth by Sister, Mary Serge

Tuesday, 2/25 † Weekday

8am: Bob Okeley by Cousin, Alice Bailey

9am: A.S. Mary Daly by Ellen Brennan

Wednesday, 2/26 † Weekday

9am: A.S. Joann Scamerhorn by Chet, Peg & Phil
Potempa

6pm: Bob Okeley by Jerry & Mindy Okeley &
Jeromy

**Thursday, 2/27 † Weekday, Saint Gregory of
Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church**

8am: Tom

9am: A.S. Barrett Craig by Jan Duttlinger

Friday, 2/28 † Weekday

8am: Bob Okeley by Kevin, Betty & Eric Bobcek

9am: A.S. Lori Pitt by Grandma, Joan

First Saturday, 3/1 † Weekday, BVM

8:30am: Annette & Gary

**Saturday, 3/1 † Vigil, Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

4:30pm: Stephan Thomas by Aunt, Mary Serge

**Sunday, 3/2 † Eighth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

7:30am: Michelle Havens by Jacalynn Ciboch

9am: A. S. Mary Daly by Joan Sickler

11am: Parishioners

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

Mon., Feb. 24 – 3:30pm – SVDP, Parlor

Thurs., Feb. 27 – 2:15pm – Legion of Mary

Thurs., Feb. 27– 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sun., March .2 – 9:30am – Religious Education,

Despite the inclement weather, a huge Thank You to the Parish Life Committee for taking care of the arrangements for our SS. C & M Feast Day Celebration this past Sunday and to all who attended & brought in all the delicious food.

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 is Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent, therefore our Lenten Soup Suppers will begin on Wednesday, March 12th with Father Brian Chadwick being our guest speaker. The soup suppers will be held in the church parlor after the 6pm Masses. A different priest from the Diocese of Gary will be our guest speaker each week. All are encouraged to attend these informative and delicious suppers.

Also, during Lent, parishioner Donna Kida will once again hold her Bible Study Group each Monday during Lent from 9am – 10am CST, beginning March 10. This years lentin group will be held in the church parlor and all Ladies are invited to attend. The theme for this year's Bible Study Group will be "With Jesus to the Cross".

Starke County Food Pantry Needs

Peanut Butter, pancake mix & syrup, canned fruit, laundry soap, dish soap, toilet tissue, salt, pepper, small packages sugar & flour, sanitary pads, fresh fruits & vegetables, canned meat, canned pasta with meat.

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” - LUKE 6:43

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

Dear Padre

February 23, 2025

My ex broke up with me. I find myself hoping he gets subjected to the same emotional pain as I have. I hate feeling this way, so how do I ask God to take away this pain and help me forgive my ex?

What you are sharing is your hurt and confusion. Although your boyfriend was ready to end the relationship, you were not. It seems you are still not ready to move on. That is OK. Everyone has his or her own manner of dealing with disappointment, and there is no perfect timeframe.

More than your boyfriend's suffering, you desire freedom for yourself and a return to a healthy sense of your own personhood. You perceive him as happy and perhaps wonder how that's possible while you are still struggling. This is all very normal, and it's part of the process we all experience when an important relationship changes.

You will work through this. You will love again. You will no longer be triggered by strong feelings when you encounter him in the future. But you are going to have to do the hard work of growing, maturing, and learning to let go. Begin by praying for his well-being. And if you can't do that, ask God for the grace to want to pray for his well-being. Certainly, the Lord will help you, but he won't magically take away your pain. There are no shortcuts. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: "Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man?... Why look at the speck in your brother's eye when you miss the plank in your own?... A good tree does not produce decayed fruit...."

It is true that donations come to the Society because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart.

Good News!

February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 / 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The American experiment of 1776 ushered in the dawn of a new world order, one that would redefine how nations functioned and interacted. The computer age brought about an upheaval in how we interact with one another personally—a new world order in human communication. Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians about how Adam was the first being who ushered in human life, and how Jesus was the new Adam, who ushered in a new life-giving spirit. Jesus initiated a new world order, one that redefined what it meant to be human and contained a new spiritual dimension. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you... give to everyone who asks of you... do to others as you would have them do to you... Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:27-36).

The fact that there are many who think this is not a practical or useful way to live—to say nothing of whether it is desirable or even possible—does not negate its power to transform human relationships as well as our very own spirits. None of us do it as well as we might hope, which only attests to the fact that we live with a foot in each of two worlds—the earthly one and the heavenly one. Empowered by God's Spirit, we are still growing into the people God created us to be. ●

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JD Vance calls out 'crazy' British arrests of pro-lifers silently praying near abortion centers

MUNICH ([LifeSiteNews](#)) Feb 14, 2025 —While delivering a major address in Germany today, U.S. Vice President JD Vance called out European leaders for not only attacking free speech but for targeting pro-lifers in particular.

During remarks at the Munich Security Conference Friday, Vance expressed dismay over the United Kingdom's decision to arrest a man who was silently praying outside an abortion clinic in Bournemouth on November 14, 2022.

"A little over two years ago, the British government charged Adam Smith-Connor, a 51-year-old physiotherapist and Army veteran with the heinous crime of standing 50 meters from an abortion clinic and silently praying for three minutes. Not obstructing anyone, not interacting with anyone, just silently praying on his own," Vance said.

"After British law enforcement spotted him and demanded to know what he was praying for, Adam replied simply, it was on behalf of the unborn son he and his former girlfriend had aborted years before. Now the officers were not moved. Adam was found guilty of breaking the government's new buffer zone's law which criminalizes silent prayer and other actions that could influence a person's decision within 200 meters of an abortion facility."

As reported by LifeSiteNews' Dorothy Cummings McLean, Smith-Connor was given a two-year probation sentence and ordered to pay £9,000 (\$11,700) for having violated a controversial "buffer zone" law that prohibits persons from getting too close to abortion facilities in the U.K. Before going to trial in 2024, Smith-Connor publicly commented that his arrest is a symbol of a society in decline.

"Nobody should be prosecuted for silent prayer. It is unfathomable that in an apparently free society, I am being criminally charged on the basis of my silent thoughts, in the privacy of my own mind. It's no different than being tried for a thoughtcrime," he explained.

Smith-Connor is not the only Brit to be persecuted for silently praying outside an abortion clinic. Isabel Vaughan-Spruce, co-director of the March for Life UK and campaign director for 40 Days for Life Birmingham, caught the world's attention on social media when she was arrested for praying silently near an abortion facility. She has repeatedly been fined, harassed, and wrongly arrested by police on multiple occasions since 2022.

"I'm literally just standing here silently saying some prayers," she replied to a hostile policeman who confronted her earlier this month.

Following the implementation of local "buffer zones" around some abortion facilities on March 7, 2023, the U.K. Parliament expanded the legislation to cover every abortion facility in England and Wales in October last year as part of the Public Order Act 2023.

Scotland criminalizes prayer in your own home

In his speech today, Vance did not hold back in denouncing the U.K.'s laws.

"I wish I could say [the arrest of Adam Smith-Connor] was a fluke," he said. "But no, this last October the Scottish government began distributing letters to citizens whose houses lay within so-called 'safe access zones' warning them that even private prayer within their own homes may amount to breaking the law."

“The backslide away from conscience rights has placed the basic liberties of religious Britons, in particular, in the crosshairs,” he also asserted. “In Britain, and across Europe, free speech, I fear, is in retreat.”

Indeed, the Scottish government implemented so-called “Safe Access Zones” 200m (656ft) around abortion facilities in the country from September 24 last year, prohibiting behavior considered likely to “influence someone’s private decision to use abortion services, prevent or get in the way of someone using abortion services [or] harass or distress someone trying to use abortion services.”

“Holding silent vigils” and “handing out leaflets” have been blacklisted as contravening the buffer zone law, including on private property. Praying silently inside one’s own home, therefore, could fall foul of the censorious law.

In fact, any act considered “done with the intention of (or reckless as to the whether it has the effect of): influencing someone’s decision to access, provide or facilitate the provision of abortion service, preventing or impeding someone from accessing, providing, or facilitating the provision of abortion services, or causing harassment, alarm or distress to someone relating to their decision to access, provide or facilitate the provision of abortion services, where in each case the other person is in the safe access zone” would be a violation of the law.

As Vance highlighted in his speech, those living within the 200m “access zones” were encouraged via a letter from the Scottish government to “report” neighbors they suspect may be “breaking the law by contacting Police Scotland,” which the vice president lambasted as “thoughtcrime.”

Penalties for breaking the ruling include fines of “up to £10,000 (\$12,600) under summary procedure or to an unlimited amount under solemn procedure,” according to the Scottish government.

Michael Robinson, the Executive Director of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) Scotland, told LifeSiteNews today that the “chilling” and “Orwellian” government measures are “driven purely by ideology”:

It is not about protecting women—it is about silencing opposition to abortion and restricting fundamental freedoms. It hands aggressive secularist zealots the tools to shut down legitimate, peaceful pro-life vigils and even control personal religious expression, including silent prayer. Most ordinary people—whatever their views on abortion—would rightly view the idea of police officers harassing someone for simply standing silently on a public pavement, or even outside their own home if they live within the so-called ‘buffer zone’, as heavy-handed and absurd. It is fraught with legal and practical difficulties. The notion that the State should police what someone is thinking or silently praying about is deeply sinister. It flies in the face of the fundamental liberties we hold dear.

Robinson also highlighted the serious legal concerns raised by the legislation: “This move appears to be wholly incompatible with Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which explicitly protects freedom of religion and belief, stating that everyone has the right to ‘manifest his religion or belief, in worship, teaching, practice and observance’, whether alone or with others, in public or in private. Criminalizing silent prayer strikes at the very heart of this freedom.”