



CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

24/01/2026 | 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR | 24/01/2027

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 20th September 2026

Banish Envy and Rejoice in the Success of Others

Today Jesus challenges us to accept God's justice and to reject envy when it seems unfair to us. Envy is one of the seven deadly sins. Does it lurk anywhere in our heart and mind? St. Augustine called envy "*the diabolical sin...from it are born hatred, detraction (gossiping about someone's serious sin), calumny (making false statements about someone), joy caused by the misfortune of neighbour, and displeasure caused by their prosperity.*" (CCC 2539) Let's do an examination of conscience around envy. When a recent convert or revert surpasses us in his pursuit of Jesus or seems to gain a higher position in the parish to which we have belonged much longer, are we envious? If so, confess it. When a political figure, celebrity, co-worker, or classmate that we cannot stand falls from grace, do we enjoy it and share their misfortune in gossip with others? If so, confess it. With social media there are many opportunities to fall into envy. Sin harms us and envy is no exception. It robs us of happiness and can cause us to become depressed or anxious. Are we envious of someone else's home, popularity, beauty, talent career or spouse/boyfriend/girlfriend? If so, confess it.

The catechism reminds us that "*the 10th commandment requires that envy be banished from the human heart.*" (CCC 2538). So how can we banish it from our heart? We strive for humility. St John Chrysostom preached "*Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother's progress and you will immediately give glory to God.*" (CCC 2540) Whether we are average in every way and daydream about being amazing, or we are brilliant and talented and think we must do remarkable things to earn love and respect, we are in the same trap. This trap tempts us to the sin of envy, which at its root, is a desire to be great in the eyes of others, or "to be somebody." So, how do we think of ourselves as little, yet do so in a way in which, while we are smaller, we are stronger? In which we do not need the love and adulation of others, yet feel more loved and affirmed? Healing our ego by shrinking it is a paradox that takes time living in faith, hope, and charity to achieve. But the peace and joy and freedom we gain are worth the effort!

Here are some ways to banish envy. Build up others every chance you get, especially in those ways a person does well, but probably has not thought about: "Good job getting your family to Mass every Sunday." "I appreciate the questions you ask in class." "You are so good with the elderly, or you are so generous with your smile." "Thank you for working for our family today, even though you were exhausted." "Dad, thank you for taking care of Mum even though she can no longer return your love." "I love how even though you just came into the church this past Easter, you are finding ways to participate in our parish!" Spiritually, we combat envy with regular prayer, all the better if coupled with meditation on scripture. From the cross, Jesus, who is paradox incarnate, makes the small feel big and the big feel small. In doing so, he banishes envy from our heart. Do beggars envy other beggars? If not, can fellow beggars of God's love and grace envy one another? When our hearts are full of gratitude and our spiritual fuel tank is filled, there is no room for envy or any other sin.

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sat. 5pm (Vigil) | Corio
Sun. 9am | Lara
11am | Corio

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tue. 5.30pm | Corio
Wed. 9.15am | Lara
Th. 9.15am | Corio
Fri. 5.30pm | Lara
Sat. 9.15am | Corio

CONFESSIONS

Tue. 5.00pm-5.20pm | Corio
6.00pm-7.00pm | Corio
Fri. 5.00pm-5.20pm | Lara
1st Fri. 6:00pm-7:00pm | Lara
Sat. 8.45am-9.10am | Corio
4.30pm-4.55pm | Corio
Sun. 8.30am-8.55am | Lara

THE ROSARY

Weekdays 25 mins prior to Mass
Sunday 8.30am (Lara)
10.30am (Corio)

HOLY HOUR

Tue. 6.00pm – 7.00pm | Corio
1st Fri. 6:00pm-7:00pm | Lara

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Wed. 5.00pm | Corio

PRESBYTERY GIVING (1st Collection)

St Francis Xavier Presbytery Account
BSB 083 347 | ACC 674 963 655

CHURCH GIVING (2nd Collection)

St Francis Xavier Church Account
BSB 083 347 | ACC 543 292 126

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Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear
them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your
sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour,
grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit
to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading | Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to
him while he is still near. Let the wicked man
abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him
turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to
our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts
are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it
is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as
high above earth as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 144 (145)

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. *R.*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. *R.*

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. *R.*

Second Reading | Philippians 1:20-24,27

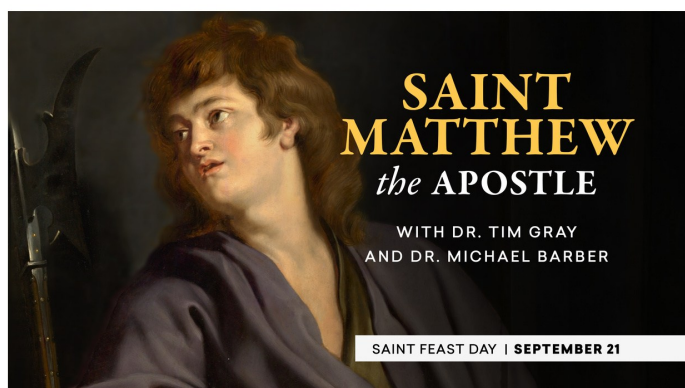
Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my
life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ,
but then death would bring me something more;
but then again, if living in this body means doing
work which is having good results – I do not know
what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I
want to be gone and be with Christ, which would
be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in
this body is a more urgent need for your sake.
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would
be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation | cf Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel | Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven
is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire
workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement
with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent
them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third
hour he saw others standing idle in the market
place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too
and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At
about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth
hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about



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Saint Matthew | Catholic Saints

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the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon | Ps 118: 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.

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THIS WEEK 19th & 20th Sep 2026			NEXT WEEK 26th & 27th Sep 2026		
5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Bernard Lewis	5.00pm Corio	Welcome Reader	VOLUNTEER Reno Demicoli
9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	Rob & Lynne Angelica Jones Jo-Anne Dean	9.00am Lara	Rosary Welcome Reader	John Cook Dee & Zion Arends Val Brennan
11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader	LOM/Augustino Luka Brdar Rossana Vasquez	11.00am Corio	Rosary Welcome Reader	Luce Rasic Ivy & Tom Lara Mesoga
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NEWS & EVENTS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER LEAK UPDATE. Our insurers have confirmed they will assist us to replace the foyer flooring and kitchen cabinets. We will take this opportunity to make important improvements to the foyer and kitchen. In coming weeks, we will seek donations to support improvements not covered by insurance.

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT TONIGHT. Kicks off at 7pm on Saturday 19th September in the Xavier Centre. Come along and enjoy a great evening of trivia fun, games, and lots of prizes. BYO alcohol and food. Tea and coffee provided. Strictly over 18 years. Each member of the winning table receives a \$50 Coles Myer Voucher. Thanks to the Social Committee and all who are attending.

PARISH MISSION | "THE PARISH: A PEARL OF GREAT PRICE" | 20/10–22/10. As part of our 50th anniversary year celebrations, Fr Michel Corriveau will preach a Parish Mission for us in October. The Parish Mission will give us the opportunity for spiritual renewal. On the weekend of 17/18 October, Fr Michel will preach at all Masses to explain the Parish Mission and invite you along. The Mission consists of a series of talks from 7.00pm–7.45pm on Tues 20/10, Wed 21/10 and Thurs 22/10 in the Xavier Centre. Each talk will be followed by a supper of wine and cheese.

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2026. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses from next weekend 26th/27th September. \$2.00 each/\$20.00 book. Great prizes! All profits support our Parish. See flyers for more details.

PARISH PUBLIC ROSARY CHANGE OF DATE. October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. At 8.30am on Saturday 10th October, parishioners are invited to gather outside St Francis Xavier church on Bacchus Marsh Road for a public rosary. We will pray for the conversion of Australia and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2026. The annual March for the Babies will be on Saturday 10th October 2026. It will commence at 1pm in Treasury Gardens, Melbourne. It is estimated that 25-33% of the children conceived between 2004-2020 were aborted. The March for the Babies peacefully affirms the right to life of every unborn child, the need for better assistance for women in crisis pregnancies, and the right to freedom of conscience for healthcare workers opposed to abortion.

DEACON RHYS LOWTHER—ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND FIRST MASS. Deacon Rhys has received notice that he will be ordained to the priesthood at St Patrick's Cathedral at 10am on Saturday 14th November 2026. He will then offer his first Mass at St Anthony of Padua, Lara at 1pm on Sunday 15th November. All are invited! In coming weeks, we will organise a bus to the ordination and a collection for Rhys' gift.

KIDS, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

LITTLE DISCIPLES PARISH PLAYGROUP. 2nd & 4th Sundays following 9am Sunday Mass at St Anthony's church. Contact Angelica 0422 585 223 or Dee 0430 302 969.

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS. Supporting the faith formation of primary-school-aged children. Fridays at 4pm in the St Francis Xavier Church Foyer during school term.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: 'HEARTS FOR CHRIST'. Ages 18-30. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month after Holy Hour. Meet in St Francis Xavier Church foyer. Next meeting Tuesday 22nd September.

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CHURCH CAFÉ. First and third Sundays after 9am Mass at Lara. Every Sunday after 11am Mass at Corio.

PARISH BBQ. Second Sunday of each month following 11am Mass at Corio. Next BBQ on 11th October. Thank you to all our generous sponsors.

SATURDAY SUPPER. Third Saturday of each month following the 5pm Vigil Mass at Corio. No supper Saturday 19th September due to Trivia Night.
