



[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

**A**s 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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THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

### Reflect

***Could I improve how I handle conflict with others?***

**St. Anselm  
Anselmo, NE**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Sargent, NE**

**St. Joseph  
Broken Bow, NE**

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**Parish Staff**

**Fr. Joe Hannappel, Pastor  
Keegan Clark, Office Manager  
Alena Tierney, Financial Secretary  
Kate Morse, Parish Nurse**

**Directors or Religious Education**

**Linly Schmidt - Anselmo  
Jill Thompson - Anselmo  
Laura Kipp - Sargent  
Molly Ryan - Broken Bow**

**Weekend Schedule**

**Saturday**

**3:00-3:30 PM Reconciliation  
Broken Bow or by appointment  
4:00 pm Broken Bow  
6:00 pm Sargent**

**Sunday**

**8:30 am Anselmo  
10:30 am Broken Bow**

**Events This Week: Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> - Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday 5:00 pm Mass at Anselmo**

**Tuesday No Mass**

**Wednesday 10:00 am Mass at Brookestone  
5:00 pm Mass at Sargent  
6:30 pm Faith Formation - Anselmo  
7:00 pm Faith Formation - Broken Bow**

**Thursday 6:30 am Mens Bible Study Broken Bow  
9:00 am Mass at Broken Bow**

**Friday No Mass**

**Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm Reconciliation Broken Bow  
4:00 pm Mass at Broken Bow  
Servers: Bayler Clay & Peyton Schmidt  
6:00 pm Mass at Sargent**

**Sunday 8:30 am Mass at Anselmo  
Servers: Elise Hempstead & Trevin Klein  
10:30 am Mass at Broken Bow  
Servers: Ryan McCaslin & Kenny Russell**

**Mass Intentions**

**Norma Blakely †**

**Gary Schmitz †  
David Peterson †**

**Eugene Holeman †**

**People of the Parishes**

**Kathy Sibbel †**

**Helen Lindly †**

**Bob Homan**

**August 29/30 Collection**

**St. Joseph**

**Regular: \$3,645.50  
Concrete: \$150.00**

**St. Anselm**

**Regular: \$626.00**

**Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**Regular: \$663.00**

**Thank you very much  
for your generosity!**

**Calling all Singers**

Please consider coming and joining with us in preparing a cantata for this year's Christmas season. The first practice will be September 23rd at 7:30 pm at the United Methodist Church in Broken Bow. Performances, practice schedule and music purchase will be discussed then. If you have any questions, please call Lance Bristol at (308) 212-0577 or email at [lance.bristol2@gmail.com](mailto:lance.bristol2@gmail.com).

**REMINDERS AND NOTICES**

**Alena Tierney has been hired as our new Financial Secretary.**

We also thank Rashelle Ryan for the many years of service to our Parish, first as the Director of Religious Education and for the last 1 1/2 years as our Financial Secretary. We wish Rashelle blessings as she moves into new endeavors. Please give a warm welcome to Alena!

**St. Joseph is looking for volunteers to serve on the Parish Council.**

Two positions are available. We are looking to appoint one man and one woman.

Please talk to Father Joe, Keegan Clark,  
or a current Parish Council member if you are interested.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve your Parish community!

**St. Anselm's: Help Needed**

We will be cleaning and setting up for this years Junk Jaunt beginning at 5:00 pm Wed. night Sept. 23rd and Thurs. Sept. 24th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Sale days are Fri. and Sat. the 24th and 25th, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm. Please volunteer to help on the sign-up sheet at the church. You may also contact Cindy C. (308) 880-1516 and she will pencil you in!

**STEWARDSHIP: Reminds us to count our blessings,  
acknowledge God's gifts to us and express thanks to the Lord  
by a proportionate giving of our time, talent, and treasure.**

**"Be generous, sharing what you have" (1 Tim 6:18).**

September 5-6, 2026

## LABOR DAY

Monday, September 7 is the annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being. **Pope Francis**, on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker and World Labor Day, May 1, 2013 said: **"Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. Work, to use an image, 'anoints' us with dignity, fills us with dignity, makes us similar to God, who has worked and still works, who always acts..."**

The United States Conference of Bishops website  
has reflections on Labor Day on their website, [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### A Prayer to Honor the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Lord God, Master of the Vineyard, How wonderful that you have invited us who labor by the sweat of our brow to be workers in the vineyard and assist your work to shape the world around us.

As we seek to respond to this call, make us attentive to those who seek work but cannot find it. Help us listen to the struggles of those who work hard to provide for their families but still have trouble making ends meet.

Open our eyes to the struggles of those exploited and help us speak for just wages and safe conditions, the freedom to organize, and time for renewal. For work was made for humankind and not humankind for work. Let it not be a vehicle for exploitation but a radiant expression of our human dignity.

Give all who labor listening hearts that we may pause from our work to receive your gift of rest. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that you might work through us to let your justice reign. Amen.

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### The Dialogue of Catherine of Siena

God's message to her: I ask you to love me with the same love with which I love you. But for me you cannot do this, for I loved you without being loved. Whatever love you have for me you owe me, so you love me not gratuitously but out of duty, while I love you not out of duty but gratuitously.

So you cannot give me the kind of love I ask of you. This is why I have put you among your neighbors: so that you can do for them what you cannot do for me that is, love them without any concern for thanks and without looking for any profit for yourself. And whatever you do for them I will consider done for me.

#### 1 John 4:20-21

If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

This is the commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

### TWENTY - FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

On September 11, 2001, the United States was senselessly attacked by terrorists. Thousands perished in the World Trade Center, in the Pentagon, and in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The victims were Americans and citizens of over fifty other countries.

We know God is merciful to those who have died and will comfort and sustain their loved ones. And as we gather as a nation, joining with other nations who also mourn the loss of life, still living amidst evil deeds, still involved in wars throughout the world, we gather with all nations with full trust in God's love, compassion, and justice.

**Let us pray:** God of loving kindness, those who have died still live in your presence. Welcome into your loving embrace all those who died on September 11, 2001. Grant them eternal rest. Comfort those who mourn them. Open our hearts to hear your word, and in it, find light in time of darkness, and strength in our belief that your Son won for us eternal life. Through that same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Catholic Daughters (CDA)

Who are we? We are Nebraska Catholic Daughters of the Americas. We are over 100 years Strong - and growing! We invite you to attend our meeting on **September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Brookestone View in Broken Bow** and learn about us.

### WHAT CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS DO

- Feed the hungry
- Care for abused children and battered women
- Help the homeless
- Support seminarians & priests
- Provide aid to disaster-stricken areas
- Support Youth and pro-life programs and much more!

### Happy Birthday!

Dr. Loren Jacobsen of St. Joseph turns 92 on Sept. 6.  
Juanita Beran of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary turns 96 on Sept. 7.



# 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](http://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](http://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