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**Don't Gum Up the Works**

Think of an old-fashioned gumball machine. The stand made it a perfect height for kids to spot the brightly colored candy. Given a penny to put in the slot, a child eagerly turned the handle and then flipped up a shiny door, holding one hand underneath to catch the gumball.

In one of this month's Sunday Gospels, Jesus tells a perplexing parable. A rich man hired a steward—a property manager, in today's parlance. Instead of turning the expected profit, the steward squandered the owner's money. The pennies didn't add up.

Instead of firing him on the spot, the rich man told the steward to provide a full accounting. It seemed like a glass globe once filled with gumballs had run out. About to become unemployed, the steward decided that he would need to call in some favors to even have a place to stay. He ingratiated himself with the rich man's debtors by quickly reducing the amounts they owed. Surprisingly, the rich man commended the dishonest steward for acting prudently.

Scripture scholars suggest that the steward had inflated his commissions on the original promissory notes. Now and then, more than one piece of gum falls from a gumball machine into a child's hand—a blessing, like the unmerited gifts from God's goodness that we receive. The dissatisfied steward thought he deserved more every time and found a way to get it.

Giving back the extra that he had charged, the steward still acted selfishly. He wanted doors to open so he could receive a handout. From then on, he could do better by living honestly and giving generously—a prudent course to take. The steward's plan illustrated what Jesus meant by His advice to use dishonest wealth to make friends. The wealth will get used up, the welcome it bought will wear out, but serving God will lead to dwelling in His love eternally.

Please give as generously as you can in the Harvest Fund Drive. If you received a reply slip, enclosing it with your gift or pledge will make your donation worth every penny in Heart of the Nation's ministry.



**Fr. Mark Payne**  
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# When the Faithful Flock Together

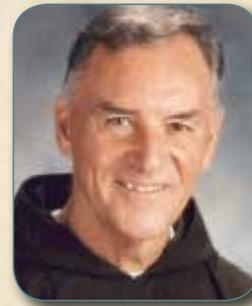
Sheep in a flock tend to stick together and get disoriented on their own. When Jesus told a parable about one lost sheep, He knew that people would see the wisdom in seeking the stray. His listeners would understand the jubilation of someone finding a lost sheep, setting it on his shoulders, and bringing it safely back. Even scribes and Pharisees realized that a lost sheep had value. Sadly, they failed to regard every person as worthwhile, too.

Wolves prey on sheep, especially young lambs. Jesus came as the Lamb of God. He shared our humanity. He knows our vulnerability when we seek greener pastures on our own. Gathering together in prayer and worship, we thankfully find Him in our midst.

Jesus also came as our Good Shepherd, who protects us and willingly laid down His life to save us. The Lord values us. He cares if we go astray and rejoices to bring us back.

Wool from sheep gets woven into cloth, but we sometimes experience coldness that a warm, woolen blanket cannot diminish. We get the cold shoulder when asking someone to have a little heart. We get a recorded

message when longing for someone to help us by saying words we need to hear. In contrast, our Lord gives us the Word of God wrapped in the warmth of love that never wears thin.



**Fr. Tony Scannell**  
Chaplain

In Biblical times, a ram's horns served as trumpets to herald an arrival and call people together. Still today, we have the task of serving as heralds of the Good News.

Horns from male sheep also made handy flasks for lamp oil. Our Lord came as Light for the world and gives us everything we need to keep the light of faith burning as we wait for Him to come again.

Ewes provide milk to drink or make cheese. The ancient Israelites ate lamb, especially sacrificial lamb at the Passover feast. In many ways, the Lamb of God has provided spiritual nourishment for people.

When we pray, we sometimes find our thoughts wandering. We ask but feel abandoned when we don't hear the answer. The Good Shepherd never loses sight of the flock, even when we find it hard to believe.

***"I look for familiar faces every time I watch the Sunday Mass. They are my new Parish family, and I pray with them and for them."***

*~Elaine*



***"Thank you for responding to my e-mail prayer request."***

*~Carol*



***"I have to work on Sundays and cannot attend services. I am Episcopal, and your Roman Catholic service is a great blessing to me."***

*~Andrew*

## New Reply Slips Make a Difference

If you belong to the Circle of the Heart monthly giving club, your newsletter this month came with a reply slip to return when you send a donation. The slip shows your pledge and progress toward meeting it. Next month, one-time donors will also receive reply slips to replace extended-flap donation envelopes. Every reply slip used means savings for Heart of the Nation in processing gifts. "Think of the reply slip as a way to give a little bit more without having to increase your donation," said Fr. Mark Payne. "The small savings add up quickly and allow more funding to bring the TV Mass and prayer publications to you."

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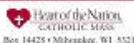
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## Grandparents' Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
I give You thanks for the gift  
of each grandchild:  
The blessings of a little one,  
dependent for every care;  
The blessings of the child  
become loving and aware;  
The blessings of a child  
filled with wondrous hope;  
And the blessings of that  
child now grown,  
Whose love I treasure,  
whose heart I share.  
Amen.



## Autumn Prayer

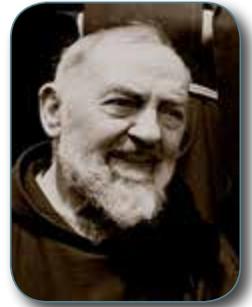
Lord Jesus,  
In this time of changing seasons,  
May You find me changing, too,  
Longing to more closely  
follow You.

In planted fields where  
seed has grown,  
May I find hope and delight,  
For You have planted faith  
to take root and grow  
As You keep me in  
Your caring sight.

In the change from summer  
to fall,  
May I see with grateful praise  
That life and seasons are given  
to reflect  
The wonders of Your  
glorious ways. Amen.

## Immersed in Faith

After Mass on a Monday in October 1998, boating and aquatic sports club members set out to sea for the purpose of sinking—not themselves or their boats, but a larger-than-life statue of “Padre Pio.” It remains submerged among a chain of islands included in the Italian province where St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) spent much of his life. With arms outstretched and looking upward, the statue symbolizes faith-filled hope of protection during dangerous storms.



Saint Pio\*

Whereas the Adriatic Sea now surrounds that statue of Padre Pio, controversy swirled around the Capuchin friar during his lifetime (1887-1968). He suffered the stigmata but endured skepticism about the cause of his wounds that duplicated Christ's. Miraculous healing occurred through him. Penitents flocked to Padre Pio because of his ability to read their hearts and help them to make good Confessions. For lack of proof of these and other spiritual gifts, the Vatican temporarily restricted his priestly functions, except for celebrating Mass privately. The faithful didn't want to wait for proof.

Donations enabled Padre Pio to establish a medical care and research center called the Home for Relief of the Suffering. The future Pope John Paul II sent a letter asking Padre Pio to pray for a friend with cancer. Spontaneous remission followed, in a miracle beyond the two later cited in the Church's formal process for declaring sainthood. In 2002, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio, whose memorial we celebrate on September 23.

*\*Photo by Elias Stelluto, personal photographer of Padre Pio, via Saint Pio Foundation.*

## Saintly Grandparents

Grandparents' Day on September 8 provides an occasion to celebrate saintly people treasured in the hearts of their grandchildren. Grandparents can turn to their patron saints when praying to serve as good role models or asking for other blessings.

**Saints Joachim and Anne**, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, became the grandparents of Jesus. Scripture does not mention Joachim and Anne, but literature from about 150 A.D. states that they dedicated Mary, their firstborn, to God.

**Saint Macrina the Elder**, born in the third century, helped to raise her grandchildren and had a pivotal role in their intellectual and spiritual growth. Four of her grandchildren became canonized saints, including St. Basil the Great. Saint Macrina outlived her husband, although they both survived seven years of hiding in the wilderness during Christian persecutions. When it became safe to leave the forest, her family reunited. She is a patron saint of both grandparents and widows.



With gratitude, Heart of the Nation welcomes new members to the Circle of the Heart monthly giving club. As a member, you will be included in prayers placed before the altar for every Sunday TV Mass. To join, please mark the box on your donation envelope or donation reply slip, and indicate the amount of your pledge. (If you need to change or cancel your pledge, just call, e-mail, or send a note to Heart of the Nation.) **Thank you!**

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## Have You Wondered?

### Why do we call the Eucharistic celebration “Mass”?

Beginning around the sixth century, a priest or deacon said the parting words, “*Ite, missa est*” after the Eucharistic celebration. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that our English word *Mass* derives from the Latin sentence. The translation of the key word, *missa*, varies.

In an apostolic exhortation (formal instruction for Catholics), Pope Benedict XVI explained that *missa* commonly meant “dismissal.” Over time, the faithful understood the closing words after Mass as sending them forth in the sense of mission. The papal exhortation invited the faithful to contemplate the missionary dimension of the Church. Mass has ended, but we go forth from that starting point with new enthusiasm.



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