

Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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REFLECTIONS

Labor Day Reflection

On the first Monday in September, we celebrate Labor Day, a federal holiday in honor of the American labor movement and the work and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of our nation. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and designated a federal holiday in 1894.

Despite its origins, today the underlying message is often glossed over as it becomes just another “long weekend.” As our country and our world face challenging economic issues, high unemployment, inflation, and even potential recession, it behooves us to pause to reflect on the role of labor in our lives. And while the celebration is essentially secular, there are clearly religious associations in our Catholic tradition.

Since the late 19th century our Church has provided positive response to the plight of workers, often dehumanized by an economy focused solely on profit. Catholic social teaching proclaims that people are more important than things. In Genesis we read that the first human being, created in God’s image, was called to share in the tasks of the Creator through work. Work is for the person, not the person for work, nor is work to be understood as burden or punishment. Rather, work is an expression of our dignity and creativity. Those who can work should work and by their labor meet their basic needs and those of their families. The Church insists that we ensure that everyone who works full time can earn enough to raise a family. Further, the teaching of the Church

insists that the economy exists to serve the human person, not the other way around. The moral measure of any economy is not simply the information shared, the wealth created, the trade encouraged, but how the lives and dignity of the poor and vulnerable, the hungry and destitute are protected and promoted.

Our late Holy Father, Saint John Paul II wrote in *Laborem Exercens*: “The role of the Church. . . is to raise up the dignity and value of all workers and to seek universal human progress.” Enjoy the long weekend, but remember that work is one way of transforming our world, a transformation not to do with how much profit we make, but how adequately our economy, our work, serves the people of our nation and world.

From Father Ken



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time, St. Matthew introduces a three-step procedure for the reconciliation of sinners. First: tell a fellow believer how they have sinned against you or the Church. Second: if the person is not responsive, take one or two others with you, stating the sin or trespasses, which will then hopefully lead to reconciliation. If the first two steps are ineffective, in the Third step: present the transgressions to the Church. In the second reading today from Romans, Paul explains the importance of Love for neighbor. The general theme we can take from these readings is to not allow our hearts to be hardened, but rather turn from sin and Love one another.



For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.



Ecumenical Brunch

Will be served in the Lounge after Sunday Mass on September 6th. Join your neighbors to share good food and good company ... the many blessings of our St. Francis Village.



Thursday, September 24th
9:45 AM to 11:45 AM
A & B Activity Rooms

All Catholic Chapel volunteers are required to have **Safe Environment Training** every two years. A sign-up sheet is posted at the Chapel entry. Please see Cat in the Chapel office if you have questions about the training.



Food Pantry Thank you for participating in the monthly **SFV Pack the Pantry** effort. Your generosity fills the pantry with nourishment and hope.



Next Sunday, September 13th, the Secular Franciscans will meet for prayers at 2:00 PM in the Chapel. All are invited to gather with them in bringing the Gospel to life in everyday settings such as Family and Catholic Chapel and Parish life.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Beginning this month, continuing education in the Catholic Faith is being offered. **Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church** is in two sessions of 10 classes each. The Fall Session begins on Mondays from Sept. 28th through Nov. 30th, from 9:45AM to 11:15AM in the A & B Activity Rooms. Workbooks can be picked up in the Chapel Office. A one-time cost of \$40.00 will be collected for the workbook. For additional information, please reach out to Ken Becan (817-455-9013)

I found a reflection by Sister Theresita that I thought you might find insightful. *When we trust in God, it is easier to say at times I don't understand, but I trust in you who are always with me. Knowing that God is always present in my life requires me to trust and hope in God's plan for me. If trust is saying God is with me, hope is saying God is leading me toward something beyond what I can see at the moment. As we learn to trust in God our lives surrender, and hope then becomes peace.*

*May Christ's will be done on earth
as it is in Heaven. God Give You Peace.
Mike Pierson*



Mass Intentions

Sept. 6, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
Sept. 7, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Manus Donahue By Pat Donahue
Sept. 8, 2026	Father Bob Strittmatter
Sept. 9, 2026	Intentions of Hector Cantu By Miriam Gore
Sept. 10, 2026	Repose of the Souls of Idy & Bob Bramlet By Cecily & Bob Bramlet
Sept. 11, 2026	Repose of the Souls of All who perished in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks
Sept. 12, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Jennifer Kemp By Tom & Ruth Kemp (5:00 Vigil Mass)