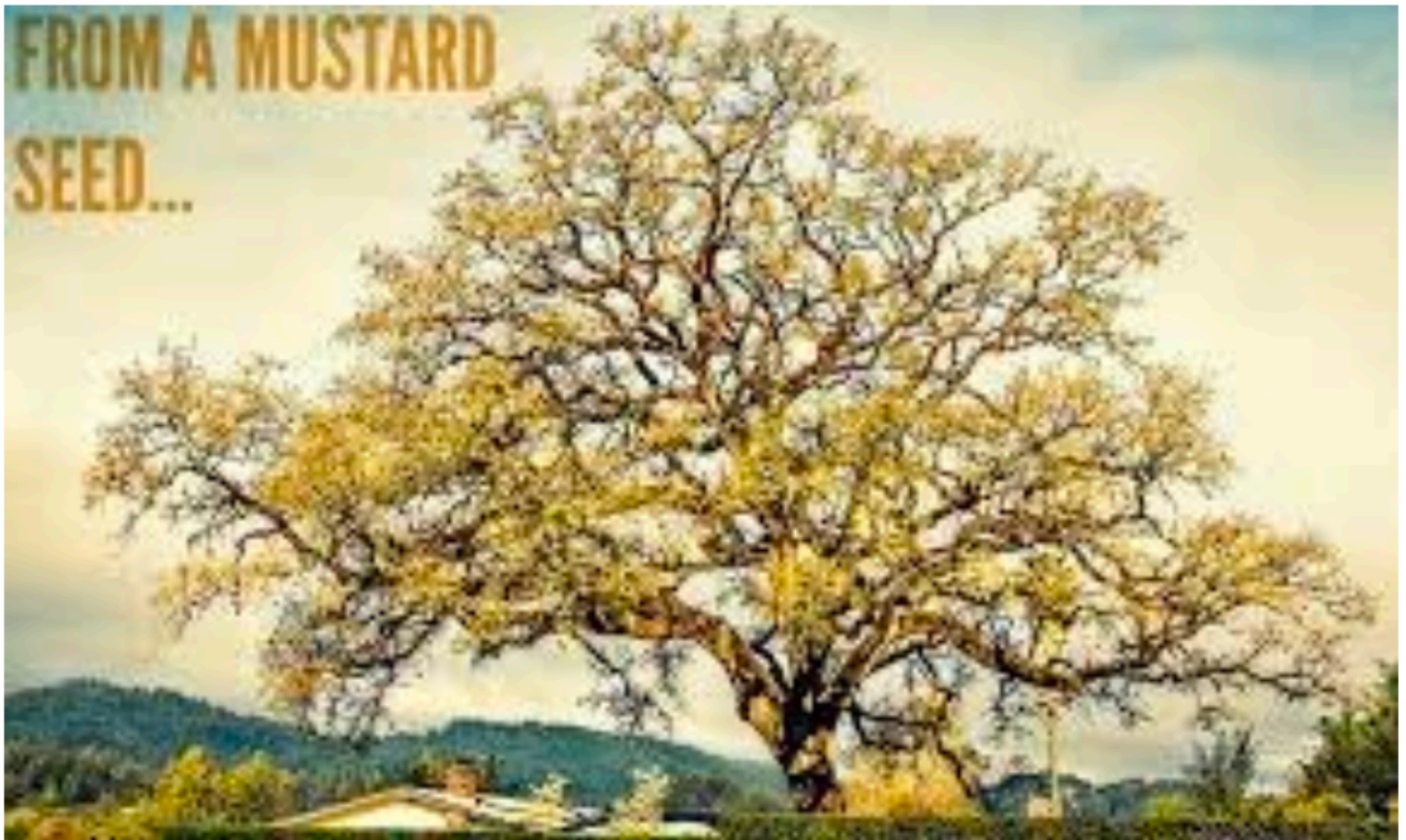


ST. BARTHOLOMEW
OCTOBER 5, 2025
27TH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME



FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Welcome Lisa Stejskal to the Pastoral Council
 - ◇ As a reminder, the Pastoral and Finance Councils are merged at St. Bartholomew due to the size of our parish. This council is an advisory board to the Pastor helping with setting the budgets, approving large spending items, building maintenance, pastoral care, evangelization, and any other pastoral needs. The current members of the Pastoral Council are: Mike Blair, Gerald Zarr, Maria Billis, and Tom Tosic. If you have concerns or requests, you are welcome to bring them to the pastoral council members.
- The voting has concluded! I had six votes for an adult education series for the parish. I have decided to run a series called Ask A Priest on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, with the exception of October which will be on the 4th Wednesday.
 - ◇ This series is a range of topics based on frequently confused and asked questions about the Catholic Church. Please invite people you know who might have questions or would like to know more about the Church. After the presentation, I will give time for any questions people may have. The first topic is: "Are we all saved?" on October 22nd starting at 6 pm.
- No Mass on Wednesdays October 8th and 15th.
- Congratulations to Deacon Kaleb Mitchell on his ordination to the diaconate on Friday, October 3rd in Rome. Please keep praying for him.

If you have anything to add to the announcements or bulletin please reach out to Father Cody.



PARISH INFORMATION

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Baptism: Contact Parish Office

Weddings: Contact Parish Office **at least 6 month advance notice is needed to complete marriage preparation.**

Scripture Readings

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 5, 2025

Reading 1: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Resp. Psalm: 95:1-2, 66-7, 8-9

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

MASS SCHEDULE

Confessions on Sunday from 8:30—8:50 am
or by appointment

Sunday Rosary: 8:30 am

Sunday Mass: 9 am

Wednesday Mass: 11 am

This year we approved a budget that requires a much higher amount of income than we have budgeted for many years. This increase in income was due largely to the increasing costs of basic needs like insurance premiums and the costs of running a parish. Each week I will include in the bulletin the amount of money we brought in through the offertory as well as the amount we are above or below our goal for that point in the year. The annual goal is \$51,000 with a weekly average need of \$1000.

Weekly Collection totals:

8/3/25—\$1443.00

8/10/25—\$784.00

8/17/25—\$1051.00

8/24/25—\$1042.00

8/31/25—\$1201.00

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St. Bartholomew!

Basics of Catholicism Part 104—How do you become a priest?

The process of becoming a priest is much more extensive than becoming a permanent deacon. Generally, the process of discerning a call to the priesthood begins in the local parish. Most people do not realize the effect of parishioners on a man discerning a call to become a priest. The level of involvement they allow, their prayer support, the strength of the community are some of the factors that help a man discern a call. Yet, the number one greatest factor is the priest the man grew up with. The vast majority of men who are called to be a priest can trace their interest to a priest they knew that inspired them. Whether a man continues to discern and is willing to enter seminary is largely dependent on his family and his local church. I want to stress the importance of the local parish community in helping men discern a call to the priesthood.

Once he has an inkling towards the priesthood, he begins a process called discernment. Discernment involves many different aspects of his life which aid in helping him answer the question: is God calling me to be a priest? Most men like to become more involved in their church, take on ministries and roles, and use these opportunities to explore the possibility of leadership in the church. Prayer is a critical component. Spending time in personal prayer, active involvement in liturgical prayer, coupled with spiritual direction are necessary for proper discernment. At some point in this process, the man feels that God is calling him to be a priest. At this point he contacts the Vocation Director for his diocese and begins the application process. The application process includes a psychological evaluation, physical examination, and meetings with the bishop, the seminary, and the diocesan board. If all of these tests and groups approve of him, he is then accepted to seminary.

Seminary is a continuation of the discernment process. Through his theological and philosophical studies, pastoral ministry, spiritual formation, and human formation, he continues to discern with the Church whether he is called to be a priest. That last part is very important. The call to become a priest is not limited to the individual man but is a process involving the church. Does the Church want this man as a priest? Will he care for her and provide for the flock? Seminary is meant to continue this formation in union with the Church.

Many people wonder about seminary and what happens there. The first year of most seminaries is called a propaedeutic year meaning that the first year is meant for prayer and discernment. This helps the man discern properly before continuing with the rest of the discernment process. After the first year, he has a combination of philosophy and theology classes, spiritual conference and days of spiritual formation, an assignment outside of seminary to help grow his pastoral skills, and lives with the other seminarians developing his interpersonal skills. Each year he works with a formation director who guides and evaluates his process including giving recommendations and recommending whether he continues. If his bishop, vocation director, and formation director believe in his call to become a priest, he advances to the next year. Continuing to advance each year for seven years until ordination to a priest.

Fr. Cody

THE CHOSEN MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS!



**3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
STARTING OCT. 1ST—6-8 PM
FREE MOVIE, PIZZA AND DRINKS.
ALL ARE WELCOME!
AT STAGELINE PIZZA
SPONSORED BY: ST. BARTHOLOMEW**

VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.

Seminarians

Dcn. Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Liam Aippersbach, Ryan Frampton, and Mason Yochum.

St. Bartholomew Calendar	
Sun. 10/5/25	Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am
Mon. 10/6/25	
Tues. 10/7/25	
Wed. 10/8/25	NO DAILY MASS
Thurs. 10/9/25	
Fri. 10/10/25	
Sat. 10/11/25	
Sun. 10/12/25	Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am Coffee hour after Mass