



## Where I Stand

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**O**ne day, as I was walking in a local nature preserve, I came across what someone had written in the sand: "It's time to take a stand." Though the person never suggested what we should take a stand on, all of us take stands in life. In many ways, those stands define our lives: Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, NRA and guns, save the whales, vax or anti-vax, ecology. As we all know so well, where we stand on any given issue can become divisive among friends and even family.

The Scriptures this weekend tell of the prophet Jeremiah, who took a stand of faith against the king who trusted in military arms rather than in God. The Letter to

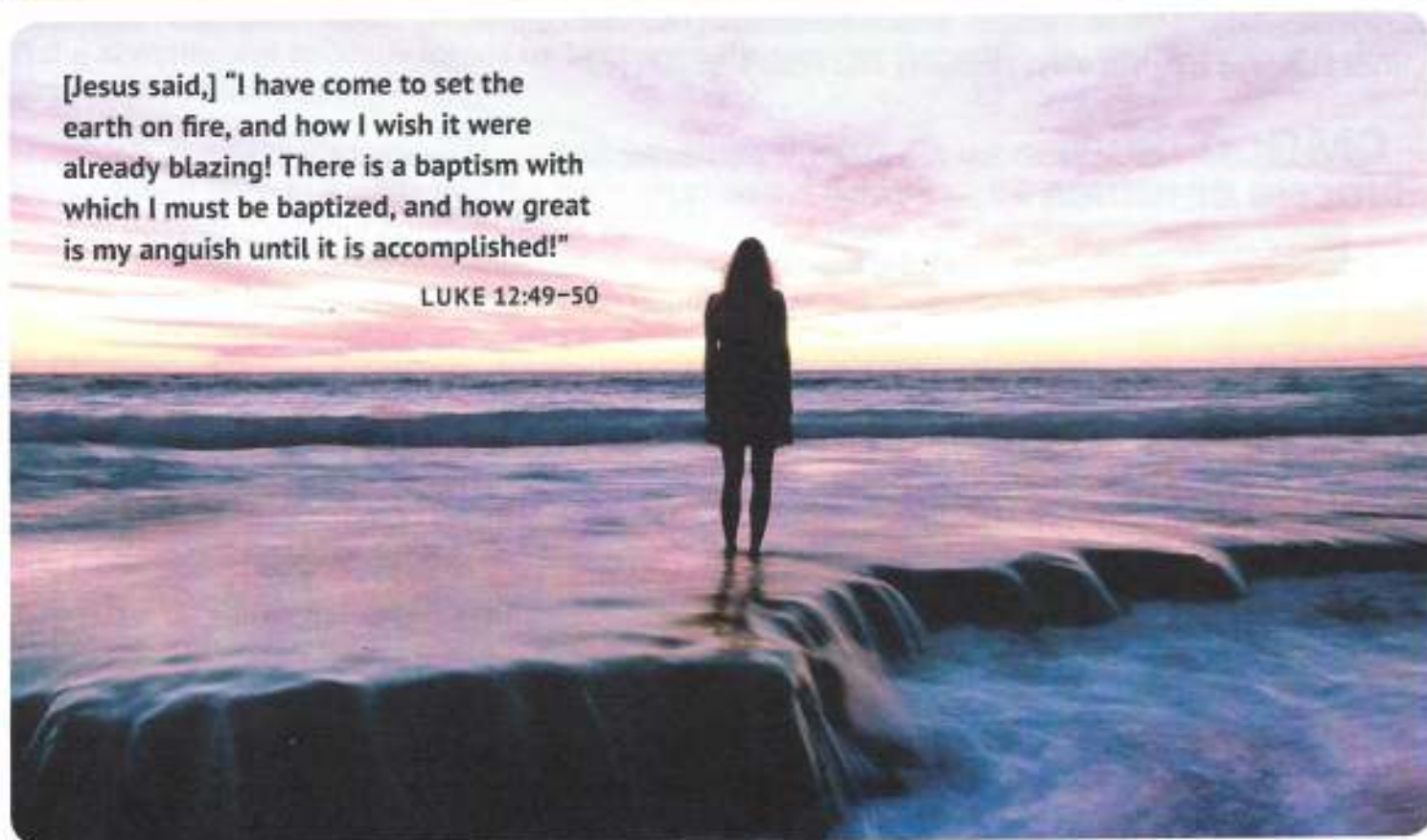
the Hebrews mentions an Old Testament "cloud of witnesses" who placed faith in God without knowing where that would take them. And, Jesus himself recognizes that those who place their faith in him and the vision of life he proclaimed would find themselves in conflict with others. For every person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, the question becomes how this faith affects all the other stands we take. To "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus" influences the lifestyle we choose, how we spend our time and our money, who our friends are, and even who we vote for. At some point, faith insists we take a stand. ●

### Reflect

*How does my faith affect all my other beliefs and practices?*

[Jesus said,] "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"

LUKE 12:49-50



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## St. Thomas More Site

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## Adoration Room at

STM Site

Open Daily from 9 am-6 pm

## Confession Info

Saturday morning, alternating  
between STM Site & HT Site

in the Confessional between  
10:30 am-11:15am

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## Reminder for all volunteers

Please complete your

Safe Environment Training that is required by the Diocese on the  
website; <https://Peoria.CMGconnect.org>

## St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of August 18 2025

Monday	8/18			† No Mass
Tuesday	8/19	9:00 am	STM Site	† Special Intention
Wednesday	8/20	5:30 pm	HT Site	† Daisy Kopek
Thursday	8/21	9:00 am	HT Site	† Kathy Sondgeroth
Friday	8/22	9:00 am	STM Site	† Phil Maggio

## St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of August 23-24, 2025

Saturday	8/23	4:00 pm	ST. Thomas More Site	† For the Parishioners
Sunday	8/24	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† Richard & Kathleen Narety



## A SUPRICE MESSAGE FROM JESUS, THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that He has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which He will be immersed as He approaches Jerusalem and His death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think He has come to bring peace; He has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here He reminds the crowd that those who commit to Him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus Himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, He reminds His followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well. (excerpted from stopaz.org)

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CCD Update:

We like to let all CCD parents and students know that we will have registration on Sunday, August 31st after 9:00am Mass.



**Congratulations** to the lottery raffle winner from the car show on Saturday, August 3: Mike Chasteen of Arlington. As we have mentioned earlier, the raffle was a huge success; We have raised \$1,700.00. Again, thank you for your support.

#### Latest Offering's

August 10th Weekend  
St. Barbara Parish  
Total Collections:  
\$2,109.00

#### Next Confessions

Confession will be  
Sat. August 23rd  
10:30am-11:15am  
HT site in the  
Confessional



# Dear Padre,

## Is "co-redemptrix" a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her "unique holiness"...'from the first instant of her conception' comes wholly from Christ: she is 'redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 492).

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title "co-redemptrix" would "obscure" the origin that "everything comes through Christ," as written in Ephesians and Colossians. "Mary, too, is everything she is through Him," stated the future Pope Benedict XVI, adding that "co-redemptrix" is a departure "from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers, and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings."

Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble "disciple" best represents Mary's faithfulness to "her Son, the only Redeemer." "She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son," explained the pontiff. "She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple."

Pope Francis reiterated the Church's position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, "Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother." Incidentally, "Mother of God" (Greek: *Theotokos*, "God-bearer") is Mary's oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus. ●

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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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24
Weekday	Weekday	St. Bernard,	St. Pius X, Pope	The Queenship	Weekday	Twenty-first
Jgs 2:11-19	Jgs 6:11-24a	Abbot and	Jgs 11:29-39a	of the Blessed	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11;	Sunday in
Mt 19:16-22	Mt 19:23-30	Doctor of the	Mt 22:1-14	Virgin Mary	4:13-17	Ordinary Time
		Church		Ru 1:1, 3-6,	Mt 23:1-12	Is 66:18-21
		Jgs 9:6-15		14b-16, 22		Heb 12:5-7,
		Mt 20:1-16		Mt 22:34-40		11-13
						Lk 13:22-30



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**The Gospel does not leave things as they are; when the Gospel... is listened to and received, things do not stay as they are. The Gospel provokes change and invites to conversion. It does not dispense a false intimist peace, but sparks a restlessness that sets us in motion and drives us to open ourselves up to God and to our brothers and sisters.**

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