February 12, 2023 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sirach 15:15-20 / 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 / Matthew 5:17-37 or Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37



## What's in Your Heart?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

n the past fifty years, there seems to have been a quiet but noticeable shift in the lived faith of Catholics in the pews. None of it has been officially or formally decreed, though it might very well be the natural unfolding of what the Second Vatican Council was about. It seems to have simply happened, perhaps by the workings of the Holy Spirit. I would highlight four common shifts.

People's faith seems to have moved from a primary concern with doctrine or what we believe, to spirituality or how we live out what we believe as people of faith and where God is in our lives.

What's in our hearts has been a focus. It suggests that while actions are important, where the actions originate and what they say about who we are is also important in trying to understand why we do what we do.

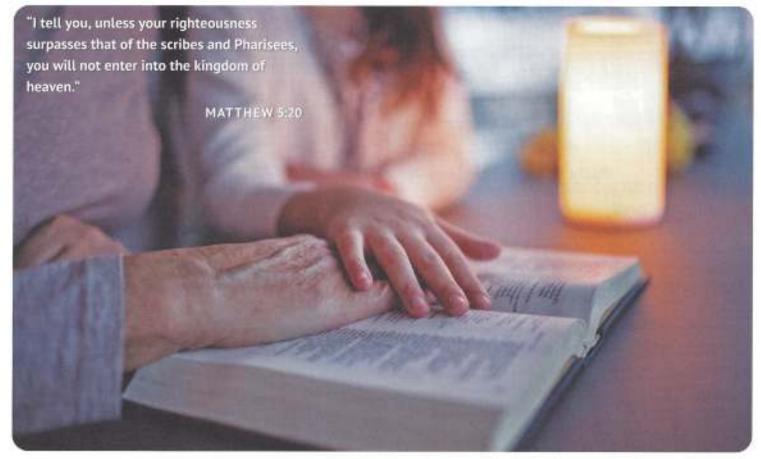
People pray differently. While the rosary and devotional prayer is nurturing to the faith of many, there has also been a discovery of other forms of meditation, quiet reflection, and praying with sacred scripture.

Confession no longer seems to be about only reporting kinds and numbers of sins but also about what is in one's heart and how people find themselves relating to others. People confess both attitudes and actions that are destructive rather than moral lists.

It would seem that all of this echoes this week's Gospel, which focuses on divisive anger, lustful lifestyles, and faking the truth, that is, what is in our hearts. •

### Reflect

How is your faith different today than it was ten or twenty years ago?





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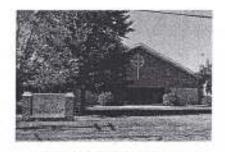
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9: 30 am - 10: 30 am at Cherry Church Hall Sunday, February 12th - K thru 4th Grades Sunday, February 19th - 5th thru 8th Grades CCD email address is holytrinitycherry@gmail.com

## Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of February 13, 2023

Monday	2/13			† No Mass
Tuesday	2/14	9:00 am	STM	† Kathy Sondgeroth
Wednesday	2/15	5:30 pm	HT	+ Leroy & Lucille Pinter
Thursday	2/16	9:00 am	HT	† Delores Nauman
Friday	2/17	9:00 am	STM	+ Olivero Families

## Mass Intentions for the weekend of February 18-19, 2023

Saturday	2/18	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+	Mary Nave & Family
Sunday	2/19	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	t	Norma Templeton
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+	Mary Konieczny
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	+	For the Parishioners

## AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF "GROWING DISCIPLES"

Prior to his ascension, Jesus commanded his disciples to "Go and made disciples of all nations." (Mt. 28) This command has been given to all of Jesus' followers. In other words, all members of the Church founded by him, regardless of who they are and what they do, have been given the same mandate to "go and make disciples." This mandate is officially known as "Evangelization," which is closely connected to discipleship.

Therefore, Christian discipleship is the commitment to ongoing learning and conversion that allows a member of the church to live out the teachings of Jesus and his Church, and to share these teachings with others. A good and authentic follower of Jesus is one who commits his/ her entire self to Christ and also to his evangelization command. What is more, such authentic followers of the Lord are able to let themselves be "the light of the world," (Mt.5) by their daily words and actions. This is a very practical aspect of evangelization.

## The Catholic Post's 2023 Delivering Unity Campaign

The Catholic Post, our award-winning diocesan newspaper, is a valuable resource for Catholic living and unity across the 26 counties of central Illinois. We strongly encourage support and readership by all of our parishioners. And don't forget to follow The Catholic Post on Facebook to get breaking news and stories of faith to share with your family and friends.

### COMMISSIONED BY BISHOP TYLKA

The following members of our three churches have been granted the mandate to newly commission as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion exclusively for service for their respective parish. The newly commissioned ministers are (in alphabetical order):

Holy Trinity: Carol Lauer, Barbara Pinter, Jeff Pinter, Sheila Pinter

St. Patrick: Julie Hollinger, Robin Lovgren

St. Thomas More: Jyll Pozzi

Congratulations to all the newly commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

We also like to thank them for their willingness to serve God's Church and people.



ST PATRICK CHURCH

Sausage Making ~ Sat March 4th (order forms in the back of churches)

> Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Sun, March 12th

More info to share in the coming weeks

## LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND FEB 5TH

HT- \$1,215.00

SP- \$643.00

STM- \$712.00



St thomas more ravioli fundraiser will be winding down towards the end of march. Please have orders in by march 15th. We thank you for your support!

### CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS
WILL BE SAT. FEB 18TH
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT
ST PATRICK
IN THE CHAPEL

# Dear Padre,

My wife and I are in our mid-fifties; we have a comfortable life, go to church regularly, pray, and generally consider ourselves good Christians. So what's wrong? We feel empty, hollow, and strangely unfulfilled. What can we do?

Barring any other unnamed problem, you and your wife seem to be at a spiritual crossroads. You've come to the disturbing but provocative realization that St. Augustine voiced, saying, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, O Lord." Feelings

of emptiness are a gift, a message that God is calling you to something more. It's time for careful discernment.

At stake here is: What is life really about? Up to this point, like many people, it sounds like you have enjoyed a comfortable and productive life filled with many of the good things the world has to offer. But when these prove unable to give lasting happiness, you are finding that true meaning must be sought elsewhere: in a more profound relationship with God. It is no longer a matter of knowing about God but of connecting with God in a close, personal, intimate relationship.

Lent begins in less than two weeks. Perhaps you and your wife can decide how to spend this Lent seeking a deeper relationship with God and God's people. You could join a prayer group or work at a soup kitchen. You could learn about meditation practices or help your parish in projects for the poor. You could spend one hour a week before the Blessed Sacrament. Whatever you decide, welcome this new stage in life to which God is calling you. .

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

### MONDAY

February 13 Weekday Gn 4:1-15, 25 Mk 8:11-13

### TUESDAY

February 14 St. Cvril, Monk and St. Methodius, Bishop

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Mk 8:14-21

### WEDNESDAY

February 15 Weekday Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Mk 8:22-26

### THURSDAY

February 16 Weekday Gn 9:1-13 Mk 8:27-33

## FRIDAY

February 17 Weekday Gn 11:1-9 Mk 8:34-9:1

### SATURDAY

February 18 Weekday Heb 11:1-7 Mk 9:2-13

### SUNDAY

February 19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Time dedicated to being with God revives faith, which helps us in the practicalities of living. and faith, in turn, nurtures prayer, without interruption. In this circularity between faith, life, and prayer, one keeps alight that flame of Christian love that God expects of us.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SAN DAMASO COURTYARD. JUNE 9, 2021

### Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons.

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.



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