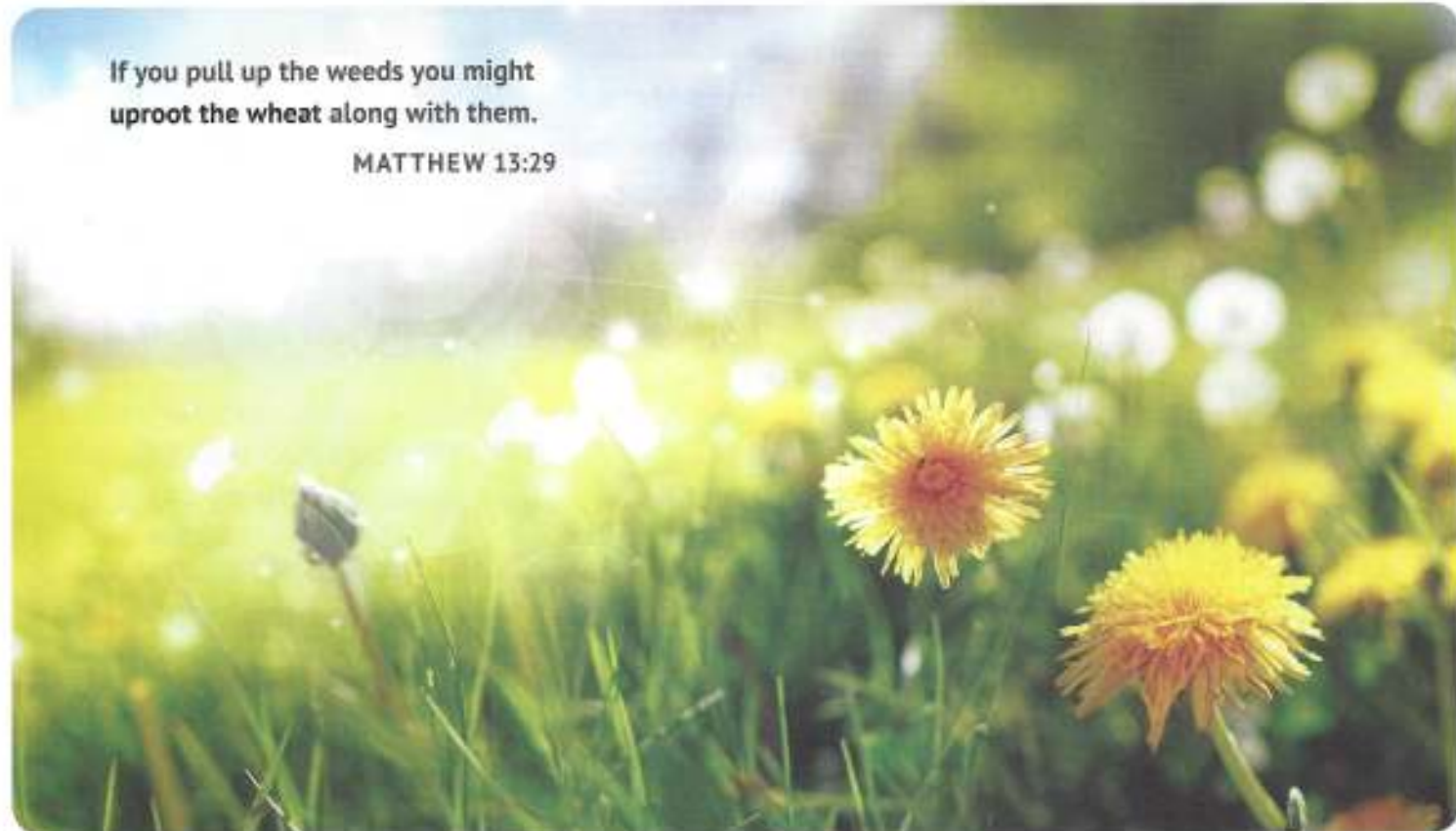




If you pull up the weeds you might
uproot the wheat along with them.

MATTHEW 13:29



Weeds in the Gardens of Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We humans are a curious lot, a mixture of wheat and weeds, sin and grace, tolerance and intolerance. Uproot one and you might uproot the other as well. The one who is guarded and may seem superficial may also be the one who is fun to be with and makes us laugh. The one who is terribly impractical may also be the creative dreamer. The penny-pincher who finds it difficult to spend and enjoy life may also be the one who calms our own spending and encourages us to save.

The kingdom of heaven, says the parable, is about God, who allows the wheat and weeds to grow together; God, who recognizes in each of us both good and evil and seems able to love us that way. Some find it difficult

to tolerate those who are still growing in the faith.

Over the years there have been different litmus tests to determine the truly faithful ones—usury and the lending of money for interest, being part of the military, nuclear arms use, the prohibition and use of alcohol, birth control, divorce. Consider the Inquisition, when

heretics were burned at the stake. Being a believer does not mean any of us perfectly lives out the ideal.

God seems more tolerant of us than we are of one another. We vessels who hold the treasure of

faith grow at our own pace, each quite differently. It is God who does the ultimate sorting, willing to gather the wheat from our personal gardens and leave the weeds behind. ●

Reflect

*Are there some believers
you find difficult to
tolerate?*



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Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of July 24, 2023

Monday	7/24			† No Mass
Tuesday	7/25	9:00 am	STM	† Bernard Schwamberger
Wednesday	7/26	5:30 pm	HT	† Norma Templeton
Thursday	7/27	9:00 am	HT	† Daisy Kopek
Friday	7/28	9:00 am	STM	† Geraldine Sondgeroth

Mass Intentions for the weekend of July 29-30, 2023

Saturday	7/29	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† John Balma
Sunday	7/30	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Michael Campbell
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Dorothy Stouffer
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For All Parishioners

Plenary Indulgence for World Day of Grandparents

In commemoration of the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on July 23, the Vatican has announced the offering of a plenary indulgence to Catholics who actively participate in the events organized by Pope Francis or engage in acts of charity towards the elderly. The indulgence is also extended to grandparents, the elderly themselves, and anyone motivated by penance and charity, as stated by the Vatican.

Conditions to obtain a plenary indulgence:

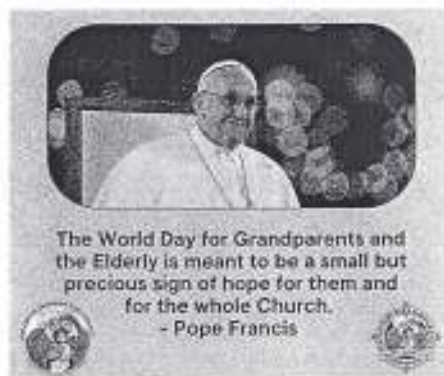
In order to obtain the plenary indulgence, in addition to performing the specific works mentioned above, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

Detachment from all sin, even venial.

Sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope. These three conditions can be fulfilled a few days before or after performing the works to gain the indulgence, but it is appropriate that Communion and the prayer take place on the same day that the work is completed.

A single sacramental confession is sufficient for several plenary indulgences, but frequent sacramental confession is encouraged in order to obtain the grace of deeper conversion and purity of heart.

For each plenary indulgence that is sought, however, a separate holy Communion and a separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required.



Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of Mary

We honor Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, as saints. We celebrate their joint feast day on July 26. We don't know many details about their lives because they are never mentioned in the New Testament. Everything we know about them comes down through tradition, especially the so called "protoevangelium".

Their love for one another and for Mary is an example to us of how God calls us to live. They also remind us to honor our own grandparents and to thank them for the blessings they have passed down to us in love.



Anne is the patron of grandmothers, among many other things, and Joachim of grandfathers and grandparents. (Excerpted from Saintsresource.com)

**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**



- The church office is looking for a volunteer to help with some office/computer duties on Wednesday and Friday mornings. If interested, please contact the office 815-894-2006.
- As all of you know so well by now, everything is getting more expensive (such as groceries, utility bills, insurance, office supplies etc...) inflation has gone through the roof which is very difficult for people to bear, especially the church. Since the church has to cope with all these increases as it tries to pay monthly bills and operating expenses, we now are asking our parishioners, especially those who can, to increase their weekly donation.

LATEST OFFERING'S

JULY 16TH WEEKEND

HT - \$788.00

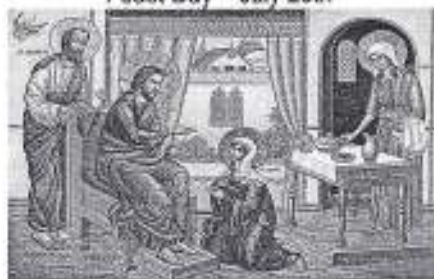
PETER PENCE \$10 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS \$5

SP - \$398.00

STM - \$3,307.00

RETIREMENT \$500 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS \$50

Siblings: Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Feast Day ~ July 29th



CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS
WILL BE SAT. JULY 29TH
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT
ST THOMAS MORE
IN THE HALL

Dear Padre,

Christians teach that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and that they were created by God. How does the Catholic Church reconcile this belief with the theory of evolution?



Chapter 1 of Genesis contains the seven-day account of creation that we usually refer to when we reflect on the beginning of our world. The very next chapter contains a second account. The editors of the Bible were not distraught over the two differing accounts; they left them side by side because they weren't interested in giving either a historical or scientific explanation for the world's origin. Rather, they were emphasizing deeper truths, such as the goodness of the earth as created by a loving and caring God. Scripture tells us that the Creator held human beings as especially precious.

Cannot these same values be maintained if we believe creation (or evolution) took longer than seven twenty-four-hour days? Perhaps God actually spent seventy billion years bringing forth the world's beauty. Details and numbers don't change the message of Genesis: God is good; God created the cosmos, heaven and earth, "all things visible and invisible," as we profess in the Nicene Creed, and all of creation is good. Furthermore, scientific discoveries surrounding space, matter, and all forms of life "invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 283). ●

Fr. Richard A. Boever, CSsR, PhD

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY

July 24
Weekday
Ex 14:5-18
Mt 12:38-42

TUESDAY

July 25
St. James,
Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28

WEDNESDAY

July 26
Sts. Joachim and
Anne, Parents
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15
Mt 13:1-9

THURSDAY

July 27
Weekday
Ex 19:1-2,
9-11, 16-20b
Mt 13:10-17

FRIDAY

July 28
Weekday
Ex 20:1-17
Mt 13:18-23

SATURDAY

July 29
Sts. Martha,
Mary, and
Lazarus
Ex 24:3-8
Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42

SUNDAY

July 30
Seventeenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52 or
Mt 13:44-46



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is not those who are always searching for others' limitations and flaws who cooperate well with God but, rather, those who know how to recognize the good that silently grows in the field of the Church and history, cultivating it until it becomes mature....God, and he alone, will reward the good and punish the wicked.

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 19, 2020