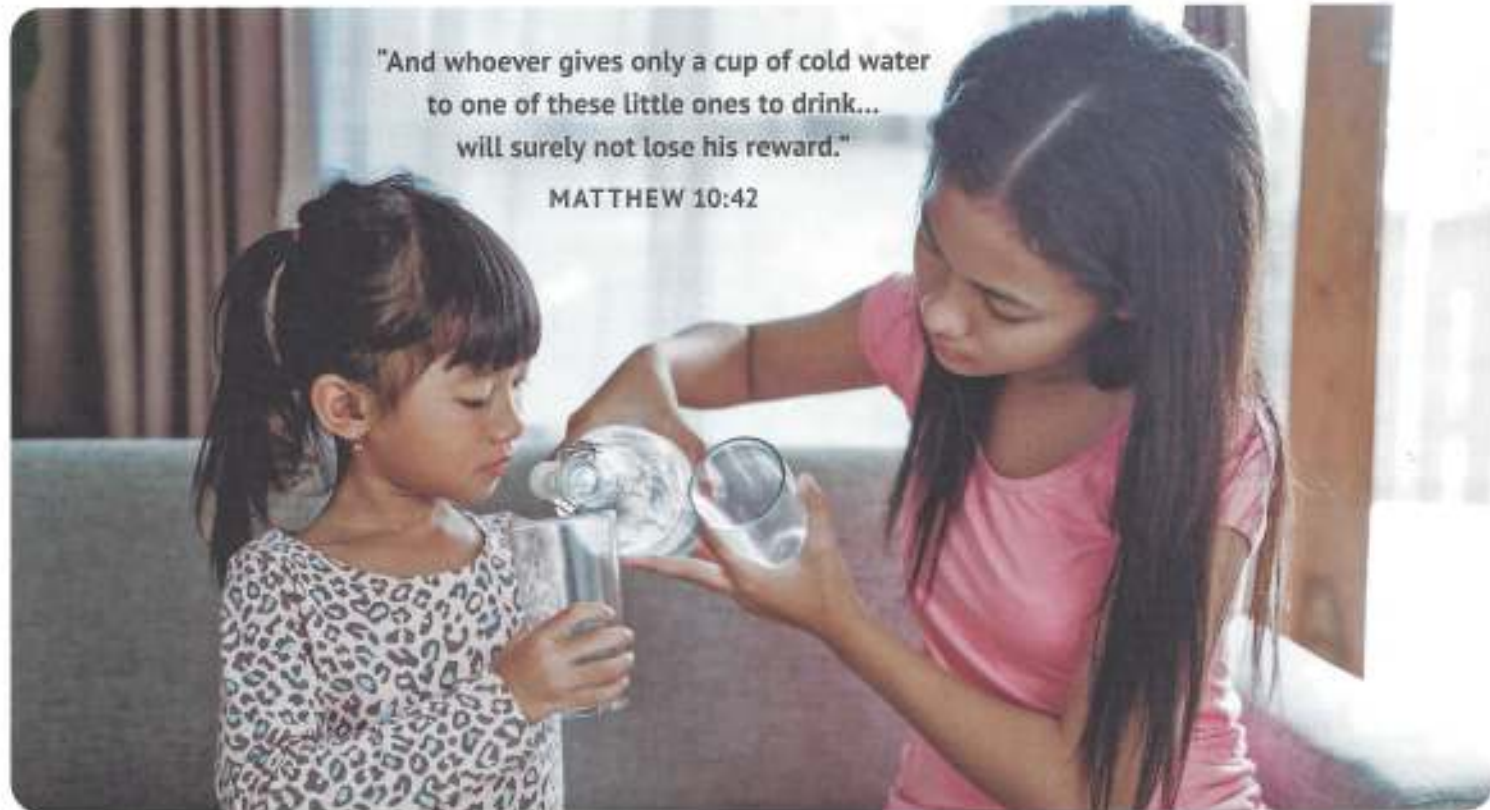




"And whoever gives only a cup of cold water  
to one of these little ones to drink...  
will surely not lose his reward."

MATTHEW 10:42



## The Statue of Hospitality

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**welve score and seven years ago "our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal," as Abraham Lincoln once reminded us. This week we as a nation once again mark that new beginning, we who have inherited its blessings as a gift generously bestowed upon us by those who have gone before us, a gift not deserved but nevertheless ours, a gift we do not own, yet pass on to generations to come, a gift we eagerly share.

Hospitality is something to extend to those who come to our doors; it is also something we can extend to those who come to our shores. It seems worthwhile then, especially this week and amid so many disagreements over

immigration, to revisit the words inscribed at the base of the Statue of Liberty written by the poet Emma Lazarus and inscribed in our psyche as a nation. It serves as a vision of who we are, perhaps as much as does our Constitution.

Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me;  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!

The woman at Shunem offered Elisha the prophet hospitality, and she was blessed. Jesus promised that those who offer the hospitality of a cup of cold water will be blessed. Surely then, any nation that welcomes others in hospitality will be blessed as well. ●

### Reflect

***What role does hospitality play in your spirituality?***



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The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

**Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of July 3, 2023**

Monday	7/3			† No Mass
Tuesday	7/4	9:00 am	STM	† Peter Fiocchi
Wednesday	7/5	5:30 pm	HT	† Alan Hahn
Thursday	7/6	9:00 am	HT	† Jerry Joiner
Friday	7/7	9:00 am	STM	† David Rutgens

**Mass Intentions for the weekend of July 8-9, 2023**

Saturday	7/8	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Phillip Maggio Sr
Sunday	7/9	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Wayne Pinter
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Bill Bonnell
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For All Parishioners



## A Religious Thought on Independence Day

As we get ready for the 4th of July celebration, let us reflect on some of the basic religious principles with help the founding fathers put together the Declaration of Independence.

Our founding fathers believed that religion, virtue, and morality based on the natural law were essential foundations for the success of the American Experiment. In his farewell address, George Washington declared: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness." John Adams wrote: "It is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand. Religion and virtue are the only foundations... of republicanism and of all free governments." As Catholics, we agree with this vision of our founding fathers. Recently, Pope Francis said something very similar in the following words: "When, in the name of an ideology, there is an attempt to remove God from society, it ends up adoring idols, and very soon men and women lose their way, their dignity is trampled and their rights violated."

The Catholic Church is at the forefront today in advocating and fighting for these indispensable supports of our nation and its freedom: for example, in defending the right to life and the truth about marriage. Through this Fortnight for Freedom, we are responding to an aggressive secularism in our society. We are standing up for our faith, to be sure. We are also standing up for the self-evident truths proclaimed by our founding fathers. We stand against the subjectivism and relativism that seeks to sever freedom from its indispensable foundation in truth. We stand up for the freedom not only to worship, but also to live our faith without government coercion to violate the sacred sanctuary of our conscience. Pope Francis says: "Religious freedom is not only that of private thought or worship. It is the liberty to live, both privately and publicly, according to the ethical principles resulting from found truth."

~An excerpt from Bishop Rhoades' homily at Mass on July 4, 2015



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**FULTON SHEEN FAMILY DAY**

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2015

7 AM TO 12 PM

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO, ILL.

- 9:00-10:00 - OPEN HOUSE STYLE ACTIVITIES
- KID FRIENDLY MUSEUM TOURS
- CATHEDRAL SCAVENGER HUNTS
- HANDS ON PROJECTS FOR ALL AGES
- GIVEAWAYS & GOODY BAGS
- 10:30 - HOLY MASS CELEBRATED BY BISHOP LOUIS TYLKA AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

FREE ENTRANCE, ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

COME TALK WHERE FULTON SHEEN NARRATED & PLAY WHERE FULTON SHEEN PRAYED

CONTACT THE SHEEN FOUNDATION AT 1-877-76-SHEEN FOR MORE INFORMATION



Mass intentions are \$10.00.

Anyone homebound or in the nursing home wanting to receive Communion or a visit with Fr. Thaddeus should call the office at 815-894-2006 to schedule a time.

### LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND JUNE 25TH

HT - \$746.00  
SP - \$327.00  
STM - \$785.00



### CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS WILL BE SAT. JULY 8TH  
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT  
ST THOMAS MORE  
IN THE HALL



# Dear Padre,

## How do we serve everyone in a culturally diverse parish?

In the past it was common to have parishes dedicated to different ethnic groups where such populations were concentrated. In 2010, the US bishops found that 33 percent of all US parishes were culturally diverse, and that's perhaps using a narrow understanding of diversity. Then in 2014, they published *Best Practices for Shared Parishes: So That They May All Be One*, in which they outline a nine-movement process for creating an inclusive parish. The term "shared parishes" describes parish communities in which two or more languages or cultural contexts are present in the ministerial life of a parish. The fact that there are nine movements is notable. It means that we slowly move toward inclusiveness; we don't simply present a Mass in Spanish and think the job is done.

This brings to mind a parishioner in a parish I served in the Mississippi Delta. This was indeed a "shared parish," with a large African-American population, a significant Spanish-speaking population, and an elderly population of white Americans who expected a more "traditional" Mass with familiar hymns. Rosemary was an Italian-American whose family had lived in the area since the beginning of the nineteenth century. She served as the parish's director of education. Rosemary made it her practice to attend every Mass to welcome people and make them feel at home. She was the perfect example of the first movement toward serving everyone in a shared parish: hospitality. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9
St. Thomas, Apostle	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eph 2:19-22	Gn 19:15-29	Gn 21:5, 8-20a	Gn 22:1b-19	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29	Zec 9:9-10
Jn 20:24-29	Mt 8:23-27	Mt 8:28-34	Mt 9:1-8	Mt 9:9-13	Mt 9:14-17	Rom 8:9, 11-13
						Mt 11:25-30



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Millions of people came to this land to pursue their dream of building a future in freedom. We, the people of this continent, are not fearful of foreigners, because most of us were once foreigners. I say this to you as the son of immigrants, knowing that so many of you are also descended from immigrants.*

ADDRESS TO US CONGRESS, WASHINGTON, DC, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

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