



## The Dilemma

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he question: How do you know when to keep on trying, resisting, refusing to give up, and when to accept life as it is and surrender to the idea that it will never be perfect or the way you would like it to be? My Answer: I don't know; I have never figured it out.

Obviously, there are issues with which one will always struggle—racism, hunger and poverty, greed, raising children. Then there are those other times, usually during personal challenges, when we realize that the life we are living is the hand we've been dealt and we have to accept, whether it's illness, aging, or something else. But what about those issues that lie in between, those we could change and that deserve to be changed?

One of the blessings of acceptance and surrender can be an inner peace that comes to our lives. When Jesus says, "You will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light" (Matthew 11:29-30), he calls forth from us a willingness to trust in his presence through all that we are dealing with. None of that eliminates pain or struggle, but it can ease the suffering. The difference is that pain tends to be physical and might not be eased, while suffering tends to be psychic and emotional, and may be eased with acceptance.

The question still remains, however, as to what to do with all those times in between, and how to know the difference. That, Jesus says, has been revealed to "the childlike" (see Matthew 11:25). ●

### Reflect

**Have you ever  
experienced the  
peace that comes  
with surrendering?**

Take my yoke upon you and  
learn from me, for I am meek  
and humble of heart; and you  
will find rest for yourselves.

MATTHEW 11:29



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### New Teacher Orientation

An orientation program for teachers new to the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Peoria will be held at the Spalding Pastoral Center from 9:30am to 2:30pm on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. This program will introduce new teachers to the fundamental purposes of Catholic school education and the responsibilities and expectations of a teacher in a Catholic school.

### Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of July 10, 2023

Monday	7/10			† No Mass
Tuesday	7/11	9:00 am	STM	† Liz Olivero
Wednesday	7/12	5:30 pm	HT	† David & Agnes Hunter
Thursday	7/13	9:00 am	HT	† Tom Hewitt
Friday	7/14	9:00 am	STM	† Sharon Riva

### Mass Intentions for the weekend of July 15-16, 2023

Saturday	7/15	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Clydia Marenda
Sunday	7/16	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Bob Lehn
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Howard & Gladys Simkins
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For All Parishioners



## July - Month of the Precious Blood

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pope 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.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection: it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven: it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration: it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."



Devotion to the Precious Blood is not a spiritual option, it is a spiritual obligation, and that not only for priests, but for every follower of Christ. To understand the meaning of the Precious Blood we must get some comprehension of the gravity of sin, of the awfulness of offending God, because it required the Blood of the Son of God to forgive that sin. We are living in an age in which to sin has become fashionable. This veneration of the Precious Blood, which is the first element in our devotion to the Precious Blood means that we have a deep sensitivity to the awfulness of sin. Sin must be terrible. It must be awful. It must be the most dreadful thing in the universe. Why? Because it cost the living God in human form the shedding of His Blood.

*(An excerpt from Catholic Culture)*

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### PERU CATHOLIC SCHOOL GOLF FUNDRAISER

Let's have some fun for a great cause, please join us to support Peru Catholic School!

WHEN: Saturday, August 26, 2023

WHERE: Spring Creek Golf Course

EVENT INCLUDES: Four person scramble (men's, women's, mixed divisions)

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18 holes of golf w/cart, games, lunch, awards, and prizes

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### LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND JULY 2ND

HT -- \$1,152.00

SP -- \$1,286.00

STM -- \$1,465.00



Bishop Lou Tylka will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Peoria on Sept. 10th at 3:30 pm for couples with a 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this year. Please contact Julie to RSVP.

### CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS  
WILL BE SAT. JULY 15TH

10:30 - 11:15 AM AT

ST PATRICK  
IN THE CHAPEL



# Dear Padre,

*In 1961, I became a member of the Catholic Church when I married a Catholic man. I divorced him and left the Church in 2007. Now I am a member of the United Methodist Church. Is it possible for me to rejoin the Catholic Church, and if so, what are the requirements? I miss "the church of my heart," the Catholic Church.*

It certainly is possible for you to come back, and now is the time to do it. Simply return to your local parish and begin attending Mass regularly. Before you receive the Eucharist again, you should make an appointment to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. If you are not quite ready to do that, at least begin with coming to church regularly. When you are ready, introduce yourself to the priest and tell him that you would like to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation because you have been away from the Church for a number of years. The priest might encourage you to come to confession at a regularly scheduled time or perhaps make an appointment so you can spend more time together.

It is not necessary to go to classes or to rejoin the RCIA, but there may be some adult faith formation classes you could participate in. Again, your priest or parish could guide you. That tug you are feeling is nothing less than the Holy Spirit. Welcome Home! ●

**Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / DearPadre.org**

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16
Weekday	St. Benedict,	Weekday	Weekday	St. Kateri	St. Bonaventure,	Fifteenth
Gn 28:10-22a	Abbot	Gn 41:55-57;	Gn 44:18-21,	Tekakwitha,	Bishop and	Sunday in
Mt 9:18-26	Gn 32:23-33	42:5-7a, 17-24a	23b-29; 45:1-5	Virgin	Doctor of the	Ordinary Time
	Mt 9:32-38	Mt 10:1-7	Mt 10:7-15	Gn 46:1-7,	Church	Is 55:10-11
				28-30	Gn 49:29-32;	Rom 8:18-23
				Mt 10:16-23	50:15-26a	Mt 13:1-23 or
					Mt 10:24-33	Mt 13:1-9

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*All of us have something we need to be cleansed of, or purified from. All of us. May the knowledge of this fact inspire us all to live in solidarity, to support one another and seek the best for others....[Jesus] comes to save us from the lie that says no one can change.*

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