



[Moses said,] "If I find favor with you,
Lord, please, Lord, come along in our company."

EXODUS 34:9

God Up There, God Down Here

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Which of these images best describes your God: gardener, friend, policeman, Santa Claus, magician, doctor, lover, parent, judge, the Force?

Theologically, God is both transcendent and immanent, up there and down here. In other words, God is powerful, majestic, awesome, and all-knowing but always close, caring for us, forgiving, and comforting. Most of us lean toward one or the other in our spirituality. Whichever image you choose will tell you something about how you usually relate to God. None of the images are necessarily right or wrong unless it locks us into relating to God in only one way.

Our tendency to relate to God as either transcendent or immanent may influence our preference for liturgical style. If we view God primarily as transcendent, we will tend to appreciate the Mass as a sacrifice, celebrated formally with processions, incense, and majestic music.

If we tend to relate to God as more immanent, we will tend to appreciate the Mass as a eucharistic meal with the community gathered around the altar table singing simpler music. As God is both transcendent and immanent, we should not have to choose. The ideal liturgical style would incorporate something of both transcendence and immanence.

Today's story of Moses, who climbs Mount Sinai and there bows down in worship before God, is a story of the transcendence of God—majestic, powerful, awesome to behold. Today's gospel is of an immanent God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son, not to condemn it but to save it. ☀

Reflect

***Is your personal prayer to God "up there"
or to God "walking with me"?***



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Minimum of 10 ~ Maximum of 30 people



Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of June 5, 2023

Monday	6/5			+ No Mass
Tuesday	6/6	9:00 am	STM	+ Clifford Sondgeroth
Wednesday	6/7	5:30 pm	HT	+ Marion & Catherine Hunter
Thursday	6/8	9:00 am	HT	+ Jack & Theresa McCallum
Friday	6/9	9:00 am	STM	+ Liz Olivero

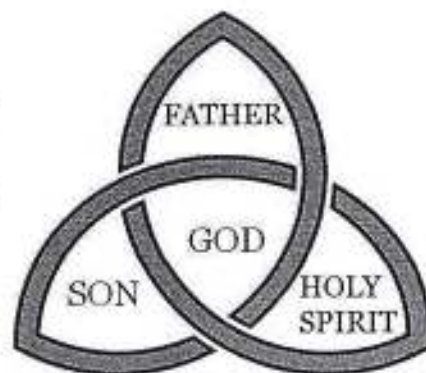
Mass Intentions for the weekend of June 10-11, 2023

Saturday	6/10	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ Dennis & Lori Domkuski
Sunday	6/11	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ Joyce Gillan
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ Dave & Angela Miller
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ For the Parishioners

The Meaning of the Holy Trinity in Christian's Life

This Sunday, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. We are invited to consider what we believe about God. We acknowledge that God reveals himself to us in his relationship with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Each of us who has been baptized shares in the life of the blessed Trinity and also shares in the Church's mission of inviting others to share in God's love. Whenever we make the Sign of the Cross, we are reminding ourselves that we are united with God through our Baptism and share in the life of the Blessed Trinity.



This week as we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, we are called to reflect on the essential message of our faith- Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. It is in this mystery that God gives life to the Christian community and gives us the strength to face another day. As Christians, we claim the cross of Jesus as a mark of our identity. When we make the Sign of the Cross, we name ourselves Christians by saying the name of God, who is three Persons in one—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

JOB OPENING

Nativity of Our Lord in Spring Valley is searching for a new Director of Religious Education.

The job description and application will be posted on their website (nativitysv.org) by the end of the week.

Catholic Charities

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St. Nicholas Charity on Wheels is a ministry of Catholic Charities serving families in need across the Peoria Diocese. To aid this mission, Catholic Women are organizing a diocesan collection of supplies which will be held in the LaSalle Vicariate in June.

All 3 churches will collect supplies. We will have a volunteer bring items to St. Patrick Church in LaSalle on Tuesday, June 13th.

Items needed: *paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, detergent, garbage bags, razors, shampoo and conditioner*

Also needed are *Visa, Wal-Mart and Casey gas gift cards.*

We will need volunteers to take our collections to Suzie Meisner at St. Patrick in LaSalle on June 13th at 3:30 pm.

LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND MAY 28TH

HT – \$768.00

SP – \$501.00

STM – \$828.00



CONFESSIONS

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

Dear Padre,

Two relatives of mine died from a disease for which they never sought treatment. Both said, "God will heal me if that is his will." Wouldn't God have wanted them to see a doctor?

It is safe to say that God would have them see a doctor. Does doing so compromise our faith in God? No. Throughout all of salvation history, God has relied on human beings to be his instruments, his messengers. While we believe in God, who can and has acted miraculously throughout history, these moments are exceptions, not the rule. Ordinarily, God's work is done by human hands. The spread of the gospel itself has come about through people who have responded to God in faith.

Part of this gospel story is the healing ministry of Jesus. Christianity has from the beginning taken up Jesus' ministry of healing and attempted to restore health to the sick, not only through prayer and the sacraments but also through institutions that care for the sick and the dying. Even as we recognize that our primary relationship is with God, we must also see that caring for our lives and our health, gifts from that same God, is a responsible way to receive and be good stewards of these gifts.

Think of the training, knowledge, and experience that doctors, nurses, and all other health-care practitioners have spent years attaining. Is not their work a miracle of God's love when it brings healing, restoration, and renewal? ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 5 <i>St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i> Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8 Mk 12:1-12	June 6 <i>Weekday</i> Tb 2:9-14 Mk 12:13-17	June 7 <i>Weekday</i> Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a Mk 12:18-27	June 8 <i>Weekday</i> Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a Mk 12:28-34	June 9 <i>Weekday</i> Tb 11:5-17 Mk 12:35-37	June 10 <i>Weekday</i> Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 Mk 12:38-44	June 11 <i>Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i> Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today we can ask ourselves...do I, who profess faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, truly believe that I need others in order to live, that I need to give myself to others, that I need to serve others? Do I affirm this in words or do I affirm it with my life?

ANGELUS, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, JUNE 12, 2022

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