



[Jesus said], "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me."

JOHN 14:1



## Where the Heart Is

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**S**ome would say that the purpose of life is to save one's soul. And certainly we should try, with the grace of God, to live our lives in such a way that we avoid evil and do good in order to do our part in building God's kingdom on earth. At the same time, we must remember that it is God who saves us. We don't save ourselves. Eternal life and happiness are byproducts of loving others. If the focus of one's life is to be happy, one never achieves it. If one seeks to serve others, however, happiness seems to find us. So also eternal life.

Robert Frost's "The Death of a Hired Man" is a poem about Silas, an aging drifter farmhand, and Warren and Mary, a farming couple who give Silas a room whenever he comes around.

Silas comes when he is needed the least and leaves when his presence would be most helpful, all of which frustrates Warren. In the poem Silas has returned, and Mary thinks it will be his last time, that he is dying. She says to Warren that theirs is the only home Silas has. Warren simply shakes his head as if to gently mock the idea of home: "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, / They have to take you in." Mary says it differently, "I should have called it / Something you somehow haven't to deserve."

Is that not also the promise of Jesus? "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:2). Something we somehow haven't to deserve. ●

### Reflect

**Where do you feel truly  
at home—and is Jesus  
invited?**





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Our CCD year has now come to an end for all grades. We would like to thank all students and parents who have faithfully attended classes. We wish our students a fun filled and safe summer vacation.

We would also like to wholeheartedly thank all of our CCD teachers and helpers who have so generously donated their time to help catechize our children.

**Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of May 8, 2023**

Monday	5/8			+ No Mass
Tuesday	5/9	9:00 am	STM	+ John & Mary Micheli
Wednesday	5/10	5:30 pm	HT	+ Alan Hahn
Thursday	5/11	9:00 am	HT	+ Helen & Floyd Williams
Friday	5/12	9:00 am	STM	+ Geraldine Sondgeroth

**Mass Intentions for the weekend of May 13-14, 2023**

Saturday	5/13	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ Lyla Maggio
Sunday	5/14	8:30 am	Holy Trinity (Mother's Day)	+ Norma Templeton
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ Marjorie Galloway
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ For the Parishioners

## Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday, May 13th is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. She appeared six times to Lucia, 9, and her cousins Francisco, 8, and his sister Jacinta, 6, between May 13, 1917, and October 13, 1917.

The messages Our Lady imparted during the apparitions to the children concerned the violent trials that would afflict the world by means of war, starvation, and the persecution of the Church and the Holy Father in the twentieth century if the world did not make reparation for sins. She exhorted the Church to pray and offer sacrifices to God in order that peace may come upon the world and that the trials may be averted.

What is the central meaning of the message of Fatima? Nothing different from what the Church has always taught: it is, as Cardinal Ratzinger, the late Pope Benedict the XVI, had said, "the exhortation to prayer as the path of 'salvation for souls' and, likewise, the summons to penance and conversion."

As we continue to honor Our Blessed Mother during the month of May, let us all earnestly try to practice all the requests given by Our Lady of Fatima: make reparation for sin; recite the rosary daily; and devotion to her Immaculate Heart. Please don't forget to pray for peace in the world, particularly in Ukraine.



## Online Mass Viewing

We'd like to pass along some helpful information to members who watch mass online. There have been times when the stream spot has experienced some glitches which cause the screen to go black or freeze. In the event this happens, you will need to refresh your screen by going back to the home page and click on the "watch the mass" button. This will hopefully help to watch the mass live. Remember you can always go to the archives to watch mass at a later time.



## Cemetery Upkeep

Please watch your mail for SP & HT annual Cemetery Appeal letters.

This has been an ongoing yearly appeal for St. Patrick Calvary Cemetery and will be the first appeal for Holy Trinity Cemetery. Any donation will be greatly appreciated to put towards the upkeep of our cemeteries.

Call the church office with any questions.

## LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND APR 30TH

HT – \$746.00

SP – \$708.00

STM – \$770.00



## CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS  
WILL BE SAT. MAY 13TH  
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT  
ST THOMAS MORE  
IN THE HALL



# Dear Padre,

***I know a Catholic couple who wanted to celebrate their sacrament of matrimony at a Mass in a forest, but the bishop didn't allow it. Why not marry in God's creation?***

A marriage between Catholics or between a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic is usually celebrated in a parish church. It can be celebrated in another church or oratory with the bishop or pastor's permission. A marriage between a Catholic and an unbaptized person can be celebrated in a church or another suitable place, although a Catholic church remains the preferred place for the celebration.

Why is the parish church the preferred site for the celebration? For Catholics, matrimony is a sacrament—one of the seven sacred signs through which God communicates love to us. When Catholics ask God to bind their union as a sacrament, the couple's love for each other is a sign of God's love for both, and their union is also a continuous sign of Christ's love for the Church. Thus, the church as a "house of God," which contains the presence of Christ, is revered as the most sacred place to make this most sacred commitment. Marriage, according to Pope Francis in a 2015 General Audience, "is not merely a ceremony in a church, with flowers, a dress, photographs....Christian marriage is a sacrament that takes place in the Church, and which also makes the Church, by giving rise to a new family community....[Saint] Paul says that the love between spouses is an image of the love between Christ and his Church. An unimaginable dignity!" ●

**Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org**

## **Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Weekday	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 14:5-18	Acts 14:19-28	Acts 15:1-6	Acts 15:17-21	Acts 15:22-31	Acts 16:1-10	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Jn 14:21-26	Jn 14:27-31a	Jn 15:1-8	Jn 15:9-11	Jn 15:12-17	Jn 15:18-21	1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21



## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***[Jesus] knows that, in life, the worst anxiety, anguish, arises from the sensation of not being able to cope, of feeling alone and without points of reference when faced with events. We cannot overcome this anguish alone...and this is why Jesus asks us to have faith in him, that is, to lean not on ourselves but on him.***

**REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 10, 2020**

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