



"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

MATTHEW 25:40



## Pay Attention to Your Instincts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**n vite Marty into your home and the first thing he'll ask is whether or not you have any cats. Marty is allergic to cats, big time, even if they have been quarantined to another room. His eyes turn red. He sneezes. He begins to cough and wheeze like an old-time Model T. Cats are his nemesis. It is ironic that Marty has befriended a stray cat from his neighborhood. Though he never pets the kitty or allows him into his home, each day he feeds him and puts milk out for him on the deck outside his living room. And if the cat fails to come around, he worries about him.

There is something instinctive in us that moves us to care for the underdog, even if it's a cat. The Sunday Gospel this week suggests that the innate desire to care for the weakest among us is a Godly instinct. It's where we meet God, and we need to pay attention to it simply because it's how we come to a sense of God in our lives.

We all search for meaning, looking for it every day in the hidden corners of our lives and in the open daytimes of our busyness. Sometimes we find it, and sometimes we limp back home at the end of the day. More often than not it's when our day has been brushed with the color of caring for someone else that we feel good about that day. It's a Godly instinct that's not to be ignored. ●

### Reflect

***Has your instinct to care for the underdog ever not made sense to others?***



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**Sausage Fundraiser - Sat, Dec 2nd**  
Ann Hunter 815-638-2691  
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9:45 am - 11:00 am at Cherry Church Hall  
Sunday, November 26th - No Class  
Sunday, December 3rd - K thru 4th grade & Confirmation class  
Sunday, December 3rd Children's Mass - 5th Grade Students

**Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of November 27, 2023**

Monday	11/27			† No Mass
Tuesday	11/28	9:00 am	STM	† No Mass
Wednesday	11/29	5:30 pm	HT	† No Mass
Thursday	11/30	9:00 am	HT	† Special Intention
Friday	12/1	9:00 am	STM	† Ursula Morrison

**Mass Intentions for the weekend of December 2-3, 2023**

Saturday	12/2	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Michael Bacidore
Sunday	12/3	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Rita Hoscheid
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Laurence Fonderoli
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For The Parishioners



# Jesus, The True King of Our Heart

Today is the celebration of the solemnity of Christ, King of the universe. This gospel is a reminder for us all that our lives are not random. We are not aimlessly walking but Jesus is guiding us as our king. However, his kingdom is not an earthly one, as indicated in his reply to the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, when he was asked "Are you a king?"

The readings reveal that the fullness of Jesus' kingdom will be revealed only at the end of time. Yet, Jesus acknowledges that his kingdom is present now: "You say I am a king. For this, I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Jesus longs for his voice to be heard. And the voice of Jesus does resound universally throughout the world inscribed forever in the inspired words of the New Testament and passed on throughout the ages by the proclamation of the Church.

But even more wonderfully, the "voice of Jesus" resounds personally within the hearts of believers. Through the sending of the Holy Spirit, we become temples of the Spirit -- born again through water and the Spirit. Now the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd arises also in our own hearts, "Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out" (Jn 10:2-3).

The One True King is Jesus Christ. Hence, knowing that there are still so many parts of our own life that we haven't yet allowed Jesus to be the King of, today each of us is encouraged to examine our heart, to find the places where we try to be, where we have tried to be the king of our own heart or allowed the idols of this world to become that for us. And then, take his hand and allow Him to lead us to fullness. *(Excerpted from ignityouth.com)*



## Continuing Prayers For the Souls in Purgatory

As the month of November is coming to an end, it should not mean that we stop our prayers and forget about the Poor Souls in purgatory. The souls depend on our continued prayer in any way we can. Some suggestions are to pray an extra rosary, do some kind of sacrifice or the best way to help them is to have a mass offered. Christians believe that the Holy Souls for whom they pray will continue to pray for them after they have been released from Purgatory.

## Christmas Flower Reminder

We are still taking Christmas flower donations. Please donate \$25 for each of the deceased family members that you would like to donate Christmas flowers in remembrance of. Names will be listed in the bulletin. If you would like to donate to the flower fund, any amount will be greatly appreciated. Flower envelopes are available in back of the churches.

## Area Church Events

\*Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at Nativity of Our Lord Parish Hall in Spring Valley - 8:00am until sold out

\*St. Joseph, Peru Christmas Cookie Sale in the church hall on Saturday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30am until sold out - \$10/lb

## Seminarian Education Collection

The Diocese of Peoria has chosen to focus attention on this Thanksgiving holiday to thank God for our seminarians and to thank God for all who provide for them. The Bishop asks for you to prayerfully consider making a financial donation towards priestly vocations at Mass on Sunday, December 3, 2023. Your gift will directly contribute to the education of our seminarians. Your generous support is much needed and greatly appreciated.

Please make your check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria Office of Priestly Vocations.

## LATEST OFFERING'S

NOV 19TH WEEKEND

HT - \$840.00

HUMAN DEVELOP \$10

SP - \$538.00

HUMAN DEVELOP \$60 FLOWERS \$25

STM - \$996.00

HUMAN DEVELOP \$25 FLOWERS \$95

## *Prayer Requests*

Please keep in your prayers Dr. Richard Pommier who is a patient at St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford, IL. They anticipate his release in a few days after a surgical procedure.

## CONFESSIONS

CONFESSIONS WILL BE  
SAT. DEC 2ND  
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT  
ST PATRICK  
IN THE CHAPEL



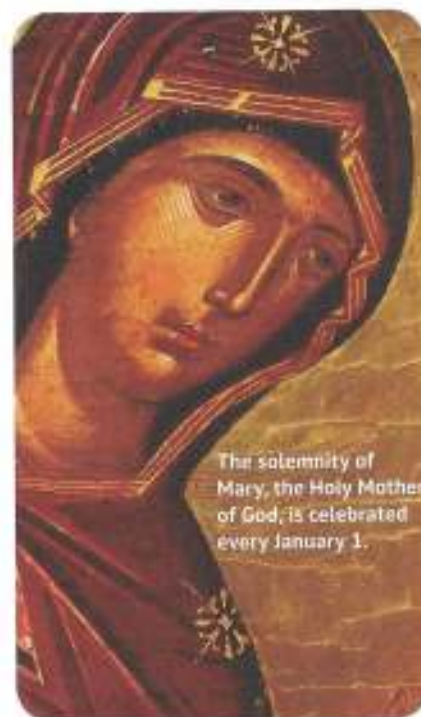
# Dear Padre,

**In the liturgy, how do a solemnity, a feast day, and a memorial differ?**

Celebrations in the Church calendar are named according to their rank or importance. Solemnity is the highest rank. The next rank is feast, celebrating an event in the life of Christ, Mary, the apostles, martyrs, and a few other important saints.

Solemnities are usually celebrated by the whole Church, but celebrations may be made solemnities for local churches. For instance, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a solemnity in Mexico and a feast in the United States.

A memorial commemorates the day a saint died. An obligatory memorial is celebrated by every church in a diocese or country. The memorial of Redemptorist St. John Neumann, for example, is obligatory in the United States because of his historical contribution to the American Church as the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. It's also obligatory in Redemptorist churches around the world.



The solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is celebrated every January 1.

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Optional memorials are saints' days an individual priest can celebrate Monday through Saturday if he chooses. For example, Jesuit St. Robert Bellarmine's memorial is obligatory in Jesuit churches or in churches named for him, but it's optional everywhere else.

During Ordinary Time, solemnities that fall on Sunday are celebrated, but feasts and memorials that fall on Sunday are not. During Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, some solemnities that fall on Sunday are transferred to a weekday because of the importance of these seasons. ●

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 27 Weekday Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4	November 28 Weekday Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11	November 29 Weekday Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19	November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22	December 1 Weekday Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33	December 2 Weekday Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36	December 3 First Sunday of Advent Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**[Jesus] tells us that the good we do to one of our least brothers and sisters—whether hungry or thirsty, a stranger, in need, sick, or in prison—we do to him (see Matthew 25:37-40). In this way, the Lord gives us his “gift list” for the eternal wedding feast he will share with us in heaven.**

**HOMILY, ST. PETER'S BASILICA, NOVEMBER 22, 2020**