



When [the Pharisees] heard
this they were amazed, and
leaving him they went away.

MATTHEW 22:22

Night Goggles

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It was a gathering of longtime friends. The conversation drifted from the shore of one topic to another like leaves bouncing down a river. Eventually the talk bumped up against politics. Because we tended to think alike, it turned to smashing and bashing the opposition—all until someone asked, “Can you name the wisdom in the others?” “There isn’t any,” came someone’s swift reply. “But surely there is,” the questioner persisted. “No one has all the wisdom, and everyone has some of the wisdom.” What followed was dumbfounded silence. Truth can do that.

We live in a time when the wisdom on the street, over our backyard fence, and at the coffee pot at work all tend to skew “You’re only OK if you think the way I do.” It’s a

hard-core bias that surrounds not only politics but also raising children, what constitutes a clean house, and the best way to boil spaghetti. Nothing remains untouched.

When Jesus was challenged about whether or not to pay taxes to Caesar, his response was, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God” (Matthew 22:21b). In other words, it’s OK to pay taxes to Caesar because even Caesar belongs to God. Everything and everyone does. God’s wisdom finds a home everywhere.

Having faith is a bit like wearing night goggles. We begin to see what no one else sees, even though it may be a bit blurry, and what we see is the hand of God at work everywhere, even in the opposition. ●

Reflect

Are you able to find truth in an opinion with which you disagree?



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9:45 am - 11:00 am at Cherry Church Hall

Sunday, October 22nd - K thru 4th grade & Confirmation class

Sunday, October 29th - 5th thru 8th grade



We are still looking for **volunteers** to be either a **teacher or helper**.
If interested please call Michelle Bickett 815-751-2656 or email
holytrinitycherry@gmail.com or contact the church office.

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of October 23, 2023

Monday	10/23			† No Mass
Tuesday	10/24	9:00 am	STM	† No Mass - Fr. Vacation
Wednesday	10/25	5:30 pm	HT	† No Mass - Fr. Vacation
Thursday	10/26	9:00 am	HT	† No Mass - Fr. Vacation
Friday	10/27	9:00 am	STM	† No Mass - Fr. Vacation

Mass Intentions for the weekend of October 28-29, 2023

Saturday	10/28	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Robert Pillion
Sunday	10/29	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Rita Hoscheid
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† William Bonnell
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For The Parishioners

Our Lady's Promises to Those Who Recite the Rosary Regularly

As we reach the middle of October, the month dedicated to the holy rosary, it would be beneficial if we remember all the promises that the Blessed Virgin Mary made to those who recite the rosary regularly. In these 15 promises Our Lady has said:

1. To all those who shall pray my Rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and great graces.
2. Those who shall persevere in the recitation of my Rosary will receive some special grace.
3. The Rosary will be a very powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin and dispel heresy.
4. The Rosary will make virtue and good works flourish, and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies. It will draw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. Those who trust themselves to me through the Rosary will not perish.
6. Whoever recites my Rosary devoutly reflecting on the mysteries, shall never be overwhelmed by misfortune. He will not experience the anger of God nor will he perish by an unprovided death. The sinner will be converted; the just will persevere in grace and merit eternal life.
7. Those truly devoted to my Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite my Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces and will share in the merits of the blessed.
9. I will deliver promptly from purgatory souls devoted to my Rosary.
10. True children of my Rosary will enjoy great glory in heaven.
11. What you shall ask through my Rosary shall obtain.
12. To those who propagate my Rosary I promise aid in all their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Son that all the members of the Rosary Confraternity shall have as their intercessors, in life and in death, the entire celestial court.
14. Those who recite my Rosary faithfully are my beloved children, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my Rosary is a special sign of predestination. *(Excerpted from ncregister.com)*



Weekly Announcements

Children's Mass

November 5th our K-1 CCD class will be helping with the 8:30 am Mass at HT church.

Visiting Priest

Our celebrant for the weekend Masses is Fr. Adrian Ichaka, a priest from the Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara, Tanzania. Fr. Adrian is now studying at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. In May, he received a Bachelor of Finance Degree at the university and is continuing studies this fall in the Master of Business Administration program. We'd like to thank Fr. Adrian for being with us this weekend.

Remembrance Candles for All Souls Day

All Souls Day is just around the corner. As in the previous years, we are going to have candles available for you to purchase in remembrance of loved ones. Candles will be \$5.00 each.

HT & SP Cemetery Cleanup

Please be reminded that the Fall cemetery cleanup is ongoing. Remove any decorations that you don't want to be discarded.

LATEST OFFERING'S

OCT 15TH WEEKEND

HT — \$1,374.00
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT \$5
SP — \$ 642.50
STM — \$1,275.00
WORLD MISSION \$5

CONFESSIONS

NEXT CONFESSIONS WILL
BE SAT. OCT 28TH
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT
ST THOMAS MORE
IN THE HALL



Dear Padre,

Is it a sin to break the law? It is illegal to use fireworks in my city, but every year I do it anyway. Should I mention this in confession?

Strictly speaking, to break a government law does not automatically constitute the definition of sin, so it needn't be mentioned in the sacrament of penance. By definition, sin damages (or, with grave sin, destroys) communion with God and the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1472). Some actions may not be objectively destructive to our relationship with God and Church—and therefore are not sinful—but they may affect others. Church members are part of society, which depends on its citizens to abide by the laws. Saint Paul encouraged everyone to obey the authorities, for all authority that exists is established by God (see Romans 13:1–7).

Not all sins are equally offensive to God; similarly, not all civil laws are equal in their gravity. To knowingly travel a few miles over the posted speed limit isn't the same as intentionally starting a fire in a posted area of a forest. The danger is in thinking one's actions are without consequence. Sensible civil laws are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens, and many municipalities outlaw fireworks because of the hazards they pose.

When any civil law is broken for mere self-indulgence or when breaking the law places others at risk, the act has the potential of constituting the definition of sin. In that case, it would rightfully warrant sacramental reconciliation. ●

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
October 23	October 24	October 25	October 26	October 27	October 28	October 29
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rom 4:20–25	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17–19, 20b–21	Rom 6:12–18	Rom 6:19–23	Rom 7:18–25a	Eph 2:19–22	Ex 22:20–26
Lk 12:13–21	Lk 12:35–38	Lk 12:39–48	Lk 12:49–53	Lk 12:54–59	Lk 6:12–16	1 Thes 1:5c–10
						Mt 22:34–40



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] acknowledges that the tribute to Caesar must be paid—for all of us, too, taxes must be paid—because the image on the coin is his; but above all he recalls that each person carries within him another image, that of God, and therefore it is to him alone that each person owes his own existence, his own life.

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