



But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

LUKE 6:27-28

A New World Order

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The American experiment of 1776 ushered in the dawn of a new world order, one that would redefine how nations functioned and interacted. The computer age brought about an upheaval in how we interact with one another personally—a new world order in human communication. Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians about how Adam was the first being who ushered in human life, and how Jesus was the new Adam, who ushered in a new life-giving spirit. Jesus initiated a new world order, one that redefined what it meant to be human and contained a new spiritual dimension. “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...give to everyone who asks of you...do to others as you would have them do to you.... Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:27-36).

The fact that there are many who think this is not a practical or useful way to live—to say nothing of whether it is desirable or even possible—does not negate its power to transform human relationships as well as our very own spirits. None of us do it as well as we might hope, which only attests to the fact that we live with a foot in each of two worlds—the earthly one and the heavenly one. Empowered by God’s Spirit, we are still growing into the people God created us to be. ●

Reflect

Is there someone you are struggling to forgive? What is stopping you?



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Church Office Info

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Confession Info

Confessions: Saturday morning, alternating between STM & HT 10:30 am-11:15 am

Upcoming/Ongoing Church Events

Fundraiser: STM Rav/Tort | call 815-252-2215 (leave name/phone number/order) | \$9.00/bag

CCD Classes



Sunday, February 23rd - K thru 5th Grade at HT Church

Sunday, March 2nd - 6th & 7th Grade

Children's Mass

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of February 23, 2025

Monday	2/24			† No Mass
Tuesday	2/25	9:00 am	STM	† For the Purgatory Souls
Wednesday	2/26	5:30 pm	HT	† Daisy Kopek
Thursday	2/27	9:00 am	HT	† Dennis McCoy
Friday	2/28	9:00 am	STM	† Mary Nave & Mary L. Baker

Mass Intentions for the weekend of March 2 - 3, 2025

Saturday	3/1	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Norma Templeton
Sunday	3/2	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† For the Parishioners

Reflecting On The Upcoming Lenten Season

(The Lenten season starts on Ash Wednesday, March 5)

People often don't look forward to Lent. Childhood memories of giving up candy or sitting through weekly Stations of the Cross come immediately to mind. Words like "sacrifice," "discipline," and "self-denial" are often used in ways that suggest that Lent is something to be endured rather than a time of grace and spiritual growth.

Have you ever thought of Lent as a yearly second chance? Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over, to "return to God with our whole heart."

We're highlighting Lenten practices and memories of people who have shared their stories with us. Their experiences range from pious and traditional to creative and out-of-the-ordinary, but all of them represent attempts to make the season of Lent a meaningful time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for themselves, their loved ones, and their communities. Invite family members to share their thoughts, hopes, and desires for Lent. Decide to support one another in whatever you choose to do. As you journey through this annual second chance, remember that each step brings you closer to the welcoming arms of our loving God. *(excerpted from "loyolapress.com")*

Church Announcements

Pro-Life March - Join us for the Illinois Pro-Life March on Tuesday, March 25 at the Lincoln Statue in front of the Illinois Capitol Building at 401 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL 62701. For more information, please visit www.illinoisprolifemarch.com

TEC - Teens Encounter Christ

For more information please visit peterstowntec.com or by contacting Jim Hoscheid 815-228-2525

Next event: TEC #230 (Boys) March 1-3, 2025

STM - The Rau/Tort Fundraiser will be ending for the year at the end of March or beginning of April. Please place your order by March 15th

Second Reminder for Church Office Changes

Please take note all church related questions should be directed to Melissa Pasillas, our new parish secretary, by calling 815-894-2006 or email melissahtc@outlook.com. Until Melissa gets to know all of you, keep in mind to leave your full name and specify church location especially requests for Mass intentions. After office hours please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Latest Offering's:

- February 16th Weekend

STM - \$2,517.00

HT - \$ 622.00

SP - \$ 165.00



Confessions:

Sat. March 1st

10:30 am - 11:15 am

St. Thomas More

in the hall

Dear Padre,

My ex broke up with me. I find myself hoping he gets subjected to the same emotional pain as I have. I hate feeling this way, so how do I ask God to take away this pain and help me forgive my ex?

What you are sharing is your hurt and confusion. Although your boyfriend was ready to end the relationship, you were not. It seems you are still not ready to move on. That is OK. Everyone has his or her own manner of dealing with disappointment, and there is no perfect timeframe.

More than your boyfriend's suffering, you desire freedom for yourself and a return to a healthy sense of your own personhood. You perceive him as happy and perhaps wonder how that's possible while you are still struggling. This is all very normal, and it's part of the process we all experience when an important relationship changes.



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You will work through this. You will love again. You will no longer be triggered by strong feelings when you encounter him in the future. But you are going to have to do the hard work of growing, maturing, and learning to let go. Begin by praying for his well-being. And if you can't do that, ask God for the grace to want to pray for his well-being. Certainly, the Lord will help you, but he won't magically take away your pain. There are no shortcuts. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1	March 2
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	<i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sir 1:1-10 Mk 9:14-29	Sir 2:1-11 Mk 9:30-37	Sir 4:11-19 Mk 9:38-40	Sir 5:1-8 Mk 9:41-50	Sir 6:5-17 Mk 10:1-12	Sir 17:1-15 Mk 10:13-16	Sir 27:4-7 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Turning the other cheek is not the withdrawal of the loser, but the action of one who has a greater inner strength. [It] means defeating evil with goodness, which opens up a breach in the heart of the enemy, unmasking the absurdity of his hatred. And this attitude...is dictated not by calculation or by hatred, but by love.

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