



About Being Sent

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A cousin died recently. After the burial, I walked among the gravesites remembering many of those I had once known who were now buried nearby. I came across a tombstone engraved with the epitaph: "In all of life God brings us to where we should be." I noted the statement was not about where we *want* to be or where we think we *need* to be, but about where we *should* be. I agree. Even though we may find ourselves grumbling about how it is that we ended up where we are in life, the gospel suggests that God has sent us to that place.

We may think to ourselves: *this is not the life I chose; this is not the marriage I thought it would be; this is not what I thought raising a family would look like; this is not what retirement is supposed to be.* We may think that little of life is what we chose it to be. Yet somehow, God brings us to where we are, as if we've been sent as the Twelve were sent to overcome evil and bring about healing, even though no one ever asked if it was what we wanted. Wherever we are, it is there that we have been chosen to become holy. The Letter to the Ephesians tells us that God chose us, even before the world began to unfold, chose us to be holy, to be the presence of God in all that comes our way. ●

Reflect

How is God calling you to be holy where you are today?



[The Twelve] drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

MARK 6:13



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Mass intentions are \$10.00

Anyone homebound or in the nursing home wanting to receive Communion or a visit with Fr. Thaddeus should call the office at 815-894-2006 to schedule a time.

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of July 15, 2024

Monday	7/15			+ No Mass
Tuesday	7/16	9:00 am	STM	+ Geraldine Sondgeroth
Wednesday	7/17	5:30 pm	HT	+ Richard Mariani
Thursday	7/18	9:00 am	HT	+ Bob Lehn
Friday	7/19	9:00 am	STM	+ John Balma

Mass Intentions for the weekend of July 20 - 21, 2024

Saturday	7/20	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ For the Parishioners
Sunday	7/21	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ Connie Lauer
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ Skeffington/Cassidy Family

Can You Take A Vacation From God?

The Sunday obligation is one of the Precepts of the Church, duties that the Catholic Church requires of all the faithful. These aren't mere guidelines, but rather a list of things that the Church teaches is necessary for Christians to do in order to advance in the Christian life. For that reason, they are binding under pain of mortal sin, so it's important not to disregard them for anything less than serious reasons.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that the first precept is "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor." You'll notice that the statement isn't qualified: it does not say, "When you are at home" or "When you're no more than X miles away from your home parish." Our obligation is binding on every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, no matter where we are.

Reasonable Exceptions

That said, we may find ourselves in circumstances in which we are unable to fulfill our Sunday obligation, and the reader has suggested one. Of course, if we find ourselves on Sunday morning in a town with which we're unfamiliar, we should do our best to locate a Catholic church and to attend Mass. But if, through no fault of our own, we discover that there is no church, or that we're unable to attend Mass at the scheduled time (for a good reason, and not, say, simply because we want to go swimming), then we haven't deliberately violated this precept of the Church.

If you have any doubts, of course, you should discuss the situation with a priest. Since we should not receive Holy Communion if we have committed a mortal sin, you could mention the circumstances to your priest in Confession, and he can advise you on whether you acted appropriately, and give you absolution if necessary.



Cemetery Appeal Update

For the last several weeks, we have been receiving donations for the 2 churches cemetery appeals. As of this week we have collected for SP \$6,440.00 and for HT \$4,675.00. We'd like to express our appreciation to the donors for their generosity. For those of you who would like to donate, there is still time.

Volunteers Needed

We are so thankful for our parishioners who participate in one or more of our Liturgical Ministries. However, we have numerous opportunities to become part of our Liturgical Ministries as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Money Counters. We are asking you to volunteer your time and energy to this most worthy cause. Please consider this opportunity and contact Julie if you are interested. If you want to volunteer but are a little nervous because you are not sure how, don't worry we will have you up to speed in no time!

LATEST OFFERING'S

JULY 7TH WEEKEND

HT - \$1,085.00

\$30 PETER PENCE

SP - \$ 372.00

STM - \$ 682.00

\$60 MISSION COLLECTION



CONFESSIONS

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SAT. JULY 20TH

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM AT

ST. THOMAS MORE

IN THE HALL

Dear Padre,

Does praying to the saints really do any good?

Prayer can connect us, however mysteriously, to those who have gone before us in faith. If prayer can change people, opening them to God's grace and healing, then surely the saints and our deceased loved ones can facilitate similar healing from their communion at God's right hand. Such prayer also calls us, however subtly, to the central mystery that we also shall one day die and be a part of that communion. Thus, even as we seek the intercession of the saints for our earthly cares, such prayer reminds us that the fire of our own lives is being consumed daily, and that each of us will inevitably receive a call to death when it becomes God's will.

When Sr. Thea Bowman (1937–1990)—brilliant, creative, beautiful, and passionately alive—was diagnosed with cancer, she wondered how to pray. “I didn't know if I should pray for healing or death. Then, I found peace in praying for what my folks call ‘God's perfect will.’ As it evolved, my prayer became ‘Lord, let me live until I die.’ By that I mean I want to live, love, and serve fully until death comes. If that prayer is answered, I am able to truly live until I die. How long really doesn't matter.” ●



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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
July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21
<i>St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Is 1:10–17 Mt 10:34–11:1	Is 7:1–9 Mt 11:20–24	Is 10:5–7, 13b–16 Mt 11:25–27	Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19 Mt 11:28–30	Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8 Mt 12:1–8	Mi 2:1–5 Mt 12:14–21	Jer 23:1–6 Eph 2:13–18 Mk 6:30–34



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus...makes [the disciples] see that the Christian journey is simply about changing hearts. One's own heart first all.... It is about learning to live differently, under a different law, with different rules. It is about turning from the path of selfishness, conflict, division, and superiority, and taking instead the path of life, generosity and love.

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