

[Jesus said to the disciples,]
"Come away by yourselves to a
deserted place and rest a while."

MARK 6:31

Dancing in the Dark

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In 1931, Arthur Schwartz and Howard Dietz collaborated to write the song "Dancing in the Dark." It's said that the lyrics are primarily about how we feel our way through life, not sure where life is leading us and wondering why we're here. There are many who feel they are "dancing in the dark."

The Scriptures this week promise that God will shepherd us through difficult times, particularly when we feel lost amid uncertain choices we must make. Consequently, we are tempted to look for signs about what to do—paying attention to billboards, hoping a tune on the radio will give an answer, opening the Bible at random and pointing to a verse, multiplying prayers in hope of a sudden revelation.

The reality is that God does speak to us, but usually in the silence, in the quiet moments of a busy day.

At times, it may be when we begin to second-guess ourselves and realize we are becoming the sort of person we do not want to become. God's voice may be camouflaged in our emotions, helping us recognize how our fears may be calling us to trust in him, or in our anxieties that move us to face the futility of a relationship. He might be calling us through friends who offer advice contrary to what we think, yet persistently insisting we face what we do not wish to see. It is in the silence that we begin to move from dancing in the dark to marching in sync with a divine rhythm. ●

Reflect

Have you ever emerged from a dark time feeling more in touch with God and God's will for you?



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Part-Time Church Secretary

**JOB
OPENING**

The parishes of Holy Trinity, St. Patrick & St. Thomas More are looking for a secretary to assist in the operation of the church office 25-30 hours a week. Some responsibilities include clerical support, computer skills, light bookkeeping and knowledge of office equipment. To learn more, contact Julie by email juliehtc@outlook.com or call the church office 815-894-2006.

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of July 22, 2024

Monday	7/22			+ No Mass
Tuesday	7/23	9:00 am	STM	+ Purgatory Souls
Wednesday	7/24	5:30 pm	HT	+ Gerald Flaherty
Thursday	7/25	9:00 am	HT	+ Edmund Herrmann
Friday	7/26	9:00 am	STM	+ Dominic Orlandi

Mass Intentions for the weekend of July 27 - 28, 2024

Saturday	7/27	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ Mike Bacidore
Sunday	7/28	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ Mike Campbell
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ Deceased Parishioners

St. Mary Magdalene - "The Apostle To The Apostles"

Feast Day: July 22

St. Mary Magdalene has been called the second-most important woman in the Gospels, after Jesus' mother, Mary. The Gospels mention her 12 times, more than most of the apostles.

Her name comes from her origin in Magdala, a region in northern Galilee. The Gospels of Mark and Luke tell us that Jesus cast seven demons out of Mary Magdalene. After that, she traveled with Jesus and his followers, and played a prominent role in witnessing Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. She remained at the foot of the cross when most of Jesus' followers left him, and she is remembered for her courage in faithfully standing with Jesus even as he faced death. Mary Magdalene is the only person noted by all four Gospels as testifying to Jesus' resurrection. John and Mark portray her as the first witness of the resurrection, and St. Thomas Aquinas honored her with the title "the Apostle to the Apostles" because she was the first to share the news of the resurrection.

For generations, tradition confused Mary Magdalene with two other women of the Gospel. She is not the same person as Mary of Bethany, who is sister to Martha and Lazarus. She is also not the unnamed woman of Luke's Gospel (7:36-50), who was uncritically assumed to be a prostitute. Both of these other women anointed Jesus' feet with oil, which is why Mary Magdalene is mistakenly portrayed with a jar of ointment.

We do know that Mary Magdalene was a pillar of the early Christian community, a faithful follower of Jesus who was healed by him, and one of the first people to witness and share the good news. Various traditions compete to tell the story of what happened to Mary Magdalene in her later life. One legend has it that she retired to Ephesus with Jesus' mother, Mary. Another has it that she was transported to France with others and evangelized that area. Relics of St. Mary Magdalene rest in the reliquary chapel in the Basilica, and she is depicted in stained glass in the Basilica as well as in a wall mural there.

St. Mary Magdalene, you stood with Jesus at the cross, and were the first witness of the resurrection—pray for us! (Excerpted from "faith.nd.edu")



- It is time for our churches to get ready for another CCD year. Again, we are in need of volunteers as teachers and helpers. As we are preparing for the Growing Disciples merge, this coming CCD year is vital to all the churches, to the point where if we don't have enough volunteer teachers, we may have to terminate our CCD program. Please contact the office if you would like to help make a difference in the life of our catholic youth.
- We, the churches, are reaching out to our members for help: since each of our 3 churches have to cope with various upward costs - for instance, liability insurances have gone up again to HT - \$11,551.00, SP - \$14,205.00, - STM - \$11,688.00, among other things. Please consider increasing your weekly contribution.

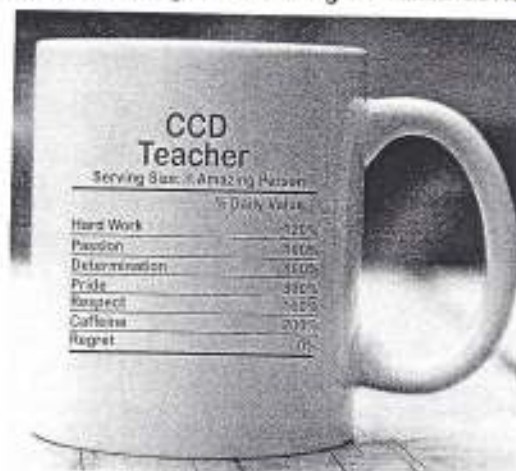
LATEST OFFERING'S

JULY 14TH WEEKEND

HT - \$951.00

SP - \$317.00

STM - \$810.00



CONFESSIONS

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SAT. JULY 27TH

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM AT

ST. PATRICK

IN THE CHAPEL

Dear Padre,

What does it mean to call the pope infallible?

Jesus established the Church, gave Peter a special place in it, and promised that the powers of evil would never overcome the Church (see Matthew 16:13–19). This promise indicates that Jesus would not allow the Church to be misled in essential matters of faith or morals. In these matters, Jesus grants the gift of infallibility...not only to the pope, but to the bishops and the faithful in union with the pope.

The pope speaks infallibly when he teaches *ex cathedra* ("from the chair") as the leader of the whole Church, expressly defining doctrine as a matter of faith or morals (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 891). The pope has done this only once in the past one hundred years, when he declared the dogma of the Assumption of Mary.

The Church's understanding of infallibility reflects our Catholic belief that God will not allow evil to lead the Church astray. It helps us to distinguish what is essential from what is not. A clear understanding of infallibility and its limits may be seen as a safeguard against the misuse of authority. Understood in this manner, infallibility is another gift the Lord gave to the Church. ●



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

Monday

July 22
St. Mary
Magdalene
Sg 3:1–4b or
2 Cor 5:14–17
Jn 20:1–2,
11–18

Tuesday

July 23
Weekday
Mi 7:14–15,
18–20
Mt 12:46–50

Wednesday

July 24
Weekday
Jer 1:1, 4–10
Mt 13:1–9

Thursday

July 25
St. James,
Apostle
2 Cor 4:7–15
Mt 20:20–28

Friday

July 26
Sts. Joachim and
Anne, Parents
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Jer 3:14–17
Mt 13:18–23

Saturday

July 27
Weekday
Jer 7:1–11
Mt 13:24–30

Sunday

July 28
Seventeenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 4:42–44
Eph 4:1–6
Jn 6:1–15



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus'] tender invitation—rest a while—should accompany us. Let us beware...of efficiency, let us put a halt to the frantic running around dictated by our agendas. Let us learn how to take a break, to turn off the mobile phone, to contemplate nature, to regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.

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