



Enough Is Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The radio program discussed whether Americans thought they were better or worse off today than one year ago. As you might expect, opinions were divided. Some believed we were better off—inflation had dropped 6 percentage points to about 3 percent, and while prices were higher, so were most wages. Others believed the opposite—many costs had risen, especially food, as well as big-ticket items like homes and cars. One of the panelists then suggested what she knew would be an unpopular opinion: while there were many still struggling to make ends meet and did not have enough, there were others who, because of the pandemic supplement, began to overspend and now could not maintain their lifestyle. Her opinion was that, for many, it was not an issue of having enough, but rather wanting too much and a lack of proper budgeting.

When Jesus fed the people gathered by the mountain, he provided not a feast but bread and fish, which was enough for them all. This is how God feeds us each day, with enough. We rise each morning sleepy, yet with enough energy to get us through the day. Our health may not be what it once was, but there is enough to keep us going. Our prayer may seem routine and lacking in heavenly inspiration, but somehow it seems to be enough for us to continue living with faith. God does feed us, not always with the abundance we may desire, but always with enough of what we need. ●

Reflect

*How does God feed you with what you need?
Is it enough?*



[The disciples] filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

JOHN 6:13



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CCD TEACHERS WANTED



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.

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of July 29, 2024

Monday	7/29			† No Mass
Tuesday	7/30	9:00 am	STM	† Kathy Sondgeroth
Wednesday	7/31	5:30 pm	HT	† Wayne, Leroy, & Lucille Pinter
Thursday	8/1	9:00 am	HT	† Daisy Kopek
Friday	8/2	9:00 am	STM	† Tony Rizzo

Mass Intentions for the weekend of August 3 - 4, 2024

Saturday	8/3	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Alan Hahn
Sunday	8/4	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† For the Parishioners
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Dorothy Stouffer

Plenary Indulgence - The 4th Annual World Day of Grandparents

Again, the Vatican has granted a plenary indulgence to anyone who visits a sick, lonely, or disabled elderly person on the fourth annual World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly on July 28. Those who are grandparents or elderly themselves can also receive a plenary indulgence, as well as anyone who participates in religious functions connected to the celebration, as long as the usual conditions are fulfilled.

Conditions to obtain a plenary indulgence:

In order to obtain the plenary indulgence, in addition to performing the specific works mentioned above, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

Detachment from all sin, even venial.

Sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope. These three conditions can be fulfilled a few days before or after performing the works to gain the indulgence, but it is appropriate that Communion and the prayer take place on the same day that the work is completed.

A single sacramental confession is sufficient for several plenary indulgences, but frequent sacramental confession is encouraged in order to obtain the grace of deeper conversion and purity of heart.

For each plenary indulgence that is sought, however, a separate holy Communion and a separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required.



A Round of Applause to Our Volunteers

It's hard to imagine a church without volunteers. They do so much to help take care of their church, such as cleaning the church and the halls, picking up trash and debris, and so on.... Hence, we like to wholeheartedly thank all volunteers of our 3 churches who have donated their time for voluntary work.

Please keep in mind that when people engage themselves in any church related work - whether as volunteers or as paid laborers - the diocesan guidelines regarding liabilities should be strictly followed, no exception. Therefore, please call the church office before you or someone you know are about to do any work for the church.

Growing Disciple Update

We are in the process of putting together a Parish Transition Team, as required by the diocese. Under the leadership of the pastor, the team will meet periodically to discuss matters related to the upcoming merge of our 3 churches. The office will reach to individuals who may be able to help with this important process.

LATEST OFFERING'S

JULY 21ST WEEKEND

HT - \$943.00

SP - \$466.00

STM - \$727.00

"God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences."
- Pope Francis



CONFESSIONS

CONFESSIONS WILL BE
SAT. AUGUST 3RD
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM AT
ST. THOMAS MORE
IN THE HALL

Dear Padre,

Is there really an unforgivable sin?

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches that blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven (Matthew 12:31–32, Mark 3:28–29, Luke 12:10). This seems to imply the existence of a sin that God either cannot or will not forgive. Yet we have the overwhelming testimony of the Scriptures and Church teaching that God's mercy and forgiveness are more powerful than any sin, no matter how serious or frequent it might be. This apparent contradiction disappears when we carefully consider the context of Jesus' teaching on the "unforgivable sin."

Jesus' statements regarding blasphemy against the Holy Spirit occurred as part of his ongoing dispute with the scribes and Pharisees who witnessed Jesus' exorcisms but attributed them to the power of Satan, thus denying the evidence of the Spirit's saving action in Jesus' work and teaching (Matthew 12:22–32). This denial is not simply a misunderstanding. Rather, it is willful, malicious, deliberate, and unrepentant. For such people, there can truly be no forgiveness, not because God is unwilling or unable to forgive, but because the people will not recognize their need for forgiveness.

The "unforgivable sin" is not an action so horrible that even God's patience and mercy are exhausted. Rather, it is the attitude of people who reject the Lord's presence in their lives. God's offer of forgiveness is still universal. We need only respond to his grace and seek his forgiveness. ●



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Monday

July 29
*Ss. Martha, Mary,
and Lazarus*
Jer 13:1–11
Jn 11:19–27 or
Lk 10:38–42

Tuesday

July 30
Weekday
Jer 14:17–22
Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday

July 31
*St. Ignatius of
Loyola, Priest*
Jer 15:10, 16–21
Mt 13:44–46

Thursday

August 1
*St. Alphonsus
Liguori, Bishop
and Doctor of
the Church*
Jer 18:1–6
Mt 13:47–53

Friday

August 2
Weekday
Jer 26:1–9
Mt 13:54–58

Saturday

August 3
Weekday
Jer 26:11–16, 24
Mt 14:1–12

Sunday

August 4
*Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Ex 16:2–4,
12–15
Eph 4:17, 20–24
Jn 6:24–35



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Every day...around seven thousand children under the age of five die due to malnutrition.... Jesus also addresses an invitation to us...

"Be brave, give what little you have, your talents, your possessions, make them available to Jesus and to your brothers and sisters. Do not be afraid, nothing will be lost, because if you share, God will multiply."

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