



## Truth-Sayers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he prophets were the truth-sayers of their day. They were willing to say difficult things—at times to kings, sometimes to religious leaders, and still at other times to the entire community when the community was unfaithful to the Lord God. In our own time, we continue to need those who speak the truth to us. While it is not always pleasant, it is a grace to have people in our lives who smooth out our rough edges. Spouses can be that for one another. Parents are that for their children, as they teach, correct, and discipline in ways that nurture the young ones into adulthood. Presidents need someone willing to say difficult things to them, as do pastors of parishes and anyone in a position of responsibility.

Sometimes social movements rise up and call our attention to injustices that need to be addressed.

Those voices can be prophet-like in our own time. The Church is such a voice when it advocates for the protection of the unborn, the immigrant, and those oppressed. The civil rights movement is such a voice in the face of violence and injustice to people of color. There are voices who call the Catholic Church to be accountable for abuse. Scientists call on us to pay attention to the environment. Whenever and wherever truth-sayers call human beings to become their better selves, there lies the Spirit of God raising a prophetic voice. ●

### Reflect

*Who has been a truth-sayer for you?*

*How have they impacted your life?*





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**Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of July 8, 2024**

Monday	7/8			+ No Mass
Tuesday	7/9	9:00 am	STM	+ Liz Olivero
Wednesday	7/10	5:30 pm	HT	+ Daisy Kopek
Thursday	7/11	9:00 am	HT	+ Roy & Molly Chapman
Friday	7/12	9:00 am	STM	+ Clifford Sondgeroth

**Mass Intentions for the weekend of July 13 - 14, 2024**

Saturday	7/13	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ Betty Newhalfen
Sunday	7/14	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ Richard & Kathleen Naretty
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ For the Parishioners



## July - Month of the Precious Blood

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pope Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection: it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven: it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration: it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."



Devotion to the Precious Blood is not a spiritual option, it is a spiritual obligation, and that not only for priests, but for every follower of Christ. To understand the meaning of the Precious Blood we must get some comprehension of the gravity of sin, of the awfulness of offending God, because it required the Blood of the Son of God to forgive that sin. We are living in an age in which to sin has become fashionable. This veneration of the Precious Blood, which is the first element in our devotion to the Precious Blood means that we have a deep sensitivity to the awfulness of sin. Sin must be terrible. It must be awful. It must be the most dreadful thing in the universe. Why? Because it cost the living God in human form the shedding of His Blood. *(An excerpt from Catholic Culture)*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### ***Part-Time Church Secretary***

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](mailto:juliehtc@outlook.com) or call the church office 815-894-2006.

#### ***New Bible Study for Middle Schools***

Ascension Press has announced the release of a new bible study called *Encounter: The Bible Timeline for Middle School*. It is designed for students in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Encounter speaks directly to the hearts and minds of middle school-aged students. Further information is available by visiting [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com).

#### ***Wedding Anniversary Mass***

Bishop Lou Tylka will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Peoria in September for couples with a 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year. Please contact the church office to RSVP. If you do so by August 1st, you will then receive an invitation from Bishop Lou in the mail.

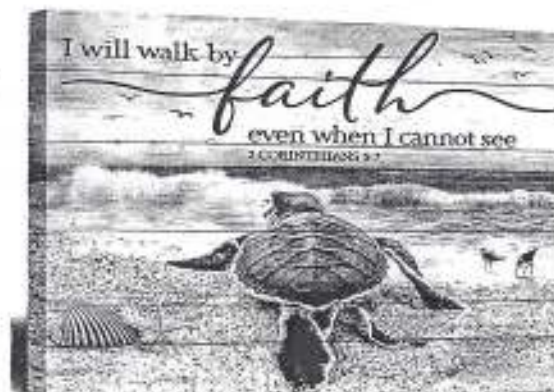
#### LATEST OFFERING'S

JUNE 30TH WEEKEND

HT – \$1,340.00

SP – \$ 687.00

STM – \$ 928.00



#### CONFESSIONS

CONFESSIONS WILL BE  
SAT. JULY 13TH  
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM AT  
ST. PATRICK  
IN THE CHAPEL



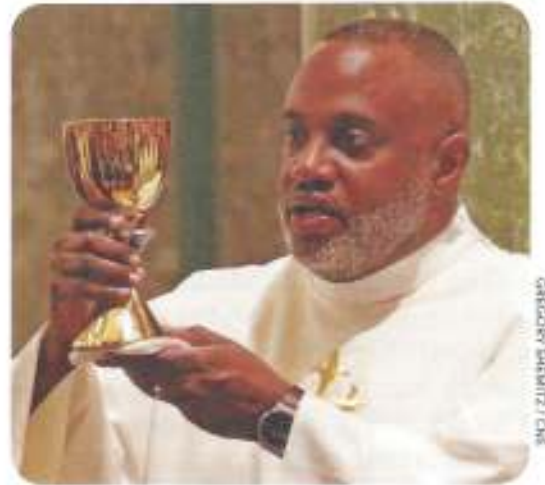
# Dear Padre,

***My Protestant friends asked me why we call priests "Father" when Jesus said not to. I don't know how to answer.***

Jesus instructs his disciples, "As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (Matthew 23:8-9). Taken in context, Jesus is denouncing the scribes and Pharisees for bestowing honors and titles on themselves. If taken literally, this passage would also prohibit us from calling our biological fathers by that name, or our instructors "professor."

Jesus assures us that God is Father of us all. The early Christian community adopted family terms—father, mother, brother, sister—to show their affiliation through baptism and their mutual faith in the Lord (See Luke 8:21, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.")

Thus, St. Paul refers to Timothy as his "child in faith" (1 Timothy 1:2; Philippians 2:22). He also tells his Christian converts, "I am writing...to admonish you as my beloved children. Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (1 Corinthians 4:14-15). Like St. Paul, who speaks of himself as a father in nurturing the faith, priests are called "Father" for their pastoral role in the Church. ●



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## **Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Benedict, Abbot</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Hos 2:16, 17c- 18, 21-22	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9	Hos 14:2-10	Is 6:1-8	Am 7:12-15
Mt 9:18-26	Mt 9:32-38	Mt 10:1-7	Mt 10:7-15	Mt 10:16-23	Mt 10:24-33	Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 Mk 6:7-13



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## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***The radical change Jesus brought about commits his disciples of both yesterday and today to a personal and community [self] examination.... Today, the Lord asks us to adopt an attitude of humble listening and docile expectation because God's grace often manifests itself in surprising ways that do not match our expectations.***

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