



To Be or Not to Be...Spiritual

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Just as we may hear the voice of our mother echoing in our head long after she has passed away, in much the same way do we who gather week after week as people of faith begin to hear the words and wisdom of the Lord Jesus. It is how he shepherds us, and how we follow him—by hearing and then living his word.

There are some who say they are not religious, but they are spiritual. Ultimately, to be spiritual is to have a core set of values by which one lives. One's core values can take many shapes. For us, who call ourselves disciples of Jesus, to be spiritual is to take on the values and wisdom of Jesus—to allow his way to take root in the core of who we are. It means living by the wisdom of his word. Being spiritual includes *honesty, gentleness, patience, joy, civility, simple living, mercy, compassion, peace, reverence and awe, obedience, justice, courage, balance in life, humility, chastity, kindness, generosity, lightheartedness, care for the common good, prayerfulness, and respect for all of creation as holy.*

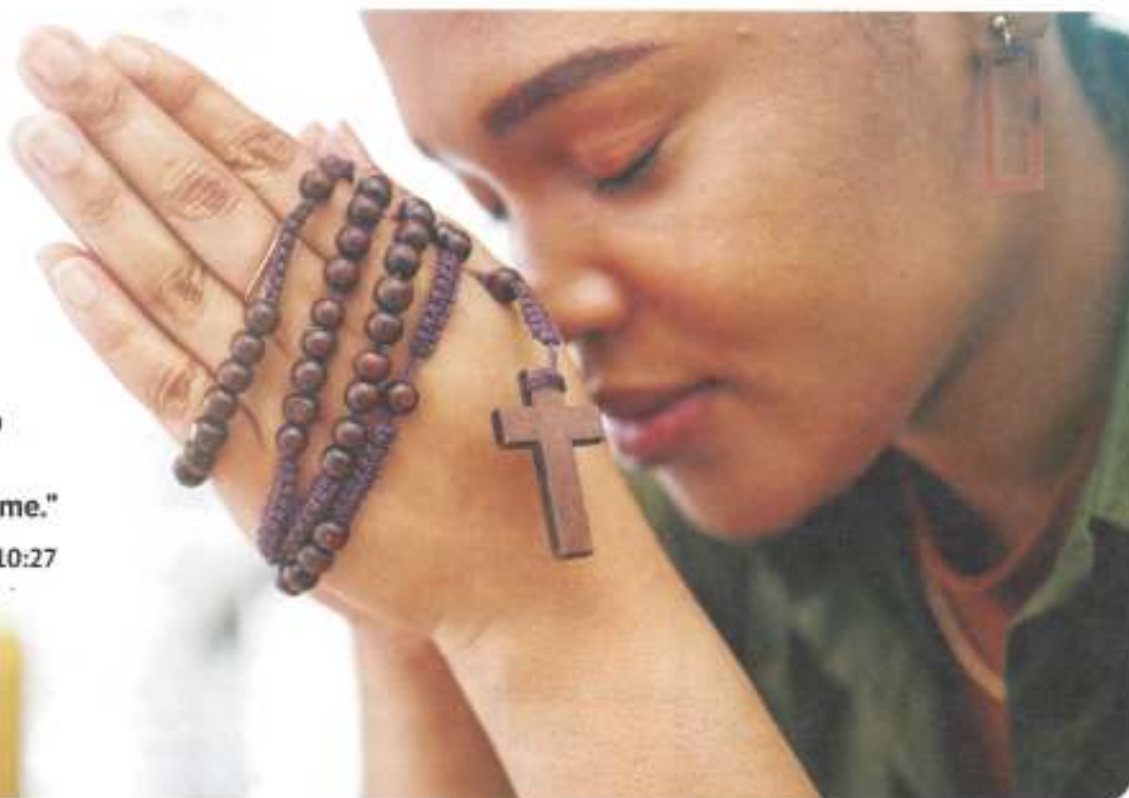
Spirituality is about absorbing the lifestyle of Jesus, about his word echoing in our lives, something that takes a lifetime. Religion, specifically our Catholic faith, is the practice of that spirituality in the company of others who are also trying to put those values into practice. Such practice, including weekly Mass and participation in the sacramental life of the Church, is necessary for the faithful followers of Jesus. ●

Reflect

**Which qualities of a spiritual person do I have?
What do I need to work on?**

[Jesus said,] "My sheep
hear my voice; I know
them, and they follow me."

JOHN 10:27



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St. Thomas More Site

302 Chestnut Street
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Holy Trinity Site

Parish Office

212 S Main Street
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Adoration Room at STM Site

Open Daily from 9 am-6 pm

Confession Info

Saturday morning, alternating
between STM Site & HT Site
in the Confessional between
10:30 am-11:15am

Church Office Info

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CCD Announcements

According to consensus, last Sunday first Communion Mass was wonderful. It could not be done without precious help from many people: Michelle Bickett, CCD Coordinator; all first communion teachers; Carol Lauer and other helpers. Therefore, we like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all the above people.

St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of May 12, 2025

Monday	5/12			† No Mass
Tuesday	5/13	9:00 am	STM Site	† Special Intention
Wednesday	5/14	5:30 pm	HT Site	† Bernard Schwamberger
Thursday	5/15	9:00 am	HT Site	† Wes & Rita Hoscheid
Friday	5/16	9:00 am	STM Site	† Denise Mini

St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of May 17-18, 2025

Saturday	5/17	4:00 pm	ST. Thomas More Site	† Medie Lucky
Sunday	5/18	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† For the Parishioners

Mary- The Greatest Role Model For Christian Mothers

Mother's Day has a deep spiritual dimension. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the greatest of all mothers. Motherhood has always been a sacred and noble vocation, but Mary raised it to even greater stature when she became the Mother of God. As the mother who is "blessed among women" (Lk 1:42), Mary gives us the clearest and most inspiring picture of what the ideal mother should look like, and every Christian mother would be wise to take her cues from the one who excelled at motherhood like none other.

It was by the grace of God that Mary conceived. Every conception is a miracle, and every Christian mother knows that she is a partner with God in the ongoing work of creation, deeply aware that her child is a gift from God. As a result, when a Christian woman is blessed with a pregnancy, she rejoices in her child as Mary rejoiced in Jesus, she completes her pregnancy rather than end it in abortion, and cares for her unborn child with good nutrition, medical check ups, and the avoidance of smoking, alcohol, or any drugs that could have a harmful effect.

Several weeks after Jesus was born, Mary, along with her husband Joseph, presented their newborn Son Jesus to the priest in the Temple (Lk 2:22-38). By doing this, Mary consecrated Jesus to God, she acknowledged that God had a plan for her Son and agreed to do everything in her power to cooperate with God's intended purpose for Him. Likewise, Christian mothers consecrate their children to God in the Sacrament of Baptism, and promise to do everything possible to help their children do what God wants in their lives.

Mary and Joseph took their Son Jesus to the synagogue in Nazareth each week in observance of the Sabbath (Lk 4:16). For Mary, regular church attendance was automatic. Mothers who follow Mary's example go to Mass each week, and they take their children with them, because it is so important to pray with others and be connected to other faith-filled families.

The gospel says that Jesus was obedient to Mary (Lk 2:51), which implies that Mary was firm and demanding with her Son. Christian mothers do not let their children do whatever they want, but have high standards for Christian conduct, have a set of house rules, and insist upon them.
(excerpted from: archspm.org)

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATEMENT REGARDING THE ELECTION OF THE NEW HOLY FATHER

From Bishop Louis Tylka

We welcome the news of the election of the new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, with hearts full of joy and hope. In this moment of great significance for the Church and the world, we were grateful for the guidance of the Holy Spirit who led the cardinals in their sacred task. Let us pray his pontificate will lead all Catholics in our efforts to bring Christ to the world — a world so in need of healing, truth, and peace. May the Lord bless our new Pope abundantly as he begins his ministry of service, unity, and love.

Reminder: To all parishioners to fill out a registration form for the new St. Barbara Parish located in the back of the Churches.

Happy Mother's Day

Latest Offering's

May 4th Weekend

St. Barbara Parish

Total Collections: \$2060.30

HT site- \$1012.30

STM site - \$1048.00



Confessions

Confession will be

Sat. May 17th

10:30 am-11:15 am

Holy Trinity Site

A Mother's Day Blessing



Blessed is the Mother
Who lets the
Lord be her
guiding hand.
Whose faith brings
her family courage.
Whose wisdom
comes from God.
And whose children
still stand and
honor her.

Dear Padre,

When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?

When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers these guidelines: "The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable" (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you must not use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone's death—only to alleviate pain and minimize a person's suffering. To give medication to cause death rather than merely to relieve pain is not allowed.

It is important to have a discussion about the types of treatment a person would want when they are dying. It is also important to have a discussion with your pastor or another priest or chaplain—someone who can help you discern whether the action, the intention, and the circumstances are consistent with Church teaching. Many times, one is forced to make very difficult decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice. 🍎

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Matthias, Apostle	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1–18	Acts 11:19–26	Acts 1:15–17, 20–26	Acts 13:13–25	Acts 13:26–33	Acts 13:44–52	Acts 14:21–27
Jn 10:1–10	Jn 10:22–30	Acts 15:9–17	Jn 13:16–20	Jn 14:1–6	Jn 14:7–14	Rv 21:1–5a
						Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What do those who follow Christ do?... They go to seek those who are lost (cf. Lk 15:4), they take an interest in those who are far away, take to heart the situation of those who suffer, know how to weep with those who weep, they reach out their hands to their neighbors, carrying them on their shoulders.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 8, 2022