



[Jesus said,] "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

JOHN 14:27

## The Wisdom Channel

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**here is a difference between common sense and wisdom. The former can be taught and is usually passed on by our culture. It includes such practical tips as *wash your hands before you eat, don't drink and drive, and save some money for a rainy day*. Wisdom, on the other hand, tends to be the fruit of reflection upon one's life experiences. It tends to be insightful, containing greater depth and richness.

While we presume everyone will eventually arrive at some level of common sense, not everyone becomes wise with time. Wisdom tends to see what others may not. Jesus taught his followers, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you" (John 14: 26). It is God's Spirit that brings us to wisdom.

I invite you to list five pieces of wisdom you have drawn from your life experiences—five truths for life by which you try to live. You may not live them out as perfectly as you might hope, but they are the five foundation stones upon which you have chosen to build your life. For example, from my own life, I've concluded that patience works. Everything has its own rhythm, and things generally work out, given enough time. Another foundation for me is to live by what I need, rather than by what I want. I readily admit that I don't live that out perfectly, but, when I do, life is much less stressful. ●

### Reflect

**What items are on my wisdom list?  
How or from whom did I learn them?**

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### St. Thomas More Site

302 Chestnut Street  
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### Holy Trinity Site

#### Parish Office

212 S Main Street  
PO BOX 159  
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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

Pastor: Father Thaddeus Tran

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Office Hours at HT: Tuesday-Friday 9am-1pm

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E-giving is a great way to continue supporting your church, especially during the busy summer months. To sign up, visiting our website, "bureaucatholic.org"; scroll down on home page to "Please Consider Our Online Giving" on the right side. If you need help, contact the church office.

### St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of May 26, 2025

Monday	5/26			† No Mass
Tuesday	5/27	9:00 am	STM Site	† No Mass
Wednesday	5/28	5:30 pm	HT Site	† Gladys & Ivan Hassler
Thursday	5/29	9:00 am	HT Site	† Russ McKee
Friday	5/30	9:00 am	STM Site	† For the Purgatory Souls

### St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of May 31-June 1 2025

Saturday	5/31	4:00 pm	ST. Thomas More Site	† For the Parishioners
Sunday	6/1	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† Charlie & Hazel Keutzer



## The Ascension of Jesus – Our Joy and Hope

The feast of the ascension takes place ten days before Pentecost; this duration of time takes on a special anticipation of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Customarily the feast of the Ascension should take place on May 29<sup>th</sup>. However, for most Catholics in the United States, this feast is transferred to Sunday, including churches in the Diocese of Peoria.

The story of Jesus' ascension is told in the Acts of the Apostles (1:1-11). After the resurrection, Jesus appeared to His followers during the ensuing 40 days and prepared them to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. He commissions His followers to spread the good news to the ends of the earth, and promises His Spirit as a helper and advocate.

After this promise, "He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9). His followers are left behind, looking up at where He went, and then two figures appear and say, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going into heaven."

Jesus' ascension reminds us of our own destiny. He came and joined our human condition; after being crucified and buried, Jesus was resurrected and ascended into heaven, so this pathway is now open to us. The feast today reveals to us our destiny as followers of Jesus: eternal life in union with God. We remember what happened to Jesus over 2,000 years ago so that today we might have hope that sustains us in our Christian journey of discipleship.

On this feast of the Ascension of our Lord, let us have hope in our own exaltation and persevere in discipleship. (Excerpted from "faith.nd.edu")

### **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Congratulations:** we would like to congratulate the following Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist who service our new Parish St. Barbara and have been commissioned by Bishop Tylka. They are

**Mary Brust, Carol Lauer, Barbara Pinter, Jeff Pinter, Sheila Pinter, Jyll Pozzi**

**Parishioners,** again please be reminded for the time being to write checks of contribution to Holy Trinity until further notice; also don't forget to fill out a registration form for the New Parish St. Barbara.

**Cemetery Announcements:** It's time for cemetery spring cleanup. Please be reminded to remove old flowers from grave site by the end of May. We like to also remind all parishioners who have received the cemetery appeal letter to please read and consider donating to this worthy cause.

### **Memorial Day**

Remember & honor the brave men and women who have sacrificed their lives in service to our country. It is a day to reflect on their sacrifice and to honor their memory with gratitude.

#### **Latest Offering's**

May 18th Weekend  
St. Barbara Parish

Total Collections: \$2124.44

HT site \$1126.44

STM site \$998.00



#### **Confessions**

Confession will be

Sat. May 31st

10:30 am-11:15 am

Holy Trinity Site





# Dear Padre,

## *I know Catholics with spouses who cheat and abuse them. What should they do?*

If someone is in an abusive marriage, the Church wants you to help that person reach safety. The Church doesn't tolerate anyone staying in a place where physical or mental abuse occurs. Separation is often a first and necessary step. However, there is always hope for reconciliation. If a husband is abusive, and his wife leaves, but he then seeks treatment and changes his ways, the Church hopes that the marriage could be saved.

The same is true for an adulterous spouse. If he or she is repentant and takes steps to change and make amends, the Church hopes for and encourages reconciliation. But if a spouse refuses treatment or continues the adulterous behavior, the next step would be a civil divorce. It is only after separation and a civil divorce that the annulment process can begin. However, even after a civil divorce, there is still hope of reconciliation.

It's important to remember that when a couple gets married, they marry for better and for worse. This means there is a call and an expectation to work things out, to forgive, to repair the hurt, and to not rush to divorce. But, to be sure, if you are dealing with addiction, abuse, or infidelity in your relationship, the Church supports your need to be secure. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1
St. Philip Neri, Priest	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 16:11-15	Acts 16:22-34	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1	Acts 18:1-8	Acts 18:9-18	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16	Acts 1:1-11
Jn 15:26-16:4a	Jn 16:5-11	Jn 16:12-15	Jn 16:16-20	Jn 16:20-23	Lk 1:39-56	Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23
						Lk 24:46-53

### 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*.



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*The more we feel our hearts are agitated, the more we sense we are nervous, impatient, angry inside, the more we need to ask the Lord for the Spirit of peace. Let us learn to say every day: "Lord, give me your peace, give me your Holy Spirit."... And let us also ask this...for those we meet each day.*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 22, 2022